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Dana Goldberg - 100% Five Star Reviews Associate Real Estate Broker/Rhinebeck Office - Houlihan Lawrence

By Lisa Dudley
Dana Goldberg is a full-time real estate broker, with the skills and experience to help you find your perfect home. She is a Premier Agent on Zillow (Zillow.com/profile/danagoldberg) and every single evaluation of her real estate talents contains 5 stars (that's an impressive 100%, folks.) One happy client says, "Dana Goldberg knows how to listen. [She is] honest and trustworthy. She helped us through the whole process and gave us many local referrals. I had a limited amount of time to look at properties and she made good use of that time. Dana knows the market. She's easy to work with -- punctual, smart and effective." Indeed, Dana Goldberg does know the real estate market. She came to Rhinebeck by serendipitous accident. She and a friend were joy riding up the Taconic on a lets-take-a-ride-and-see-where-



Dana Goldberg

we-end-up adventure when they ran into heavy rain and fog. They checked into the Beekman Arms and she bought a house in Rhinebeck the very next day! "I was working in fashion in the city with a successful boutique in Soho and I came to Rhinebeck as a weekender. But once I gave birth to my son, I knew Rhinebeck would be my permanent home. Rhinebeck is a wonderful place to live, shop, visit or play. It's easy for me to recommend the Hudson Valley because I love it here."

Dana Goldberg has been a real estate broker for 14 years and is an Associate Broker with Houlihan Lawrence located in Rhinebeck. "They're a great company," she declares. "We

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So Worth Finding: Passiflora

By Hilary Hart
When Ken Davis and Kevin Draves opened Passiflora in May of 2009, it was the culmination of many years of wanting to own their own shop. They had already loved Columbia County and had a place in Copake, but each also had full time careers, and still do over a decade later. But they couldn't resist the charming little shop. It is nestled right in the middle of the Village Square Plaza at the center of Hillsdale Village, at 2638 state route 23 (12529 for gps-ers). There was a lot of work to be done, but with their combined extensive design and artistic experience, they did an amazing job setting it up initially, using a huge center post as a "tree" adding shelves and making it an



Kevin Draves & Ken Davis

unusual focal point for the front room. They have used barn wood for counter tops and shelving and the store has a wonderful natural, eco-friendly feel to it throughout. The store is always evolving, both in inventory and presentation, and they have used down time with the pandemic to make the flow of the store even safer for their customers, not to mention anyone can go on line at PassifloraHome.com and arrange for curbside pick-up. However, then you would miss the absolutely delightful chance to visit the store!

It would be impossible to get into all that they have there. Even though they haven't been able to travel as much this year and are missing their friends and "finds" abroad, it has allowed them to discover more local artisans, and they are all about keeping the area monies in the area and shopping locally. Whether it is a local restaurant or shop or farmer's market, we're all in

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May this Christmas bring us Closer to the spirit of human understanding Closer to the blessing of peace!

O's Hillsdale Diner: always here for you

By Hilary Hart
Anyone who knows Otto Maier, owner of the O's Hillsdale Diner, knows that he is passionate about the diner he opened in 2014 - the food, the selections, the service, everything. He continues to be upbeat and



Otto Maier

flexible even through this pandemic, which changes things monthly. Fortunately, in addition to his positive attitude, he is no stranger to adversity.

Otto's first diner was O's Eatery up on the Rigor Hill Road exit off the Taconic. He opened that dinner in 2004, knowing that he would get travelers and hoping to attract a large number of regular local patrons as well. He was massively successful on both counts, that success leading to his opening the location in Hillsdale just below the intersection of routes 22 and 23 a decade later. For the next four years, both diners operated well and grew in popularity. Then just before Christmas in 2018, a fire raged

through and destroyed his northern diner. He and his staff were, of course, devastated. Otto started a go fund me page for his employees that raised twelve thousand dollars so they wouldn't have no money at Christmas. He couldn't keep most of his staff there so it was a tough time for everyone.

His patrons luckily were quite supportive, some travelling all the way down from Austerlitz and north to the Hillsdale location just to eat his food. Otto is a graduate of the Culinary Arts Institute in Hyde Park and often has specials like Eggs Benedict, even though you can still get a regular breakfast of three eggs with ham bacon or sausage

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Despite Covid Resurgence, Local Small Businesses are Adapting and Moving Forward

In the face of renewed restrictions and a return of higher reported cases of Covid-19, local businesses and communities are doing their best to move ahead. Utilizing technology, and making special efforts to support local businesses with patronage whenever and wherever possible, are two key elements that might help turn the tide and help with riding out a second wave.

Amy Byrne, a sometime writer for the HR View, also happens to work with many local businesses in Rhinebeck, Red Hook and around the region as a Relationship Manager with Heartland Payment Systems. She says it has become more important than ever for businesses to leverage innovative services and technologies to compete.

"Prior to COVID, business owners I consulted with had a different set of parameters they would use to assess whether they wanted to update their payment systems or look at new technology. COVID has leveled the playing field and now it's not even a question about the necessity of adapting...it became a no-brainer overnight.

"I've always admired the tenacity of business owners, it's not an easy endeavor in the best of circumstances. If a business

is going to compete now, online ordering, curbside pickup, ecommerce, email marketing and digital gift and loyalty cards are all vital to help a business stay in touch with their customers and keep their business humming."

Amy has worked with clients to get them set up with restaurant point of sale systems that have built in online ordering. "It's highly customizable for the restaurant owner and is as user-friendly as the national chain's systems for the consumer. The system allows for a restaurant to manage the incoming orders right through the point of sale. This is important because there is no reliance on third party apps operating on separate ipads that take a large cut of an already slim restaurant margin. Keeping things in house helps the restaurant owner to control costs, manage employees efficiently and encourage contactless payments right through the ordering application."

For service related industries,

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The image of Santa Claus flying his sleigh began in 1819 and was created by Washington Irving, the same author who dreamt up the Headless Horseman.

Passiflora from page 1

this situation together. Their highlighted LOCAL artisan this season is June 8th jewelry, whose gorgeous and unique handmade pieces include natural pearls to amethyst, emerald, garnet and moonstone. Her pieces are perfect for every day and evening.



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They have a few things they have offered from the beginning, mentioning Satka jewelry, Lampe Berger (Maison Berger), Kopper's chocolates, and Jellycats, to name a few, but they are always on the lookout for new products to highlight. Some of their highlighted products this year are listed here, not in any particular order and of course a very partial list. Mugsby coffee mugs, "full of snark wit and beauty," they write. Make great gifts and add to any conversation where a cup of coffee is involved. Eco Candle Company is based in Appleton, Wisconsin and has been handcrafting soy candles, handmade soap and natural beauty products for more than 15 years. They are handmade in small batches and burn beautifully and cleanly, so you will not be burning with pollutants, carcinogens or toxins.

Tikiri Toys is dedicated to making only top quality handcrafted toys. They are based in Sri Lanka, where the native language of Sinhala translates Tikiri into "teeny tiny." Another toy company they feature is Beginagain, an eco-conscious toy company out of Fort Collins, Colorado specializing in toys for children 6 months to six years, all made from safe, sustainable materials. They have LOTS of wonderful items for children in their back room - toys, clothes, books, puzzles.

Last but not least, they mention Hearth & Harrow, a company dedicated to creating eco-friendly, non-toxic and stylish textiles. They design and print all of their pieces on the coast of Maine using only organic cotton,



water based inks, and eco-friendly packaging, commenting "their napkins are wonderful!." So their four main "trends for this season" are: local, eco-friendly, home comfort and wellness. For local, June 8th Jewelry was mentioned but they have many other local artisans whose works are also great and things you won't find at the big box stores!! They are almost exclusively eco-

friendly so hard to mention one category, but the range of eco candles they have is great. For home items, which are all over the store, they have incredible wall art and photographs as well

as floor cushions. People are spending more time at home now, working or relaxing, so Passiflora has many things that would make a perfect gift this season for the new homeowner or the long-loved homeowner to spruce things up a bit.

In these stressful times especially, wellness becomes even more important. You need Lotus, Love, Beauty - fragrances that ease your mind, stress relief essential oils and bath salts. Cleanse your surroundings with a sage bundle! Sleep better and relax.

In addition to all these categories they also have stationery (including KensCards) and many many unusual gift items that don't

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Passiflora from page 2
 fit into any category really, from useful to whimsical to decorative. All in all, Passiflora was a fabulous store when Kevin and Ken opened in 2009, and it has only gotten more fabulous over the years. Currently they are open only 12 to 5 on Fridays and Saturdays and 11 to 4 on Sundays, but they are extending their hours slightly over the holidays, so check for their open times. The phone number at the store is (518)325-6559, and their website is PassifloraHome.com. The store and the owners are delightful, and either will inspire you even if you don't quite know what to

get when you walk in the door. Plan to spend some time looking – there's a lot there! And easier to access than crowded stores for holiday decorations that are out of this world. Passiflora is all about the experience and great finds. Passiflora is a little tucked away but SO worth finding!! Discover them for yourselves!

Despite Covid from page 1
 Amy has helped many local clients get set up with a hosted payments page. A url link specific to that business brings a customer right to a secure payment page branded with the business's logo. Customers receive the link in an

email or text and then take care of paying for the service on the portal.

"It's great for everything from veterinarians to property maintenance companies and everything in between. The customer gets an emailed receipt for their records and the business can collect payment without having to have the face to face time many are avoiding right now."

For retail, ApplePay and other contactless payment options are available along with portable terminals that can be taken curbside to accommodate this preference as well.

Amy notes that the way she does business has also changed, and she has had to adapt. "I've always preferred face to face, but now I am also conducting meetings either over the phone or via email or web presentations, however the business owner is comfortable. One thing that hasn't changed is that I'm part of the local business

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- 1) Circle parts
- 5) Police team acronym
- 9) Tonsil attachment?
- 13) Type of salmon
- 14) "Pet" that's really a plant
- 15) Chilling?
- 16) An image of worship
- 17) Equestrian's tool
- 19) Do electrolysis on
- 21) Provide bearings to
- 22) Puts the kibosh on
- 23) Functions
- 24) Reposition, as tires
- 26) Divides in three
- 30) Kuwaiti big shots
- 31) Beach playthings
- 32) Back muscle, for short
- 33) Like doilies
- 34) Airport bumper
- 35) Half a gas mileage rating
- 36) Pen filler
- 37) Piece of cake
- 38) Place for a buttonhole
- 39) Artificial reservoirs
- 41) Sound quality
- 42) Foam at the mouth
- 43) Jazz ensemble
- 44) Blame
- 47) Wave makers
- 50) Near disaster
- 52) "Dang!" relative
- 53) Quits marching
- 54) No longer hung up on
- 55) Between activities
- 56) Mini-whirlpool
- 57) Animal shelters
- 58) Play ___ (compete in tennis)

DOWN

- 1) Hydrochloric, for one
- 2) Was a passenger
- 3) Some eating utensils
- 4) Lone
- 5) Abrasive injury
- 6) Minuscule amounts
- 7) Capitol Hill worker
- 8) Clavell's "___-Pan"
- 9) Cut with a scalpel
- 10) Get weary
- 11) Computer graphic symbol
- 12) Seven, at the Sorbonne
- 15) Fiona, in the "Shrek" films
- 18) In the manner of a meddler
- 20) A great deal
- 23) Dickens character Heep
- 24) Ancient item
- 25) Particular Arab
- 26) Powders for bathers
- 27) Paper supporters
- 28) Four-bagger in Idaho?
- 29) Hairdresser's forte
- 31) Tubular pasta
- 34) Funeral hymns
- 35) Thailand's neighbor
- 37) Stops
- 38) Treehouse foundation
- 40) Dependable and unfailing
- 41) Illegal parkers' worry
- 43) Group of witches
- 44) Charley horse
- 45) Fully clothed
- 46) Far from warm
- 47) "Two thumbs up, way up," e.g.
- 48) Story that may be tall
- 49) "It's OK after all" in editing
- 51) Bricklayer's carrier

FIT AND TRIM By Timothy E. Parker

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community, I advise from that perspective. Other companies may offer solutions, but they are often lacking that hometown presence."

A Hopeful Local Example of Small Business Tenacity

Four years ago, local Florist Dawn Valentine saw her business, along with several others that occupied a building in a plaza across from Holy Cow in Red Hook, destroyed by fire.

"It was challenging to say the least. We had to relocate, and try to re-establish our whole business. It probably took a year."

The Local Flower Shop managed to do that, after finding a new home at 7217 Albany Post Rd on the Rhinebeck Red Hook border. Dawn has so far weathered the tumults of 2020.

"We're not even small businesses. We're micro-businesses. It is essential for us to stay open as florists, and have our customers support us in order to survive. The grocery stores, the box chains, they're going to be okay. But we need our customers to rely on us for what we can provide. Instead of picking that up at the grocery store, take the extra five minutes and visit us, or call us. Or email

us. It's really appreciated. And it's really going to take that kind of thing for us to survive as small businesses."

Dawn says one of the best ways customers can support her business is to pre-order. "It's very helpful especially at this time to pre-order, if you want something for a holiday, a birthday, or other celebration. Even just everyday flowers. Because we had times, and we still are, where we are limited in the flowers and products we're able to get. And if we can give our wholesalers more of a chance to get that for us, it's very very helpful. Because they were also really hit by how many employees they were allowed to let back in the buildings."

The floral industry has been among those that have been especially negatively impacted by pandemic restrictions. But Dawn says she's seen many tragic human stories as well.

"It was very sad that I had customers that wanted to send flowers to their loved ones in hospitals and nursing homes. But they couldn't even send flowers to say 'hi, I'm thinking of you and I love you'. We're trying to take all the necessary precautions to get our products to customers safely. But in a lot of cases, facilities haven't allowed even somebody from the hospital to bring flowers to a loved one. It's sad."

She notes that funerals have been reduced to graveside services. "People weren't even able to pay their last respects as a family. And flowers are a big part of that, when somebody passes on."

Other events where flowers and floral arrangements often play an important role, including weddings, proms, baby showers and graduations have all been

curtailed or even prohibited at times during the pandemic.

"I'm trying to stay positive. But if restrictions are kept that places have to shut down...restaurants,

venues, gatherings...then that's not really hopeful for us. Especially the wedding industry. Brides have had to either cancel

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served with home fries and toast for under five dollars. The entire menu is like that, with side orders and flexible choices. It would be hard to imagine someone not able to find anything on their extensive menu they would feel like eating. There is one customer couple who live north and work south in the county and go by the diner on their way home just to get their

French fries to go. Others just to get their deserts. They have lemon meringue, Boston crème, chocolate French silk and multiple kinds of fruit pies, plus carrot cake, homemade cheesecake and bread or rice puddings. Their wraps, classic and specialty sandwiches, paninis are legendary, and they have at least ten different fresh salads to go as well. Even in these hard times



Julio and Greg from kitchen staff, Maura, Gabrielle, Hailey and Brittany. Missing from picture: Pedro and Mindy kitchen staff, Deb, Samantha, Taylor and Brianna

donates to local food pantries, as he realizes everyone is hurting. He still comes out and greets customers with his famous grin and upbeat attitude, saying "we'll get through this," and if a great attitude can do it, O's Hillsdale Diner will. Delicious food and excellent service don't hurt either. Call them or stop by to find out for yourself, on route 22 just south of 23.

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with nobody unaffected. Otto has tried to keep his offerings as normal as possible for his customers. A popular item is their Build a Burger, where you choose your meat (hamburger, turkey burger, or grilled chicken), your choice of cheese (American, Swiss, Mozzarella, Cheddar, Blue, Feta) and your toppings (lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, mushrooms, more cheese). Having everything distanced is hard for all, but the staff at O's try to make it as pain free as possible. The restaurant business is tricky to manage even under regular times, as we have observed so many having to close their doors completely. Otto is determined not to let that happen.

Otto does a lot of catering, both locally and as far away as Colorado, where he recently was for twelve days for a huge job, and he hates to leave the diner that long but his catering monies are sometimes what saves the diner financially, and he has a well-trained and well-trusted staff who can hold the fort in his absence. Other than that, he is there virtually every day, cooking in advance and setting up for whatever may come. Otto has three grown sons all in their twenties now, with whom he was very much involved in motocross and other sports, and now has inherited seven-year-old Mia, whom is precious to him, especially after all those boys! So with all the hard work and long commute every day from north of Albany to Hillsdale, he manages to be a family man as well. All this with a smile and friendly hearty greeting for all.

At press time, O's Hillsdale Diner was open with half capacity service and had already installed plexiglass barriers between all their booths. As things change, they may have to revert to just take out, but the diner can be called at (518)325-1150 to find out what their current situation is. All during the warmer months and even on warmer days, Otto opened a two-level patio with table seating outdoors. Striving to keep the diner as normal as possible, Tuesdays will still be senior discount days, as well as Terrific Turkey Day, Wednesday Italian night and Thursday Mexican night. Dinners to go can be ordered. They are still "open" in whatever fashion allowed seven days a week at seven in the morning.

Nobody can predict what the coming months will bring, but places like O's Hillsdale Diner need to survive. Otto doesn't let food go to waste - he still

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- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

What to Do

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. In a medium-sized saucepan, bring water, oil, and salt to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and slowly stir in flour, beating with a wooden spoon until mixture forms a ball; remove from heat. Beat in eggs one at a time until well blended and smooth.

Using a 1/2 teaspoon measuring spoon, form mixture into small balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden; set aside to cool.

In a small saucepan, bring honey, sugar, and cinnamon to a boil over medium-high heat. Continue boiling until sugar is completely dissolved. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly, then combine baked balls and honey mixture in a medium-sized bowl until balls are completely coated. Pile balls into a mound on a serving platter. Do not refrigerate.

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God's Corner

Have Your Expectations of Jesus Been Disappointed in 2020?

Silent night
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By Naomi Fata

On that night 2000 years ago a baby was born, holding the hope of the world in His tiny, infant body. For generations people had been looking forward to the Messiah, this Prince of Peace. He did not make His entrance as one would assume a King's Son would come. He wasn't born in a palace, as a long-awaited male heir to a throne. Instead Jesus was born to a young virgin girl, in a dirty manger. From the very beginning Jesus didn't live up to the expectations of many people. He didn't come to overturn the Roman government of the day. He didn't come to become a famous religious teacher. This year may be the year that Jesus didn't live up to your expectations. Between the political arena of America and the pandemic, 2020 may look like a disaster to you. Maybe you have prayed for an end to all this and it hasn't happened. The end doesn't seem to be in sight. These disappointed expectations may come from a faulty view

of Jesus' purpose. The religious leaders of the day were looking for evidence that the kingdom of God was coming. In Luke 17:21 Jesus reminds them that the kingdom of God is within you (KJV) or as another translation says "the kingdom of God is among us"(NLT). Jesus' purpose was and still is to make a way for people to have a personal relationship with God, thereby growing the kingdom of God one person at a time through relationship.

When you come into relationship with Christ, believing from your heart that He is truly the Son of God and the Savior of the world, and a heart of repentance, you become a follower of Christ. A believer. A Christian. A child of God. And you are given the gift of the Holy Spirit, who comes to dwell within you. He is the kingdom of God within you, changing you from the inside out. As you change you exhibit the growing gifts of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22)

These days we all want peace from the unrest of our world. It is easy to focus on the political arena, searching for hope. Regardless of which side of the political divide you are on, there is something you are hoping for.

As we enter the Christmas season may you be reminded to set your hope on Jesus. Let Him cultivate the kingdom of God within you.

Let Him change you from the inside out as He plants within you the gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The change we want in the world starts here, within us.

Naomi is the President of Christian Resource Ministry Inc. For more information on starting a relationship with Christ go to <https://christianresourceministry.com/what-is-salvation/>

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

Jesus said, I am the light of the world he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Another Christmas is drawing near as we Celebrate the Birth of Jesus. In many ways it has been a very difficult year with the Pandemic, with the political uncertainty, and the unrest in the country. With all of the things happening in the world, in our country, and in our own personal lives we may feel discouraged and lose heart, but we need to remember that as we look at the real meaning of Christmas we have hope and peace in knowing why Jesus came into the world. He is the True Light and He came in order to provide Spiritual Light for all that believe on Him and receive Him as Lord and Savior!

During this Season we will see many houses, the countryside, streets of cities, and other locations decorated with lights! To me light has always been a very fascinating topic to study in the science courses that I have taken. While we all know the importance of and the beauty of physical light, how much more important it is to be aware of the absolute lasting value of Spiritual Light in the Lord Jesus Christ!

As we Celebrate the Birth of Jesus we are blessed to know through the teachings of the Word of God why Jesus came into the world. The Apostle Paul

wrote, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15).

The Lord Jesus Christ, Perfect God-Perfect Man, was born of Mary the Virgin in the City of David (Bethlehem) to provide Salvation and Spiritual Light to all mankind. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and said, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS" (Luke 1:30,31).

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem an Angel appeared to the Shepherds to announce the wonderful news of His Birth. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10,11).

Jesus is the Light of the world! He came to give us the Light of Salvation. He died on the Cross for our sins and Rose the Third day to guarantee to all who call upon His name that they can be saved and become a True Christian. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). I trust that you have received the Best Gift ever: Salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the world! If not call upon the Lord now and receive the Gift of Salvation!

If you would like to know more about Spiritual Light in the Lord Jesus Christ and/or the real meaning of Christmas, please contact us by Email at cdfcirone@aol.com or by phone at (845)

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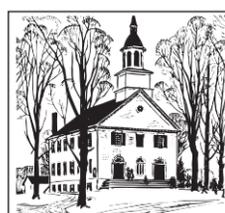
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Hospitals are Overextended and No One is Listening

by Charlotte Michos, RN, MS, CNS, CLNC
 Over the years, I have wondered why there was an inherent disregard for my profession. I realized in later years that it was less about people being disrespectful of nurses and more about people associating nurses with the bad times that they experienced. People tend to want to forget their hospitalizations and everything connected to it. But now in a pandemic, we need our nurses, doctors, the many other healthcare workers and our hospitals. With the repeated resurgences of the virus, hospitals are overextended and no one is listening to those who operate inside the walls. Why is America not listening?
 1. Underrecognition: Too many Americans are in denial of either the virus itself or the seriousness of this virus. They claim the health

field is fear mongering and over-reporting. As a result, the U.S. is leading the world in an area we do not want to be leading: America has one of the highest rates of COVID infections and death rates in the world – surpassing 18 other countries (as published in October’s JAMA: The Journal of American Medical Association).
 2. Sicker Patients: People do not realize that the hospitals have not slowed down; many staff members are still working 12-36 hours at a time. Because the hospitals had to cancel elective surgeries for an interim, they have been playing “catch-up.” Also patients with serious problems delayed seeking medical attention during COVID; when things calmed down, they started seeking care. Bottom line, sicker patients need more attention, more staff, more equipment, more treatment and have longer hospital stays. They are taxing the system and now we have the third resurgence of COVID. Hospitals throughout the country are overwhelmed (https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/11/third-surge-breaking-healthcare-workers/617091/?fbclid=IwAR2szglnrAnSBzIPo7Hvbld0_3oNlsEXCj7YI8Umimm-DHkKLg1Lg2Lw4hY).
 3. Decentralized and Inconsistent Response: One of the roles of our government is to protect us; the current federal administration has aborted this role. With the federal government’s failure

to develop a centralized policy for managing the pandemic and with Americans in denial, there is a projection that the death rate in America could reach a half-million by the first quarter of 2021 and depending on the continued practices and vaccine roll out, we could reach one million deaths from COVID by the end of 2021 ([https://www.aa.com.tr/en/americas/study-predicts-](https://www.aa.com.tr/en/americas/study-predicts-us-virus-death-toll-to-triple-by-2021/1846909)

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smarter after this third resurgence. As I noted in my previous article, the vaccine is no magic bullet: We will still need to wear masks and practice physical distancing and handwashing while the vaccine is administered and takes effect. With hygienic measures and a vaccine, we will be able to bring this virus under control, but it will take time. So far too many Americans are not

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Ticks, Ticks and more Ticks!

By Christina Weckesser, DVM
 Within the last few weeks, if you have spent any time outdoors, you may have noticed the amount of ticks outside. My dogs can't go outside for a quick potty break without coming back in with a tick or two crawling on them! Maybe it's normal, maybe I'm noticing it more this year like everything else or maybe it's just "par for the course" for 2020. That got me thinking.... I know my

dogs are protected from ticks and tick borne disease as best they can be, but are yours?

Ticks are tiny, blood-sucking parasites that are part of the arachnid family and can cause some major disease in humans and animals. There are many different ticks that transmit many different diseases but the most common in our area is the Deer Tick (*Ixodes scapularis*), also known as the "black-legged tick", known to transmit Lyme disease, Anaplasma, Ehrlichia, Babesia and the more recently observed Powassan

virus. Unfortunately, many of us suffer from tick borne disease without ever knowing we were bitten. The same goes for our furry four-legged friends.

Ticks are out all year round, even in the winter. Many people believe that ticks go dormant during winter and that they are safe from these tiny parasites, but the truth of the matter is that these tough little arachnids can survive very harsh conditions, even without nourishment for over a year. In freezing temperatures, the ticks will find shelter and hunker down but are technically still active. Anytime over freezing temperature, the adult ticks resurface and search for a host. The last few winters we have had some days exceed 60 degrees Fahrenheit, creating the perfect climate for ticks, even in the dead of winter. The moral of the story here is to keep your pets on flea and tick protection throughout the entire year. There are many different versions of flea and tick prevention depending on your pet and your own comfort level. There are collars such as Seresto that have excellent tick protection and repellent activity and are effective for up to eight months. There are also many different topical medications that have great tick prevention and repellent properties, which are usually effective for a month. Finally, more recently we have seen the development of some great oral flea and tick preventatives that range from one to three months of coverage per dose.

Another preventative measure for Lyme disease in dogs is the Lyme vaccine. Vaccines in general are a hot topic for many people but your veterinarian can help you decide if this is right for you and your pets. It is especially important for pets that spend any time outdoors. It is worth noting that this vaccine is only for Lyme disease, and not other tick borne diseases. The vaccine targets specific outer surface proteins (OspA and OspC) on the Lyme organism itself (*Borrelia burgdorferi*), and helps prevent transmission from the infected tick to vaccinated dogs. There are a few different Lyme vaccines on the market that have different outer surface protein variability but all are helpful at building an immune response to the Lyme organism and helping control the amount of dogs infected. A vaccinated dog can still contract Lyme disease from an infected tick but the vaccination gives the dog the ability to develop a better immune response, therefore making the clinical symptoms usually much less severe. Most symptomatic dogs are treated with antibiotics and do well, but, in some dogs, Lyme disease can be fatal. In severe cases, dogs produce a massive immune response where antibodies are caught in the filter mechanism of the kidney. This can cause irreversible kidney failure and eventually death. One in every sixteen dogs is positive for Lyme across the United States and you can be

sure that statistic is higher in endemic areas like ours. So please make sure you are doing everything possible to keep your dogs safe from those pesky little ticks that can wreak havoc on you and your pet.

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Presented by Barbara Sweeney Fasset and Bark Busters Home Dog Training Dutchess County

If you read my articles regularly, there is often a common theme that by now you should recognize: there are differences between dogs and people. It's pretty obvious that this is true. What may not be as apparent is that many of the issues that people call for help in training are "natural" dog behaviors. They are not human behaviors. When the dogs that live with us do these things there is a disconnect between our world and Rover's. But dogs are dogs so these things are natural to them. Let's look at some examples.

Jumping up is an activity that starts with puppies playing with

each other. They jump on and wrestle each other to prepare themselves for adult life when they'll have to figure out their place in their pack. Jumping can be an expression of dominance. If Rover jumps on you or a guest, he's not just saying hello, which is what a lot of people think. He's actually saying that the house is his and that he is making the rules or he may be challenging to "play" for leadership.

Barking is a natural behavior. Almost every dog will bark. Dogs bark for a variety of reasons. It is part of their normal communication technique. But when dogs bark inappropriately it can drive us crazy. One thing I find really interesting is that in a pack consisting of only dogs, there is usually very little barking but, in the human-canine packs, our families, there is often a lot of barking.

Mouthing and nipping are also behaviors that dogs learn to do as puppies. It's very similar to the jumping. Puppies and dogs are designed with thick loose skin to handle that kind of play. We're made differently however.

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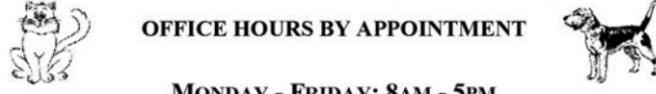
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willing to make their contribution; they do not understand the workings of a public health crisis. According to the experts in the field: "The best strategy remains the obvious one: Keep people from getting infected at all. Once again, the fate of the U.S. healthcare system depends on the collective action of its citizens. Once again, the nation must flatten the curve. This need not involve a lockdown. We now know that the coronavirus mostly spreads through the air, and does so easily when people spend prolonged periods together in poorly ventilated areas. People can reduce their risk by wearing masks and avoiding indoor spaces such as restaurants, bars, and gyms, where the possibility of transmission is especially high (no matter how often these places clean their surfaces)." But too many Americans are not listening to the experts" (<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/11/third-surge-breaking-healthcare-workers/617091/?fbclid=I>

[wAR2szglnrAnSBzIPo7HvbId0_3oN1sEXCj7Y18Umm-DHkKLg1Lg2Lw4hY\).](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-54818615) Meanwhile, we should really be taking the effects of this virus seriously. Here are a few examples as of November 2020:
 * The entire state of Iowa is now out of staffed beds. There are 3,600 confirmed cases every day (as of mid-November). Iowa's governor ordered mask mandates after being against them. But the governor's recognition of the facts may be too late for Iowa. According to health experts, we are watching Iowa's healthcare system collapse.
 * In North Dakota the nurses, who are positive for COVID-19 but symptom-free, can return to work in COVID-19 units. "That's just a big red flag of just how serious it is" (The North Dakota Nurses Association has rejected the policy). There is a shortage of workers
 * A 5 y.o. in Texas died from COVID; she was healthy and saw her pediatrician for symptoms the day she died - 15 hours later. It is not just the elderly who are vulnerable.

* There is not one county in the U.S. that is COVID-free. Ironically, a county with the name "Loving" in rural West Texas was the last county to succumb to coronavirus cases. In Denmark they have discovered that COVID can transfer from humans to minks and back again, but when the COVID virus transfers back to humans from the minks, a mutation occurs which hinders the effects of the COVID vaccine. Now millions of minks are being killed (<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-54818615>) With the first two surges of COVID, the concentration was specific to a few locations and predominantly in cities, where there are higher numbers of hospitals. These epicenters were able to call for help from other states. But now with the entire nation on fire, where do you call for help? Despite all this information, America is still not processing the impact of yet another COVID resurgence on the healthcare system. Americans have turned their backs on the healthcare workers and yet when they get sick, we know they will be banging on our doors. People are assuming that the hospital doors will open. But will they? Maybe not in rural areas of the country. Realistically, when there are no more staffed beds, and the staffing shortages cannot be rectified with help from other states, and healthcare workers are getting sick themselves, what will happen? America, like

third-world countries, might just find closed hospital doors. Charlotte Michos is a clinical nurse specialist who serves as a Healthcare Consultant in helping

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Pups will usually learn bite inhibition from the reactions of their littermates or from the older dogs. We however, don't react the same way. They don't get the message from us that nipping is inappropriate. Coprophagia or eating poop is a behavior that we find absolutely disgusting and wonder why on earth they would do that. Even

eating poop is a natural dog behavior. A mother dog will stimulate her very young puppies to toilet by licking their genital and anal areas. When they go, she consumes the excrement in order to keep the "nest" area clean. The pups are too small to go anywhere and she doesn't want them lying in their waste. She also is likely to want to minimize the scent of her pups and keep

them safe from predators. This is most likely how dogs start to learn to keep their sleeping area clean. It's also most likely when dogs learn this behavior. These activities and many others that we're called to help people with are all-natural activities from Rover's perspective. They don't understand that there is anything wrong with doing them. They aren't doing them to make us mad, although that is often the result. They are just doing things that are either instinctual or behavior often learned as young puppies. When we work with people and their puppies and dogs, we start by helping them understand Rover and how he looks at the world. If you can understand why Rover behaves the way he does, you are then in a better position to deal with his behavior. His world view is different than our's. When you yell at Rover to stop barking, he might be thinking that you are joining him in his attempt to chase away an intruder. When Rover is allowed (or encouraged) to go through the door ahead of you, in your human brain you are thinking that you need to close the door behind you and its easier if Rover goes out first. However, Rover's dog brain tells him that if you are sending him out ahead of you, you have just assigned him the role of being the leader because the leader always leads.

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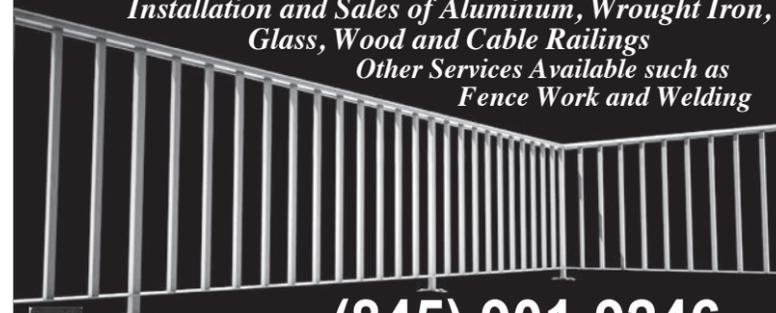
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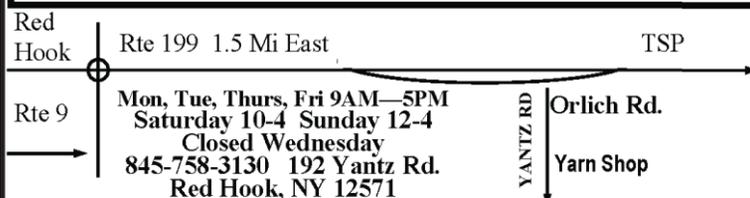
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 their weddings, plan for another date, or say if they dreamed of having a wedding for a hundred or a hundred and fifty people, now it’s been cut down to 25 people. Well that affects us also.”

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holiday season continues to be discouraged or outright canceled with some version of a lockdown

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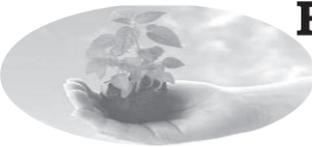
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Despite Covid from page 11 economic activity that takes place this time of year. "Black Friday" is so named because the end of November is traditionally around the time when most small businesses finally turn a profit for the year--ie. out of the red, as debt was marked in old ledger sheets, and into the black.

In late November, analysts at JPMorgan made news, revising expectations for 2021 downward, including a GDP contraction in the 1st quarter of 1 percent. "This winter will be grim, and we

believe the economy will contract again in 1Q," the economists wrote.

Some still believe the economy will continue to rebound after that. News of successful trials of several Covid-19 vaccines lifted the stock market to new record highs shortly after election night.

But with rises in cases, a predicated "second wave" tracking roughly like flu season, New York has gone back to those color-level restrictions that were used early on during the pandemic. Many small

business owners and others are bristling at what they see as arbitrary divisions of essential and non-essential industries and occupations. There has been an undeniable disparity in the treatment of, and outcomes for mega-corporations, box stores and food chains, compared to independent and small businesses.

Hypocrisy Fuels Discontent

The Buffalo News reported one late November instance of frustration of business owners in Orchard Park, involving a gathering of 50 business owners meeting to strategize a response to "orange-level" restrictions on "non-essential" businesses. Health inspectors invaded the meeting with the local sheriff's department, to attempt to break it up as a violation of health protocols. They met with stiff resistance. Many of those present argued the real purpose of the raid was to stop people from galvanizing opposition to the new round of shut-downs.

In Brooklyn, NY Democratic leaders were caught in photos, mingling mask-free at a birthday party just days before Thanksgiving. According to the NY Daily News, "photos of a celebration for Carlo Scissura, head of the powerful construction trade organization New York Building Congress, show[ed] revelers in close quarters without masks."

But undeterred in Albany, Governor Andrew Cuomo held a news conference where he castigated local sheriffs and law enforcement agencies who said they would not be arresting families for getting together at Thanksgiving. The Emmy-award winning pol rhetorically stripped

them of their badges, and equated illicit holiday gatherings with domestic violence.

"I'm not going to enforce domestic violence laws because that's a family affair?" he mocked. "No: There's a law and you have to enforce the law, or don't call yourself a law enforcement officer."

Of course, New York was hardly the only region where discontent and hypocrisy were on display. California demonstrations in sixteen cities rallied against Gov. Gavin Newsom's new lockdown there, after he was caught and apologized for attending a private party that flouted

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Red Hook Ranch



Located within a short drive to the Red Rock Village is this large 3 BR Ranch that boasts 3 nice sized BRs, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, large LR w/pellet stove, adirondack rm w/vaulted ceiling & woodstove, partial finished basement w/custom bar & fitness rm, CA, EIK plus much more. Asking **\$489,000.**

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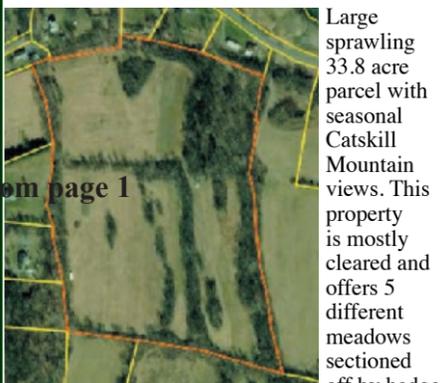
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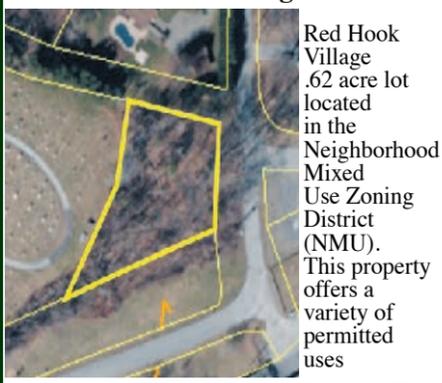
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Red Hook Village Lot



Red Hook Village .62 acre lot located in the Neighborhood Mixed Use Zoning District (NMU). This property offers a variety of permitted uses such as Residential, Single-Family, Two-Family, Multifamily, plus much more...Asking **\$119,000**



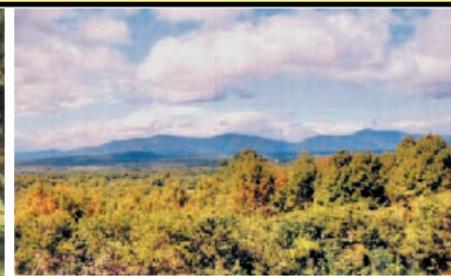
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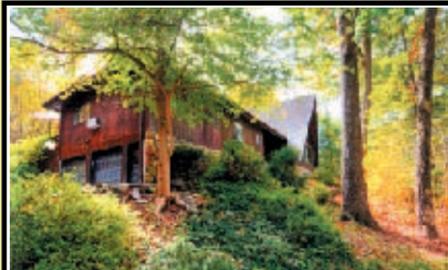
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Dana Goldberg from page 1 have state-of-the-art technology, professional real estate photography -- including drone footage -- and new marketing systems to not only navigate the local market but also globally." While that sounds very fancy, Dana Goldberg is actually down to earth and delightful. She is pleased to work with first-time

buyers and help them navigate the process. "When you buy a house it's a big decision -- maybe the biggest decision you will ever make," she maintains. A realistic review on Zillow from a happy client describes the process as, "a crazy-making marathon sprint with mortgage bankers, attorneys, inspectors, service persons and a small army

of officials nipping at one's rear along the way, and we couldn't have made it to the finish line intact without Dana's super-attentive and knowledgeable presence at every step and hurdle." This is a busy time in real estate with families moving to be closer to loved ones and people moving up from the city. While many transactions can be done remotely, Dana Goldberg believes it's important to actually visit a prospective property. "You have to taste it, feel it and experience the dimensions -- the tall or short niches of the house. It's a sensory assessment." As evidence of Dana Goldberg's skills and competence, another five-star testimonial says, "Her recommendations [to us] as first-time home buyers were right on the money. We recommend this charming, committed and engaged realtor to anyone who is looking to buy [or sell] a home."

real estate is all about relationships. "You have to work well with all kinds of people," she explains. "Your clients are the vital test of your communication and relationship skills." And then comes your relationship with all the people who can inspect or evaluate the property

and the bones of the house. "These are trust relationships -- a portfolio of what you can offer." One of the reasons why Dana Goldberg is so passionate about her real-estate business is she once had a negative experience buying and selling real estate. **Continued on page 15**

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Dana Goldberg from page 14
 years ago and she vowed no one else should ever go through that again.” This diligent real estate broker consciously gives what she herself wanted: managed expectations, honesty and reassurance. “I really enjoy what I do,” she proclaims.

Now Dana Goldberg gets recommendations that say, “Nothing short of INCREDIBLE! Dana is a true, knowledgeable professional. You definitely want her on your team. Honest, hardworking, successful, reliable and dedicated. Trust me. The best!”

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Despite Covid from page 14
 his own protocols. Business owners were also angry after Newsom, according to Deadline Hollywood, declared the movie industry “essential”, while tightening the screws on many other types of businesses, and keeping schools from opening. A LA Times article in the fall had already pointed out that “L.A. schools are closed — but there are loopholes for those with money”.

Up in Boston, actor and climate activist Harrison Ford was landing his private jet in contravention of CDC travel restriction guidelines, to pick up his son Liam for Thanksgiving break. And in New Jersey, Governor Phil Murphy was razzed for enjoying a restaurant meal with his family sans masks either before or between bites.

The latest in a long line of examples demonstrating illogic and outright hypocrisy are not going unnoticed. This time around, much more is known about Covid-19, including who is most likely to be seriously affected, and how it can be treated. Even with “comorbidities”, heart attacks, car accidents, falls from ladders and many other questionable things factored into “Covid deaths”, people under 60 in good health face very small risk of death or serious near-term harm from the virus. It’s clear some people will suffer serious long term effects. But other maladies including pneumonia, bronchitis, flu and hepatitis also sometimes cause organ stress and damage.

As far as the often nakedly political battles over when and where to social distance or wear masks, even the left-leaning Daily Beast noted with dismay in an October article that the second wave of corona virus appears inevitable.

“What’s particularly troubling about the return of COVID in Italy is that the country has done everything experts like Dr. Anthony Fauci have been advising. Face masks in public places have been compulsory for months, social distancing is strongly enforced, nightclubs have never reopened, and sporting arenas are at less than a third of capacity. Children who are back at school are regularly tested and strictly social-distanced, and yet, the second wave seems completely unstoppable.”

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It’s not that people want the covid to be taken lightly. But more and more people are pointing out that even ignoring the hypocrisy of politicians and preachy celebrity influencers, there continues to be a disconcerting lack of targeted policy response to the problem. Vulnerable populations, including elderly and persons with health conditions that have been associated with higher risk, could be provided more aid, both economic and medical, in order to remain home and as safe as possible. Others at lower

risk could get back to work and school, doing the things that will keep the economy and life moving ahead.

Average citizens and independent business owners are looking with more skepticism these days at one-size-fits-all approaches, and widespread suppression of human activity. “Cases” might be the media mantra, but tests have proved notoriously unreliable. The latest high profile example was chronicled by CBS News in late November: “U.S. Senator Kelly Loeffler’s office said Sunday that she had tested negative for COVID-19 in a PCR test, after a rapid test result came back positive Friday evening. Her office said she will continue to quarantine until she receives

consecutive negative results...” Along with those Covid case numbers, a lot more data has come in about negative health consequences of being under social isolation and economic lockdown. Suicides, increased drug addiction, and the consequences of putting off other important medical care have all been noted.

Perhaps it’s that the whole notion of essential vs. non-essential fails to take into account that average people without large reserves of wealth need to be working to pay their rent and mortgages, utilities, food, medical insurance and car payments. How, in that sense, could their job, their livelihood, or their small business ever be deemed “non-essential”?

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