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## Village finds you gotta serve to somebody

By EMILIA TEASDALE

CHATHAM—At the regular Village Board meeting on July 10 the board tabled a motion to put temporary pickleball lines on the tennis courts at Jones Avenue. The action followed a closed-door board discussion with the board's attorney.

Mayor John Howe said that the board would be bringing the issue to the Village Planning Board for review. The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for July 24 at 7 p.m. at the Tracy Memorial/Village Hall.

At the beginning of this week's board meeting (July 10), Mayor Howe announced that the Town of Chatham had received a \$100,000 grant for pickleball courts at Crellin Park, a town park on Route 66 outside the village. Mayor Howe said that currently "there is no

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Lance Wheeler

### Small sweet steeds will spread much cheer

*This mare and colt are just getting to know each other. They are miniature horses and the colt, shown here on Tuesday, July 11, was born at 3 a.m. Sunday, July 9. The colt will likely grow to about 31" high and no one will ride them, but they will have plenty to keep them busy. They are therapeutic animals and will pull a small cart and otherwise interact with the people living at Triform in Columbia County.*

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## French moth finds our trees très tasty

By DIANE VALDEN

COPAKE—What's that crunching noise?

If it's not your dog gnawing on a biscuit, it may well be a bunch of spongy moth caterpillars munching on your trees.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties Community Horticulture Program Coordinator Sandra Linnell told The Columbia Paper last week the majority of calls she has received from residents this year have been about problems with spongy moth caterpillars. People say they hear the trees "crackling" with the chewing of these "very hungry caterpillars," she said.

If you live in an area that has come

under siege by these voracious critters, you know it. Normally leafy trees and even conifers have been stripped of foliage.

Ms. Linnell says areas up and down the Taconic State Parkway in Columbia County have been hard hit and are easily visible.

It's been at least two months now since Karen LeRiche, who lives near Chrysler Pond in Copake, woke up to find the trees and outbuildings around her house crawling with these hairy squiggling hordes.

"They love oaks," Ms. LeRiche said in a phone interview, but they have eaten beech, birch and even pines on her four-acre property, she said.

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Spongy moth caterpillar

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# Friends honor Hudson artist with memorial

By DAVID LEE

HUDSON—The 19th Century Hudson River landscape painters were captivated by the views from the hills around Hudson. Perhaps the most renowned of them, Fredric E. Church, built his house on top of one of them, the view from which is famous enough that it has its own protected status as the Olana Viewshed. In 1880, another important Hudson River School landscape painter, Sanford Gifford, was buried in his family plot on the hillside of the Hudson City Cemetery on the high ground with its own fantastic viewshed looking east toward the Berkshires.

Now a new marble stone has been installed in that vicinity, the marker of Hudson artist Bill Sullivan who died in 2010. The stone itself, which stands within yards of Mr. Gifford's, is carved in the same 19th century



David Lee  
*The new marble headstone for Hudson artist Bill Sullivan.*

scenes that his heroes Mr. Gifford, Mr. Church, and Thomas Cole saw, but accomplished them in the higher key of the late 20th century.

A ceremony was conducted on Saturday, July 1, to acknowledge the placement of the headstone and to commemorate Mr. Sullivan's life. Artists

style and the same white marble as the other stones, but not yet tarnished with age. Mr. Sullivan painted many of the same

and writers gathered from around the region, first at the Carrie Haddad Gallery on Warren Street in Hudson for

introductions and conversation. Mr. Sullivan showed his work there and the gallery represents him.

Then the group moved up to the hillside and, as the clouds broke revealing a bright blue sky, people reminisced. In attendance were his close friend and partner, poet Jaime Manrique, who manages the estate; long-time friends Eugene Richie and Roseanne Wasserman whose Groundwater Press published the catalog for his 2006 retrospective at the Albany Institute of History and Art; David Kerami and Jeffrey Lependorf of Flow Chart Foundation which is modeled in the example of Hudson poet John Ashbery. Mr. Ashbery wrote the preface to the 2006 catalog: "With only a tinge of irony, Bill Sullivan makes new the vast spaces and swooning optimism of nineteenth-century Luminist

painting."

Filmmaker Jacob Burckhardt, who met the artist in college in the 1960s, remembers how Mr. Sullivan took him in on one particularly misspent evening in New York City. Maybe because of his homelessness in early life, Mr. Sullivan was remembered as someone who took in people who had reached the end of their tether. And friend and artist McWillie Chambers said, "Bill was a presence in Hudson—everybody knew him."

Brian Brunius, a friend, remembers that Mr. Sullivan was like a star struck teenager when he discovered the Gifford gravesite. After Mr. Sullivan died, Mr. Brunius contacted the Gifford estate and acquired permission to purchase the plot and then contracted Hudson Monumental Works to create the historically consistent headstone.

## Ackerman Foundation announces 2023 grant winners

CLAVERRACK — The Ackerman Foundation has announced award-winners in its second year of providing grants to local non-profits for community improvement activities.

Twenty-one awards were made totaling \$38,000, a significant advance from the foundation's first grant cycle in 2022 that provided \$15,000 to six organizations.

"This was an especially competitive funding cycle with 36 applicants seeking almost \$86,000," said Foundation President Claire Ackerman in a press release. "Fortunately, we had more funds available for grants than in our first year, but we still faced difficult choices in our funding decisions. Priority was given to smaller organizations and to programs that delivered immediate impact to the community, supported in many cases by a strong corps of volunteers."

Organizations receiving funds this year are:

Alan Devoe Bird Club for repurposing educational kiosks for the Wilson Powell Wildlife Sanctuary; Ancram Opera House for the Writing on Your Feet Storytelling program at Taconic Hills Elementary School; Animal Kind to support veterinary assistance for low-income pet owners; Beautiful Racket for their 2023 summer music festival; Camphill Hudson for their bi-monthly community-building gatherings to promote inclusivity and social integration; Claverack Free Library for their summer enrichment and reading program for children and families; Columbia Children's Center to upgrade security measures at their facility; Columbia County Libraries Association for their county-wide community read program; Columbia County Recovery Kitchen to support its food preparation and delivery program providing 1,200 meals a week to those facing food insecur-

ity; Family Resource Centers of Columbia County for their community playgroups programs for children and their families; Friends of Copake Grange #935 for their theater and musical programming aimed at strengthening the local community; Friends of Hudson Youth for their spring and fall music and media programs for local youth; High & Mighty Therapeutic Riding and Driving Center to support their equine-assisted services to enhance physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing; Hudson Area Association Library for their Bilingual Storytime Program to support early literacy skills development and to strengthen their bilingual book collection; Kinderhook

Memorial Library to support their Wi-Fi Hotspots program that provides loans of equipment allowing internet access at home; Long Table Harvest in support of their gleaning program operations; Lucky Rehabilitation Center for their wildlife rehabilitation efforts; Mental Health Awareness and Creative Arts Gallery in support of their Collective Community Collage Program to showcase art and creative work of those diagnosed with serious mental health issues; Perfect Ten After School for their program of tutoring and mentoring teenage girls; Roving Actors' Repertory Ensemble (The Two of Us Productions) to support affordable live theatrical productions in

eastern Columbia County; and Valatie Community Theatre for their theater lighting upgrade project.

All Ackerman Foundation grant recipients agree to provide evaluation reports assessing the effectiveness of the programs funded.

"The Board is very excited to see these organizations and projects succeed; and we look forward to being able to assist more organizations in the future," said Ms. Ackerman.

The next round of Ackerman Foundation grants will be awarded in Summer 2024. An announcement will be

made when those applications open.

The Foundation was established by David M. Ackerman in late 2021, just prior to his unexpected passing in January 2022. Mr. Ackerman was well-known as a businessman and quiet philanthropist with a career stretching over 50 years in Hudson and Columbia County.

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# Our population is shrinking; does it matter?

BY DEBORAH E. LANS

GHENT—It's happening worldwide. From 1950 to 2021 the birth rate declined 81% in China, 63% in India and 52% in the United States, as reflected in United Nations (U.N.) data.

The trend is also evident in the Hudson Valley, where Columbia County is a leading example.

Between 1997 and 2019 (a much shorter period than the U.N. tracked), the county saw a 27.8% decline in births. Only Putnam County saw a greater decline. Greene County was close behind Columbia, with a 26.6% drop.

Why is this happening? According to the U.N., birth rates generally decline as socioeconomic development rises. Growing urbanization, higher living standards, rising costs, smaller living spaces, access to family planning, and a greater focus on career are all factors contributing to smaller families.

A recent study by Pattern for

Progress (Pattern), "The Great People Shortage and Its Effects on the Hudson Valley," has collected and analyzed the data. In the Hudson Valley, the steep decline in birth rates has combined with the steady out-migration of residents to create an overall drop in our population. Every year in the last 25, except for 2018/19, more people have left the area than have migrated in—a loss of 134,505 people across nine counties.

The study finds that the key drivers of out-migration are housing-related (nearly 50%), family-related, and job-related. In particular, the lack of affordable housing is a principal underlying cause of out-migration.

Columbia and Greene counties have slightly bucked that trend of late. From 2015 to 2021, Columbia saw a net gain in migration in four of six years, of more than 900 people. Greene County gained in net migration (totaling about 1,500) in all six years studied.

So, does the gain in net migration offset the decline in births? No, because when combined with deaths, Columbia and Greene counties are still losing population overall—every year of the last 20.

Moreover, the age of our population is shifting. In the last decade, according to Pattern, the percentage of the population under 19 has shrunk and the percentage over 60 has grown. That change—sometimes called a "silver tsunami"—is consistent with recently-released federal census data, which show that the median age of the country's population increased in the past two-plus decades (2000-2022) from 30 to 38.9. But, Columbia County is even older, with a median age of 48.5 and more than 26.5 % of its population over 65. Greene County is not far behind.

What do all these numbers mean?

On the economic front, fewer younger people means that we will increasingly see labor shortages with resultant upward wage pressure. There will be fewer people to perform all the jobs that anchor society—doctors, nurses, teachers, laborers, electricians, even news reporters.

The May 2023 local labor force statistics released by the state Department of Labor underscore this trend: Columbia County's unemployment rate is 2.4%—a statewide low for counties not within a major labor area; Greene County's rate was 3.3%.

Columbia Memorial Health CEO Dorothy Urschel notes that, like most employers, it has been more challenging to hire for all types of healthcare positions, especially since the pandemic. The health of rural hospitals is also affected. In rural

## Median age by community in Columbia County

Town	Median Age	% over 60
Ancram	46.3	28
Austerlitz	61.2	51
Canaan	53.8	39
Chatham	49.9	34
Claverack	53	31
Clermont	48.1	29
Copake	46.8	30
Gallatin	50.6	34
Germantown	56.7	42
Ghent	47.8	29
Greenport	48.3	34
Hillsdale	48.9	32
Hudson	39	22
Kinderhook	48	34
Livingston	48.8	34
New Lebanon	50.8	35
Philmont	50.9	25
Stuyvesant	43.2	26
Taghkanic	54.4	39
Valatie	46.7	33

Source: [CensusReporter.org](https://www.censusreporter.org)

Deborah E. Lans

areas in the Northeast where there are significant populations of Medicare beneficiaries, reimbursements do not offset expenses, creating financial strains.

And then there's education. Schools have been hit hard by the challenges of hiring and retaining teachers. Further, our schools have been experiencing declining enrollments for years. When Superintendent Sal D'Angelo first joined the Chatham Central School District in 2017, the district had 1,065 students. That number is now 888—a decline that is spread across the spectrum from pre-K to 12th grade.

Declining school enroll-

ments can lead to school closures and does lead to diminished opportunities. A high school elective that only attracts a few students may be eliminated or scheduled for alternate years. "The depth and breadth of offerings is affected."

Benjamin Bragg, Superintendent, and Ryan Smith, Business Administrator, of the Germantown Central School District explain that both the federal and state formulas for funding schools are largely driven by student enrollment figures. Fewer students mean fewer resources, unless the local community ups its contributions through higher taxes.

Moreover, it does not follow that because enrollment declines, the costs of running a school do as well. First, as Mr. Smith notes, costs are currently rising due to inflation. Second, as Chatham's Superintendent D'Angelo notes, the fact that you lose students does not necessarily translate to lower costs; a 30-50 student loss spread across elementary through high school grades may mean that there are smaller class sizes but not to the point of eliminating a class, or teacher, he says.

On a societal level, population decline and aging hurt as well, reducing the number of volunteers for such vital services as fire departments, ambulance corps and town governments.

For more information on "The Great People Shortage and Its Effects on the Hudson Valley" by Pattern for Progress go to [pattern-for-progress.org](https://pattern-for-progress.org)

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# Two dead, alleged drunk driver charged

By DIANE VALDEN

CLAVERRACK—A mother and father were killed and their child injured during a head-on, two-vehicle crash, July 4 at 7:05 p.m.

A Ghent man faces multiple charges including vehicular homicide in the case.

Columbia County 911 dispatched Sheriff's patrols to the crash on state Route 66 in Claverack, just north of the intersection with Fish and Game Road, according to a press release from Columbia County Sheriff Donald Krapf.

A 2016 BMW model X6, operated by Kenttory Brown, 38, of Ghent, was found on fire in the roadway after the crash. The second vehicle, a 2012 Ford Focus operated by Stephanie DeForest, 41, of Columbia County, was found heavily damaged, off the roadway and against a broken utility pole.

Initial investigation revealed

that Mr. Brown's vehicle was traveling south on Route 66 when it crossed the double yellow line and hit Ms. DeForest's vehicle head-on. Alcohol and speed were determined to be contributing factors in the crash.

Homer Snyder, 57, of Columbia County, was a passenger in the DeForest vehicle. Mr. Snyder was pronounced dead at the scene. The Greenport Rescue Squad took Ms. DeForest to the Albany Medical Center for the treatment of serious injuries. She later succumbed to those injuries at AMC.

The couple's eight-year-old child, who was also a passenger in the DeForest vehicle, was treated at AMC for injuries sustained in the crash and was later released to family members.

The Chatham Rescue Squad initially took Mr. Brown to Columbia Memorial Health in Hudson for treatment of minor

injuries. While at the hospital Mr. Brown was placed into custody by deputies for driving while intoxicated.

Investigators with Columbia County Sheriff's Office drew blood from the defendant pursuant to a search warrant and sent the blood to the state crime laboratory for testing.

He was subsequently arraigned in Claverack Court before Justice Michael Brandon on the following charges:

- Aggravated vehicle homicide (causing the death of more than one other person), class B felony
- Aggravated vehicle homicide (previous conviction in the past 10 years), class B felony
- Two counts of first degree vehicular manslaughter (previous conviction in the past 10 years), class C felonies
- DWI (two previous convictions of designated offenses within 10 years), a class D felony

• First degree reckless endangerment, a class D felony.

Mr. Brown was sent to the Columbia County Jail without bail, due to return to court at a later date for a preliminary hearing.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted on the scene by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Ryan Carty of the Columbia County District Attorney's Office, the State Police, the Claverack Fire Department, the West Ghent Fire Department, Greenport and Chatham Rescue Squads, and the NYS Department of Transportation.

In a press release, Sheriff Krapf thanked the members of the public who stopped to assist and render aid to those in need. The sheriff also extended his gratitude and appreciation to the state troopers and first responders who were on scene during this horrific tragedy.

Gallatin

State Police began investigating a fatal utility terrain vehicle (UTV) on Crock Road in Gallatin, July 1.

At 2:23 p.m., troopers were dispatched to Crock Road for a report of a UTV crash with injuries. Troopers and good Samaritans at the scene lifted the vehicle off of two passengers who were pinned underneath as a result of the crash.

Both passengers were transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital, one of them in critical condition.

The driver, Christopher W. Carter, 36, of Bronxville was uninjured.

Marlene M. VonHagen, 61, of Pleasantville, who was initially reported to be in critical condition was later pronounced dead at CMH.

This investigation remains open and ongoing.

To contact Diane Valden email [dvalden@columbiapaper.com](mailto:dvalden@columbiapaper.com)

# \$5K reward offered in animal cruelty case

CLAVERRACK — The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA) seeks the public's help in identifying two dogs that were victims of animal cruelty.

CGHS/SPCA are looking for the owners of two dogs that were found on Schoolhouse Road in Claverack. One dog was found incapacitated and died on his way to emergency care. After a full examination by CGHS/SPCA technicians, the dog was found to be emaciated with open wounds that were untreated. The wounds were



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Pictured is Juliet when she was found starving and dehydrated.

filled with maggots.

The second dog, now named Juliet, was brought to CGHS/SPCA where she's receiving medical attention and being treated for starvation and dehydration.

Both dogs were scored one on a scale of one to nine using the Nestle/Purina Body Condition System. With this system, one is very thin/emaci-

ated and nine is obese.

CGHS/SPCA is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for these acts of cruelty. All information will be kept confidential.

"We're asking the public's help with these heinous acts of animal cruelty. As a society, we are obligated to bring those

responsible to justice. These two poor creatures were subjected to horrible neglect, starvation and denial of medical attention. If anyone has any information on these two dogs, please don't hesitate to call us at 518-828-6044 X 108," CGHS/SPCA President and Cruelty Investigator Ron Perez said in a press release.

## Nearly 13,000 tickets issued over July 4th holiday

ALBANY—The New York State Police announced July 7 that a total of 12,991 tickets were issued statewide during the 4th of July STOP-DWI enforcement campaign.

The special enforcement period began Friday, June 30 and ended Wednesday, July 5.

During the campaign, which was funded by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, State Police utilized sobriety check-

points, additional DWI patrols, and ticketed distracted drivers who used handheld electronic devices.

Troopers arrested 193 people for DWI and investigated 949 crashes, including 158 personal injury crashes and five fatalities.

As part of the enforcement, troopers also targeted speeding and aggressive drivers across the state. A sampling of the

total tickets that were issued follows: speeding 4,671; distracted driving 322; seatbelt violations 1,030; move over law 162.

During last year's 4th of July enforcement campaign, which ran from Friday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 5, one day less than this year's campaign, State Police issued 12,160 total tickets and arrested 197 people for DWI.

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Bank of Greene County representatives present local non-profit organizations with donations from the bank's Charitable Foundation at the Copake branch.

## Local organizations receive donations from bank

COPAKE—Local non-profit organizations were presented with donations from the Bank of Greene County's Charitable Foundation at the bank's Copake branch. These non-profit groups provide a wide range of assistance and services to the local communities. A total of \$315,000 will be award-

ed this year from the Bank of Greene County's Charitable Foundation to over 280 local non-profit organizations.

The organizations receiving donations at this time were:

Angram Opera House, Clausson-Raught Community Rescue Squad Inc., Everlasting Hope Animal Rescue, Friends

of Copake Grange #935, Inc., Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association, Inc., Hillsdale Economic & Community Development Corp., Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society, Inc., Roeliff Jansen Community Library, Roeliff Jansen Historical Society, Roving Actors' Repertory Ensemble,

Inc., Taconic Hills Central School, Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Co. #1, Town of Ancram, Town of Copake, Town of Gallatin and West Copake Reformed Church

Since 1998, the foundation has awarded over \$2.5 million to fund a wide variety of projects benefiting and including

education, health and wellness, social and civic services, culture, arts, and affordable housing. Applications are accepted each year between December 1 and January 15. Visit [www.tbogc.com](http://www.tbogc.com)

## 'Give a Pint, Get a Pint' campaign wrapped up

ALBANY—For the eighth year in a row, Stewart's Shops treated American Red Cross blood donors to free pints of ice cream as part of the "Give a Pint, Get a Pint" program in June. Throughout the month, donors at participating blood drives received a voucher for a free pint of Stewart's Shops ice cream or gelato. The vouchers are redeemable at any Stewart's Shops locations.

The June numbers are in, and more than 12,000 donors presented to give blood throughout the Eastern New York Region. That included 1,000 donors who came in for the first time.

While the Red Cross and Stewart's are delighted to share the results from June's "Give a Pint, Get a Pint" campaign, the need for blood never ends. Every day, the Red Cross must collect enough blood to meet the needs of accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell

disease. Someone needs blood every two seconds.

President of Stewart's Shops, Gary Duke, said in a press release, "Thank you to all of the generous donors who were able to donate in June. You are the true heroes and we are happy that we could reward your generosity with a pint of Stewart's ice cream."

"We are grateful to Stewart's Shops for their continued partnership, highlighting the constant need for blood donations. 'Give a Pint, Get a Pint' is a great way to thank generous blood donors and helps us attract new donors," Kevin Coffey, regional CEO, American Red Cross, Eastern New York Region, said in the release.

To donate blood simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information.

## Stoltmann joins Beach & Bartolo

CHATHAM—Chuck Bartolo, principal Broker of Beach & Bartolo Realtors, Inc, is pleased to announce that Kirsten Stoltmann has joined the agency as a Licensed Real Estate Salesperson. Her addition brings Beach & Bartolo to a total of 15 licensees, 9 Associate Real Estate Brokers and 6 Real Estate Salespersons.

After 15 years of buying, selling, building, managing and investing in homes on a personal level, Ms. Stoltmann decided to share her wealth of knowledge and experience on a



Kirsten Stoltmann

professional level and earned her license as a Real Estate Salesperson. She has also

worked as a home stager and has a keen eye for detail when it comes to preparing homes for sale. She comes from a creative background, she is an artist and has worked as a college professor at such institutes as the Chicago Art Institute, Columbia College and the University of Los Angeles.

Ms. Stoltmann welcomes the opportunity to help you with any of your real estate needs, or simply to answer any Real Estate questions you may have. She can be reached at the office at 518 392-2700 X 125.

## Donate blood, maybe win a shark adventure

HUDSON—The American Red Cross has collected about 50,000 fewer blood donations than needed over the past two months. Donors are asked to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now to avoid a looming blood shortage.

To help head off a more serious situation, the Red Cross is teaming up with Warner Bros. Discovery for the 35th anniversary of Shark Week and the theatrical release of Meg 2: The Trench. The public is encouraged to celebrate a summer of sharks and help shore up the national blood supply by giving in July.

In thanks for helping, the Red Cross is offering several

incentives to donors who come out to give blood or platelets in the coming weeks. Additionally, in response to the great need for blood, those who hurry in to help now through July 16 will receive a limited-time bonus \$15 gift card by email to a merchant of their choice.

Those who donate now through August 12, will be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure at Long Island Aquarium. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/Shark](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Shark).

Those who donate July 17 through 31 will receive an officially licensed Shark Week

T-shirt, while supplies last. Donors will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure at Long Island Aquarium. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/Shark](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Shark). By keeping appointments in July, donors can help provide for those in immediate need of lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities are:

- July 13, 1 to 6 p.m., Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787, 201 Harry Howard Avenue

- July 14, 1 to 6 p.m., Livingston Pumper Company 1, 2855 Route 9

- July 21, 1 to 6 p.m., Canaan Fire Company, 2126 Route 295

- July 29, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Claverack Library, 629 State Route 23B.

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### CMS inducts 20 into NJHS

Chatham Middle School welcomed 20 students into National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) during an induction ceremony held June 13 in the Chatham High School auditorium. NJHS membership is reserved for students in grades 6 through 8 who demonstrate a high degree of scholarship and outstanding qualities in character, service, leadership, and citizenship. Current 8th grade members gave speeches about the new inductees and how they will become assets to the school and

community through participation in NJHS service initiatives. Chatham Middle School's newest members of this prestigious organization are: Emmett Bishop-Hayes, Liam Cowhig, Anya DeGroff, Maya Doyle, Jamison Edwards, Emily Engel, Narayan Flores, Jadyn Howard, Lola Lezama, Tulsi Macchiaroli, Madalynn Madsen, Cassie Michalek, Hazel Michalek, Abigail Scheriff, Isla Stack, Lucy Tassinari, Landen Terpening, Logan Van Wie, Cristian Wilson, and Sabrina Wiseman.



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### CHS inducts 19 into NHS

Chatham High School welcomed 19 students into its National Honor Society chapter with an induction ceremony held in the CHS auditorium the evening of June 12. Members of National Honor Society have demonstrated outstanding qualities in the areas of scholarship, service, character, and leadership. Chatham's newest members of this prestigious organization are: Jahnyah Armstrong, Emilee Booy, Destiny

Dejesus, Cameron Elcox, Ewan Ferrier, Alaina Graziano, Sarah Harrison, Mateo Medina, Maya Narofsky, Jenna Palubeckis, Zoey Palubeckis, Alexis Reichardt, Lauren Salvesvold-Uhlar, Lily Strattman, Helen Tassinari, Katelyn Thomas, Tate Van Alstyne, Isabella Wiseman and Owen Zaik.

## Academic Honors

### Dean's List:

#### Siena College

LOUDONVILLE—Siena College names the following students to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. Local students include:

Meredith Buono, Valatie; Avery Clickman, Kinderhook; Sasha George, Stuyvesant; Hannah Kelly, East Chatham; Jackson Konkle, Kinderhook; Danielle McDonald, Hudson; Aaron McGuiirk, Valatie; Clayton Meriam, Ancram; Quinn Murphy, Kinderhook; Rachael Ruggles, Hudson; Sophia Saccento, Valatie; and William Wade, East Chatham.

#### Clark University

WORCESTER, MA—The following local residents were named to Clark University's spring 2023 dean's list: Coco C. Carmichael, Chatham, was named to first honors; Nora J. Leifer, Hudson, was named to first honors; and Eliza A. Lindberg, East Chatham, was named to second honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

#### SUNY New Paltz

NEW PALTZ, NY (06/15/2023)-- SUNY New Paltz announces its dean's list for the spring 2023 semester, a recognition for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load.

Local students include: Mikayla Corsey, Malden Bridge; Maria Costello, Germantown; Mairlyn Denardis, Germantown; Sage Engasser, Germantown; Coltrane Fracalossi-Lail, Valatie; Riley Gibbons, Elizaville; Karlee Gillard, Germantown; Rivka Gorelick, Philmont; Leia Herrington, Niverville; Nathan Norton, Valatie; Jacob Park, Ghent; Darby Siver, Valatie; and Abigail Wood, Valatie.

#### RIT

ROCHESTER—The following students were named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year. Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for dean's list if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Local students include: Jonathon Sabrowski, Ghent, who is in the physics program; and Valen Hay, Chatham, who is in the web and mobile computing program.

#### MTSU

MURFREESBORO, TN—Middle Tennessee State University student Gabriella Two-Axe, Valatie, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. Gabriella, who is majoring in Audio Production, was among 5,430-plus students who made the list.

To qualify for this distinction, an undergraduate student must maintain a current semester grade-point average of 3.5 or above and earn at least 12 semester hours.

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## VILLAGE FINDS

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time frame” for when the new courts would be ready. There are already pickleball and tennis courts at Crellin Park, as well as in the Town of Ghent (for Ghent residents only). Pickleball is also played inside at the Morris Memorial, which is run by an association but open to local groups.

Chatham Town Board member Vance Pitkin was at the village meeting and reported that design work for the town court project was being donated and is “moving ahead pretty quickly.”

Mayor Howe said the grant and the pickleball courts in the town are a “great thing” and would be helpful. He said a few times during the meeting that if the Village Board approves putting pickleball lines at the tennis courts on Jones Avenue they would be temporary as the Crellin Park courts are being upgraded.

The Village Board held a special meeting on June 28 to hear from residents about the pickleball lines at Jones Avenue. Over 30 residents attended that

meeting at the Chatham Fire House and many who spoke at the meeting live near the courts.

Mayor Howe began that meeting by reviewing the issue but said he would not rehash the discussion about pickleball that came up at an earlier meeting in June.

Residents had presented the board with a petition, dated May 30, requesting “that pickleball lines be added to the tennis courts on Jones Avenue, and that there be a clear understanding that pickleball is permitted there.” The board put the pickleball lines on the agenda for discussion at the June 12 Village Board meeting, which Mayor Howe said at the June 28 meeting had a crowd “larger than this.”

When Mayor Howe opened the discussion to the public on June 28, there were several residents who worried about the noise of adding pickleball to the already busy court and many stressed the traffic issues.

Jones Avenue, off of Austerlitz Street, is a residential street that ends in the courts

and a building that was once a doctor’s office. At the meeting, residents discussed that building becoming the library for the Shaker Museum, which is building a new museum and center at an old building at 5 Austerlitz Street. One resident said that parking options might be changing at the building on Jones Avenue if the Shaker Museum staff moves in. With the change, and adding pickleball courts which can accommodate more players than tennis, one resident asked about where those people will park.

Stephen Piazza, a Jones Avenue resident, said “It’s a quiet street” and that he’s “really against having even more traffic.” He said he petitioned the village to put a sidewalk on Austerlitz Street due to the safety of people walking up the busy road. Several residents talked about how dangerous it is turning out of Jones Avenue onto Austerlitz Street.

Several people pointed out that there are multiple options to play pickleball in the area. “This is not an emergency,” said Mr. Piazza.

One Austerlitz Street resident said he supported having the option to play both at the Jones Avenue site. “Aren’t these

meant to be community courts?” he said.

There were also two tennis pros at the meeting, one who supported making the change and one who did not. They both addressed the board for a long time about the issue and the courts. Eli Armstrong, the pro who uses the Jones Avenue courts to teach, said that he would help raise money for the pickleball courts at Crellin. “We’re not saying we have a problem with pickleball, they just don’t need to be on every court,” he said.

Kyle Schermerhorn, a local pro who teaches tennis and pickleball, said there is high demand in the area for pickleball and “it’s a great sport.” He didn’t think the pickleball lines would bother tennis players. “I want everyone to get along,” he said.

To close the special meeting on June 28, Mayor Howe said with this new information the board will, at the suggestion of resident and tennis player Gavin Preuss, convene a small group of residents, both tennis and pickleball players and Jones Avenue residents, to find a compromise. At the July 10 regular board meeting, Mayor Howe said the committee has

not been created since the board found out that the town had received the grant to upgrade its courts at Crellin Park.

The motion the board moved but then tabled at the July 10 meeting said that temporary lines would be removed at “such time as the Crellin Park [project] come to fruition” and pickleball would be limited to the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trustee Peter Minahan said at the July meeting that he would like to test the noise issue with pickleball which concerned some neighbors. And Mayor Howe said that the Village Board needs to deal with the intersection.

During the discussion Trustee Melony Spock said that the courts at Jones Avenue “were not just for tennis” and Trustee Ralph O’Mara-Garcia said “the pickleball lines will not destroy the courts.”

The next Village Board meeting will be Monday, August 14 at 7 p.m. at the Tracey Memorial. For information on meetings go to [villageofchatham.com](http://villageofchatham.com)

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## FRENCH MOTH

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After spending weeks combating the onslaught with her own two hands by picking them off and squishing them underfoot, Ms. LeRiche said the final straw came when the caterpillars headed for her beloved 100-year-old hemlocks. “That’s it, I’ve had it,” she said and hired a tree and lawn care specialist to spray and put an end to the infestation.

She wound up with a ton of dead caterpillars falling from the trees which she then raked into 15 piles or “berms,” mixed them with wood chips and made compost.

Now the adult moths have arrived and are mating and laying eggs.

Many may know the spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*), by its former name, Gypsy moth, which the Entomological Society of America banished from its list in July 2021 because it is considered a derogatory term for the Romani people.

Spongy moths are not native to the U.S. but showed up from France (like the Coneheads?) in 1869. “Now widespread in the

Northeast and considered ‘naturalized,’ they will always be a part of our ecosystem,” according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) spongy moth fact sheet.

Spongy moth populations rise and fall in cycles, varying annually from few (most years) to gobs.

New York has regional outbreaks, or spikes in population numbers, every 10 to 15 years. Outbreaks usually end when disease and predator populations increase to a level at which they can naturally control the spongy moth population, says the DEC.

Ms. Linnell said it’s best to try to get a jump on the caterpillars in the early spring by wrapping a sticky tape or band around tree trunks so the caterpillars get caught before they can make their way up to the branches and eat the leaves.

The DEC recommends checking the sticky/barrier bands often, in case wildlife, such as birds and small mammals have been unintentionally caught; to remove debris that

would act as a bridge for caterpillars over the band; and to replace as needed, such as after rain.

In mid-June, when caterpillars are larger, sticky/barrier bands can be replaced with a

pest  
•Horticultural oil insecticides which are solutions refined from petroleum or plants, and when applied, can smother insects or disrupt the protective coating around their

*Outbreaks usually end when disease and predator populations increase...*

NY State Department of Environmental Conservation

burlap trap. These traps do not prevent the caterpillars from going into the canopy but provide excellent shelter when they take a break from eating during the day, making it easier to collect and destroy the caterpillars, pupae, adults and eggs found in the burlap. The hairs on the caterpillars can cause skin irritation, so gloves are recommended when handling used traps.

The DEC also offers other options for dealing with spongy moths including:

•Microbial insecticides which are biopesticides made from naturally occurring bacteria, viruses, fungi, or protozoans that can target a specific

eggs  
•Chemical insecticides, which are contact poisons that can have a serious impact on a variety of beneficial, native insects (such as bees), as well as nesting birds and other wildlife, so use should be limited.

The devouring of a tree’s leaves by spongy moth caterpillars does not necessarily kill the tree, but can cause stress. Ms. Linnell notes that the leaf eating when combined with “weird weather conditions,” such as a lack of rain, does pose a danger to trees. Without their leaves trees are unable to perform photosynthesis, the process by which light energy is captured

and used to convert water, carbon dioxide, and minerals into oxygen and energy-rich organic compounds or food.

Ms. Linnell notes, without a source of food, a tree might not be strong enough to survive the winter.

The DEC says, “a healthy tree that has been fed on will grow new leaves and have a full canopy again within a few weeks. However, defoliation (loss of leaves) can reduce the health and vigor of a tree, causing it to become more susceptible to other stressors such as extreme drought, flooding, or attacks by disease or other insects. Tree death can occur when one or more of these stressors is present at the same time as spongy moth caterpillars. Long-term damage depends on the type of tree, as well as the amount of defoliation.”

To learn more about spongy moths including how to help trees recover from spongy moth damage, how to help predict next year’s caterpillar populations, and annual outbreak updates visit DEC’s spongy moth webpage:

[www.dec.ny.gov/animals/83118.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/83118.html)



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Photo contributed

Harris Lahti (l) and Samantha Hunt

# AOH presents literary voices at Hilltop Barn

HILLSDALE—Crystal Radio Sessions, the series where professional actors read aloud the work of contemporary writers, returns to the Hilltop Barn at Roe Jan Park, 116 Rte 22, at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 15. Presented for the 5th year by Ancram Opera House, Crystal Radio Sessions is modeled after Symphony Space’s “Selected Shorts” and features fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction, and personal essays by established and emerging writers from the Hudson Valley and Berkshires.

This year’s short stories are “The Yellow” by Samantha Hunt, read by Sandy York, and “Sugar Bath” by Harris Lahti, read by Joey Taylor. Tickets are \$25 general admission (\$15

with student ID), and are available at [www.ancramopera-house.org](http://www.ancramopera-house.org).

In “The Yellow,” loneliness, a car accident and a resurrected dog bring together two strangers in the suburbs. In “Sugar Bath,” a house flipper and his pregnant wife discover grave-stones in the basement of their new house.

The series is curated by Ashley Mayne, whose work has been published in Fence, Post Road, Juked, Northwest Review, Peripheries, Blight Podcast, Metambesen, and elsewhere. She is the author of novels “Mankiller” (2014 Dr. Cicero Books), and “Tiger” (2015), and edits fiction for Fence.

Hunt is the recipient of a

Guggenheim Fellowship, the Bard Fiction Prize, the National Book Foundation’s 5 Under 35 Prize, and the St. Francis College Literary Prize. She has been a finalist for the Orange Prize and the PEN/Faulkner. Hunt has published five books, teaches at Pratt Institute and lives in Tivoli, NY.

Lahti’s fiction has appeared in Southwest Review, Bomb, Archway Editions Journal, Ninth Letter, Blue Arrangements, and elsewhere. He edits for Fence. His debut short story collection, “Mental Health Professional,” is forthcoming from the new Cash for Gold Books in the spring of 2024.

York is an actor-singer based in New York City who has

studied classical, contemporary, and musical theater at Princeton University (AB), Trinity Repertory Conservatory (MFA) and the New York Shakespeare Festival Lab. She works in theater, film, TV, industrials and commercials around the country and internationally.

Taylor is an actor, director and co-founder of Definitely Human Theatre, which produces contemporary theater in the Hudson Valley. In December 2022 Definitely Human Theatre presented “The Ukraine Plays,” short works by Ukrainian playwrights, at Ancram Opera House to raise money for Ukrainian theater artists.

This performance of Crystal Radio Sessions is sponsored by

Oblong Books, an independent bookstore with locations in Millerton and Rhinebeck.

For more information visit [www.ancramoperahouse.org](http://www.ancramoperahouse.org)

# Hillsdale bursts with art August 12

HILLSDALE—The fifth annual Hillsdale ArtsWalk will be held Saturday August 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the town center.

Diverse local and regional artists and artisans will be exhibiting indoors and outside under tents. This free, family-friendly event will be held rain or shine.

Visitors can browse a huge variety of art, spanning fine art, oil, acrylic, pastel and watercolor painting, ceramics and pottery, woodcraft, traditional and avant-garde photography, found object art, sculpture, stained glass, and mixed media.

The artists and artisans will be found in numerous locations. A printed map guide will be available at an information booth, online, and at many of the storefronts in the hamlet. The indoor exhibits include J. Damiani Gallery LABspace

and several shops where art is featured year-round: Trudy’s Beauty Shop and Passiflora. In addition, find pop-up art vendors at Hillsdale Fine Wines & Liquors and Cook and Larder Food Shop, and others.

Outdoors, individual and group tents will be placed in several locations within walking distance of each other: businesses in the hamlet square and the first block of Anthony Street, in front of, and at C Herrington Design at the intersection of Routes 22 and 23.

Anyone interested in participating as an artist should contact: [hillsdaleartswalk@gmail.com](mailto:hillsdaleartswalk@gmail.com)

Live music will be performed during the event. Organized by Christina Dellea, the lineup of musicians will be announced.

Food and beverages will be in ample supply for the

ArtsWalk. Hillsdale’s eateries will be open for business — Cook and Larder Food Shop, Sweet Pea’s Country Diner, Hillsdale House, Roe Jan Brewery and Four Brothers Pizza.

The Hillsdale ArtsWalk is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that provides a showcase for local artists and artisans to share their work with a large and diverse audience. Hillsdale’s galleries are an integral part of this effort, providing direction during planning, and highlighting their own artists’ work during the event. Thier mission is to foster an atmosphere in Hillsdale that is supportive of art, and that brings greater awareness of the cultural richness that is found in this region.

A committee of volunteers are bringing ArtsWalk to life: Lynne Chmurzynski, Trudy

Crimi, Christina Dellea, Rene Gibson, Judi Sledz, Juliette Crill and Joan Damiani. To volunteer for an hour or more at the event, either behind the scenes or during the event contact [hillsdaleartswalk@gmail.com](mailto:hillsdaleartswalk@gmail.com).

As Hillsdale ArtsWalk is a non-profit event, they appreciate the support from individuals and local businesses, through advertisements in the printed map guide. To be listed as a sponsor contact [hillsdaleartswalk@gmail.com](mailto:hillsdaleartswalk@gmail.com).

More information about the artists, artisans, and musicians at Hillsdale ArtsWalk can be found at [www.fb.com/hillsdaleNYartswalk](http://www.fb.com/hillsdaleNYartswalk).

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# The polka chinata comes to Chatham's PS21

CHATHAM—PS21, 2980 New York 66, presents Pathway Day: "Save The Last Dance For Me" by Alessandro Sciarroni (Italy) July 29, 7 p.m. at their open-air Pavilion Theater. Tickets are \$35 general admission, and \$10 student tickets. Go to <https://www.simplenetix.com/e/pathway-day-save-the-last-dance-for-me-by-tickets-129406>

From Italian theatermaker Sciarroni, recipient of the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement in Dance at the 2019 Venice Biennale, comes an inventive revival of the polka chinata, a nearly lost Bolognese courtship dance from the last century.

The polka chinata (crouched polka) is a rarity in ballroom



dancing: it was performed exclusively by pairs of men. It originated in Bologna around 1900 and had nearly disappeared when Giancarlo Stagni, a professor and dance master, rediscovered it in the 1990s and began teaching it to his dancers.

In addition to the performance at PS21, dancers Giovanfrancesco Giannini and Gianmaria Borzillo will lead free workshops in polka chinata following the performance for dancers and non-dancers, diving into the polka and invoking the spirit of the community to save the dance from the brink of extinction.

*"Save The Last Dance For Me"*

Photo contributed

## EVENTS *Calendar*

To have an event listed here, send the information (including date, time, street address and cost if any) via email to [news@columbiapaper.com](mailto:news@columbiapaper.com) or mail to The Columbia Paper, PO Box 482, Ghent, NY 12075-0482, at least two weeks before the event.

Because of the high volume of workshop listing requests, we can list only workshops that are free, free-will donations or where all proceeds support a nonprofit community organization.

### AREA ATTRACTIONS

**AUSTERLITZ HISTORY CENTER**, 812 Rt 203, Spencertown. History of Austerlitz area from 1750s to date. Special exhibit: Education in Austerlitz from 1800s to 1970s. Open Sat, 9-11 am, or by appointments: 518 392-7207.

**CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE**, 1 Clermont Ave. 500 acres on Hudson River. Grounds, hiking trails open daily, 8:30 am–sunset, free.

Tours Thurs–Sun, 11 am–4 pm, \$7 adults, \$6 students/seniors, under 12 free. Visitor Center open Fri–Sun, 10:30 am–4 pm. 518 537-4240, [nysparks.com/historic-sites/16/details.aspx](http://nysparks.com/historic-sites/16/details.aspx).

**COLUMBIA COUNTY MUSEUM & LIBRARY**, 5 Albany Ave, Kinderhook. Research library, galleries featuring rotating exhibits. Galleries open Sat & Sun, 11 am–4 pm, admission \$5. Research appointments 7 days a week by advance request. [cchsny.org](http://cchsny.org). 518 758-9265.

**COPAKE IRON WORKS**, 35 Valley View Rd, Copake Falls. 15-min self-guided tour available on website, podcast providers. Trails open. [info@friendsoftsp.org](mailto:info@friendsoftsp.org), 518 329-3251.

**FASNY MUSEUM OF FIREFIGHTING**, 117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson. Wed–Sun 10 am–4:30 pm, closed major holidays. Adults \$12, children 2–17 \$8, under 2 free, family rate (2 adults & their 2 children) \$25. 518 822-1875 [fasnyfiremuseum.com](http://fasnyfiremuseum.com).

**ICHABOD CRANE SCHOOLHOUSE & 1737 Luykas Van Alen House**, 2589 Rt 9H, Kinderhook. Open select weekends, 11 am–4 pm. Grounds & trails, including free outdoor exhibit, Early Heritage of Columbia County, open daily dawn to dusk. [cchsny.org](http://cchsny.org). 518 758-9265.

**JAMES VANDERPOEL HOUSE**, 16 Broad St, Kinderhook. Circa-1820 Federal home featuring exhibition galleries, museum shop. Sat & Sun, 11 am–4 pm, admission \$5 (no entry fee for shop). [cchsny.org](http://cchsny.org), 518 758-9265.

**LIVINGSTON HISTORY BARN**, behind Town Hall, 119 CR 19, Weds. & Sat. 10 am–1 pm, or by appt. Collection of items from colonial times through present: personal items, military uniforms, farm implements, more. 518 851-7637.

**MARTIN VAN BUREN National Historic Site**, 1013 Old Post Rd, Kinderhook. Grounds & trails open year-round, 7 am–sunset. Daily tours at 10 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm. Half hour tours 11 am & noon. Visitors Center 9 am–4:30 pm. 518-758-9689. [nps.gov/mava](http://nps.gov/mava). [MAVA\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:MAVA_info@nps.gov).

**MUD CREEK Environmental Learning Ctr**, 1024 Rte 66, Ghent. Trails open daily, dawn to dusk. Trailhead next to pavilion, half-mile inner loop and one-mile outer loop returns to parking lot. Leashed dogs permitted. Free.

**OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE**, 5720 Rt. 9G, Greenport, home & estate of Hudson River School painter Frederic Church. Tours of house & landscape, guided Fri–Sun, 11 am–3:30 pm. Visitors Center & Museum Store Tue–Sun 9:30 am–5 pm. 250-acre grounds daily, 8 am–sunset, free. [olana.org](http://olana.org). 518 828-0135.

**OLD AUSTERLITZ**, 11550 Rt 22. [oldausterlitz.org](http://oldausterlitz.org).

**RIDERS MILLS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**, 112 Riders Mills Rd, Chatham. Original 1795 one-room school house, tour by graduate. Available by appointment Sat–Sun, 9 am–5 pm. 518 794-7264 or 518 794-7146.

**ROBERT JENKINS HOUSE**, 113 Warren St. Hudson. Open for library research, tours on scheduled days, by appointment. 518 828-9764, [hudson-dar.org](http://hudson-dar.org).

**ROELIFF JANSEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**, 8 Miles Rd, Copake Fall. The First 40: A Celebration of Local History Preserved, opens July 15. Sat & Sun 2–4 pm. WWII exhibit on view on website: [roeliffjansenhs.org](http://roeliffjansenhs.org). 518 329-0652.

**SHAKER MUSEUM** Mount Lebanon, 202 Shaker Rd, New Lebanon. Self-guided tours, pasture, hiking trails open. 518 794-9100. [shakerml.org](http://shakerml.org).

**THOMAS COLE NAT'L HISTORIC SITE**, 218 Spring St, Catskill. Home, studios of Hudson River School painter. Audio tours. Guided tours Fri–Sun, 10 am–4 pm. Tickets [thomascole.org](http://thomascole.org).

### CONTINUING EVENTS

**Mondays**  
**HATHA YOGA**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 8:30–10 am. Roberta Roll leads all levels. Proceeds benefit library. Info: 518 329-0684. [roejanlibrary.org/adult-programs](http://roejanlibrary.org/adult-programs).

**Second Mondays**  
**HEALTH CARE NAVIGATOR**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 11 am–4 pm. Get assistance shopping for, comparing, enrolling in health insurance, applying for financial assistance for health care coverage. Appointments 518 822-9600.

**Last Mondays**  
**NONFICTION BOOK GROUP**, Hudson Area Library, virtual event, 6–7 pm. Registration, [morton@hudsonarealibrary.org](mailto:morton@hudsonarealibrary.org), 518-828-1792 X 101.

**Mondays, Wednesdays**  
**CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY**, 431 E Allen St, Hudson, open to those in need, Mon 9 am–noon, Wed noon–5 pm. Drop off monetary donations, non-perishable food, hygiene products at agency. 518 828-8660 X 125. [Catholiccharitiescg.org](http://Catholiccharitiescg.org).

**MAH-JONG CLUB**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, Chatham, 10:30 am Mon, 2 pm Wed. For experienced players. [Chathampubliclibrary.org](http://Chathampubliclibrary.org), 518 392-3666.

**GENTLE YOGA**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, noon, free. Courtney Aison leads gentle stretching, breathing exercises, individual poses. Bring yoga mat. [Chathampubliclibrary.org](http://Chathampubliclibrary.org).

**FIBER ARTS CIRCLE**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 1–3 pm, free. All levels, experiences welcome. [claveracklibrary.org](http://claveracklibrary.org), 518 851-7120.

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## New Lebanon concert series returns to Shatford Park

*The New Lebanon Recreation Commission presents the Doug Banker Memorial Music In The Park Concert Series on Sunday, July 16, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Weisbuch Pavilion in the Shatford Park, 170 Old Post Road. There will be food for sale from Tacos Diablo Food Truck and beverages for sale from the Roaring 20's Brewery.*

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## EVENTS Calendar

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### **Mondays, Saturdays**

**COMMUNITY STRENGTH TRAINING**, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 10 am, \$10. Led by Jennifer Lawrence of The Firm Exercise Studio. Pre-registration required: ps21chatham.org.

### **Tuesdays**

**TAI CHI**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 10 am, free. David Haines leads. claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

**TAI CHI/QIGONG**, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 10-11 am, free. Learn various Qigong sets, work on traditional Tai Chi Form with instructor Curt Anthon. Hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**, Col. Cty Dept of Health, 325 Columbia St, Hudson, 1-4 pm, free. Third Tuesday of month 4-6 pm. Many types of vaccines offered. By appointment only, 518 828-3358 (option #4). sites.google.com/a/columbia-countyny.com/health/health-clinics.

**COMMUNITY OUTPOST**, Our Community Cares, 25 Hudson Ave, Chatham, 2-4 pm, free. Walk-ins encouraged, learn more about services offered, receive training on Narcan, be given Narcan kit. Twincountyrecoveryservices.org.

**CHAIR YOGA**, Chatham Public Library, virtual event, 4 pm, free. Kathy Schneider leads, all welcome. Registration: merka@chatham.k12.ny.us.

### **First Tuesdays**

**BOOTS ON THE GROUND**, High-N-Mighty, 71 CR 21C, Ghent, 6-7:30 pm. Veterans welcome for evening of equine activities full of hands-on experiences with the herd. Registration recommended, walk-ins welcome. Rachel@high-n-mighty.org, 518 965-3027, danaerin1222@gmail.com.

### **First & Third Tuesdays**

**CHATHAM WRITING GROUP**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am. All writers welcome. chathampubliclibrary@chatham.k12.ny.us.

### **Second Tuesdays**

**TRI-VILLAGE SENIORS**, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1010 Kinderhook St, Valatie, 1 pm. July: speaker from Columbia County Office for the Aging. Upcoming trip: July 25, Brownstone in Patterson, NJ, for Frank Sinatra tribute, \$70-\$80. clmatheke@nycap.rr.com.

### **Third Tuesdays**

**TECH HELP**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave or virtual, 2:45-5 pm. One-on-one session with tech expert Lloyd the Geek for help with laptops, tablets, smart phones. Appointments 518 392-3666. chathampubliclibrary.org.

**BOARD MEETING**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 6 pm. Public welcome. For more information, email director@roejanlibrary.org.

### **Last Tuesdays**

**SENIOR COFFEE HOUR**, Hillside House, 1 Anthony St, 10-11:30 am. Coffee, donuts, conversation. July speaker: Rachel Cole from Healthcare Consortium shares tips for aging in place. jslapenn@gmail.com.

### **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

**COLUMBIA COUNTY DWYER PROGRAM FOOD PANTRY**, 389 Fairview Ave, Hudson, 9 am-noon. Supports local veterans. Hours flexible if needed. 518 828-3610.

### **Tuesdays, Thursdays**

**COVID VACCINATION CLINIC**, Columbia County Department of Health, 325 Columbia St, Hudson, 1-3:30 pm. columbiacountynyhealth.com.

### **Wednesdays**

**COFFEE & CONNECTION**, Chamber of Commerce, 1 N Front St, Hudson, 8:30-9:30 am. Bring beverage for informal conversation, networking. columbiachamber-ny.com.

**STD CLINIC**, Columbia County Dept of Health, 1st Floor, 325 Columbia St, Hudson, 9-10 am, free, no appointment needed. STD testing, treatment, counseling; HIV testing, counseling; all services private, confidential. 518 828-3358. sites.google.com/a/columbiacountyny.com/health/health-clinics.

**WALKING GROUP**, Harlem Valley Rail Trail Parking lot between Herrington's & Roe Jan Brewing, Hillsdale, 9:30 am. Organized by Hillsdale Safe at Home. Water, bug spray provided. Weather permitting. 518 265-6789.

**YOGA**, PS21, 2980 Rt 66, Chatham, 10:30 am, \$20. Led by Sondra Loring. Registration: ps21chatham.org.

**SENIORS ROCK**, Canaan Town Hall, 1647 Rt 5, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, \$3 donation. Lunch, speakers, entertainment, games. Information, volunteer to help 518 781-0028, sguelpa@gmail.com.

**COMMUNITY OUTPOST**, Our Community Cares, New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Rt 22, noon-3 pm, free. Walk-ins encouraged, learn more about services offered, receive training on Narcan, be given Narcan kit. twincountyrecovery-services.org.

**CHATHAM/GHENT SENIORS**, West Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 CR 22, 1 pm. Refreshments, guest speaker. Oct: Mark Clarke speaks about County veterans who served in several wars. ghentny@hotmail.com.

**ENGLISH CLASS**, Hudson Area Library, virtual event, 6-8 pm, free. For adults who want to improve reading, writing, English speaking skills. Free childcare available. Class meets virtually when Library closed. Registration 518 828-1792, colgreene@literacyconnections.org.

**GRANGE SPEAKER SERIES**, Copake Grange, virtual event, 7 pm, free. Speakers, topics focused on agriculture & food, environment, history, education. To present: copakegrange@gmail.com.

### **First & Third Wednesdays**

**TACONIC TOASTMASTERS**, CC Chamber of Commerce, 1 N Front St, Hudson, 5:30-6:30 pm, free. Participants improve speaking & leadership skills. Guests welcome. 518 929-5866, taconic.toastmaster-sclubs.org.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP**, Kinderhook Tri-Village Rotary, virtual event, 6:30 pm, free. Zoom link, KTVRotary@gmail.com.

### **Second & Fourth Wednesdays**

**SOUP SALE**, Philmont Public Library, 101 Main St, 3:30-5:30 pm. Premade soups available for pick up. Soups announced a week in advance. Orders 518 672-5010. Philmontlibrary.com.

**NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 6-7:30 pm. Peer-led support group for family members, caregivers, loved ones of individuals living with mental illness. Virtual link available. Registration: namiccny.org/event/virtual-family-support-group/2023-02-01. Info: 518 336-0246, namiccny@gmail.com.

### **Fourth Wednesdays**

**BOOK GROUP**, Hudson Area Library, virtual event, 5-6 pm. Registration, programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518-828-1792 X101.

**COOKBOOK CLUB**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 6 pm. Take on recipes, meet at library for potluck. Copies of month's book available at circulation desk. RSVP: bit.ly/Jan\_CPLCookbookClub. chathampubliclibrary.org.

### **Thursdays**

**HATHA YOGA**, Roe Jan Community Library, virtual event, 9-10:30 am, donation. Gentle yoga with Roberta Roll. Info: 518 329-0384.

**YOGA**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 10 am, free. Brooke Murray leads combination chair & mat yoga. claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

**PILATES**, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 10:30 am, \$20. Led by Peggy Wallin-Hart. Through Oct 5. Registration: ps21chatham.org.

**QIGONG & TAI CHI**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 10:30-11:30 am, free. Drop in class, open to all. Wear comfortable clothing. Will be outside weather permitting or in library. Roejanlibrary.org, 518 325-4101.

**QIGONG**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, noon, free. Led by Curt Anthon. Suitable for all ages, abilities. merka@chatham.k12.ny.us.

**COMMUNITY OUTPOST**, Our Community Cares, Philmont Community Center, 14 Lake Dr, 2-4 pm, free. Walk-ins encouraged, learn more about services offered, receive training on Narcan, be given Narcan kit. twincountyrecoveryservices.org.

**CHESS CLUB**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 3:30-5 pm. Open to all ages, skill levels. roejanlibrary.org.

**CONTEMPLATIVE DANCE PRACTICE**, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 5-6 pm, \$5-\$15. Barbara Dilley leads movement/meditation class. All welcome, no previous experience with dance or meditation needed. Registration timeand-space.org/dance-yoga.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTORING**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 6-7:30 pm, by appointment. One-on-one or group sessions for adults. Childcare provided for ages 3 & up. Appointments: director@roejanlibrary.org, 518 325-4101.

**WEEKLY IMPROV**, Lightforms Art Center, 743 Columbia St, Hudson, 7-9 pm, free. Safe, non-competitive space to explore art of theatre improvisation together. lightformsart-center.com.

## Art Omi opens artists' studios this Saturday

Explore the studios of the 2023 cohort of artists-in-residence at Art Omi, intermingled with pop-up performances, site-specific installations, and other creative activations, on July 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Art Omi: Studio Barn, 1405 County Route 22, Ghent. This year, Omi welcomed 22 artists and two critics/curators to the 2023 Art Omi: Artists residency program, representing 20 countries from around the globe including Kyrgyzstan, Japan, Morocco, Australia, and more. Their practices vary from a large range of techniques and disciplines, from painters to performance artists, sculptors to sound artists. Artist Vahap Avsar from the 2020 year is pictured. Art Omi: Artists Open Studios is free and open to all ages. Advanced registration is appreciated at [artomi.org](http://artomi.org)

Bryan Zimmerman



### First Thursdays

**CHATHAM ROOTS GENEALOGY**, Chatham Public Library, virtual event, 3-4 pm, free. Michelle LeClair leads beginners & experts in search for family. Space limited, registration [michelle@leclairdesign.com](mailto:michelle@leclairdesign.com).

**MEMOIR WRITING GROUP**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 5-7 pm. Share stories in supportive environment. 518 325-4101, [roejanlibrary.org](http://roejanlibrary.org).

### Second Thursdays

**HEALTH CARE NAVIGATOR**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 1-3 pm, free. Assistance shopping for, comparing, enrolling in health insurance, applying for financial assistance for health care coverage. Appointments 518 822-9600.

**BOARD MEETING**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6 pm. Public welcome. Agenda & materials on website week ahead of time. 518 794-8844. [Newlebanonlibrary.org](http://Newlebanonlibrary.org).

### Third Thursdays

**BOOK MARKS CLUB**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 1-2 pm, free. Nonfiction book group. Led by Robin Gottlieb. [circulation@roejanlibrary.org](mailto:circulation@roejanlibrary.org), 518 325-4101.

**NY CONNECT PROGRAM**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 1-4 pm, free. Get information, help connecting with services including home care, respite care, care coordination, caregiver supports, transportation, home-delivered meals. 518 828-2273, 800 342-9871.

**BOARD MEETING**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 6 pm. Public welcome. [Claveracklibrary.org](http://Claveracklibrary.org).

### Fourth Thursdays

**TEA TIME AT THE LIBRARY**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 2:30 pm, free. Tea, coffee, socialize. [Roejanlibrary.org](http://Roejanlibrary.org), 518 325-4101.

### Fridays

**ROE JAN FOOD PANTRY**, 2684 Rt 23 (basement of the Sheriff's Substation), Hillsdale, 10 am-noon with appointments as needed. Call ahead if possi-

ble: Betty White 518 325-3977 or Vernetta Moore 413 446-9431. Questions [roejanfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:roejanfoodpantry@gmail.com).

**CHAIR YOGA**, Roe Jan Community Library, virtual event, 10-11:15 am, free. Gentle movement, balancing, stretching, breath-work, guided visualization. Sturdy, armless chair needed. Login code [roejanlibrary.org/adult-programs](http://roejanlibrary.org/adult-programs).

**FUTURE FRIDAYS CLIMATE VIGIL**, Chatham Village Green, 3-4 pm. All invited to raise awareness of current climate emergency. Information [climatebart@gmail.com](mailto:climatebart@gmail.com).

**TECH TALKS**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, by appt. Use library laptop or bring your own. Call 518 794-8844 to make an appt.

**OPEN MIC WITH LOKI**, Lightforms Art Center, 743 Columbia St, Hudson, 8-10 pm. Refreshments provided, donations appreciated. [lightformsart-center.com](http://lightformsart-center.com).

### First & Third Fridays

**LEBANON VALLEY SENIORS**, New Lebanon Firehouse, 523 Rt 20, 1 pm. For ages 55 & up. New members welcome. 518 733-0009, [lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com](mailto:lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com).

### Second Fridays

**CLAVERACK SENIORS**, Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Rt 9H, Claverack, 1 pm. July 14: annual picnic at Claverack Park, 3-5 pm, hot dogs, beverages, cutlery & plates provided, bring dish to share. Upcoming trip: July 26, Erie Canal \$35-\$45, food on own. New members welcome. Sign up: 518 610-1766.

**CLASSIC MOVIES & COFFEE**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 2 pm, free. [claveracklibrary.org](http://claveracklibrary.org).

**STAR PARTY**, Lake Taghkanic State Park, West Beach Parking Lot, 1528 Rt 82, Gallatin, time changes, free. Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association. Bring telescopes, binoculars, use those provided. RSVP required one day before, [meetup.com/mhastro/events/275468188](https://meetup.com/mhastro/events/275468188).

### Saturdays

**PARENT-TO-PARENT Support Group**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 9:30 am, free. For parents, guardians at any stage of parenting. [claveracklibrary.org](http://claveracklibrary.org), 518 851-7120.

**CLOTHING BARN**, North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Rt 203, 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Bring clothing, shoe donations. 518 766-3535, [northchathammethodistchurch.org](http://northchathammethodistchurch.org).

**ROE JAN FRIENDS BOOKSHOP**, basement of Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 10 am-2 pm. Used books, CDs and DVDs at low prices. Masks required. @ [roejanfriendsbookshop](http://roejanfriendsbookshop).

**BARGAIN SHOP**, Copake United Methodist Church, 1668 CR 7A, 10 am-2 pm. Clothes, household goods. Shop accepts donations of clothes, serviceable household goods, drop items off in outer vestibule any time.

**UKULELE JAMS**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. Carmen Borgia leads all ages. Ukuleles available from library. [chatham.lib.ny.us](http://chatham.lib.ny.us).

**First Saturdays PROSE WRITERS GROUP**, Roe Jan Community Library, virtual event. Safe environment offers support, feedback to writers of all levels working on fiction, non-fiction, memoir, essay, Haiku. To join: 914 954-3494.

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## EVENTS Calendar

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**COMMUNITY GIVING**, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd, 10 am-noon. Healthy nonperishable foods; personal hygiene products; nutritional snacks (individual packets); winter hats, gloves, sox, boots. Limited supply NK95 masks to pick up, limit 2 per person. copakegrange.org

**FIRST WEEKEND WANDERINGS**, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport, noon-1 pm, free. Guided walking tour covering 1 mile of artist-designed landscape; wear weather-appropriate clothes, footwear. Tickets olana.org/programs-events.

**Second Saturdays**  
**2ECOND SATURDAY** Hudson Gallery Crawl, locations vary, 5-8 pm. Galleries, restaurants, shops open late. Pop-up galleries, markets, buskers, concerts, food trucks, community activated art programming. hudsongallerycrawl.com, IG: @hudsongallerycrawl.

**Third Saturdays**  
**COOKBOOK CLUB**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 2-3:30 pm, free. Choose cookbook, recipe to prepare & share at next meeting; bring recipes to share with fellow foodies. Sign up: outreach@roejanlibrary.org, 518 325-4101.

**Fourth Saturdays**  
**MOUNT LEBANON WORK CREW**, Historic Mount Lebanon Site, 202 Shaker Rd, New Lebanon, 9:30 am-noon. Maintain seasonal growth, contain spread of invasive species around Great Stone Barn & North Family Site. No minimum commitment needed. Registration shakermuseum.us/events.

**ANIME MONTHLY MOVIE**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 1 Pm, free. Check website for details: claveracklibrary.org.

**First Sundays**  
**BOOK GROUP**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am. July: *The Forger's Spell: A True Story of Vermeer, Nazis, and the Greatest Art Hoax of the Century* by Edward Dolnick. Meeting in person, bring mask. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

**FUN ON FIRST SUNDAY**, Clark Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, noon-5 pm. Free admission, activities between 1-4 pm. www.clarkart.edu.

**First & Third Sundays**  
**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson Ave, 2 pm, free. For adults. Learn basics, explore new formats, meet new people, develop your characters. kinderhooklibrary.org.  
**ROE JAN BLUEGRASS BAND**, Roe Jan Brewing Co, 32 Anthony St, Hillsdale, 5:30-8 pm, free, tips for musicians encouraged.

**Second & Fourth Sundays**  
**LUKE FRANCO**, Roe Jan Brewing Co, 32 Anthony St, Hillsdale, 6-8:30 pm, free, tips for musicians encouraged.

**Third Sunday**  
**CROCHET CLUB**, Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd, 10 am-noon. Bring your projects, meet other people. Social distanced seating. germantownlibrary.org.

### FARMERS MARKETS

**Fridays**  
**CHATHAM**, 248 Rt 295, 3-7 pm. Vendors, entertainment, special events. Rain or shine. Schedule, more: visitchathamny.com/chatham-farms-market. Through Oct 6.

**Saturdays**  
**COPAKE HILLSDALE**, Roe Jan Park, Rt 22, Copake, 9 am-1 pm. Vendors, music, children's activities, more. Through Nov 18. copakehillsdalefarmermarket.com.

**KINDERHOOK**, intersection of Rt 9 & Hudson St, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Over 25 vendors, live music, food, special events. kinderhookfarmersmarket.com.

**HUDSON**, corner of 6th St & Columbia St, 9 am-1 pm. Over 30 vendors, food, live music. Through Nov 18. hudsonnyfarmersmarket@gmail.com, 518 300-3496.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Through August 13**  
**BARD SUMMERSCAPE**, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annandale, admission. Full schedule, tickets: fishercenter.bard.edu/whats-on/programs/summerscape.

**July 13**  
**OCTAGON CLUB**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 1 pm, free. Share stories, memories, laughter with fellow seniors. 518 325-4101, outreach@roejanlibrary.org.

**BLOOD DRIVE**, Hudson Elks Lodge #787, 201 Harry Howard Ave, 1-6 pm. Appointments: redcrossblood.org, 800 733-2767, Red Cross Blood Donor App.

**July 14**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**, Livingston Pumper Co 1, 2855 Rt 9, 1-6 pm. Appointments: redcrossblood.org, 800 733-2767, Red Cross Blood Donor App.

**July 15**  
**COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC**, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 11 am-2 pm, free. Monarda Community Care offers drop-in care clinic, including ear acupuncture, ear seeds, acupuncture, variety of free herbal medicines, Narcan, Fentanyl test strips, more. hudsonarealibrary.org.

**ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO**, Art Omi: Studio Barn, 1405 CR 22, Ghent, 1-5 pm, free. Pop-up performances, site-specific installations, creative activations. artomi.org.

**July 16**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**, Undermountain Golf Course, 274 Undermountain Rd, Boston Corners, 8 am, \$90 non-members/\$75 members of golf course, lunch included. Cart rental \$10/person. 2-person 18 hole scramble. Prizes. Benefits Roe Jan Community Library. Register: undermountaingolf.com/league-event-schedules.

**THE LIGHTHOUSE: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE**, River Grill, 1 N Water St, Athens, 1-3 pm, doors open at 12:30 pm, \$150 & up. Live music, food, drinks, silent auction. Benefits Hudson-Athens Lighthouse. halps.org/fundraiser.html.

**July 20**  
**FUNFEST 2023**, Copake Memorial Park, 230 Mountain View Rd, 6-9 pm, \$65, under 5 free. Food by The Nosh food truck, music by The Wild Weeds, silent auction. Tickets at the Church Street Deli & Copake General Store. Questions: ellenlangton@gmail.com.

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**MAKE IT & TAKE IT**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6:30 pm, free. Craft meetup for adults. Shibori tie-dye scarf. Materials provided. Newlebanonlibrary.org, 518 794-8844.

**July 21**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**, Canaan Fire Co, 2126 Rt 295, 1-6 pm. Appointments: redcrossblood.org, 800 733-2767, Red Cross Blood Donor App.

**July 21-24**  
**UPSTATE ART WEEKEND**, locations vary in Hudson Valley. Map & participants: upstateartweekend.org.

**WHAT'S COOKING**

**Wednesdays**  
**FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAY**, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 5-7:30 pm. Rotation of local food trucks. claveracklibrary.org.

**July 16**  
**BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL**, Stuyvesant Depot, 55 Riverview St, 11 am-2 pm. Freshly made waffles with blueberries & whipped cream or butter and maple syrup. Benefits depot restoration. mburch@nycap.rr.com.

**FOR KIDS**

**Ongoing**

**July 13**  
**KINDNESS ROCKS**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 1:30 pm, free. For all ages. Help with rock-decorating project, spread kindness.

Newlebanonlibrary.org, 518 794-8844.

**MINERAL MANIA GEODES**, N Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rt 203, 4 pm, free. Find out how to identify, classify both rocks & minerals; break open your own geode, find crystals inside. For grades 3-6. Space limited, registration: registernorthchathamlibrary@gmail.com.

**July 14**  
**TEEN WATER GUN PAINTING**, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 2-3 pm, free. For grades 5-12. Create unique artwork using water guns instead of paint brushes. Materials provided or bring item you'd like to paint. Kinderhooklibrary.org, 518 758-6192.

**SAMANTHA VAN ALSTYNE**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3 pm, free. Local author reads from book I Am Sam. chathampubliclibrary, 518 392-3666.

**July 14, 21, 28 August 4, 11**  
**DROP IN HUDSON FISHING PROGRAM**, Nutten Hook, Ice House Rd, Stuyvesant, 9 am-noon, free. Equipment, fishing instruction provided. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult to fish. ccsxcd.org/mud-creek-elc.html.

**July 15**  
**CRAFTY KIDS STORY HOUR**, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, 11 am-1 pm, free. Nautical stories, snacks, craft. Space limited, registration: friendsofclermont.org/events.

**ART OF ADVENTURE FESTIVAL**, Norman Rockwell Museum, 9 Glendale Rd, Stockbridge, 1-4 pm, admission to museum, kids free. Indoor & outdoor activities. Map making, arts & crafts, games, food. Nrm.org.

**July 17**  
**WATER EXPLORERS AT FROG POND**, meet at Hudson Skatepark near Oakdale Beach, 3-4 pm or 4-5 pm, free. CLC leads exploration into pond life. Ran date: July 24. Space limited, registration: youth@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

**July 18**  
**BINGO**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 1:30 pm, free. For all ages. Prizes. Newlebanonlibrary.org, 518 794-8844.

**VOLCANOES & THE ROCK CYCLE**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3:30 pm, free. For ages 7-11. Led by Science Chef. Create lemon volcano & make small lava lamp. Registration: kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us. chathampubliclibrary, 518 392-3666.

**July 19**  
**NUTTY BOAT RACING**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 1-2 pm, free. Nutty Scientists lead program. Space limited, registration required: youth@roejanlibrary.org.

**July 20**  
**PLANT DEFENDERS**, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 9:30-11:30 am, free. Discover local plant medicine, craft medicinal potion. Space limited, registration: programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

**MOUNTAIN DULCIMER & MORE**, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 11 am, free. Performance by Deb Cavanaugh; learn about unique instruments. Kinderhooklibrary.org, 518 758-6192.

**FAMILY UKULELE PROGRAM**, N Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rt 203, 4 pm, free. Learn fundamentals of playing; no experience needed, ukuleles provided. Registration: registernorthchathamlibrary@gmail.com. Northchathamlibrary.org.

**July 21**  
**TEEN LIBRARY TAKEOVER**, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 4-10 pm, free. For grades 6-12. Movies, gaming, pizza, art, buttons, more. Registration required by July 19: teens@kinderhooklibrary.org, kinderhooklibrary.org, 518 758-6192.

**AT THE MOVIES**

**Through July 13**  
**INDIANA JONES & THE DIAL OF DESTINY**, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

**July 14-29**  
**MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - DEAD RECKONING PART I**, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

**July 14**  
**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6:30 pm, free. Visit website for title: Newlebanonlibrary.org, 518 794-8844.

**July 21**  
**COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6:30 pm, free. Visit website for title: Newlebanonlibrary.org, 518 794-8844.

**MAKING MUSIC**

**Thursdays**  
**JUPITER NIGHTS**, Basilica Hudson, 110 S Front St, 7 pm, \$12 advanced, \$15 at door, \$10 advanced for Hudson residents with discount code. Regional musicians and creatives present concerts, poetry readings, conversational gatherings, art exhibits, DJ nights, more. basilicahudson.org/programs/jupiter-nights.

**First Friday**  
**LINDA WORSTER**, New Lebanon Library, 6:30 pm, singer/songwriter gives virtual concert. Visit newlebanonlibrary.org day of concert for login details.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT**, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd, 7-9 pm, free, all ages. All welcome to perform music, stories, skits, readings, poetry, dance, songs or come to be entertained. Donations accepted. Copakegrange.org.

**July 13**  
**THE WALLPAPERS**, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, 6 pm, free. Harmonies on the Hudson. Bring chairs/blanket, picnic. No alcohol. friendsofclermont.org/events.

**July 14**  
**LA BANDA MORISCA**, PS 21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 8 pm, \$10-\$35. Spanish roots music. Tickets: ps21chatham.org.

**July 15**  
**HUDSON IN CONCERT: A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**, Henry Hudson Riverfront Park, Ferry St, 5:30-9 pm, free. Hudson Festival Orchestra, Broadway tap dancer, Columbia County Youth Theater, Kuumba Dance & Drum Academy, more. Full schedule: hudsonfestival-orchestra.org.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**, Copake Memorial Park, 305 Mountain View Rd, 6-8 pm, free. Happy Together. Food & refreshments available for purchase. townof-copake.org.

**FOUR MEDITATIONS ON IMPERMANENCE**, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 7 pm, pay as you wish. Susie Ibarra & Rhythm in Nature. Tickets: ps21chatham.org.

**July 16**  
**HOUSE BLEND CONCERT**, PS21, 2980 Rt 66, Chatham, 5 pm, admission. Performed by Miranda Cuckson (violin), Eric Huebner (piano), Adrian Sandi (clarinet). Tickets: ps21chatham.org.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**, Pavilion at Shatford Park, 170 Old Post Rd, New Lebanon, noon-4 pm, free. Northern Berkshire Ukulele Club, The Echoes, Linda Worster, The Happy Together Band. Food, beverages for purchase. NLRecreation03@gmail.com.

**July 17**  
**THE GHENT BAND**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 6:30 pm, free. On library lawn. Big band tunes. Chathampubliclibrary.org, 518 392-3666.

**July 19**  
**DARLINGSIDE**, Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, 6 pm, free. Bring own seating, picnic. Concert near Reflecting Pool. clarkart.edu/events.

**July 20**  
**MUSIC IN THE PARK**, Claverack Town Park, 91 Church St, grounds open 6 pm, music 7-9 pm, free. Music by DJ Jack Bogarski; promotion for Everlasting Hope Animal Rescue; bring donations of pet food, blankets, etc, for homeless pets. Refreshments available for purchase. 518 851-7570.

**July 21**  
**ASTON MAGNA**, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 7 pm, \$40 advanced/\$50 at door, \$15 for under 30 with ID. Baroque Celebration II. Tickets: hudson-hall.org.

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## LISTEN & LEARN

### Ongoing

**DIGITAL NAVIGATOR** COMPUTER & Internet Help, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave. Help find low-cost options for broadband internet & devices; find resources to learn computer skills and internet basics. In-person or virtual appointments, 518 392-3666, chathampubliclibrary@chatham.k12.ny.us.

**DRIVE THROUGH HISTORY** Road Trips, Columbia County Historical Society, free. Explore Columbia County with themed self-guided road trips. Itineraries: cchsny.org/drive-through-history.html.

**ONE-ON-ONE JOB SEARCH HELP**, Hudson Area Library, virtual event. Beth Gordon helps with resume, brushing up interview skills. Appointments programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 X 101.

**July 13** **COOKING UP COMMUNITY**, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 6 pm, free. Jabin Ahmed demonstrates making a Bangladeshi Tomato Tenga. hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792.

**July 15** **BUTTERFLY & GARDEN OPEN HOUSE**, Farmscape Ecology Program, 1075 Harlemville Rd, Ghent, 10 am-4 pm, free. Tours, StoryWalk, native plants, workshops, more. hvfarmscape.org.

**INTRODUCTION TO ARTISTIC MATERIALS**, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 10:30 am, free. Patricia Powers leads hands-on class for novice or evolving artist to experience range of mediums, tools. Part of Art Among the Stacks series. Registration: info@claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

**LOCAL PERSONAL TWO-WAY RADIO**, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 2 pm, free. Learn about importance of developing strong, local two-way radio network. Kinderhooklibrary.org, 518 758-6192.

**July 15-16** **SEEING-READING-WRITING**, The Nature Institute, 20 May Hill Rd, Ghent, Sat 9 am-5:30 pm, Sun 9 am-1 pm, \$50-\$200. Workshop on transforming our relationship to language & nature. Led by Ryan Shea & Scott Edward Anderson. Registration: info@natureinstitute.org, 518 672-0116.

**July 15-28** **PROCESSIONAL ARTS WORKSHOP**, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, free. Exploratory workshops in puppet building, mask making, costumery. Take as many or few as you like, take part in community procession on July 29. Sign up: ps21chatham.org.

**July 17-August 21** **BEGINNER ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 5:30-7 pm, free. Irina Cardoso leads six-week class on Mondays for adult English language learners. chathampubliclibrary.org.

**July 19** **VOLUNTEER WORKDAY**, Hand Hollow Conservation Area, 451 Gale Hill Rd, New Lebanon, 9 am-noon, free. Learn how to use tools, identify plants, maintain trails. Expect to hike while carrying tools. All experience levels welcome. Registration: clctrust.org.

**MUSHROOM WALK**, Hawthorne Valley Farm, 327 CR 21C, Ghent, 4-6 pm, free. Explore different life histories & physiologies, how to identify them, more. Weather dependent. Details & registration: hawthornevalley.org/events/mushroom-walk.

**July 20** **VOLUNTEER WORKDAY**, Hand Hollow Conservation Area, 451 Gale Hill Rd, New Lebanon, 4:30-6:30 pm, free. Learn how to use tools, identify plants, maintain trails. Expect to hike while carrying tools. All experience levels welcome. Registration: clctrust.org.

**WHAT'S THE BUZZ**: From the Hive to the Honey, Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Dr, 6 pm, free. Beekeeper talks about biodiversity of bees & beekeeping with live hive demonstration. Refreshments served. Guy.apicella@outlook.com, 518 567-5105.

**FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**, Gallatin Town Hall, 667 CR 7, 6:30 pm. Public welcome. gallatinfiredistrict@yahoo.com.

## DANCE

**Through July 16** **GAUTHIER DANCE/DANCE COMPANY THEATERHAUS STUGGART**, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, times vary, \$60 & up. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

**July 13** **VERSA-STYLE**, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, chose what you pay. Tickets: jacobspillow.org

**July 14-16** **AXIS DANCE COMPANY**, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, times vary, \$45. Tickets: jacobspillow.org

**July 19-20** **SEAN CURRAN COMPANY & DARRAH CARR DANCE**, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, \$45. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

**July 19-23** **DORRANCE DANCE**, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, times vary, \$60. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

## July 21

**MYTHILI PRAKASH**, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, chose what you pay. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

## ON STAGE

**Through July 16** **FOOTLOOSE**, Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Rt 203, Chatham, times vary, \$45. Musical. Tickets: machaydntheatre.org.

**July 15** **CRYSTAL RADIO SESSIONS**, Hilltop Barn, Roe Jan Park, 9140 Rt 22, Hillsdale, 7:30 pm, general admission \$25, students \$15. Work of Hudson Valley authors read by regional actors. Tickets: ancrampopera-house.org.

**July 20** **A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE**, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, 6:30 pm, \$60. Live theatre event. Tickets: bit.ly/TMH-Streetcar.

**July 20-30** **SOUND OF MUSIC**, Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Rt 203, Chatham, times vary, \$45. Musical. Tickets: machaydntheatre.org.

## July 21-30

**HENRY VIII**, Sosnoff Theater, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annandale, times vary, \$25 & up. Saint-Saëns's opera. Tickets: fishercenter.bard.edu, 845 758-7900.

## ON VIEW

**ART OMI**, 1405 CR 22, Ghent. AD - WO: Groundwork, Jon Lott / Para Project: Bivouac for Models. Pippa Garner: \$ELL YOUR \$ELF, up through Oct 28. Benenson Center open daily 9 am-4 pm. artomi.org, 518 392-4747.

**ART SCHOOL** of Columbia County, 1198 Rt 21C, Ghent. Two Lives: Decadent Dreams and Extravagant Visions, up through Aug 1. Mon, Tue, Thurs, Sun noon-3 pm. 518 672-7140. Artschoolofcolumbiacounty.org.

**ARTSEE GALLERY**, 529 Warren St, Hudson. Scott Kilgour: Trash Vision, up through mid-summer. Thurs-Mon, noon-5 pm. Artseehudson.com, 212-227-2400.

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BASILICA HUDSON Back Gallery, 110 S Front St. Erika DeVries: Seven Sisters. basilicahudson.com.

BCB ART, 116 Warren St, Hudson. Spirit Family Unit. Thurs-Sun 12-6 pm & by appt. 518 828-4539, bcbart.com.

BLUE HILL Gallery, C-GCC, 4400 Rt 23, Greenport. 518 828-4181.

CALDWELL GALLERY Hudson, 355 Warren St. Slice of Summer: Online Exhibition, up through Sept 8. Fri-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 518 828-7087, jay@caldwelgalleryhudson.com.

CARRIE CHEN Gallery, 16 Railroad St, Gt Barrington. Thurs-Sun 11-5 pm. Carriechengallery.com.

CARRIE HADDAD Gallery, 622 Warren St, Hudson. The Summer Show, up through August 6. Daily 11 am-5 pm, Tue by appt only. 518 828-1915. Carriehaddadgallery.com.

CCS BARD Galleries, Hessel Museum of Art, 33 Garden Rd, Annandale. Erika Verzutti: Oil Moon, up through Oct 15. Timed entry only, tickets ccs.bard.edu/visit/reservations. Sun noon-5 pm.

CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11 Woodbridge Ave. Open library hours. chathampubliclibrary.org.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE, 225 South St, Williamstown. Promenades on Paper: Eighteenth-Century French Drawings from the Bibliothèque nationale de France. Tue-Sun, 10 am to 5 pm. clarkart.edu.

CLAVERACK Library, 629 Rt 23B. Columbia County Plein Air Artists, up through July 15. Open during library hours. claveracklibrary.org.

CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE, 1 Clermont Ave. Visitor's Center: Spero Meliora: Life In The Land Of Livingston. Fri-Sun 10:30 am-4 pm. friendsofclermont.org.

COMET TIME STUDIO, 49 Summit St, Philmont. Sun, 1-5 pm, by appointment. 518 965-8665.

DAVIS ORTON Gallery, 114 Warren St, Hudson. Sat-Sun 11 am-5:30 pm, by appointment. davisortongallery.com. 518 567-4056.

D'ARCY SIMPSON ART WORKS, 409 Warren St, Hudson. Megacosm by Joseph Stabilito, up through July 19. Fri-Sun noon-5 pm.

ELIZABETH MOORE FINE ART, 105 Warren St, Hudson. Fri-Sun noon-6 pm. elizabethmoorefineart.com.

FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson, admission. Then, Now & Always: Firefighting from the Cradle of Rome through the 1900s. Wed-Sun 10 am-4:30 pm. 518 822-1875 fasnyfiremuseum.com.

510 WARREN STREET Gallery, 510 Warren St, Hudson. Anna Cypra Oliver: Margin & Verge, up through July 30. Fri & Sat, noon-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 518 822-0510. 510warrenstreetgallery.com.

FLOW CHART SPACE, 348 Warren St, Hudson. Second & fourths Sats, 11 am-5 pm. flowchartfoundation.org/exhibitions.

FOUNDATION Gallery, Arts Ctr, C-GCC, 4400 Rt. 23, Greenport. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. 518 828-4181 x 3241.

FRG OBJECTS & Design / Art, 217 Warren St, Hudson. Spectrum Observed, work by John Donovan. Thurs-Mon, 12-6 pm or by appt. 646 483-9109. Frgdesignart.com.

FRONT ROOM GALLERY, 727 Warren St, Hudson. 718 782-2556, frontroomles.com.

GALLERY @ 46, 46 Green St, Hudson. Sat 1-5 pm, Sun 1:30-4 pm & by appt. 518 303-6446. gallery.at46@gmail.com.

GALLERY@CREATE, 398 Main St, Catskill. Fri 4-7 pm, Sat & Sun 11 am-6 pm. create-council.org.

HENRY, 348 Warren St, Hudson. Fri-Sat noon-6 pm, Sun 11 am-4 pm. 518 828-2354.

HUDSON AMTRAK STATION, 69 S Front St. Richard Sandler: Subway Ontology. createcouncil.org.

HUDSON AREA LIBRARY, 51 N 5th St. Open library hours. hudsonarealibrary.org.

HUDSON HALL, 327 Warren St. Peter Superti & David Konigsberg, up through July 23. Tue-Fri, 9 am-5 pm, Sat & Sun, noon-5 pm. 518 822-1438. hudsonhall.org.

IZZYS ROOM, 80 Green St, Hudson. On Friendship: Barry Bartlett, Elana Herzog, Arnie Zimmerman, up through Aug 20. arniezimmerman.com/izzys-room.

J. DAMIANI Gallery. 8 Anthony St, Hillsdale. Barns of Columbia County. By appt, jdamianigallery@gmail.com. Sat 11 am-4 pm.

JOYCE GOLDSTEIN Gallery, 19 Central Square, Chatham. Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, Sunday 1-3 pm. 518 764-8989. joysgall@fairpoint.net.

KAATERSKILL Gallery, C-GCC, 4400 Rt 23, Greenport. Mon-Thurs 8 am-9 pm, Fri 8 am-4:30 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. 518 828-4181.

KINDERHOOK KNITTING MILL, 8 Hudson St. Fri & Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 11 am-4 pm. Shakermuseum.us, kinderhookknittingmill.com.

LABspace, 2642 Rt 23, Hillsdale. The Hills Have Eyes: Artists of Hillsdale & Neighbors, up through July 30. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm, no appt necessary. julielabspace@gmail.com. 917 749-2857.

LIGHTFORMS Art Center, 743 Columbia St, Hudson. Brian Dickerson: Constructed Paintings & Drawings, opens with reception July 15, 5-8 pm; up through Aug 20. Fri 3-7, Sat-Sun 11:30 am-5 pm. By appointment 917 330-6262. lightformsartcenter.com

LIMNER Gallery, 123 Warren St, Hudson. Global Crisis & Meltdown. By appt. 518 828-2343.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & Creative Arts Gallery, 717 Columbia St, Hudson. Art/recovery books display. For information on artists & associated activities,

stigmafree.art Donations for operating costs accepted: facebook.com/Mental-Health-Awareness-and-Creative-Arts-Gallery-280179699521974.

NORMAN ROCKWELL Museum, 9 Glendale Rd / Rt 183, Stockbridge, MA. Tony Sarg: Genius at Play, through Nov 5. Mon-Tues/Thurs-Fri 10 am-4 pm, Sat-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Private tours available Wed. Admission. nrm.org.

OLANA State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport. Terraforming: Olana's Historic Photography Collection Unearthed, up through Oct 29. 518 828-0135. Olana.org.

PAMELA SALISBURY Gallery, 362½ Warren St, Hudson. Thurs-Mon 11 am-6 pm, or by appt. 518 828-5907. Pamelasalisburygallery.com.

PHILMONT LIBRARY, 101 Main St. philmontlibrary.com.

PRIVATE PUBLIC GALLERY, 530 Warren St, Hudson. Sight Unseen, up through July 23. 212 286-0075, privatepublicgallery@gmail.com.

PS21, 2980 Rt 66, Chatham. James Casebere: Solo Pavilion for Two or Three. 518 392-6121. PS21chatham.org.

ROE JAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY, 9091 Rt 22, Copake. Open library hours. roejanlibrary.org.

ROSE Gallery, 238 Warren St, Hudson. 518 828-5825. Rosegalleryfineart.com.

SEPTEMBER Gallery, 4 Hudson St #3, Kinderhook. Ashley Garrett: Ambrosia, up through July 30. Kristen@septembergallery.com.

SHAKESPEARE'S FULCRUM, 612 Warren St, Hudson. Terry Fulgate-Wilcox. shakespearesfulcrum.com

SPENCERTOWN Academy Arts Ctr, 790 Rt 203. Curator as Artist III, up through Aug 6. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm. Spencertownacademy.org. 518 392-3693.

SUSAN ELEY FINE ART, 433 Warren St, Hudson. Diametric Abstraction: Ted Dixon & Susan Lisbin, up through July 16. Thurs-Mon, 11 am-5 pm. susaneleyfineart.com.

TANJA GRUNERT SALON, Princess Beatrix House, 21 Prospect Ave, Hudson. On Friendship: Barry Bartlett, Elana Herzog, Arnie Zimmerman, up through Aug 20. Fri-Mon noon-6 pm, or by appointment. 646 944-6197, tanjagrunert.com.

THE FIRST GALLERY, 369 Warren St, Hudson. firstpre-shudson.org.

THEGALLERY@CHATHAM, 34A Main St. Thurs 1-7 pm, Fri & Sat 1-9 pm, Sun 11 am-6 pm. 518 392-2560. Gallerychatham.org.

THE GARAGE AT CHATHAM, 27 Kinderhook St, Chatham. A Closer Look: Outside Sculpture. thegarageatchatham.com.

THE SCHOOL: Jack Shainman Gallery, 25 Broad St (Rt 9), Kinderhook. Michael Snow: A Life Survey (1955-2020), up through Dec 16. Sat, 11 am-6 pm, Jackshainman.com.

THOMAS COLE NAT'L HISTORIC SITE, 218 Spring St, Catskill. Women Reframe American Landscape: Susie Barstow & Her Circle / Contemporary Practices, up through Oct 29. Virtual gallery, explorethomascole.org/gallery. Grounds open daily. thomascole.org.

THOMPSON GIROUX Gallery, 57 Main St, Chatham. Thurs-Mon 11 am-5 pm, by appointment. 518 392-3336. thompsongiroouxgallery.com.

TSL Gallery, 434 Columbia St, Hudson. Roberto Juarez: Made Up Mythologies. Artist's discussion July 22, 4 pm. Fri-Sun, tours by advanced registration. 518 822-8448. Timeandspace.org.

TURLEY GALLERY, 98 Green St, Ste 2, Hudson. Martine Kaczynski - Threshold. Fri-Sun noon-5 pm, by appointment. turley.gallery.

WINDHAM FINE ARTS, 5380 Main St. Winter Snowscapes. 518 734-6850. Windhamfinearts.com

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## Community briefs

### Restore station, eat blueberry waffles

STUYVESANT—The Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee serves up blueberry-topped waffles, Sunday, July 16 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the historic Stuyvesant depot, situated by the Hudson River at 55 Riverview Street, down the hill from the blinking light on Route 9J.

Join the committee for freshly-made waffles, topped with local blueberries and whipped cream, or just butter and syrup. Funds raised are used for the restoration of the depot through Stuyvesant Pathways and the Open Space Institute.

### Commissioners gather in Gallatin

GALLATIN—The Gallatin Fire Commissioners meet at Gallatin Town Hall, 667 County Route 7, Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m.

### Fun fest benefits lake association

COPAKE—The Lower Rhoda Lake Association sponsors Fun Fest 2023 at Copake Memorial Park, 305 Mountain View Road, Thursday, July 20, 6 to 9 p.m. Music will be provided by The Wild Weeds. Get something to eat at The Nosh Food Truck and make a bid at a silent auction.

Admission is \$65 per person. Make checks payable to LRLA. Tickets are available at the Church Street Deli and the Copake General Store starting July 17. Questions? Contact ellenrlangton@gmail.com

### Seniors had lunch, saw show

NEW LEBANON—The Lebanon Seniors had lunch at the White Stone Cafe and afterward went to the Mac-Haydn Theatre to see “Footloose,” July 6. The consensus was, “It was a great show.”

On July 21, the group is having a cold cover dish meal with cake and ice cream to celebrate all birthdays. Members who want to attend should send an email to lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com and let organizers know how many will attend and what dish will be brought. Non-members can come if they join. Dues are \$10/year.

## Mushrooms, meadows are on July agenda

HARLEMVILLE—Farm-escape Ecology Program (FEP) botany intern Josie Laing will lead the first Mushroom Walk, exploring the different life histories and physiologies there are, what to look for when identifying them, and which of them are often found in the landscape, Wednesday, July 19 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Details and registration can be found at [hawthornevalley.org/events/mushroom-walk/](https://hawthornevalley.org/events/mushroom-walk/)

Rounding out the month, FEP will lead a Meadow Walk, exploring plants and insects in



the meadows of a former working orchard in Gallatin, Monday, July 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This site includes about 80 acres of open fields now managed to support native biodiversity. Space is limited. Details and registration can be found at <https://hawthornevalley.org/events/meadow-walk/>.

*An early summer “YellowPatches” mushroom (Amanitaflavoconia) found at Hawthorne Valley.*

FEP

## Workdays need volunteers’ elbow grease

NEW LEBANON—Donate time and effort to Volunteer Workdays at the Hand Hollow Conservation Area, 451 Gale Hill Road, July 19, 9 a.m. to noon and/or July 20, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to use tools, identify plants and maintain trails. Make a difference on favorite trails by clearing overgrowth or caring for the built environment. All experience levels are welcome and encouraged to join.

Volunteers meet at the Gale Hill Road trailhead and determine a plan for the day. Trails are mostly packed earth, area is wooded and shady. Expect to hike while carrying tools.

Register at [clctrust.org/events/volunteer-workday-hand-hollow/](https://clctrust.org/events/volunteer-workday-hand-hollow/)

**Volunteers clear trails.**

Photo contributed



## Nutty Scientists presents Nutty Boat Racing at library

COPAKE—The Roeliff Jansen Community Library will be visited by the Nutty Scientists of the Hudson Valley on Wednesday, July 19, from 1 to 2 p.m., for Nutty Boat Racing, a fun STEM activity in which kids age 4+ will learn that there is more to floating and sinking than they think.

Little scientists will learn the role shape plays by creating their own boats to race.

Space is limited and registration is required. Register by emailing [youth@roejanlibrary.org](mailto:youth@roejanlibrary.org).

Nutty Scientists is the lead-

ing provider of interactive programs for children of all ages related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) learning.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library, which is chartered to serve Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale, is located at 9091 Route 22.

For information on hours and events, call 518 325-4101 or visit <http://www.roejanlibrary.org>, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/roejanlibrary>, or on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/roejanlibrary/>.

## Chatham Public Library to offer gentle yoga class

CHATHAM—Starting Wednesday, July 19, Chatham Public Library will offer gentle yoga flow introductory mat classes.

The classes will continue each Wednesday at noon throughout the summer. Instructor Courtney Aison will teach gentle stretching and breathing exercises, as well as individual poses with detailed alignment to increase participants' range of motion and build strength.

Suitable for people of all ages and abilities. If possible, please bring your own mat and any additional props you may need to class.

Ms. Aison, a native New Yorker who recently purchased a home in East Chatham, is offering yoga at the library this summer as her gift to the community. Over 30 years ago she started practicing yoga and has since learned many modalities. After early onset osteoarthritis, she adapted her yoga practice. She completed her 200-hour Vinyasa Yoga training with Prema Yoga in Brooklyn.

Off her mat, Ms. Aison spends much of her spare time making ceramics, jewelry, mending, watercolor painting, and occasionally gardening. She is also a mother.

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# THROUGH THE WOODS

By Nancy Jane Kern

## Turtle adventures

YEARS AGO, I FOUND a magnificent common snapping turtle, *Chelydra serpentina*, on a dirt road. It lay there in the sun sort of sprawled out, possibly laden with eggs. It did not want to move, and the curious turtle was very cooperative and posed in several positions for my camera. Eventually, a car came along, and the turtle decided this was not a good place to be. It rose on its claw-covered toes and with surprising speed moved off the road and disappeared into the grassy ditch.

This brought back memories of my first encounter with a “snapper” during an afternoon of bullhead fishing with my maternal grandfather, “Gramp.” He often took me fishing and spent many hours teaching me the proper ways of doing it. That day was going well, and we had lots of fish for supper. Suddenly, the worm baited hook and the fishing line bobber slowly sank and the line was pulled deep and away. The hook was set with a flip of the rod, and the fight was on. This was a strong and huge fish. Normally we were lucky if we got a fish larger than a pound in weight. It was pulled up on shore and to our surprise there was a big turtle, not a fish.

My experience had been with smaller harmless painted turtles so this one caused no alarm. Walking up to it was a big mistake as a foot-long neck shot out of the shell, and a piece of rubber was bitten out of my little black boot. I jumped backward. Gramp picked up the turtle by the fishing line and put it in the back of the pickup truck and we took it home. My uncle had also been fishing and had caught a batch of yellow perch. He knew what the turtle was and somehow worked the hook out of the turtle’s mouth with a long piece of wood. He cleaned his perch and wanted to show me the features and behavior of the turtle, so he took a perch skin and held it out some distance from the turtle’s head. The neck shot out again and the turtle snapped the skin right out of his hand, narrowly missing his fingers. A snapper can easily amputate a human finger with its beak



Snapping turtle

Nancy Kern

and powerful jaws. The well-fed turtle was later released near a farm pond.

Canada geese are always watching for them. In addition to eating vegetation, fish, worms, frogs and small mammals, the snapping turtle will pull birds underwater and eat them too. A pair of geese will herd their goslings between them through the water and put their heads down to ensure safe passage. Unless you have special training, these turtles should be left alone and observed from a distance. A feisty small hatchling managed to nip my finger, and adults can even reach back over their shell and snap you if held by the tail.

They are fast and powerful. They can live 40 to 50 years or more and weigh 50 pounds. Snapping turtles are used by many people in turtle stews and soups. Snapping turtle shells were used in many ceremonies among Native Americans. The shells were dried and mounted on handles with corn kernels inside for use as rattles. Iroquois mythology maintains that the earth rests on the back of a turtle.

The NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has studied them for contaminants like PCB’s because of their diet and long life to accumulate them. You can get quite close to female snappers while they are digging nest holes to lay their leathery-shelled eggs. It is possible to sit quietly nearby and watch the whole process. Days later the eggs may have been dug up by raccoons or other animals and eaten. These intriguing, dinosaur-like reptiles once inspired a birthday gift to a great-nephew of a Peterson “Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians” by Roger Conant. It was received with enthusiasm, and at age nine it was time for him to learn how to avoid getting a hole in his boot, or worse, while fishing.

Times change and now he has a smartphone with apps to identify many things including our turtles. The common snapping turtle became our New York State reptile in 2006.

# Historians see live hive demonstration

GREENPORT — The Greenport Historical Society will hear a beekeeper talk about the biodiversity of bees and beekeeping with a live hive demonstration at the Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, Thursday, July 20 at 6 p.m.

Maria Kolodziej-Zincio presents “What’s The Buzz – From the Hive to the Honey.” She has been a beekeeper for 12 years and runs an apiary, Blue Hill Bees in Hudson. She calls herself an environmental guardian of bees and stated in a press release, “It’s a bee’s world no matter what the beekeeper does—in the end the bees do what they want to do. It’s in their genetic code”.

Bees are part of the biodi-



Maria Kolodziej-Zincio and her bee hives.

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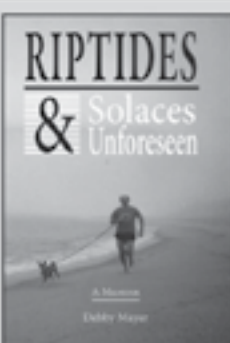
versity on which people depend for survival. The life of the honey bee is interesting and complex. The democracy of a beehive from the creation of a

colony to honey production will give participants an appreciation for these social and hardworking insects. Listeners’ next dollop of honey will not

be quite the same.

Admission is free. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For further information contact Guy Apicella at guy.

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### Stop by Saint Paul’s for a visit

Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, 8 Sylvester Street, Kinderhook will be open from 10 a.m. to noon during the months of July and August. Visitors are welcome to spend time in quiet prayer, and to see the church’s architectural and artistic treasures, including Tiffany stained glass windows. Members of Saint Paul’s will be available to answer questions about the life of the parish and the work being done to maintain the historic building with the help of a grant from the New York Landmarks Conservancy.



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# Kids invited for arts and crafts events

CLERMONT—Attention families with small children: join staff at Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, for two Crafty Kids events Saturdays, July 15 and 22.

During Crafty Kids Story Hour: Boats and Beaches, kids can enjoy an hour of nautical stories, tasty snacks, and a fun themed-craft, Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m. in the Visitor Center.

Staff and kids read books about boats and beaches, make a fun sailboat craft, and enjoy a tasty snack. This is a children's program; all children must be accompanied by an adult. This program is free. Space is limited. Sign up at [www.friendsofclermont.org/event-details/crafty-kids-story-hour-boats-](http://www.friendsofclermont.org/event-details/crafty-kids-story-hour-boats-and-beaches)

and-beaches

Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Visitors Center it's Crafty Kids: Summer Vacation Craft Day.

Kids can enjoy their summer vacation with a Crafty Kids arts and crafts day. Participants can eat a snack, make colorful sea turtles, paint a birdhouse, make a mask or let their imaginations run wild with tables of craft supplies. Light instruction is offered, creativity is encouraged.

This is a children's program; all children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost of the event is \$5 per person at the door. Space is limited. Sign-up at [www.friendsofclermont.org/event-details/crafty-kids-summer-vacation-craft-day](http://www.friendsofclermont.org/event-details/crafty-kids-summer-vacation-craft-day)



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Make a boat on a beach.

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church receives \$3K Sacred Sites grant

KINDERHOOK—In May, the New York Landmarks Conservancy awarded a \$3,000 Sacred Sites grant to Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 8 Sylvester Street. The purpose of the grant is to make needed repairs to the church building, where members of the Van Buren family and other local founding families have been prominent worshippers over the years.

Completed in 1852 according to a design by architect Richard Upjohn, noted advocate of the "board-and-batten Gothic" style, the church build-

ing was originally situated near the site of the current village offices. In 1869, it was dismantled and reassembled at its present location on the grounds of the then newly purchased rectory. The stone foundation laid for the church at that time has endured, but the entrance to the basement has deteriorated and requires complete replacement.

The 1850s cedar shake roof, replaced with slate in 1905, also requires attention at the point where one of the "transepts" (wings, which give the floor plan the shape of a cross) meets

the main building. Flashing must be refurbished in order to protect the organ pipes housed below.

The Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites grant will cover about one-third of the cost of these repairs. As a condition of the grant, Saint Paul's must raise matching funds, as well as additional money needed to complete the work. The congregation has formed a "Sacred Site Improvement Project" (SSIP) Committee to raise the estimated \$7,000 needed to match and supplement the grant.

Plans are already in the works for a fundraising event Saturday, November 11.

Contributions, which are tax-exempt, may be made by mail to Saint Paul's Church, P.O. Box 637, Kinderhook 12106 or by visiting the parish's web site, [www.saintpaulskinderhook.org](http://www.saintpaulskinderhook.org) and clicking on "Sacred Site Improvement Project".

Saint Paul's remains an active faith community with deep roots in the northwest corner of Columbia County. Services are held at 8 and 10 a.m. every Sunday and on major holy days

throughout the year. Visitors are always welcome to join in worship and to tour the church.

For more information about the Sacred Site Improvement Project or Saint Paul's call 518-758-6271 or email [saintpaulskinderhook@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaulskinderhook@gmail.com).

The Saint Paul's community is grateful to the New York Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Program for its interest in the historic and beloved church.

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**Obituaries**

**Blanche H. Hotaling (1938 - 2023)**

ALBANY—Blanche H. Hotaling, 84, of Hudson passed away into the arms of the Lord, Monday, July 3 at Albany Medical Center. Her son and daughter were by her side.



**Blanche Hotaling**

Born August 4, 1938, she was the oldest of four children born to Kenneth M. Hover and Esther (Collier) Hover.

She was currently employed by Bill Baldwin & Sons. It was the family joke that all other places she worked went out of business. She loved to cook and entertain friends and family. "There was always enough for one more mouth."

She never cooked anything until she married Leon C. Hotaling of Taghkanic. She was a member of the First Reformed Church, Hudson. She served as a Sunday school teacher; superintendent; a deacon and an elder in the church. She had hopes of making a homeless shelter in the church and was working to make that happen.

She was also known as a world traveler and for wearing hats to church. She leaves behind: her daughter, Leona Hotaling of Hudson; her son,

Leon Hotaling, Jr., of Hudson; her four grandchildren, Justin and Alyssa Hotaling and Nicholas (Ashley) and Ryan Loucks (Elyshia MacPhail); her great-granddaughter, Kalia; sisters, BettyAnn (IE) Schilling of Delray Beach, FL, and Barbara (Steve) Jackson of Jamaica Plain, MA; brother, Kenneth (Carol) Hover of West Chester, OH; a brother-in-law, Charles (Betty) Hotaling of Taghkanic; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Leon and her daughter, Eileen Hotaling.

Family and friends were invited to Bates & Anderson Funeral Home, Hudson, July 10 for calling hours followed by a Christian service at First Reformed Church, Hudson. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to First Reformed Church, 52 Green Street, Hudson or the American Cancer Society.

**Lesley B. Kline (1945 - 2023)**

HUDSON—Lesley B. Kline, 78, of Claverack passed away peacefully with her family at her side July 5, 2023 at Columbia Memorial Hospital after a long battle with emphysema. She was born March 7, 1945 in Hudson to Karl A. and Mary (O'Krinky) Winch. She wore many hats over the years, but her most loved one was as a postal clerk at both the Philmont and Hillsdale post offices.



**Lesley Kline**

great- and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

She was predeceased by: her husband, Allen R.; her parents; her sister, Alice and her mother-in-law, Mildred Dexheimer.

A small service will be held at the Harlemville German Cemetery, Ten Broeck Road, Wednesday, July 19 at 1 p.m. Arrangements are with the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green Street, Hudson.

Visit [www.batesanderson.com](http://www.batesanderson.com) to leave condolences.

**Evelyn H. James (1924 - 2023)**

ALBANY—Evelyn H. James, 98, of Rensselaer, formerly of Copake, passed away peacefully June 28, 2023 at St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born in Copake, July 11, 1924 to Everett and Catherine (Krick) Pectal. She was a graduate of the Roe Jan School where some years later, she worked in the cafeteria.

She was a devoted mother, phenomenal cook and homemaker. Her chocolate cake was almost famous and certainly requested by many friends and family over the years. She enjoyed camping with her late husband, Herbert. They wintered in Florida and enjoyed taking trips to Vermont. She

loved gardening and her flowers. She also crocheted blankets for veterans at the VA hospital. In her later years she kept her mind active with word search books.

Mrs. James is survived by: her sons, Kim Decker and his companion, Marcella, and Kraig Decker and his wife, Linda; her stepdaughter, Barbara Williams; three grandchildren, Matthew (Denise) Decker, Joshua (Mary Beth) Decker, Lindsey (Chris) Mortimer; her great-grandchildren, Madilyn, Emily, Taylor, Ryan and Michaela; four step-great-grandchildren; her sister, Lucene Harrington; nieces and nephews, Carol Gansowski, Jackie Dextraze, Rhea Buchan,

Risa Harrington, Michael Harrington and Jimi Harrington.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Wilbur Decker; her husband, Herbert James; her brother, George Pectal and her beloved dog, Lani.

A time for offering condolences, sharing of memories and a memorial service took place July 11, 2023 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 8063 Route 22, Copake. Pastor Karin Squires officiated. Inurnment followed in Niver Cemetery, Craryville.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory are requested to the Copake United Methodist Church, Copake 12516.

**Steve J. Olah (1949 - 2023)**

GERMANTOWN—Steve J. Olah, 73, of Germantown passed away at home Thursday, July 6, 2023.

Born August 30, 1949 in Hudson, he was the son of the late Steve and Ann (Mazure) Olah. He married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Munson Olah.

For more than 40 years and until his retirement, he worked at Hudson River Psychiatric Center in Poughkeepsie.

He was an active outdoorsman and was a member of many local rod and gun clubs—including the Kalicoontie Rod and Gun Club. He was a long-



**Steve Olah**

time member of the Roe Jan Boat Club and a member of the Free and Accepted Masons.

In addition to his loving wife of 45 years, he is survived by: his three sons, Timothy Olah, Johnathan (Mary) Olah and Steve M. Olah; his two grandchildren, AnnaMarie Olah and Justin D. Olah; his sister, Ann (Calvin) Gowen; along with nieces, nephews, extended fam-

ily and friends.

He was loved by many, and signed all of his cards, "Grumpy Old Man."

Friends called at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Red Hook July 12, 2023. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 13, 2023 at Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Red Hook. Burial will be at Linlithgo Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 South Broadway, Red Hook.

For directions or to sign the online guest book visit [www.Burnett-White.com](http://www.Burnett-White.com)

**Bernard Ogden (1942 - 2023)**

ELIZAVILLE—Bernard Ogden, 81, of Elizaville passed away Sunday, July 2, 2023 at his home.

Born June 14, 1942 in Rhinebeck, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Madeline (Agustinovich) Ogden, Sr.

He married Geraldine Decker, March 10, 1984 in Rhinebeck. She survives at their home.

Mr. Ogden was a laborer for NYS Department of Transportation based in Poughkeepsie. He retired in 2008.



**Bernard Ogden**

He proudly served in the United States Army from 1959 to 1962.

He enjoyed spending time with his family camping, vacationing in Lake George and watching the NY Yankees.

In addition to his loving wife, Geraldine Ogden, he is survived by: his daughter, Janet

Proctor (Kevin) of Elizaville; his sons, Christopher Ogden (Jean Benkert) of Red Hook and James (Catherine) Ogden of Ballston Spa; his grandchildren, Lynne, William and Samantha; his brothers, Larry (Sandy) Ogden of Nebraska and Richard (Ann) Ogden of New Mexico; extended family and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Robert Ogden.

Friends called at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, July 7, 2023.

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## Obituaries

### Mark J. Giglio (1962 - 2023)

GHENT—Mark James Giglio passed away in the early morning hours July 3, 2023, three years after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He faced his illness with a courage and grace that inspired everyone who knew him. He will live forever in the hearts of his family and friends, who loved and cherished him.

He was born in 1962 in Waterbury, CT. He graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design and soon moved to Manhattan and his beloved Elizabeth Street, where he lived for 40 years. He began his career in book design, but books were too small a canvas for his talents. He soon moved to larger scale work in architectural spaces such as Rockefeller Center.

While he continued his own personal painting projects in the studio, he founded his own company, Mark Giglio Decorative Painting, LLC, in 1989. He was soon working with well-known architects and designers in New York, including Peter Marino, Brian McCarthy, Robert M. Stern, Bunny Williams and Jeffrey Billhuber. He and his crew of artists worked around the world on projects, including the newly-opened Tiffany Landmark store on Fifth Avenue, where his wall design for the eight-story staircase is a centerpiece



Mark  
Giglio

of the space.

He loved to walk along coastlines, from small local creeks and the Hudson River near his home in Columbia County, to the shores of Penobscot Bay in Maine, or wherever his travels and projects took him. He was an avid collector of all things natural, and his curiosity cabinet overflowed with: stones, minerals, shells, intricate animal skulls, petrified wood and fossils. He was on constant lookout for a perfect "scholars rock" for his wife, Carleen.

He loved his guitars, especially his new Taylor, and was known to burst into song and dance when the mood struck. Those who knew him well were often treated to spontaneous performances which were pure joy. He had his moves down.

Most of all, he loved being in the studio. He believed in beauty, in art, in being attentive to the world with a true sense of wonder, and he brought these passions to all he did.

He was humble, kind and fair, and lived his life with unparalleled energy and pur-

pose. He never let down those close to him and rushed to lend a hand to friends and strangers alike, sometimes before they even knew they needed it.

He leaves: his wife, partner, and best friend of 28 years, Carleen Sheehan. Their meeting was fateful, including both chance and intention. He treasured their days together in their studios at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, long morning talks over coffee, and walks with their dogs, Luca and Fern. If they met by chance outside their Nolita apartment, a big smile would lighten his face, every time as if it was the first time.

He adored: his mother, Dorothy; his sisters, Andrea and Lenore; brother, Tom; their spouses, Richard Dvaskas, Dennis Thompson and Randi Giglio; his nieces and nephews, Evan, Patrick, Lexie, Scott, Paige and Russell; his mother-in-law, Patricia; brothers-in-law, Jerry and Daniel Sheehan and their spouses, Elizabeth and Sherry.

He was celebrated privately on his birthday, Sunday, July 9 at his home in Ghent. Donations may be made in his name to Cancer Care at [www.cancercare.org](http://www.cancercare.org). Condolences may be conveyed at [frenchblasl.com](http://frenchblasl.com)

Davidson motorcycle. He traveled often to Venice, and met up with family at the Philippine Consulate General in Manhattan followed by a Cuban lunch. He once rebuilt a Karmann Ghia using only an adjustable wrench and a screwdriver and saved his brother's home from a trash fire when his beloved dog Kuroe barked, alerting everyone. He was devoted to family and was a dutiful son to his parents.

A funeral Mass for him will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023 11 a.m. at St. James Church in Chatham. Arrangements are with the Wenk Funeral Home, 21 Payn Avenue, Chatham. Send online condolences at [wenkfuneralhome.com](http://wenkfuneralhome.com)

### Benjamin Evangelista (1950 - 2023)

CHATHAM—Family and friends of Benjamin F. Evangelista are sad to announce his death. He passed away at home July 1. They will miss him very much.

He was preceded in death by: his brother, Bernie; father, Felix; mother, Dolores and his former wife, Nancy. He leaves behind: his niece, Daniella; nephew, Dennis; his sister-in-law, Beth; his dear friend, Nancy, and many others.

Though he did not often speak of his accomplishments, "Ben" led an exciting life. He was a roadie for Ritchie Havens during Woodstock in 1969, averting disaster by unplugging an amplifier before a thunderstorm that would have overloaded the entire stage circuit.



Ben  
Evangelista

Ever since, he had a soft spot for Upstate New York where he decided to make his home. He was a 12th dan black belt in Matsutake-style karate and studied for a time at the Tanuki-In temple directly under the fourth head of the school.

Later in life, he became an instrument-rated licensed private pilot. Many times, he volunteered his skills as an airman to ferry rescue kittens to the northeast for adoption. He often enjoyed riding his Harley

### Rebecca A. Madison (1965 - 2023)

ALBANY—Rebecca A. Madison, 57, of Purling, formerly of Hudson, died peacefully May 27, 2023 at Albany Medical Center.

Born in Hudson, June 23, 1965, she was the daughter of Patricia Hutchings of Catskill

and the late Edward Madison. After high school she attended the Rensselaer Questar Culinary program to pursue her love of cooking.

She will be greatly missed by: brothers, Donald VanChaak and John M. Hutchings; nieces

and nephews, including Donn O'Dell, Skyla, Aria, Octavia and Damian.

A memorial service to celebrate her life was held July 12, 2023 at the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport.

### Rosemary A. Goetz (1945 - 2023)

KINGSTON—Rosemary A. Goetz, 77, of Hudson and Englewood, FL, died Monday, July 3, 2023 at Health Alliance Hospital in Kingston.

Born in Hudson, October 17, 1945, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Carmela (Concra) Tanzillo. She worked for the City of Hudson for more than 30 years in City Hall and later Cedar Park Cemetery until her retirement.

She is survived by: her loving husband, Richard P. Goetz at home; daughter, Kim Goetz; brother, Peter Tanzillo (Rosemary); grandchildren, Tanner and Hannah Race and her son-in-law, JR Race. She



Rosemary  
Goetz

was predeceased by: her daughter, Lynn Goetz Race; brother, Patsy Tanzillo and sister, Mary Ranzoni.

Calling hours and services were held July 11, 2023 at the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport. Jamison Teale officiated. Burial followed in Cedar Park Cemetery.

### Sarah E. Colligan (1994 - 2023)

ALBANY—Sarah Elizabeth Colligan, 29, of Buffalo passed away peacefully July 5, 2023 at Albany Medical Center with her loving husband and family by her side.

Born May 6, 1994 in Hudson, she was the daughter of Francis and Mary Weinman Halnon of Stuyvesant Falls.

She earned her degree from SUNY Geneseo after graduation in 2012 from Ichabod Crane High School, Valatie. She was a risk analyst for M&T Securities in Buffalo. She was a loving, kind woman who always had a smile on her face and filled the lives of those she touched with sunshine, happiness and laughter. She loved spending summers on the lake with family and friends.

She is survived by: her loving husband, Sean Colligan; her beautiful daughter, Elizabeth



Sarah  
Colligan

Jeanne; her sister, Emily Halnon (Chris Merante) of Hudson; her loving in-laws, Jeanne and Craig Colligan; her brother-in-law, Michael Colligan of Huntington, LI; her grandmother, Catherine Halnon of Schenectady; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours and services were held July 10, 2023 at the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport. Pastor Ken Coddington officiated. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, Stuyvesant Falls.

### Seth M. Kritzman (1988 - 2023)

ALBANY—Seth M. "Webb" Kritzman, 34, of Chatham passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at Albany Medical Center. He attended Hudson City Schools, and graduated in the Hudson High School Class of 2007, then went on to work for New York State.

He was a huge Green Bay Packers fan, and enjoyed all sports, fishing, painting and building. His motto was, "I'm good at what I do." He was the life of the party, and lit up any room he entered with his beautiful, courageous smile. He loved to spend time with his family and friends, especially his nieces and nephews who were his pride and joy.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Bonnie Kritzman; siblings, Brianne,



Webb  
Kritzman

Tyler (Amanda), Kayla (Chris), and Karli (Rodney); nephews, Jaylen (Mit) and Colton; nieces, Lily, Peyton, Sage and Catherine; his companion, Jessica Fox; several aunts, uncles and loving cousins.

Visitation was at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson, July 9, followed by a funeral prayer service. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions in his name are encouraged to be made to Double H Ranch Camp.

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## Editorial

### Why Troy matters

**T**HIS WEEK WE'RE PUBLISHING a letter from six regional officeholders. It's addressed to State Attorney General Letitia James. It's printed next to this column. It's not long. The officeholders don't want to see a facility called the Burdett Birth Center closed. The birth center is located at Samaritan Hospital in the City of Troy. Why would we care?

The Burdett Birth Center (BBC) serves mostly Troy, Albany and the surrounding communities, but its service area stretches south into all of Columbia County. It's probably true that most expectant mothers in Ancram, Taghkanic or Germantown do not drive to Troy to give birth. Instead, they head for Kingston or Rhinebeck or other relatively nearby facilities. But they cannot go to Columbia Memorial Health. That hospital shuttered its birthing units several years ago.

So the options in much of this county are one of the two major hospitals: Albany Medical Center or St. Peter's Health Partners... Or the BBC at Samaritan Hospital. There seems to be a presumption that pregnant women or their physicians will choose the bigger facilities. That's likely. But consider the Town of Kinderhook, which is the biggest town in Columbia County by population. As standards go around here, it's not far from Troy.

But the overriding goal now is to keep Samaritan's BBC in Troy as a functioning anchor service available to the public. And it sounds like the elected officials are pressing the attorney general to act. As the letter to Attorney General James says, "The office of the NYS Attorney General has reviewed hospital consolidations in the past and we believe that in this case it is warranted."

The language is polite but it doesn't mask what's at stake.

Also, Trinity Health, the company that oversees St Peter's Health Partners and includes Samaritan Hospital, is a customer of Capital Region Independent Media.

At the end of the letter the officials acknowledge that the decision to close the birth center has been made but they were willing to persist. They wrote, "It does not appear to us that best efforts were made to avoid the closure, but instead that it had been planned. This issue deserves a closer look due to the detrimental impact across the Capital Region and most importantly when we consider the maternal mortality rates, especially among Black and Brown birthing people."

That's the story, repeated once again: cut services for those who need them most but can pay the least.

Or is it? Shortly before press deadline we received a web address to a site that explains St Peter's side of why it is planning to close BBC.

[https://www.sphp.com/\\_campaigns/maternity-services-at-samaritan/home](https://www.sphp.com/_campaigns/maternity-services-at-samaritan/home)

For those who could be impacted by the closure, the website is worth visiting. But as the elected officials call for, let's let the attorney general decide whether the proposed closure plan meets the letter of the law.

## Letters

### Lawmakers seek to save birth center

To the Editor:  
(This is an open letter to Hon. Letitia James, NYS attorney general re Samaritan Hospital Burdett Birth Center.)

Dear Attorney General James:

We previously cc-ed you on a letter that was sent to NYS Department of Health Commissioner Dr. James V. McDonald regarding our significant concerns with the proposed closure of Burdett Birth Center (BBC) at Samaritan Hospital in Troy, NY. After a meeting with the health commissioner, we appreciated his and his staff's assurance that the process is still ongoing and it is not a foregone conclusion; however, we believe that there is more that can be done immediately through the Attorney General's Office. We are writing directly to you to request that you inquire into this proposed closure based on our growing concerns and concerns of the communities that we represent.

As we mentioned in the previous letter, BBC is the only birth center located in Rensselaer County which serves patients not only in Rensselaer County but also Columbia, Washington and Albany coun-

ties. Trinity Health, located in Livonia, MI, serves as the corporate headquarters that oversees St Peter's Health Partners (SHP) which includes Samaritan Hospital in Troy, St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, and many other health practices, health facilities and long-term care facilities throughout the state of New York as well as many other entities throughout the country.

The office of the NYS Attorney General has reviewed hospital consolidations in the past and we believe that in this case it is warranted.

While we do understand some of the issues raised by Trinity, we do not believe this is the only option to address those issues and the reasons for closure do not seem entirely consistent with the rationale we have been provided to date. It does not appear to us that best efforts were made to avoid the closure, but instead that it had been planned. This issue deserves a closer look due to the detrimental impact across the Capital Region and most importantly when we consider the maternal mortality rates, especially among Black and Brown birthing people.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue and we look forward to hearing from you.

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### CLC releases 2024-28 strategic vision

CHATHAM—The Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) has announced the release of "From Forty Until Forever: Conservation grounded in community."

Nearly 40 years since CLC's founding in 1986, they have conserved over 40,000 acres of land—more than 10% of Columbia County. CLC has worked with landowners and partners to ensure the protection of critical forests, unique habitats, and important open spaces. What's next?

CLC's new strategic vision addresses three initiatives for the next four years:

- Connection: Public open

spaces are essential – for health and well-being, for fostering connections with each other and "our non-human kin," for providing places to learn about how to manage land well. Caring for these spaces well, both for people and for their natural resources, emerged as CLC's top priority

- Conservation: CLC is not done permanently protecting land. Future land protection projects will be evaluated using rigorous scientific review of conservation values and considering how work contributes to social goals like advancing food security, water quality, and equity of access to open space

- Care: Everyone can play a role in caring for land and community by taking actions like planting native trees, advocating for climate solutions, and volunteering. This initiative centers the power of people to make a positive change.

"This vision is a bold plan for our future," said Troy Weldy, CLC president, in a press release. "Board and staff worked together closely to consider CLC's role in addressing issues like climate change, access to public space, and land management."

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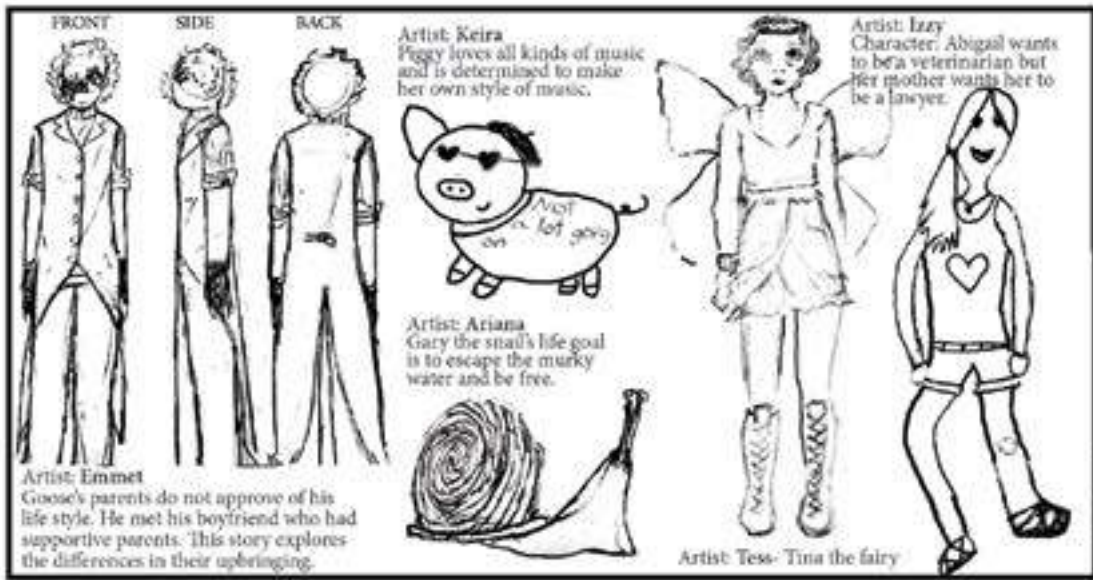
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## Let's Be Creative!

My biggest fear teaching how to do comics is that I'll walk into a room full of boys wanting to do super heroes. Fear not! Wednesday evening, at the **Chatham Library**, I was greeted by the wonderful Becky and a room full of tween/teen girls—13 of them! When I began doing comics, the comic book reader was 95% boys and 5% girls. We sure have come a long way! Here are some beginning character sketches:



FEP

Swallowtail butterfly

# FEP presents open house, workshops

HARLEMVILLE—The Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Program (FEP) offers its second Butterfly and Native Plant Garden Open House of the summer, Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a concurrent Gardening with Native Plants workshop 10 a.m. to noon and Exploring Columbia County Butterflies workshop 1 to 3 p.m. at the Creekhous, 1075 Harlemville Road. All are free and open to the public.

The Open House will include a Butterfly House stocked for the event with a variety of local butterfly species from surrounding fields, a Native Plant garden showcasing different garden habitats, and a StoryWalk for children along a small Creekhous trail featuring the story "Monarch and Milkweed," following the life of a Monarch butterfly and its special relationship with milkweed. Visitors are welcome to drop by throughout the Open House, and Farmscape Ecology Program staff will be on hand to answer questions and offer brief tours of the Butterfly House and Native Plant Garden.

The Gardening with Native Plants workshop, 10 a.m. to noon, will be facilitated by Farmscape Ecology Program botanist Claudia Knab-Vispo and botany technician Josie Laing, and will introduce participants in more depth to the Native Plant Garden, its many native pollinator plants, and how it can serve as an example of a rewilding residential landscape. During the workshop, participants have an opportunity to get to know easily grown native pollinator plants, see examples of perennial beds of different ages, including a

meadow developing from a former lawn, a dry meadow, a wet meadow, a woodland, and a natural "water garden;" learn how to manage these areas, and take home seeds and small potted plants from a pop-up native plant nursery. Participants can also learn about the Farmscape Ecology Program's experience establishing, monitoring and maintaining native meadows at a variety of different locations in the Hudson Valley, and are invited to bring questions and discuss different native plant gardening scenarios. Advanced registration is required at [fep@hawthornevalleyfarm.org](mailto:fep@hawthornevalleyfarm.org).

The Exploring Columbia County Butterflies workshop, 10 a.m. to noon, will be led by Farmscape Ecology Program Wildlife Ecologist Conrad Vispo and will provide participants with an opportunity to observe a variety of local butterflies, learn about the rarer butterflies of Columbia County, get an introduction to the tools of butterfly observation, and explore a display of historical butterfly books illustrating the evolution of Northeast butterfly knowledge and its role in public natural history education. Registration is requested at [fep@hawthornevalleyfarm.org](mailto:fep@hawthornevalleyfarm.org), but walk-ins are welcome.

This is the second of three summer opportunities, final date will be August 26, to visit the Butterfly House and Native Plant Garden and participate in accompanying events at the Farmscape Ecology Program.

The Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Program is a small research and outreach initiative dedicated to helping people explore the ecological, agricultural, and cultural landscape of Columbia County.



Paul Abitabile

Schooner Apollonia and Hudson-Athens Lighthouse.

## Funds raised to fix lighthouse foundation

ATHENS—The Lighthouse: Past, Present and Future is a special fundraising event featuring an afternoon of live music, food and drinks and a silent auction at the River Grill, 1 North Water Street, Sunday, July 16, 1 to 3 p.m. Doors opens at 12:30 p.m.

Athens crooner Isaak James performs; hors d'oeuvres are provided courtesy of the

Stewart House; wines and cocktails will be made from the spirits produced by Hudson Valley's vineyards and distillers such as Hudson-Chatham Winery, 1857 Premium Vodka and Cooper's Daughter.

Tickets are \$150 and up. All proceeds will go to the urgent restoration of the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse's underwater foundation.

For tickets, sponsorships and more information or go to <http://www.halps.org/fundraiser.html> or call 518-828-5294 or email [events@hudson-athenslighthouse.org](mailto:events@hudson-athenslighthouse.org).

Also, summer/fall lighthouse tours are now available. Go to the tour page for schedules and how to get tickets.

Ticket purchases and sponsorships are tax deductible.

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Columbia County, NY area. Call or text (518)567-6002.

#### Items wanted

COLUMBIA COUNTY HABITAT ReStore is looking for donations. Are you doing home improvements? Do you

have appliances, building materials, bathroom fixtures or kitchen cabinets that you are pulling out of your home or building site? Please email [donations@hudsonrestore.org](mailto:donations@hudsonrestore.org) with pictures of items to be donated.

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Thomas Hill (1829 - 1908)  
Yosemite Valley (detail), 1890  
Oil on canvas