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County's busy agenda includes pleas for vetoes

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON—The Columbia County Board of Supervisors accepted opioid settlement funds, adopted a Limited English Proficiency Plan, and—by divided vote—urged Governor Hochul to veto a law requiring local elections take place in even years. The supervisors addressed these issues and more at their monthly meeting July 12. In all, the board adopted 36 resolutions.

The Limited English Proficiency plan calls for providing interpreters for people who do not understand English via telephone or, when available, in person. It calls for printing “documents, meeting notices, flyers, and agendas” in “an alternate language” when their target audience includes people known to have limited English or upon request. The plan suggests that about 2.8% of Columbia County

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Parry Teasdale

Any service around here?

The tennis courts at Jones Avenue were empty due to rain on Tuesday, July 25, but they have been a topic of discussion in the Village of Chatham this summer. Some residents asked the Village Board to have pickleball lines drawn and the game to be played on the tennis courts. Other residents have concerns about adding the sport to the site. The Village Board currently has an application in front of the Planning Board for a “Special Use Permit amendment” for the “consideration of proposed pickleball court.” The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on amendment at their meeting on August 28.

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\$1.5 trillion farm bill: Part 1—What's covered?

BY DEBORAH E. LANS

CHATHAM—On July 7 dozens of farmers and other concerned citizens met with Congressman Marc Molinaro (R-19th) to discuss the soon-to-be proposed 2023 Farm Bill. The bill is reissued every 5 years and is drafted by the congressional agriculture committees. Congressman Molinaro sits on the House committee.

This year's bill is expected to exceed 1 trillion dollars (including some \$37 billion in mandates from the Inflation Reduction Act), the highest price tag in the bill's history.

The bill typically exceeds 1,000 pages in length, so it isn't surprising that, to most people, the contents of the mammoth bill are a mystery.

To begin, “farm” bill may be a misnomer. Roughly 80% of the 2023 funding is expected to go to “nutrition” programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps) that help low-income Americans afford food for their families.

SNAP eligibility and benefits vary depending on a blend of family circumstances. By way of example, in New York a family of three (with no earned income and no elderly or disabled member) would be eligible if its annual gross income were \$29,940 or less; for the same family of three, but having some earned income, the limit would be \$34,548. If that family had an elderly or disabled member and therefore dependent care expenses, the limit would rise to \$46,068. The maximum monthly amount the family of three would receive is \$740.

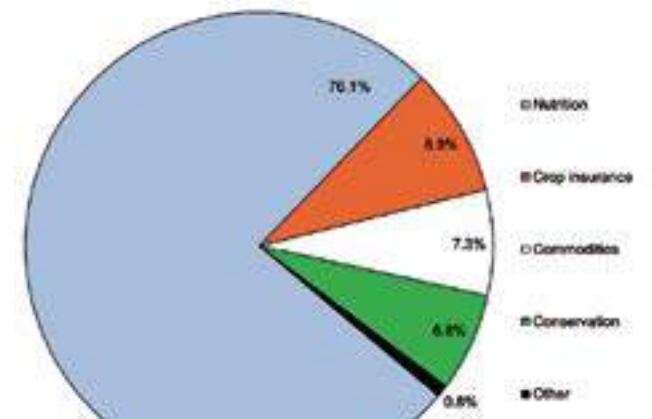
Most would receive less—amounts that are generally agreed to be insufficient.

SNAP payment amounts and eligibility have been the subject of recent controversy. First, extensions of SNAP (which is typically available only for short durations) during the Pandemic were allowed to expire by Congress. In addition, broader work requirements were demanded by Republican

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture depicted the 2018 spending like this:

Projected outlays under the 2018 Farm Act, 2019–23



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service based on Congressional Budget Office, Divid Spending Effects for the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, December 11, 2018.

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Ghent Town Hall restoration continues

GHENT—Residents may have noticed the netting that veils the face of Ghent's Town Hall on Route 66 and wondered what was going on. A restoration project which began in the spring of 2023 has been underway to renovate both entrances and repoint the bricks and mortar. The work is being performed by LG Stone & Restoration based out of East Chatham. It is anticipated that the full project will be complete by March of 2024.

Before the construction, the steps at the front entrance were cracked and pulling away from the building. The plan involves replacing and repairing one entrance at a time so as not to interfere in the town's normal business hours and accessibility.

All of the services normally provided in the building including the Ghent food pantry will continue during their normal hours.

Shortly before the pandemic struck, Ghent Town Historian Gregg Berninger started the process of applying for a SAM (System for Award Management) grant for the restoration of the grand building that has graced the center of town since 1878. These grants



Town of Ghent was awarded the grant.

The stately brick building, with its unique roof and central belfry, wasn't always the site of Ghent's Town Hall. When the construction of the building

was completed in August of 1878, it was dedicated as the Ghent School, a function that it served until 1985, when the Chatham School District was centralized into its current location.

The new building on Route 66 was considered a major step forward for local education from the small wooden schoolhouses scattered throughout town, though some of them continued to be used until as recently as 1950. With the larger space and advanced equipment, for the first time, students could be grouped together by age and ability. From 1894 to 1987, the building that currently houses the Ghent Playhouse, located on the appropriately-named Town Hall Place, was the site of the original Ghent Town Hall.

Whether out of Ghent civic pride or fond memories of their years as students at the Ghent School, many local residents will be glad to see the beloved building repaired and restored before its 150th birthday, so it can continue to serve as the center of Ghent's town life and be enjoyed by many more generations.

Photos contributed
The Ghent School (l) and
the current Ghent Town Hall

are federal funds which states can designate for specific projects, such as this one. Former Town Board Member Mallory Mort assisted in the process, along with staff from State Assemblymember Didi Barrett's office. The application was delayed as the building's status as a historical site required further research. Recently, Town Supervisor Craig Simmons assisted with resolving the historical status and the



Leisler receives Hudson River Bank and Trust grant

HUDSON—The Jacob Leisler Institute has announced that the Hudson River Bank and Trust Foundation has awarded the institute a \$1,000 grant in support of their public

engagement programs, including the 2023 Public Lecture Series and Student Internship Program.

The Hudson River Bank and Trust Foundation's generous

contributions have been vital for the institute's ongoing Public Lecture Series hosted in collaboration with The Hudson Area Library and the Student Internship Program working

with local students.

"We are grateful for their continued support," the Jacob Leisler Institute said in a press release. "This grant will enable the institute to continue to

share the area's rich local history and culture with the Columbia County community."

Russell Sage celebrates student achievements

TROY—Russell Sage College celebrated outstanding student academic achievements for the 2022-23 academic year at its Undergraduate Honors Convocation on April 26.

The event honored the valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 2023, plus 48 students from all of Sage's undergraduate majors and programs.

The following local students received awards:

Adeline Potter, Chatham, received the Marion Eldon Dollard Award. This award is presented to a rising senior who demonstrates the greatest potential for achievement in the field of business.

Thomas Carney, Hillsdale, received the Charles and Helen Upton Award. This award is presented to upperclass majors in history who achieve the highest average.

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Rapid Care still closed in Roe Jan community

By DIANE VALDEN

COPAKE—All five Roe Jan area towns have now joined the effort to get Columbia Memorial Health's Copake Rapid Care facility at 283 Mountain View Road, reopened.

The rapid care facility has been closed since late last year (2022) after having reduced and sporadic hours during the pandemic. Columbia Memorial Health (CMH) has said that lack of staffing is the main hurdle to reopening.

With no other medical facility in eastern Columbia County, residents in this part of the county have to travel to hospitals in Hudson, Great Barrington, MA, or Sharon, CT, for urgent medical care.

Columbia Memorial Health (CMH) operates two other rapid care facilities, one in Valatie, northwestern Columbia County, open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. 7 days/week; and another in Catskill, Greene County, open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 7 days/week, according to its website (www.columbiamemorialhealth.org/locations/).

In her July 13 report Copake Supervisor Jeanne Mettler

noted, "The support for saving Rapid Care in Copake is growing."

A five-town coalition made up of: Copake, Hillsdale, Ancram, Taghkanic and Gallatin, is now advocating for the reopening of Copake Rapid Care, "and there is some reason to believe that their efforts will be successful."

The group, which meets as needed, has met three times with CMH leadership. At the most recent meeting June 28, Ms. Mettler said the "coalition urged that a quick solution was less important than a lasting solution." Representatives for the towns called on CMH to make a public statement of their intent to reopen once the staffing issues are resolved. CMH indicated a willingness to issue a press release to this effect, Ms. Mettler said.

At the July 20 Ancram Town Board meeting, Councilperson Amy Gold asked audience members if they knew of a physician assistant who might be interested in working at the Copake Rapid Care facility. She said CMH is looking for a PA to anchor the facility.

Supervisor Mettler said this



Photo contributed

The Rapid Care building in Copake.

week she received a recruitment notice from CMH seeking a physician assistant that CMH plans to use to advertise for the position.

The notice says in part: "Combine a deeply satisfying career with an unparalleled lifestyle in Upstate NY without sacrificing competitive income. Enjoy an abundance of recreational and cultural activities; live on a lake, hop a train to Manhattan after work, golf, ski, mountain bike or hike on weekends." For more information contact Michael Weisberg, MD at mweisberg@cmh-net.org.

Ms. Mettler noted in her July report that "Rapid Care first opened in Copake in 2016 with tremendous community support." After CMH closed the Rapid Care facility and the town learned that CMH might also close the primary care facility at the Copake location, "the Town of Copake reached out to CMH to advocate for the reopening of Rapid Care and the continuation of primary care in Copake. Copake was first joined by Hillsdale and Ancram in these efforts. It is gratifying that we are now supported by all the towns in southeastern Columbia

County.

Contacted for update from CMH's perspective, CMH spokesman William VanSlyke told The Columbia Paper this week, "We are working closely with Town leadership on a communication plan that will provide area households with a status update of the Rapid Care facility, reaffirm our commitment to the Copake care center, and address our ongoing efforts to re-establish the Rapid Care service as soon as possible."

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Mobile office hours announced

CANAAN—U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-19) has announced his constituent service team will hold mobile office hours on Friday, July 28 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Canaan Town Hall, 1647 County Route 5.

During this event, constituents will be able to connect with representatives from Rep. Molinaro's office to share comments and resolve issues they are having with federal agencies like the VA, IRS, and Social

Security Administration.

If constituents aren't able to make this event, Rep. Molinaro also maintains offices in Broome County and Greene County. These offices are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Rep. Molinaro also has satellite offices in Sullivan County, Delaware County and Otsego County. These offices are accessible by appointment by calling 607 242-0200 or online.

New Lebanon Town Board meeting continued

By DOUG LA ROCQUE

NEW LEBANON—Because of space considerations in last week's issue (July 20), the report on the July 11 New Lebanon Town Board meeting had to be split into two separate editions.

Also at the meeting:

•Drivers continue to travel too fast for comfort in front of the Walter B Howard elementary school, despite signage. Again, the question was raised about lowering the speed limit, but this is a state road

not a town highway. As we have reported many times, the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) is notorious for denying speed limit reduction requests. Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling going so far as to say when DOT completes a speed study of the area in question, they often point out even if most of the people are speeding, if there are not many mishaps, it must be okay.

There was discussion about acquiring an electronic speed sign, noting such signs do seem to have

an impact. The sign would be placed near the school on alternating sides of U.S. Route 20.

•The board held a special meeting just prior to the regular session to interview two candidates for an opening on the planning board. During that regular session, they appointed Becky Segal to the open seat

•The approved installation of solar panels on the roof of the town hall is now underway.

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Man shoots self in leg, crashes into van

By DIANE VALDEN

HUDSON—Hudson City Police Department received a call from Columbia County 911 reporting a male subject shot himself in the leg and then got into an automobile accident involving a Coarc van, July 20 at 1:06 p.m.

HPD Patrol Units responded immediately to the area of the accident at First and Warren streets. Officer Randy Stratman located a 31-year-old man who was shot in the right upper leg and was bleeding badly.

An off-duty doctor was on scene and assisted the officer with first aid. The officer administered a tourniquet around the subject's leg to stop the bleeding until Greenport Rescue was able to safely respond. The man was airlifted to Albany Medical Center for emergency medical attention. At this time the man is in stable condition.

Prior to police arrival to the accident scene, witnesses observed the man exit his car after crashing into the Coarc van three different times. Once



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Loaded 9mm handgun recovered from a sewer drain.

out of the vehicle, the subject dumped a loaded handgun down the sewer drain. Detective Nicholas Pierro was able to climb in the sewer and recover the 9mm loaded handgun.

It appears at this time from the evidence collected and speaking to witnesses, the man shot himself in the leg on Front Street, then got into his vehicle and caused a car accident just a block away. No other injuries to any other subjects reported.

Police are currently still investigating the incident. Anyone who has any further information to share with the

police should contact the Hudson City Police Department, Detective Division at 518-828-3388. Felony charges will be forthcoming.

State Police, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Greenport Rescue, Hudson Fire Department assisted HPD on this investigation.

New Lebanon

A drunk driver with nine passengers, two in the trunk, was stopped in New Lebanon for going over 100 mph.

State Police from the New Lebanon barracks arrested a 16-year-old on four counts of

aggravated driving while intoxicated Leandra's Law, a class E felony, July 23.

While patrolling State Route 20 in the town of New Lebanon, troopers observed a 2019 Honda Civic traveling over 100 mph in a 45 mph zone. Investigation during the traffic stop determined that the driver was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The vehicle also contained nine juvenile passengers, four of which where under the age of 16.

The driver was issued the appropriate tickets returnable

in the town of New Lebanon court and all juveniles were turned over to their responsible guardians.

Craryville

Columbia County Sheriff Donald Krapf reports that on Tuesday, July 25 at about 3:07 p.m., Deputy Dayna Scott discovered a serious automobile crash, which had just recently occurred on State Route 23, east of the intersection with County Route 7 in the town of Copake. The drivers of both vehicles were transported to the Albany Medical Center for the treatment of their injuries. Craryville and Hillsdale fire companies were on scene assisting as well as the Greenport and Copake Rescue Squads. The State Police Accident Reconstruction Team was contacted to assist with the investigation.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation at this time and more details will be released when they become available.

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State Police change trooper requirements

ALBANY—State Police announced that Governor Kathy Hochul has approved a request from the State Police to raise the maximum age to apply to become a New York State Trooper from 29 to 34.

"This change will allow us to recruit the most diverse and skilled group of candidates possible. There are many qualified candidates from the military or other careers who decide that they want to transition to the State Police, but because of the previous age requirement, some were not eligible. These are individuals that have a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to the job. The New York State Police has a proud tradition of excellence. By raising the age, we are ensuring that we have the best and most qualified candidates possible to carry on that legacy, and serve and protect the people of New York," Acting New York State Police Superintendent Steven A. Nigrelli said in a press release.

Candidates can learn about becoming a New York State Trooper and sign up to take the exam at joinstatepolice.ny.gov.

The next Trooper Entrance exam will be held simultaneously with the application pro-

cess now through September, and will be administered online at authorized testing centers to make the exam more accessible. Individuals can apply now and can schedule a time to take the exam.

The State Police has contracted with Pearson VUE, which will offer the Trooper Entrance Exam at 54 testing centers in New York State, more than 280 locations in the United States, and 100 military locations around the world. Candidates can choose where and when they take the exam. The online testing process makes it more convenient and accessible for anyone interested in becoming a trooper.

A study guide for the exam is

available at: <https://joinstatepolice.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/10/study-guide-practice-test-for-the-nysp-trooper-examination-updated-for-pv-testing.pdf>

Minimum exam qualifications are: U.S. citizen; 20 to 34 years of age (the maximum age may be extended one year for each year of full-time active military duty—up to a maximum of 7 years); high school diploma or equivalent.

Additional requirements can be found at: <https://joinstatepolice.ny.gov/qualifications>

Salary and benefits: starting salary \$59,612; after one year \$84,331; full benefits and retirement.

State Police redesigned its

recruitment program to reach more potential female and minority candidates. This includes meeting with leaders in communities that are underrepresented within law enforcement, with the goal of building positive long-term relation-

ships. The State Police has also taken the 30X30 pledge and is committed to increasing its percentage of female recruits to 30% by 2030. The agency has recruitment teams in each troop to network at events and within neighborhoods.

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Keep kids, pets safe, never leave them in hot cars

GHENT—The Department of State’s Division of Consumer Protection warns New Yorkers of the danger children and pets face when left in hot cars.

As temperatures are reaching record high levels this summer, there is a real and severe danger when leaving children or pets unsupervised in a car even when temperatures don’t “feel” hot.

At 60 degrees outside, after just one hour, a closed car can get as hot as 105 degrees. During this unprecedented hot weather, the Division recommends exercising precaution and early intervention to help prevent illness and even fatal consequences if a child or an animal is left unattended for a period of time in a hot car.

“Extremely hot weather endangers children and pets left unintentionally in a hot car. I urge all New Yorkers to be careful and attentive when driving this summer with children or pets, as just a few moments

alone in a hot car can risk a loved one’s life. Please follow these important safety tips from the Division of Consumer Protection,” Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez said in a press release.

Unfortunately, multiple deaths have been reported after children and pets have been left in a hot vehicle. There is a real danger in extreme weather because heatstroke or deaths in cars occur most commonly when an adult unintentionally forgets a child or pet, who may be quiet or sleeping in a rear-facing seat. Along with these incidents, children can also gain unsupervised access to parked cars and get stuck inside, especially if child safety locks are on.

Tragically, 942 children have died nationwide due to Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke (PVH) since 1998. Ten of these were in New York State. According to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), every year many pets die from

heat exhaustion because they are left in parked vehicles. In 2022 alone, 56 animals died due to heat-related deaths and another 488 were rescued from the heat. Anyone found responsible for leaving a child or pet alone in a hot car could face criminal charges.

Follow these tips to prevent additional tragedies for you and your young ones:

- Never leave a child in an unattended vehicle in the warm weather, not even with the windows slightly open or down, due to the risk of heatstroke (hyperthermia).

- If you see a child in a hot car, call 911 right away and follow their instructions. Emergency personnel are trained to respond.

- Teach children not to play in or around vehicles and to alert an adult when a friend is playing in a vehicle without supervision. Make sure children understand the dangers of trunk entrapment (suffocation, heatstroke, etc.).

- Place something you need, like keys, a purse or bag, or your cell phone, next to your child’s car seat so you will remember to check the backseat before you lock the car. Alternatively, place a stuffed toy in your child’s car seat when not in use and move the toy to the front passenger seat when your child is in his/her car seat as a reminder that your child is in the vehicle.

- Use drive-through services whenever possible while driving with a child in a vehicle.

It is vital to recognize the symptoms of heatstroke in children. Symptoms include absence of sweat, confusion, disorientation, flushed skin, loss of alertness, unconsciousness or rapid/shallow breathing.

Safety tips for pets:

- Never leave a pet unattended in the car. Like children, dogs and other animals have a harder time staying cool, leaving them extremely vulnerable to heatstroke.

- A car can overheat even when the window has been left cracked an inch or two. Parking in the shade or leaving water in the vehicle won’t prevent your pet from overheating, either.

- According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), young, overweight or senior animals or those with short muzzles or thick or dark coats are most at risk for overheating.

- If you see a pet in a hot car, call 911 immediately.

- Recognize the symptoms of heatstroke in pets and take action if you see them. Symptoms include restlessness, heavy panting, vomiting, lethargy and lack of appetite or coordination.

For more consumer protection tips, follow the Division on social media at Twitter: @NYSConsumer and Facebook: www.facebook.com/nysconsumer.

Kinderhook hosts green vendor fair July 29

VALATIE—The Town of Kinderhook’s Climate Smart task force will be hosting a green vendors fair this Saturday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Village of Valatie’s Memorial Park across from the Martin H Glynn Municipal Building on Church Street.

The Columbia NE Repair Cafe will be available to offer general repairs, clock and lamp repairs, and sewing or mending repairs.

Representatives from RYCOR, The Radiant Store, and ARC Mechanical will also be in attendance to provide

information to people looking to upgrade their homes’ heating and cooling systems. PowerMarket, a provider of community solar will be onsite to provide you with the benefits of clean energy without the hassle of traditional solar panel installation. And local bike shop, Velo Domestique, will be on site as well as Nosh Food Truck.

In keeping with the green theme, Nosh will be offering strictly vegan options for purchase at the fair. Vendors continue to be added daily.

Hudson launches engagement mobile app

HUDSON—The City of Hudson has launched Hudson Hub, a new mobile citizen engagement application powered by GoGov. The Hudson Hub application, available in the Apple App and Google Play store, puts the power of City Hall in the palm of citizens’ hands and allows them to access information and communicate with various departments across the city.

“Effective and clear communication with residents has always been a pain point for the city’s administration,” said Mayor Kamal Johnson in a press release. “The Hudson Hub app will help City Hall reach people much more directly and quickly, particularly in situations that impact the health and safety of residents.”

Powered by GoGov, Hudson Hub is a centralized location for city news, events, service interruptions and updates, and

important links to the city’s website. The software streamlines important community communications and information to citizens in more efficient ways. Importantly, it also provides them with the opportunity to contribute to the upkeep of the city by reporting on various needs for improvement through a crowd sourced model.

Over the course of 2022, the Common Council Technology Committee reviewed options for citizen request management solutions and recommended GoGov as the preferred vendor to the rest of the Council. A service agreement with GoGov was then authorized in December 2022, followed by several months of development with staff from the City and GoGov.

“Residents and Visitors alike can access the Hudson Hub from their computers, tablets,

or smartphones, so they can stay informed on the go,” added Ryan Wallace, Minority Leader and 3rd Ward Councilmember involved in the selection of the platform, also in the release. “Providing access to key information about alternate side of the street parking, effectively communicating key issues like water main breaks or snow removal emergencies via mobile – where people spend most of their time today – will greatly reduce reliance on antiquated methods. We hope also to foster better engagement by giving residents the ability to join and participate in meetings with a simple click right from their phone.”

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Senator Hinchey visits Questar III BOCES in Durham.

Hinchey delivers state grant to Questar III BOCES

DURHAM—Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-41st) has secured a \$169,000 state grant for Questar III BOCES to support its Heavy Equipment and Repair Operation program, one of the most popular career and technical education (CTE) offerings in Columbia and Greene counties. The appropriation delivered by Senator Hinchey has been used to purchase two heavy equipment training simulators that will prepare students to operate a variety of machinery used in the construction trades while maximizing educational opportunities by allowing for full-year training into the winter months when hands-on

outdoor training is limited. The grant funding was secured through the Local Community Assistance Program administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY).

“Our local BOCES are shaping New York’s next generation of skilled tradespeople and providing direct pathways into the middle class with jobs for the future. We have to keep our BOCES programs strong, and it’s an absolute privilege to support Questar III and the exciting career paths that await our next generation here in Columbia and Greene counties,” said Senator Hinchey in a



Photo contributed
Senator Hinchey operates a piece of equipment.

press release.

Dr. Gladys I. Cruz, District Superintendent of Questar III BOCES, said, “Questar III is thankful to Senator Hinchey for securing funds to purchase simulators for the Heavy Equipment Operations and Maintenance Program. These simulators help students gain the necessary skills to become proficient operators of heavy equipment to gain meaningful employment in companies in the region.”

Chatham Middle School announces honor roll

CHATHAM—Chatham Middle School announces its honor roll for the 4th quarter of the 2022-23 school year. After each marking period, special recognition is given to those students who meet the criteria for the honor roll. Scholarship is determined by averaging academic grades received in each course.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must earn a minimum average of 85%-94% in all subjects, with no grade lower than 80% in any subject. To be eligible for the high honor roll, a student must earn a minimum average grade of 95% or higher in all subjects, with no grade lower than 90% in any subject.

High Honor Roll

Grade 8:

Emmett Bishop-Hayes, Jamison Edwards, George Eutzy III, Autumn Glass, Reese Hubert, DianRong Jiang, Dayaa Powell, Shawn Stitham, Axel Vose, Cloe Wall

Grade 7:

Liam Cowhig, Dylan Davey, Narayan Flores, Jadya Howard, Nico Katz, Lola Lezama, Madalynn Madsen, Hazel Michalek, Charles Rose, Isla Stack, Lucy Tassinari, Logan Van Wie, Hunter Wilson, Sabrina Wiseman

Grade 6:

Reese Agostinello-Burrows, Benjamin Artist, Braeden Barnes, Jayden Brantley, Ethan Brennan,

Amelia Charron, Zoe Ewers, Kiernan Hills, Dorothy Jones, Tanner Kelly, Lola Maxwell, Adeline Ward, Willow Yacobellis, Stella Zigon

Honor Roll

Grade 6:

Ava Bacon, Anthony Bell, Preston Billingham, Aiden Bliss, Skylar Bowen, Nicholas Butta, Anthony Casanova, Isabella Craig, Nelly Cruz Tapia, Aries Dallas, Sam Davis III, Wren Fisch, Eli Frick, Lily Furnari, Sophia Furnari, Gideon Geel, Elena Kahn, Ashlyn Kemp, Alonna Leggett, Trinity Monroe, Madison O'Dell, Eden Poole, Jaxon Poole, Dylan Ruiz-Morales, Laney Steltz, Nicholas Vaccariello

Grade 7:

Abri Amorim, Miles Bates, Anya DeGroff, Maya Doyle, Emily Engel, Madison Fugman, Philip Genovese, Ava Goodrich, Noah Howard, Makenzie Laurange, Jonathan Levine, Tulsi Macchiaroli, Kellen Pell, Abigail Scheriff, Landen Terpening, Brady Traulsen, Cristian Wilson

Grade 8:

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Academic Honors

President's List:

The University of Hartford

WEST HARTFORD, CT—The University of Hartford has announced Kyra Shetsky, Hudson, has been named to its president's honors list for spring 2023.

The president's honors list is made up of an extremely select group of students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher in the semester. This is the GPA that must be sustained over a full undergraduate career to qualify for a degree summa cum laude.

Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD, MA -- Western New England University recently named over 540 students to the Spring 2023 President's List.

Local students include: Charles Goodermote, Hudson, is majoring in Mechanical Engineering/Mechatronics; Luke Moisan, Valatie, is majoring in Electrical Engineering; and Trevor New, Hillsdale, is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Provost's List:

SUNY Oneonta

ONEONTA—A total of 232 SUNY Oneonta students earned provost's list honors for the spring 2023 semester. To qualify for the provost's list, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

Local students whose perfect GPA earned them a spot on the list include: Megan Francoeur, New Lebanon; and Maria Krein, Germantown.

Dean's List:

Dean College

FRANKLIN, MA—Dean College has announced that Katherine Marotta, Chatham, has earned a place on the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. Students named to the dean's list have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

SUNY Delhi

DELH—SUNY Delhi announces its dean's list for the spring 2023 semester, a recognition of academic achievement for students who enrolled in six or more credits and earned a 3.5 or higher grade-point average for the semester.

Local students include: Brandon Bashford, Stuyvesant; Ashley Hover, Chatham; Nancy Johnson, Hudson; and Mary-Elizabeth Kress, Hillsdale.

Canaan moves toward separating clerk, tax collector jobs

By PETER FLIERL

CANAAN—The Canaan Town Board met on Monday, June 12 with a full house of local residents drawn by proposals to separate the functions and duties of the town clerk and town tax collector covered by two of ten resolutions. The board meeting was preceded by a public hearing on Local Laws

1-5.

The proposed separation of clerk and tax collector along with a revision of the town clerk's salary (at 30 hours per week) will return the town to past organization with an elected town clerk and an appointed tax collector. The proposal was passed unanimously with an understanding that both will require a referendum in

November and take effect January 1, 2024.

Three resolutions were passed to update tax exemptions for firefighters and ambulance workers, seniors, and disabled or low income residents. As the second oldest county in New York State, Canaan has 25 seniors qualified out of 1,200. The hope is that the town can attract more volunteers and

avoid going to a paid service.

Canaan Day, which was rained out, is rescheduled for August 5 from 3 to 6 p.m. featuring the Hudson-based Bindlestiff Cirkus along with other local vendors and a new food vendor. Canaan is number 7 of 10 local Bindlestiff Cirkus performances aimed at children and parents. A town song will premiere on ukulele.

Town Supervisor Brenda Adams announced the appointments of Ginny Nightingale as chairwoman of the Canaan 250th Columbia County Independence Committee along with member Dodie Gearing, Canaan Town Historian and Curator for the Canaan Historical Society.

COUNTY'S BUSY AGENDA

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residents 5 years old or over have limited English skills.

On another matter the supervisors voted 13-10 in favor of a statement urging Governor Hochul to veto a law requiring that elections for many county and town officials take place only in even numbered years. Reasons supervisors gave for supporting the statement include that when running local elections at the same time as federal and state elections, local issues will be lost, junk mail will be overwhelming, and that the new law will violate home rule.

Reasons supervisors gave for opposing the statement include that the Board of Elections needs a break between elections to catch up

and that there is a higher voter turnout on election year. "We are accountable to the voters, and the more of them we hear from, the better off we are," said Supervisor Jeanne Mettler (D-Copake) later.

Supervisor Claire Cousin (D-Hudson, 1st Ward) said on July 14 that she sees both sides of the issue. On the one hand, the county Board of Elections is swamped and would benefit from greater spacing between elections. (Although some local elections, such as for county judge, can stay in odd years for now.) On the other hand it is easier for people to "see the importance of local issues if not swamped by national issues.... There needs to be a way of highlighting local issues.

Besides, a two-year break between elections increases the possibility of someone just not paying attention."

Also at the meeting, the board:

- Appointed Frederick Werwaiss of Chatham and Stan Yarian of Livingston to serve for up to 2 years on the county's Environmental Management Council

- Authorized renewal of the county's contract with five school districts to get a School Resource Office assigned by the Sheriff's Office for the coming school year, this time specifically September 1, 2023, to June 24, 2024. The school districts are Chatham, Germantown, Ichabod Crane, New Lebanon, and Taconic Hills. Each district pays the county \$40,000 each per year for the service

- Approved a new collective bargaining agreement between the trustees of Columbia Greene Community College and a local of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. The trustees approved the agree-

ment June 19. However, to be valid, all collective bargaining agreements for that college require approval by both counties

- Heard a presentation on the

Fisk study on improving Emergency Medical Service.

- Amounts of the opioid settlement funds are in a separate article.

County receives opium settlement funds

HUDSON—Columbia County can expect to receive at least \$2.2 million in Opioid Settlement Funds by 2038 in irregular amounts each year.

That breakdown of the funds was made by county Director of Community Services Dan Almasi and shared with the county Health and Human Services Committee last year. (See November 3, 2022 issue.) Recently, as part of this, the Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) awarded the County Department of Human Services (DHS) \$283,739. On July 12, 2023 the County Board of Supervisors authorized the DHS to accept this award and spend it as follows:

- \$100,000 for a Wellness Hub Coordinator
- \$80,000 for the Columbia-Greene Addiction Coalition
- \$40,000 for ReEntry Columbia to purchase a vehicle
- \$30,000 in DHS Flex Funds.—**Jeanette Wolfberg**

\$1.5 TRILLION

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Congress members as part of the debt ceiling compromise legislation. Starting in September, SNAP participants age 51 or younger without dependents or a disability will be required to work at least 80 hours per month. The age subject to work requirements will increase to 53 in October and 55 in 2024. The work requirements will not apply to the unhoused, to veterans and those aged 18-24.

Those opposed to the work requirements, like CD 19 candidate Josh Riley, argue that they further burden people who are already highly burdened, by literally depriving them and their families of the most basic of needs—food. Those in favor counter that moving able-bodied adults into the workforce is supportive of their future economic stability.

Paradoxically, the non-nutrition balance of the Farm Bill does not cover nutritious food production and increasingly ignores the needs of family farmers. Instead, it provides crop subsidies for industrial

farms producing commodity crops like corn, soybeans, wheat and rice. And, much of the corn they produce isn't for people; it is processed for use as animal feed, corn oil, starches, corn syrup and ethanol. A large component of the remaining funds pay for crop insurance, largely for the same commodity crops and generally not available to smaller farms.

In 2018 6.8% of Farm Bill funds went to conservation programs, but much of that funding pays for manure lagoons and other technology for CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operations that cram thousands of animals into small areas); in other words, the funds go to implement measures to offset the pollution created by that farming method, rather than to farmers who farm in ways that avoid environmental degradation in the first place. Miscellaneous items such as the production of crops we might deem essential like vegetables receive the remaining 0.8%.

A number of areas are not

covered by the bill, including: farm and food worker rights; food safety; school meals; public lands grazing and water irrigation rights; clean air and water standards and enforcement.

As Sophie Ackoff, formerly a Hudson Valley farmer and now the Farm Bill Campaign Director of the Union of Concerned Scientists, puts it, "the Farm Bill no longer has farmers as its primary stakeholders."

While the Farm Bill owes its origins to the Depression era, when farming was a family business and farms were small, today it is widely acknowledged primarily to benefit mid-western and western industrial giants—be they farms, equipment manufacturers, animal feed producers or food processors—in the highly concentrated agricultural sector.

Agriculture lobbyists representing the big players spend vast amounts to influence the bill. According to Ms. Ackoff, in 2022 "the ag industry spent four times as much as the defense industry."

Food system guru Daniel Imhoff, author of "The Farm Bill: A Citizen's Guide," calls

the bill "a fully rigged game run by the immensely powerful farm lobbies and monopolies" of the industrial agricultural complex and "a corporate boondoggle." Among other things, corn and soybean production are subsidized while vegetables are not, so that the bill "makes sure Americans are fed, but not necessarily nourished."

Farm Bill critics note that the huge sums poured into corporate agriculture allow for the production of cheap, but not nutritious, food, heavily contributing to the nation's health issues—obesity, heart disease and diabetes, that in turn costs taxpayers billions in medical expenses.

Local food writer Ruth Reichl has co-produced a film, Food and Country, that documents the struggles of smaller farmers and the many dysfunctions of the food system, including the lack of focus on food quality. As she noted in an interview with the Columbia Paper: "Eating is a learned behavior. No one is wired to eat pop tarts." Yet, federal support of agricultural largely neglects making nutritious food affordable to eat or the farming

of it a sustainable occupation.

Many see the Farm Bill as having great potential to influence climate change. Agriculture accounts for 11% of the nation's greenhouse gas emissions, through the use of synthetic fertilizers, the production of methane by cattle, and monocropping that depletes soils and leaves them lacking resilience to the floods and droughts we increasingly see, among other things.

Smart farming and organic techniques can alter that picture—storing carbon in the soil and renewing its resilience to volatile weather. Providing for the production of food locally also enhances food security, which many see as a national security imperative, and reduces the transportation costs embedded in food prices and thus borne by consumers and the emissions attendant to transport.

Columbia County farms in particular and Hudson Valley farms in general are not structured to benefit from much of what the bill offers—being far smaller and often "specialty" crop oriented.

Part 2 will address what our local farmers, and others, are hoping to see in the 2023 bill.



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Upstage Productions announces three August events

HUDSON — Upstage Productions ends their 29th season with three events – all occurring in the month of August.

First up is “The Wedding Singer,” a romantic musical comedy. This musical will be presented in a dinner theater setting on August 18, 19 and 20 at Pegasus Restaurant, 10885 Route 9W, Coxsackie. Tickets for dinner and the show are \$50; tickets for the show only are \$20.

Dinner for August 18 and 19 includes appetizers and cash bar at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at

6:15 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m. Dinner for August 20 includes appetizers and cash bar at 1:30 p.m. with dinner at 2:15 p.m. and show at 3:30 p.m. Reservations are required and must be received by August 11.

A limited number of show only tickets will be available at the door. To reserve, purchase tickets or for more information email tickets@upstageproductions.org or call Pegasus at 518 731-9200. For in-person sales, tickets are available at Sternfeld Dance Studio, 160 Fairview Avenue, Suite 96, during their regular business hours of 4 to 7

p.m. Monday through Friday.

Their second event is Upstage’s Annual Dinner Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m. for all members and guests. Following the meeting there will be entertainment by Upstage performers. This event will also be held at Pegasus Restaurant. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Reservations must be made by August 16; to reserve, email tickets@upstageproductions.org.

The third event is “A Dream Role Cabaret,” which will be

performed by Upstage veterans, as well as some of their newest members, on Saturday, August 26 with two shows – one at 3 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. With direction by Molly Oliveira and musical direction by Annie Drewello, Upstage is proudly partnering with the Ghent Playhouse, 6 Townhall Place, Ghent, to produce this unique combination of songs from various Broadway shows featuring selections from “Kiss Me, Kate,” “Hamilton,” “Cabaret,” “Godspell,” “Jekyll & Hyde,” “Fun Home,” “Mame,” “City of Angels,”

“Beetlejuice,” “Annie,” “South Pacific,” “Honk,” “Peter Pan,” and more. All proceeds will benefit The Ghent Playhouse Capital Campaign Restoration Fund.

General admission tickets will be available at the door payable by cash or check made out to Ghent Playhouse. For more information email tickets@upstageproductions.org.

Detailed information on all events is available on the Upstage web site at www.upstageproductions.org

Claverack Republican Club’s concerts continue at park

MELLENVILLE—The second month of the Claverack Republican Club’s Music in the Park series kicks off Thursday, August 3, with a special 1950’s “Sock Hop” from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Claverack Town Park, 91 Church Street.

The event will feature dance contests, best dressed contests and other related activities. It is the latest show in the retooled music series designed to increase audience participation

and interaction to enhance the feeling of community.

The “Sock Hop” will feature DJ Charlie, who spent many years performing in local and regional bands. A record/CD collector for nearly six decades, he was a contributor to the book “Teen Beat Mayhem,” which is considered an essential tool for exploring the garage band phenomenon.

The 1950s in America were a mixed bag of optimism, incredible economic growth and social expansion while many of the same problems that plagued society in the first half of the century remained largely unchanged and the threat of cold war with former ally Russia hung over everyone’s mind.

The event will also be a promotion for the Columbia-Greene Humane Society. Participants are asked (but not

required) to bring various cans and/or bags of pet food, old blankets, and other creature comforts for the homeless animals at the shelter.

The grounds open at 6 p.m. with the music getting underway at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Refreshments are available at the snack bar.

Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately in order to be part of the various contests. Come to dance or just

come to see. For more information, visit www.ClaverackRepublicans.com



The BTUs
Photo contributed

Roe Jan Library hosts the BTUs Sunday, July 30

COPAKE—The Roeliff Jansen Community Library hosts an afternoon concert with the BTUs, Berkshire County’s rock-jazz-blues band, on Sunday, July 30, 3 p.m. All are welcome to join the crowd for the performance as the BTUs showcase their signature sound and unique blend of genres.

It’s been said that the BTUs “rock the blues.” Their soulful vocals and guitar point the way to solid grooves that connect the band to the audience and

make everyone feel the powerful vibration of the blues together. This Berkshire institution includes guitarist Steve Ide, Bob McVeety on guitar and vocals, Rob Putnam on bass and Conor Meehan on drums.

Break out your dancing shoes and come out (rain or shine) to hear this local favorite.

This concert will be at the Hilltop Barn, Roe Jan Park, across the street from the library. Lawn chairs appreciated.

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature and administered in Columbia County by the Columbia County Council on the Arts dba CREATE Council for the Arts.

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

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Claverack Library hosts annual photo exhibit

CLAVERRACK — The Claverack Free Library will host its annual photo exhibition in the Marilyn and Bob Laurie Gallery, where photographers of the Columbia County Photo Club will show works with the theme of “Birds.”

The public is invited to attend the show’s opening reception on July 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. The show will be on display during library hours until September 8.

The photo club was formed thirteen years ago to bring together people of all ages and skill levels. They share the love of photography and have created an atmosphere of camaraderie, education and growth through programs and the



Ken Bovat
“Privacy Please”

interaction of its members. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m., weather permitting. The first Tuesday meeting is a field outing, the fourth Tuesday is held at the Hudson Area Library Community Room. All meetings are open to the public, and membership is free.

The Claverack Library is located at the junction of NY Route 23 and NY Route 9H. Library parking is located at 629 Route 23B.

For more information call 518 851-7120 or www.claveracklibrary.org

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 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.

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. 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. 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.

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. 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, 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. 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. 518 828-0135.

OLD AUSTERLITZ, 11550 Rt 22. 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.

ROELIFF JANSEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM, 8 Miles Rd, Copake Fall. The First 40: A Celebration of Local History Preserved. Sat & Sun 2-4 pm. WWII exhibit on view on website: 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.

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.

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.

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, 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.

MAH-JONG CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, Chatham, 10:30 am Mon, 2 pm Wed. For experienced players. 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.

FIBER ARTS CIRCLE, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 1-3 pm, free. All levels, experiences welcome. claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

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COMMUNITY STRENGTH TRAINING, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 10 am, \$10. Led by Jennifer Lawrence of The Firm Exercise Studio. 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. By appointment, 518 828-3358 (option #4). sites: google.com/a/columbiacounty-ny.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. Twincountyrecovery.org.

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

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT CLASSES, Women's Health Center at CMH Campus, 71 Prospect Ave, Hudson, 4:30 pm, free. For pregnant women, breastfeeding moms & their families. 518 828-1400 to sign up or learn more.

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. climatheke@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, Hillsdale House, 1 Anthony St, 10-11:30 am. Coffee, donuts, conversation. July: 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.

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.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: nam-iccny.org/event/virtual-family-

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. twincountyrecovery.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.

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.

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.

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.

MEMOIR WRITING GROUP, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 5-7 pm. Share stories in supportive environment. 518 325-4101, roejanlibrary.org.



Photo contributed

'Invisible Cities' procession held at PS21

On July 29, be a part of the procession at PS21, 2980 Route 66, Chatham. The culmination of two weeks of community workshops, Processional Arts Workshop presents "Invisible Cities" in which participants collaborate to create and embody their own imagined cities as puppets, body extensions, and performing objects. PS21's landscape will be transformed into a shifting landscape of ambulatory architectural follies. Rain date: July 30. To sign up go to ps21chatham.org

Tuesdays, Thursdays

COVID VACCINATION CLINIC, Columbia County Department of Health, 325 Columbia St, Hudson, 1-3:30 pm. columbiacountyhealth.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/columbiacounty-ny.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.

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

ENGLISH CLASS, Hudson Area Library, virtual, 6-8 pm, free. For adults. Improve reading, writing, English skills. Free childcare. Class meets virtually when Library closed. Register: 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. Improve speaking & leadership skills. Guests welcome. 518 929-5866, taconic.toastmastersclubs.org.

support-group/2023-02-01. Info: 518 336-0246, nam-iccny@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.

Second Thursdays
HEALTH CARE NAVIGATOR, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 1-3 pm, free. Assistance shopping for, 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.

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, 518 325-4101.

NY CONNECT PROGRAM, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 1-4 pm, free. Get 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.

Fourth Thursdays
TEA TIME AT THE LIBRARY, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 2:30 pm, free. Tea, coffee, socialize. 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 possible: Betty White 518 325-3977 or Vernetta Moore 413 446-9431. Questions roejanfoodpantry@gmail.com.

CHAIR YOGA, Roe Jan Community Library, virtual 10-11:15 am, free. Movement, balancing, stretching, breath-work, guided visualization. Sturdy, armless chair needed. Login code 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.

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. lightformsartcenter.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.

Second Fridays
CLAVERACK SENIORS, Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Rt 9H, Claverack, 1 pm. New members welcome. Sign up: 518 610-1766.

CLASSIC MOVIES & COFFEE, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 2 pm, free. 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.

Saturdays
PARENTS-TO-PARENT Support Group, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 9:30 am, free. For parents, guardians at any stage of parenting. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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. hudson-gallerycrawl.com, IG: @hudson-gallerycrawl.

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. Register: 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. 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: visitchatham-ny.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. copakehillsdalefarmersmarket.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. hudsonny-farmersmarket@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.

Through September 15
CALLING ALL PERFORMING ARTISTS for works-in-progress for 2024 Mark DeGarmo Virtual Salon Performance Series for Social Change. Details: markdegarmodance.org/performance. Applications: forms.gle/VEswdbTg6ivbnF1QA.

July 28
FLOATING FRIDAY, Hand Hollow Conservation Area, 451 Gale Hill Rd, New Lebanon, 9 am-noon, free. Volunteers help pull invasive water chestnuts out of Meizinger Lake. Some kayaks available, can bring your own. Registration: clctrust.org/events.

July 29
BLOOD DRIVE, Claverack Library, 629 Rt 23B, 8 am-1 pm. Appointments: redcross-blood.org, 800 733-2767, Red Cross Blood Donor App.

MORNING TEA, Gardens at Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, 10 am-noon, \$50, 12 & under free. Variety of refreshments, online & silent auction, live music. Tickets: friendsofclermont.org.

PATHWAYS DAY, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 6 pm, free. Invisible Cities final performance. Collaborate in creating, performing imagined cities as pageant puppets, performing objects. RSVP: ps21chatham.org.

July 30
BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL, Old Austerlitz, 11550 Rt 22, 9 am-3 pm, \$10, under 12 free. Pancake breakfast (adults \$10, under 12 \$5), early American craft demonstrations/wares, live music, entertainment, more. Leave pets at home. oldausterlitz.org.

August 4
VOLUNTEER DAY, Overmountain Conservation Area, 138 Catalano Rd, 9 am-noon, free. Learn how to use tools, identify plants, maintain trails. Bring water, weather-appropriate clothing, sunscreen, work gloves. Expect to hike on uneven terrain while carrying tools. Registration: clctrust.org.

August 4-13
BARD MUSIC FESTIVAL, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annandale, \$25 & up. Full schedule, tickets: fishercenter.bard.edu, 845 758-7900.

August 5
VILLAGE-WIDE TAG SALE, throughout Valatie, 9 am-3 pm. Details, registration form: vera-valatie.com.

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EVENTS Calendar

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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 29

ANNUAL MEETING & BBQ, Copake Iron Works, 35 Valley View Rd, Copake Falls, 6 pm, \$35. Supper follows Friends of Taconic State Park meeting. Public welcome. BYOB. Tickets: FTSPBB2023.eventbrite.com, 518 329-3251.

FOR KIDS

Continuing

Mondays

SHAKE & SHOUT TODDLER STORYTIME, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. For ages 1-3. Sing, dance, listen to story. Chathampubliclibrary.org.

FAMILY MUSIC & MOVEMENT

STORY TIME, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 4 pm, free. Led by Abbey Lappen. Claveracklibrary.org.

First & Third Mondays

LEGO CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 4 pm, free. Registration kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us.

THE MENTOR IS IN, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3-6 pm, free. One-on-one appointments for writing & career help for teens with Wally Rubin. Chathampubliclibrary.org.

Tuesdays

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 10 am, free. Led by Deb Wiede. Claveracklibrary.org.

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT

PROGRAMS, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 1 pm, free. For grades 1-5. Claveracklibrary.org.

YOUTH DJ WORKSHOP,

Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 3-5 pm, free. Series of studio days, vinyl record shopping field trips, final performance. Through Aug 15. Registration: programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

Second Tuesdays

BYO BOOK CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3:30 pm, free. For ages 8-12. Come talk about latest favorite read. Registration: kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us, 518 392-3666.

Wednesdays

LIBRARY PLAYGROUP, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:15 am-12:15 pm, free. For caregivers & children ages 0-5. No registration required. chathampubliclibrary.org.

STORY TIME, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 10 am, free. For toddlers-kindergarten with Debbie Wiede. claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

PLAYGROUP FOR

CAREGIVERS & CHILDREN, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:15 am-12:15 pm, free. Play, socialize with other families. For children ages 0-5. chathampubliclibrary.org.

CRAFTING FOR MONEY, Hudson Area Library, 5 N 51 St, 3-5 pm, free. Craft entrepreneurship for grades 6-12. Learn how to start business, develop craft & design skills. Through Aug 9. Space limited: registration: youth@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792.

LEGO CLUB, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 4 pm. For grades 2-5. claveracklibrary.org.

HOMEWORK HELP, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 5-7 pm. K-12 help in English & Spanish. Se habla Espanol. Roejanlibrary.org, 518 325-4101.

DIVERSIFY TEEN GROUP, Taconic Hills High School, virtual, 7 pm, free. Social justice groups. Collaboration with Pine Plains High School. Email for link, diversifypineplains@gmail.com.

First Saturdays

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, noon, free. For beginners. Children led by adult dungeon master through complicated role playing game. Space limited for each adventure, reservations: claveracklibrary.org.

Fourth Saturdays

ANIME CLUB, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, noon, free. Teens, tweens welcome for anime film screening. Details: claveracklibrary.org.

July 27

LOVE BUG CLIPS, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 1:30 pm, free. Hear story, make clips to give out. Newlebanonlibrary.org, 518 794-8844.

PAPER HEART PUPPETS, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3:30 pm, free. For ages 5 & up. Cardboard Kingdom Workshop & Show. Make puppet to be in show with original story. Space limited, registration: kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us, 518 392-3666.

ANIMAL MENAGERIE PROGRAM, N Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rt 203, 4 pm, free. Presented by the Audubon Society; learn how to nurture wildlife where birds & people thrive. Northchathamlibrary.org.

July 27, 28

HACK THE LIBRARY 3D MAPPING, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 10 am-3 pm, free. Rebecca Borrer & Kole Kovacs lead workshop creating art using Photogrammetry. Space limited, registration: programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

July 28

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6:30 pm, free. Friends-themed trivia. Snacks provided. Newlebanonlibrary.org, 518 794-8844.

July 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. ccswwd.org/mud-creek-elc.html.

July 29

YOUTH MASTERCLASS DANCE WORKSHOP, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 11 am for beginner level ages 7-12, 12:30 pm for intermediate/advanced level ages 10-18. Led by Ailey II. Space limited, registration required: youth@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

BUILD YOUR OWN SOLAR OVEN, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 1-2 pm, free. Nutty Scientists lead program. Space limited, registration required: youth@roejanlibrary.org.



Photo contributed

'The Sound of Music' returns to the Mac-Haydn

The Rodgers and Hammerstein classic "The Sound of Music" has returned to the Mac-Haydn Stage, at 1925 Route 203, Chatham, for the first time in over a decade, running through July 30. Pictured are (clockwise) Emmett Mazurowski as Kurt, Quinn McCarthy as Brigitta, Rachel Revellese as Liesl, Aidan Brennan as Friedrich, Makayla Shores as Marta, Riley O'Kane as Louisa and Charlotte Miller as Gretl. For tickets and information, visit www.machaydntheatre.org or call the box office at 518 392-9292.

SMALL WONDERS STORY TIME, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 10:30 am, free. Younger patrons up to 35 months join Miss Ann for songs, movement, stories. Newlebanonlibrary.org, 518 794-8844.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am, free. Ages 3-6 join Miss Ann for songs, movement, stories. newlebanonlibrary.org, 518 794-8844.

CRAFTING KINDNESS, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 11 am-noon. Make fun summer crafts to send Ghent Rehabilitation & Nursing Center to decorate facility. Option to make one for yourself too. Through Aug 16. Registration: programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

HOMESCHOOL WEDNESDAYS, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 1-2 pm, free. Reading, activity, for home-schoolers & their families. Through end of school year. Roejanlibrary.org.

STORY TIME, Canaan Library, 1647 CR 5, 2 pm. Join Ms Becky for stories, songs, crafts, games. For ages 3-8. chathampubliclibrary.org.

HOMEWORK HELP, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 5-7 pm. Tutors available for grades 3-8. Small group study spaces also available. 518 851-7120, info@claveracklibrary.org

Wednesdays, Saturdays

PLAYTIME WITH TIA, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 10:30 am, free. Open to preschoolers & families. Socialize, play, craft. roejanlibrary.org.

Thursdays

BABY & ME, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 11 am, free. Interactive baby & caregiver storytime. Runs through Aug 17. Registration suggested: info@claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

LEGO THURSDAYS, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, noon-8 pm. Roejanlibrary.org, 518 325-4101.

MOVEMENT & MUSIC, Hudson Area Library, 5 N 5th St, 4-5 pm, free. With Abbey Lappen. Celebrate spring with songs, stories, fun motions. Through Aug 24. programs@hudsonarealibrary.org.

Third Thursdays

GRAB 'N GO SCIENCE KIT, New Lebanon Library, virtual event. Pick up supplies from library (550 Rt 20), tune into blog for instructions. newlebanonlibrary.org.

Fridays

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. Ms. Becky leads stories, songs, craft. For ages 3-5. chathampubliclibrary.org

PLAY GROUP, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, free. For ages 0-5. Unstructured play time, craft, socializing. kinderhooklibrary.org.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE LIBRARY, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3 pm, free. Various activities. Rain or shine. For ages 5 & up Through Aug 11. Chatham publiclibrary.org, 518 392-3666.

Saturdays

ART WORKSHOPS, Art Omi, 1405 CR 22, Ghent, 10 am-noon, \$18/child or \$30/two siblings. For ages 5-12. Developmentally-appropriate projects encouraging curiosity, experimentation, creative thinking. Register: artomi.org/education/saturday-childrens-workshops.

3,2,1 BLAST OFF! Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 1-2 pm, free. Nutty Scientists lead program about Newton's three laws of motion. Space limited, registration required: youth@roejanlibrary.org.

August 1
SCIENCE CHEF: SLIMY THINGS, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3:30-4:30 pm, free. For ages 7-11. Learn about polymers & cross-bridges, experiment with some slimy kitchen ingredients, make slime. Registration: kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us, 518 392-3666.

August 2
POLLINATOR PROGRAM, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 4-5 pm, free. For ages 5 & up. Jerry Schneider presents on butterflies, bats, bees, other pollinators. Design your own pollinator tee, available for \$5 or BYO. Registration: kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us, 518 392-3666.

August 3
PLANTING COOL SEASON PLANTS, N Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rt 203, 4 pm, free. Led by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Take home plants to put in garden for fall harvest. Registration: registernorthchathamlibrary@gmail.com. Northchathamlibrary.org.

AT THE MOVIES

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

July 28
AILEY II, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 5:30 pm, free. Includes panel discussion. Space limited, registration required: youth@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

July 28-August 3
BARBIE, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

July 30
SHEPARD & DARK, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 4 pm, \$10. Screening of documentary with Q&A with director Treva Wurmfeld. timeandspace.org.

August 2
VERDI'S IL TROVATORE, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 6 pm, \$25. Met Opera Live in HD. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

PLAYTIME, Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, 8:15 pm, free. Outdoor movie series. clarkart.edu.

MAKING MUSIC

Ongoing
UPSTREAMING, Bard Fisher Center, virtual events, free. Opera, music, dance, more. Access at fishercenter.bard.edu/upstreaming.

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 29
BLUES FEST 2023, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 4 pm, \$12.50. Parking Lot Live featuring The Blues Marshals and friends. Rain or shine. BYOB. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

MUSIC IN THE PARK, Copake Memorial Park, 305 Mountain View Rd, 6-8 pm, free. Dusk Til Dawn. Food available for purchase. Townofcopake.org.

SHOW TUNES & MOVIE THEMES, Elizaville Methodist Church, CR 2 & CR 19, 6:15 pm, freewill offering. Outdoor concert, bring chair. In case of inclement weather, concert will be in church. 516 978-8597.

July 30
BTUS, Hilltop Barn, Roe Jan Park, 9156 Rt 22, 3 pm, free. Rock, jazz, blues. Lawn chairs appreciated. Roejanlibrary.org, 518 325-4101.

August 3
MUSIC IN THE PARK, Claverack Town Park, 91 Church St, grounds open 6 pm, music 7-9 pm, free. 1950s sock hop featuring DJ Charlie. Refreshments available for purchase. 518 851-7570.

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 27
GREENPORT SENIORS, Greenport Community Center, Town Hall Rd, 1 pm, free. Speaker: Scott Mathias from Habitat for Humanity. Farmers Market coupons also available. Inhannett@gmail.com.

July 29
BEHIND THE CURTAIN LECTURE, Shakespeare & Co, 70 Kemble St, Lenox, 10:30 am, free. Ann Berman in conversation with director Daniel Gidron about Golda Meir & Balcony. shakespeare.org.

August 2, 9, 16, 23
YOUNG AT HEART: A Brush with the Past, Olana State Historic Site, virtual event, 8-10 pm, \$250. Wennie Huang leads workshop for 55 & up. Create watercolor painting based on personal photo. Registration: olana.org/youngatheart.

August 4-5
GEL PLATE MONOTYPE, Art School of Columbia County, 1198 CR 21C, Ghent, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, \$155-\$165. Tate Klacsmann leads printmaking workshop open to all levels. Some materials included. Registration: artschoolofcolumbiacounty.org.

DANCE

Through July 30
OONA DOHERTY/OD WORKS, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, times vary, \$60 & up. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

July 27
ALMANAC DANCE CIRCUS THEATER, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, chose what you pay. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

July 28
OYU ORO AFRO CUBAN EXPERIMENTAL DANCE ENSEMBLE, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, chose what you pay. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

July 29
AILEY II DANCE PERFORMANCE, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 2 pm, free. Space limited, registration required: youth@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

DUNHAM LEGACY PROJECT, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, \$15-\$35. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

TOGETHER, Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, 6:30 pm, free. Outdoor performance choreographed by Kim Brandt in dialogue with Elizabeth Atterbury's exhibition & Clark's natural setting. clarkart.edu.

SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 7 pm, \$10-\$35. Polka chinata choreographed by Alessandro Sciarroni (Italy). Tickets: ps21chatham.org.

August 2-6
HIP HOP ACROSS THE PILLOW, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, times vary, \$60 & up. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

August 2
BRINAE ALI, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, chose what you pay. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

August 3
NEFIR GLOBAL MOVEMENT, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, chose what you pay. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

August 4
KR3TS DANCE COMPANY & THE HOOD LOCKERS, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, chose what you pay. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

ON STAGE

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

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.

July 27-28
SEUSSICAL KIDS, Chatham High School Auditorium, 50 Woodbridge Ave, 7 pm, \$8. Presented by Columbia County Youth Theatre. Tickets: ccyt.org or at door.

August 3-4
GUYS & DOLLS JR, Chatham High School Auditorium, 50 Woodbridge Ave, 7 pm, \$8. Presented by Columbia County Youth Theatre. Tickets: ccyt.org or at door.

August 3-13
GODSPELL, Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Rt 203, Chatham, times vary, \$45. Musical. Tickets: machaydntheatre.org.

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.

AUSTERLITZ HISTORY CENTER, 812 Route 203, Spencertown. Education in Austerlitz: schools from first one-room schools opened in early 1800s to closing in 1970. Up through end of 2023.

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.

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EVENTS Calendar

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CLAVERACK Library, 629 Rt 23B. Birds, opens July 28, 5-7 pm; up through Sept 8. Open during library hours. claverack-library.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. friends-of-clermont.org.

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

FLOW CHART SPACE, 348 Warren St, Hudson. Second & fourths Sats, 11 am-5 pm. flow-chartfoundation.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.

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.

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.

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. Bountiful: Eunju Kang & Fumiko Toda, up through Sept 3. 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. thomas-cole.org.

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

TSL Gallery, 434 Columbia St, Hudson. Roberto Juarez: Made Up Mythologies. 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

WINDOW ON HUDSON, 43 S 3rd St, Hudson. David L. Bullis: Looking Up. windowonhudson.org



Photo contributed

Morris soccer program sign-ups now available

Sign-ups are now available for the Morris Memorial Fall Youth Recreational Soccer Program in Chatham. Programs are available for PreK through 8th grade (players must be 4 years old by the start of season on

September 9). To register, and to find season details, visit <https://www.morrismemorial.com/programs/youth-soccer/>

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. 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.

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. Tue-Fri, 9 am-5 pm, Sat & Sun, noon-5 pm. 518 822-1438. hudsonhall.org.

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

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, 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.

PRIVATE PUBLIC GALLERY, 530 Warren St, Hudson. 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. Landscapes & Escapes: Collages, up through Aug 31. 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. shakespeares-fulcrum.com



SOFT PAWS

By Charlene Marchand

What's in your K-9 first aid kit?

A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO, Laura Manchester trained her Chok Dee dog with me. What started out as a baseline training and behavior mod appointment or two led this talented team to great levels of achievement, i.e. Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Therapy Dog International (TDI), Rally RN, RA, RE, AKC Companion Dog title, and supreme demonstration dog for a number of venues. I brought Laura on board to assist me in training the New Leash On Life Cell Dogs at the Columbia County Jail, and I am so grateful for her extra pair of hands.

While chatting after class one day, we hit on the subject of hiking with your beloved canine pals. She sent me her “to do” list for the over-prepared hikes, and her words will take over this column now:

First, I never assume that the possibility does not exist that either my dog will get injured or that we may get separated. No matter how “fool-proof” he may seem, there is always the risk that something beyond my control or imagination can happen, with adverse consequences. An old cowboy I once worked with was fond of quoting one of his favorite adages to me (oftentimes as I was lying in the dust on my fanny with a bucking bronco yards away): “Nothing will make a liar out of you sooner than a horse.” I think he would extend the liberty of switching out “horse” for “dog.” Point taken.

After much deliberation, I came up with the following compilation of first-aid supplies that are now de rigeur on our outings. Although the list looks extensive, all of the items can be carried in mid-sized cosmetic case, which tucks into even a small-ish fanny pack.

- Leash and non-slip collar: Keep this at the ready, not buried at the bottom of pack, in case you need to restrain your dog at a moment's notice (even if you do normally have dog off-leash).

- Whistle: to summon help; to let others in your party know where you are if you split up; to call your dog or help him locate you if you should get separated (especially if he is whistle-trained). I like for each person in party to have one for communication.

- Gauze pads: for wounds

- Gauze wrap: for wounds

- Adhesive tape: to secure gauze or bandage

- Vet wrap or self-stick bandage: for a more secure way of securing larger areas



Photo contributed

Pictured with CGHS Animal Care Technician Amy Riedel is Jake, a 10-year-old black lab who was surrendered to us due to his previous owner's health. Jake has spent his whole life in one home and is looking for that perfect forever home to retire in! He's unfortunately not good with other animals, but he absolutely loves people. He's a bit slower in his older age, but he loves being outside and going on walks. When he gets really excited, he'll carry his toys around in his mouth!

that need protection

- Scissors: to cut tape, bandages; to cut away dog's coat if it is long and blocks view of injury

- Small needle-nosed pliers: to remove porcupine quills; to cut wire if dog gets tangled in it

- Tweezers: to remove prickles, briars, thistles
- Panty hose legs: to serve as muzzle; to help restrain dog

- Antibiotic ointment: for small scrapes and wounds

- Betadine or antiseptic wash: use as antiseptic wash

- Small squeeze bottle of water (fresh, clean): to rinse out wound

- Alcohol wipes: to clean pliers, scissors before using

- Antiseptic hand cleaner: to clean your hands before working on a wound

- Latex or rubber gloves: Who knows what icky things your dog might get into!

- Benedryl*: in case of allergic reaction

*talk with your vet about dosages and when/how/if to use appropriately

Out of room? Make sure to tune in next column to get the rest of this amazing DIY First Aid Kit!

Feel free to call us with any questions at (518) 828-6044 or visit www.cghs.org.

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Laura Manchester is a CGHS/SPCA volunteer.

What kind of snake is that?

GHENT—During the spring and summer months, many species of snakes move from overwintering sites in search of open areas where they can do essential activities, like eating and digesting food, shedding, basking and reproducing.

Many sites happen to be on land that people inhabit. Often, snakes are found in unmowed lawns, gardens, rock walls, landscape features, woodpiles, construction debris or scrap piles, old buildings, and docks, as well as in more natural areas like rock ledges, fallen trees and various wetland types.

To many people, this can be a frightening and potentially traumatic event, given many people's fear and misunderstanding of snakes. To



Photos of two non-venomous snakes: garter snake by Kelly Colgan-Azar on left and Northern water snake by Robert McCloud on right.

Photo contributed

reduce stress and negative interactions, landowners can maintain lawns or other landscaping features, as well as eliminate messy debris or accumulated objects.

Often people wonder if the snake in their yard is venomous, such as a timber rattlesnake or a copperhead. In

most instances, snakes encountered on people's property are not venomous and can be identified using characteristics unique to different species.

If a snake feels threatened, it may use a common, audible self-defense technique loosely referred to as “tail-whirring”

where they vibrate their tails against ground debris. This is commonly mistaken for that of a rattle on a rattlesnake.

Features of native snakes vary and can overlap between venomous and non-venomous species. For instance, all non-venomous snakes will have round pupils in NY, but

not all have keeled scales.

The shape of the pupils is necessary for correct identification of a venomous species. Rattlesnakes and copperheads will have elliptical or “cat eye” pupils that orient perpendicular to the ground.

If someone thinks the snake they encountered is venomous, they can visit DEC's Amphibians and Reptiles webpage at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/277.html for more information or contact their Regional Bureau of Wildlife office. Information that will be useful for staff is what county the snake was seen in (many counties do not have venomous snakes) and a clear photo of the snake for proper identification.

'The First 40' now open for viewing at museum

COPAKE FALLS—The Roeliff Jansen Historical Society 2023 Summer Exhibition is open at 8 Miles Road. "The First 40: A Celebration of Local History Preserved" is open Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. through October 15.

The summer exhibition commemorates the dedication of the restored Old Copake Falls Church, which has served as the home of the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society (RJHS) since 1983. The exhibition showcases the Society's mission of preserving the past for future generations through an extensive collection of artifacts, documents and objects from various sources, as well as new and rarely-seen items from the RJHS collection.

The exhibition features unique items on loan, including a stunning landscape painting of the Copake Iron Works by renowned artist, John Bunyan Bristol (1826-1909) of Hillsdale. This painting has not been publicly displayed for more than 20



Photo contributed

One section of the exhibit is devoted to the history and restoration (2010) of the Copake Memorial Clock in the center of Copake. A multimedia slide show of photographs of the clock and its restoration is continuously on view. Photos were provided by Rus Davis, who was instrumental in shepherding the entire clock restoration project, which concluded in 2010.

years and is on loan from the nearby Church of St. John in the Wilderness. Additionally, an original baggage cart from the

old Copake Falls railroad depot, dating back to a century ago, is on display. Visitors can also view tickets and cast iron seat

ends with Art Deco bass relief designs rescued from the Copake Theater, which was destroyed by fire in 1990.

Moreover, the exhibition chronicles the preservation of significant sites and traditions that are central to the history of the five member towns. These include Ancram's paper mill, Copake's Memorial Clock, Gallatin's venerable Vedder Church, the Pulver family legacy in Hillsdale, and the legendary basket makers of Taghkanic.

Come and meet author and daughter of the "last" Taghkanic basket-maker Elizabeth Proper, Maryann Proper Barto, who will sell and sign copies of her novel "A Story from a Basket Maker's Daughter: The Hill" at the historical society on Copake Falls Day, Saturday, August 19.

Also on display, are several Taghkanic baskets from the RJHS collection and on loan from the collection of Mike and Maryanne Fallon.

Check the website roeliffjansenhs.org for more details or email roeliffjansenhs@gmail.com



The 120th Anniversary Committee included (l-r) Rita Jakubowski, Amy Clifford, Janet Mackin and Roberta Roll. Also, Veronica McTiernan, Catherine Mikic, Bill Newcomb and Dave Pells, not pictured.

Photo contributed

Revived Copake Grange marks 120th

COPAKE—Copake Grange's 120th anniversary was celebrated in joyous fashion, Saturday, July 22.

Nearly 100 people were in attendance at the festively decorated Grange Hall. An outstanding dinner of varied dishes was created by Bob Callahan, member and cook extraordinaire. The tables were set with silverware, white linens and fresh cut zinnias. Wine for the occasion was donated by the Copake Wine Works.

Copake Grange #935 Hall, 628 Empire Road, was built in 1903 and it still stands proud. It was constructed by local farmers, businessmen and professionals to house the newly-formed Copake Grange. Today, it continues its long tradition as

the center of cultural and community life in Copake.

Highlights of the evening included speeches by Grange President Roberta Roll and Jeanne Mettler, member and former secretary—both of whom were part of the team that brought new ideas and helped the Grange rebound from a dwindling membership in the single digits to flourish with a robust membership that now stands at 135.

Grange Poet Mark Fischweicher wrote a poem for the occasion called, "To you I offer comfort, A Poem for the Grange," and Grange Musician Harry Hussey led the audience in a sing-along rendition of a tune he composed just for the event, "Get On Down To The

Grange." Member and former president Bill Newcomb raised a glass for an anniversary toast to the Grange.

In a press release, Recording Secretary and anniversary committee member Rita Jakubowski said of the anniversary event, "It was the ultimate 'comeback' celebration—just like the ones that used to be. Among the many best things that will be remembered are the smiles all around, the rich camaraderie that helped it come together, and the many new friends and acquaintances that were made. It was the embodiment of what a Grange should be."

To find out more about the Copake Grange visit the website www.copakegrange.org.

Volunteer workdays slated for Overmountain

ANCRAM—Want to take to the water to remove invasive weeds? Interested in staying on land and using a saw? Join the Columbia Land Conservancy at a volunteer workday in August at the Overmountain Conservation Area, 138 Catalano Road. Returning and prospective volunteers encouraged to attend. Learn how to use tools, identify plants, and maintain trails. Volunteers should bring water, weather-appropriate clothing, sunscreen and work gloves. Expect to hike on uneven terrain while carrying tools.

Workdays are: August 4 and 16, 9 a.m. to noon; August 17, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

"Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills and contribute to taking care of our favorite public places. After attending a workday, volunteers can care for the land on their own

time in a way that's meaningful—whether that's collecting data for a citizen science app or clearing trails of undergrowth," Public Lands and Community Engagement Coordinator Luke Burt said in a press release.

Trail Tenders visit a public conservation area of their choice on a regular basis, ideally once a month, to inspect trails for safety and management issues. Trail Tenders are trained to perform light, routine maintenance tasks such as inspecting trails and trailheads for damaged infrastructure, pruning vegetation that is invading trails, refilling brochure boxes, trash pick-up, and alerting staff of trail issues such as fallen trees or branches that block trails, and damages to infrastructure. Register for this and other events at clctrust.org/events.

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THROUGH THE WOODS

By Nancy Jane Kern

Dragonflies

MOM! There are dragonflies mating on your back! My poor mother turned around in the water with a startled look over her shoulder along with most of the other bathers at the beach. She got to see the attached pair fly off and then turned to me with a bemused look. This was my first memory of dragonflies and I was quite young, although I must have observed them before to know their name. I was amazed at their beauty and concerned that they had landed on my mother's back. I never held anything back, and this was one of many times she probably wanted to stuff me under a rock.

She also taught us as much about nature as possible so the smile may have been approval of my identification. We continued on to enjoy our summer day and picnic at one of our favorite places, Prospect Lake in North Egremont, MA. Dragonflies and the very similar damselflies are Odonata ("toothed ones"), and trace their ancestry to a very ancient group of insects with fossil remains dating back to over 300 million years ago. Some of these had wingspans of 30" compared to the about 3" wingspan of those in our area today. Dragonflies have two sets of wings with the back ones being wider at the base than the front pair. In damselflies the two sets of wings are the same. The main distinguishing feature is that damselflies can fold up their wings at rest while the dragonflies cannot, and leave their wings out and flat. Both have very large compound eyes that make up most of the head, and each eye has 28,000 individual units. About 80% of the brain is devoted to processing the visual information from these eyes. Their eyesight is very important because they feed on small insects such as mosquitoes and flies and they must be quick and accurate to capture them.

Another aid for this is a prehensile lower labium (lip) that can be extended to capture, bite, and kill these insects before they can escape. They are fast and maneuverable and can almost instantaneously zoom out of sight, then return just as fast. They hover like small helicopters and move forward and backward, all the while glistening with transparent heavily veined wings and bodies of blues, reds

greens, and yellows.

A common name for dragonflies is "Devil's darning needle." In the Middle Ages to the time of our early settlers people believed the long, slender bodied and needle-like insects were consorts of the Devil, and would sew shut the mouths of liars and the profane, or the fingers and toes while people slept. In reality they do not bite or sting, and do not pose any threat to man. In fact they are our friends. They eat thousands of insects that annoy us or carry disease, like mosquitoes. They are also great biological indicators. If they are present, our environment is healthy and in good condition. They are also fascinating and beautiful creatures to study and enjoy. I love to photograph them while they rest on reeds or cattails. I know the names of a few and plan to study my photos to learn more.

Photography makes you pay attention and allows the time for further inquiry. Dragonflies also have to be fast to evade those that prey on them, like birds. They can also be captured in spider webs, stung by some wasps, and eaten by turtles, frogs and fish. Their larvae mature over several years in water and can be eaten by water beetles, fish and other water insects. I will never forget watching a group of six of Common Nighthawks one evening. The air was filled with feeding dragonflies that in turn were being gobbled up by the swooping and turning nighthawks. I left after half an hour and both groups were still feeding. It was fall migration for the birds and the end of their life cycle for the insects. You could feel the energy and urgency of both groups.

Columbia County naturalist Alan Devoe had this to say about dragonflies: "The inside of the sun is no stranger than the inside of an atom; the ways of bygone dinosaurs are no stranger than the ways of a here-and-now horseshoe crab; and there are not any better dragons for a man to contemplate, if he has a taste for dragons, than the common and close-to-home kind of dragon that entomologists call a dragonfly." From "Speaking of Animals," pgs. 130-131 (1947)

Roe Jan Writers Series present Peter Matthiessen Wheelwright

COPAKE—The Roeliff Jansen Community Library will host local author Peter Matthiessen Wheelwright for the next installment of the Roe Jan Writers Series on Wednesday, August 9, both in-person and on Zoom, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.. Mr. Wheelwright will read from and discuss his new book of historical fiction, "The Door-Man," named as "One of the Best Books of 2022" by The New Yorker.

"The Door-Man" is a work of historical fiction with local interest. It is based on actual events at the doomed Catskill mountain town of Gilboa, and the extraordinary fossil discovery that almost saved it during construction of an upstate reservoir for New York City's water supply system in 1917. Narrated by a NYC doorman during the decommissioning of the Central Park Reservoir in 1993, the novel traces the consequences across three generations of the flooded town, the patronized woman who made the fossil identification, and the violence that occurred in the clash of nature and the city.

Mr. Wheelwright grew up in

the Berkshires and has maintained a home in Columbia County (Gallatin) since 1987. He is the nephew of Peter Matthiessen, a three-time National Book Award winner. Trained as an architect at Princeton University, he practiced in New York City where he was also the chair of the Architecture Department at Parsons School of Design, The New School. After retiring from professional practice in 2010, he began writing fiction. His first novel, "As It Is On Earth," received a 2013 PEN/Hemingway Award for Literary Excellence in Debut Fiction. He is currently working on a collection of short stories titled "Adam's Navel."

This program will be presented in person and online. For login information, email director@roejanlibrary.org.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library is located at 9091 Route 22, approximately one mile south of the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 22 and 23. For information on hours and events, call 518-325-4101 or visit <http://www.roejanlibrary.org>



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Clermont walled garden.

Enjoy a spot of tea in restored gardens

CLERMONT—The staff at Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, is closing out July with a good old-fashioned garden "par-tea" to celebrate the restoration of the site's formal gardens.

Morning Tea at Clermont Gardens takes place Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m. to noon.

Sip tea, eat finger foods and pastries, and most of all, take in the beauty of the newly-restored formal gardens. Local artist Ruby Silvius joins the party with examples of her

internationally-recognized tea bag art and signs her book. Partake of a variety of tasty tea sandwiches (including pimento cheese and classic cucumber), savory dips and spreads (including wild mushroom pate), and many snacks and sweets including vegetarian and gluten-free options provided by Rob Handel Catering. Area classical guitarist David Temple creates the live music. Those who are lucky, can secure a piece of their own art via the online and in-person silent auction. The

online auction is now live. Take a look and place bids before 5 p.m. July 30.

Admission is \$50/person; children 12 and under are free (just let organizers know they will be attending).

Proceeds from the event benefit Friends of Clermont's educational and public programs, gifts are 100% tax-deductible. To purchase tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/clermontgarden>.

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Obituaries

Rudolph G. Ponkos (1924 - 2023)

HUDSON—Rudolph George Ponkos, 98, a lifelong resident of Hudson, died peacefully at home Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Born in Hudson September 30, 1924, he was the son of the late Thomas and Anna (Petro) Ponkos.

He graduated from St. Mary's Academy and later served in the U.S. Navy during World War II working as a radar operator. He graduated from the New York Technology Institute and earned a degree in television and radio technology. He married Florence Ivankow in 1950 and they settled in Hudson to begin their lives together. He owned and operated Rudy's TV in Hudson, selling and servicing televisions. Most important to him was being a devoted husband, father, grandfather and family man. He really enjoyed his commercial bowling league in Hudson where he also served as treasurer, and continued bowling his whole life. "Rudy" was a life member of St. Mary's Church and the VFW Post



Rudy Ponkos

#1314 in Hudson.

He is survived by: his daughter, Barbara Ponkos-Merola and son-in-law John Merola; his daughter-in-law, Laura Ponkos; his grandchildren, Robert A. and Sarah L. Ponkos; his brother, Raymond Ponkos; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by: his beloved wife, Florence (Ivankow) Ponkos in 2020; his sons, David B. and Robert G. Ponkos; one brother, Thomas Ponkos and sister, Goldena Coleman.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, July 25 at Holy Trinity Parish, 429 East Allen Street, Hudson. Burial in the family plot followed in Cedar Park Cemetery. Arrangements were with the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport.

Michael G. Collins (1960 - 2023)

NORTH ADAMS, MA—Michael G. Collins of North Adams, MA, passed away July 12, 2023. Born in Hudson December 20, 1960, he was the son of the late John A. and Lurlien Greenleaf Collins.

He was a self-employed handyman. He enjoyed fishing, music, shooting pool and family.

He was predeceased by: his brothers, David (Cricket) Collins, John A., Jr. (Jackie), and Carl G. Collins.

He is survived by: his chil-



Michael Collins

dren, Matthew Collins (Lindsey Dellaghelfa) and Mary Collins; grandchildren, Dominic Malcolm and Jaxson Wallace; brothers, Aton N. (Gloria) Collins and Kieth (Lisa) Collins; sisters, Cheryl (Edward) Brill and Karen (Harold) Willis; nephews, Brian (Lori) Collins,

Richard (Patty) Collins, and Jordon Collins; nieces, Brenda (James Jr.) Dorato, Priscilla (Matt) Perry and Tracy (Chris) Kelly, Kristy (Dave) Bowen, Louie Nowak, Jessica Horadan and Adrienne Collins; many cousins and friends in Maine, Connecticut, and Florida.

He will be greatly missed by all.

A graveside service was conducted July 26 in the Cemetery of the Maples, East Chatham. Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblasl.com

Martin Schroeder (1937 - 2023)

LIVINGSTON—Martin Schroeder, 86, of Livingston passed away July 21, 2023. Born February 28, 1937 in Hudson, he was the son of Henry and Anna (Burfiend) Schroeder.

He was the owner/operator of Midland Dairy Farm in Livingston, and was an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

He is survived by: his wife, Erika (Guslawski) Schroeder; children, Jay Schroeder (Kim



Martin Schroeder

Schaeffer), Luke (Nancy) Schroeder and Adam Schroeder; grandchildren, Sonja, Kayla, and Justine; great-grandchildren, June, William and Maia; his sister, Caroline Baker and brother, Henry Schroeder. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by

his brother, John "Jack" Schroeder.

A funeral service from St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Storm Avenue, Hudson will be held Thursday, July 27 at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Livingston Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Arrangements are with the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson

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Judith Ann Oder (1949-2023)

Judith Ann Oder died on the 4th of July at Memorial Sloane Kettering in New York City.

She fought so hard to live. Her love for her family and friends is what kept her going.

Her warmth, smile and gentle soul will always be remembered.

Judith, born April 20, 1949 grew up in Rochester, New York the daughter of John and Viola Spacher. It was there in High School where she met the love of her life Richard Oder, her husband of over 53 years. They had two children together Jared Oder and Elizabeth Magit.

When she moved to Old Chatham from Florida she finally felt like she was in a place that was meant for her. Where her neighbors became her family. Where she could enjoy being outside in her garden or taking in the gorgeous views from her porch. Where she could create wonderful memories of lovely parties she hosted.

She had impeccable taste - creator of beauty. She was a dedicated mother who made every effort to

fill her children's lives with love, comfort, joy and laughter. Her interest and dedication to the arts - painting, music and design - played a central role in her children's lives. Jared went on to become a Painter and Elizabeth an Interior Designer.

Judy was very active in her community. She was a member of the Riders Mills School Historical Association and was instrumental in organizing the annual Old Chatham Art Show.

My mother was my rock, my comfort - everything good and true.

She taught me the importance of dedicating oneself to that which truly makes you happy.

The importance of being thoughtful and sympathetic.

My mother was fiercely committed to family and I am so happy that she was able to fulfill one of her dreams of being a grandmother.

She adored my daughter and so cherished their time together.

It gives me peace and comfort to think that she is now with Jared.

I carry you in my heart always.

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Marjorie A. Gardner (1922 - 2023)

HUDSON—Marjorie Adella Gardner of the village of Chatham passed away peacefully, July 20, 2023 with her family at bedside at Columbia Memorial Hospital through hospice care, she was in her 101th year.



Marge Gardner

“Marge” was born and grew up in Prattsville, the daughter of Adella and Raymond Traver, Sr.

She and her husband Edison were owners of Gardner’s Country Store, Old Chatham in the 1950s and 1960s. She also worked at the Shaker Museum in Old Chatham for 35 years where she graciously greeted the visitors, and helped with tours and discussions

about the beautiful Shaker exhibits there.

She is survived by: her son, Edison (Maureen) and her daughter Carol, who all reside in Chatham; her step-daughter, Barbara Sheffer of Phoenix, AZ; five grandchildren, Myles of Reno, NV, Molly of Atlanta, GA, Matthew of Amsterdam, Netherlands, Baron of Stuart, FL, and Sarah of North Myrtle Beach, SC; and seven great-

grandchildren. Her family sends many thanks to Anne Moore of East Chatham, who was a caring at home companion to Mrs. Gardner these past three years.

A celebration of her life will be held during calling hours at Wenk Funeral Home, Payn Avenue, Chatham, Monday July 31, from 11 a.m. to noon with a brief remembrance service following.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Community Hospice of Columbia-Greene County or the Chatham Rescue Squad. To send online condolences visit wenkfuneralhome.com

Dr. Gary F. Igleburger (1940 - 2023)

PITTSFIELD, MA—Dr. Gary F. Igleburger passed away July 10, 2023 following a prolonged struggle with Lewy Body Dementia. Although the disease took much from him, it did not diminish his kind and quiet way nor his profound love and cherishing of family. He was a most beloved husband, father and grandfather. “He is etched on our hearts and minds forever.”

His professional career in the private practice of orthodontics spanned 36 years. His love of the profession and ultimate satisfaction of practicing it was equaled by the excellence of his skill and the service he provided his patients. Even after retirement, it was not uncommon for him to be greeted cheerily by a former patient recognizing him and

thanking him for their splendid smile.

For the past 13 years he resided in the Hudson River Valley area of upstate New York. He adored and loved exploring, photographing, and sharing the beautiful region with family and friends. He is survived by: his wife, Beverly; daughter, Jennifer Falter (Jack); sons, Jeffery and James (Susan); step-daughter, Erin Stamper; grandchildren, Jacob Falter (Olivia), Samuel Falter, Emma Falter, Zachery Igleburger, Cameron Igleburger and Alex Igleburger; great-grandchildren, Henry F. Falter and Theo Falter and brother, Tom Igleburger (Carole).

“Remembering is the love that remains.” To send online condolences visit wenkfuneralhome.com

Anne M. Maben (1946 - 2023)

HUDSON—Anne M. Maben passed away peacefully at Columbia Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family Friday, July 21, 2023.



Anne Maben

She was born in Hudson to the late Marco and Frances (Brown) Tomaso, March 22, 1946. She lived in Hudson her entire life. The majority of her life was spent on Eighth Street where she developed many long friendships.

She graduated from Hudson High School in 1964. She began her career working as a stock room manager for the Jamesway Corporation in Hudson and then later moved to the Catskill store. She assisted in the opening new stores for Jamesway across the Northeast. After working for Jamesway she went on to work at Ames Department Store in a similar capacity. She worked at Ginsberg’s in Hudson until her retirement due to health challenges.

She loved her family and friends. She enjoyed holidays with family and picnic gatherings during the summer months.

She was delighted and proud of her late son, Joe’s volunteerism in various local fire

departments. His fellow firefighter friends became her friends and extended family.

She is survived by: her brothers, David Brown, Marco (Helen) Tomaso, Robert (Patrice) Tomaso; sister-in-law, Denise Tomaso; one aunt, Elaine Tomaso and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her beloved son, Joseph; her brother, Louis; sister-in-law, Judith Brown; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours will be held Saturday, August 5 at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home in Hudson from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by services with interment at the Cedar Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers consider making a donation to the City of Hudson, Greenport or Stottville fire departments in honor of her son’s dedication and longtime membership to those departments.

Charles J. “Chase” Pugliese

[East Greenbush] With profound sadness the family of Chase (Charles J.) Pugliese, 81, announce his passing on July 18, 2023. While Parkinson’s Disease took much of his physical strength, it was never able to take his courage and strength of family which he held with much pride.

Born on April 23, 1942 Chase was the son of the late Charles W. and Therese Pugliese. Chase grew up in Kingston, NY. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in English Literature from Brown University. He loved the English language and used it with elan.

Chase received his Juris Doctorate degree from Albany Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1969. For over 30 years he was an attorney for and Assistant Counsel of the NYS Departments of Agriculture and Markets, Social Services, and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, respectively.

During his career he represented his agencies in scores of administrative hearings, and argued and wrote briefs for a number of cases in State Supreme Court, the Appellate Division and the Court of Appeals. Chase also carried on his own practice of law for over four decades.

He was very active in the Knights of Columbus, East Greenbush Council 6027, and chaired numerous events for the Council, including 50s Night, Italian Night, and 50/50 Club. He received the Council’s highest award, Knight of the Year for distinguished service.

He was a cofounder of the NYS Organization of Management/ Confidential Employees (OMCE). He served as lector for Holy Spirit Church for many years. He was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church, Valatie, NY.



Charles J. “Chase” Pugliese

Chase served as the publicity director for the East Greenbush Community Library Book Sales and for the Kinderhook Lake Corporation’s events for many years. He was a lifelong, ardent NY Yankees and NY Giants fan. He zealously played softball for the K of C and the Bozos for more than three decades. Chase and Paula loved to travel and visited more than thirty-seven countries.

Chase is survived by his beloved wife and soulmate, Paula, of 50 years who transformed Chase’s life when he met her. He is also survived by his treasured children, Karen (Wayne) Frankey and Kent whom he loved deeply. Mary Pugliese and Edie Pugliese and several cousins, nieces and nephews also survive him. He was predeceased by his younger brothers Dan and John. His proudest asset was his family. His family would like to extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to Van Rensselaer Manor for their exemplary care, kindness, compassion and support while he resided there.

There was a funeral mass held at St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday July 22. Interment was in St. Johns Cemetery in Valatie. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Chase’s name to the Hudson Mohawk Humane Society, Menands.

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Patricia A. Alberts (1931 - 2023)

KINDERHOOK—Patricia A. Alberts of Kinderhook passed away at her home July 22, 2023 at the age of 92.

Born April 24, 1931 in Erie, PA, she was the daughter of the late William Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Dirsch) Cochran and the wife of the late Alfred H. Alberts. Before her retirement, she was a registered nurse in the Schenectady area.

She is survived by: her children, Amy Boll of Stuyvesant and Frederick H. Alberts of Manhattan; three grandsons,

Nicholas and Andrew Alberts of Texas and Nathaniel Boll of Valatie; a great-grandson, Julian Boll of Valatie. Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her son, William Henry Alberts and her sister, Marjorie Thomas. Services will be announced at a later date. Donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, Illinois 60601. Arrangements are with the Raymond Bond Funeral Home, Valatie.

Martin A. Schultheis (1951 - 2023)

HUDSON—Martin Schultheis of Livingston, passed away following a long illness July 17, 2023 at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, August 19, 2023, 11 a.m. at the Church of the Resurrection/ Holy Trinity Parish, 9 Church Avenue, Germantown. Arrangements



Martin Schultheis

are with the Sacco Funeral Home, Greenport. Leave condolences at www.saccofuneral-home.com

William M. Wildermuth (1955 - 2023)



Will Wildermuth

and its treatment all his life.

PALM BAY, FL—William M. Wildermuth, 67, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 9, 2023 in the compassionate care of William Child's Hospice Home in Palm Bay, FL. The youngest child of Frank and Ruth Wildermuth of Philmont and Claverack, he attended Hudson High School and attained a GED after moving to Florida when he was 17. He lived in Cape Canaveral, FL. A carpenter by trade, he worked in new building construction in the Ft. Lauderdale area, where he was in demand building framing and stairs until he was struck with a rare bone cancer in 1986. "Will" struggled with the disabling aftermath of that cancer

Despite his struggles, he was a friend to many, a good brother and uncle, and was devoted to his family. He was a fan of football—especially the Buffalo Bills—and loved rock and roll music and watching "The Young and the Restless." He enjoyed Corona beer, good steaks and mahi-mahi. Fond of animals, he enjoyed them all, especially his Springer spaniel

Boo-Boo; his cat, Calvin, and he kept up on everyone's pet's antics.

He is survived by: his sister, Susan Bues of New Lebanon; his brother, Frank Wildermuth of Spencertown; nieces, Jill Hoffman and Annie Coager; nephews, Frank Ian Wildermuth, Kristofer Wildermuth and Alexander Eldridge; many grandnieces and grandnephews; and many Wildermuth and Corson cousins all over the country. He was predeceased by his parents; his older sister, Jacqueline Wildermuth and two dear friends, Lori and Shelley.

A celebration of his life will be held later in the summer.

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

VILLAGE OF VALATIE SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 2, 2023 6:30 PM Please take note: The Village Board of the Village of Valatie will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 6:30 pm at 3211 Church Street, Valatie, NY 12184, to discuss the following matters before the Village Board:

1. Resolution to apply for financing for a water filtration system for the Village of Valatie.
 2. An Amendment to the Zoning Map of the Village of Valatie Pursuant to Section 130-47 seeking a Code amendment to allow re-adaptive re-use of the former textile mill at 1306 River Street, Valatie to Senior Housing.
- By order of the Village Board of Trustees,
Barbara Fischer
Village Clerk
1T#30

LEGAL NOTICE

The Taconic Hills Central School District is seeking proposals for the complete vinyl wrapping of a Blue Bird school bus, including the body panels and windows. Proposals must be submitted by 12:00 Noon on August 4, 2023. For more information, or to request a bid packet, please contact (518) 325-2814 or email amiller1@taconichills.k12.ny.us
Ashley DuBois
District Clerk
July 27, 2023
1T#30

Notice

210 MAIN GTOWN, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed New York Sec. of State ("NYSS")

10/26/2022. Office loc. Columbia County. NYSS designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail a copy of any process to c/o The LLC, 210 Main Street, Germantown, New York 12526. There is no specific date set for dissolution. Purpose: to engage in any lawful activity or act. Name and Business Address of Organizer is Adeline P. Malone, Esq., 7537 North Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571.
6T#s 30,31,32,33,34,35

Notice

3512 New Street LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/12/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Steven M. Marotta, 105 North Cross Rd., Chatham, NY 12037. General Purpose
6T#s 30,31,32,33,34,35

Notice

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Alvarez Homes a Division of Ritz-Craft LLC, Art. of Org filed with Secy of State (SSNY) on 7/6/2023. Office: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 3572 US Rt 9, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: any lawful act/activity.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Babb Property LLC. Articles of Organization filed with

Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 20, 2023. New York office location: 85 Lake Shore Drive, Town of Copake, County of Columbia and the State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: Babb Property LLC; 85 Lake Shore Drive, Copake, New York 12516. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law.
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Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE, VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR "A LOCAL LAW CORRECTING PROVISIONS FOR UNIFORM CODE ENFORCEMENT AS ENACTED BY LOCAL LAW NO.1 OF 2023". PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham shall hold a public hearing on Monday, August 14, 2023 beginning at 6:45pm at Tracy Memorial Hall, 77 Main Street, Chatham, NY 12037 for the purpose of taking public comment on "A Local Law Correcting Zoning Revisions As Enacted By Local Law 2 of 2019". At such public hearing, all interested persons shall have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the tentative proposed "A Local Law Correcting Zoning Revisions as Enacted by Local Law 2 of 2019" is available in the Village Clerk's Office, 77 Main Street, Chatham, NY 12037.
Desiree Kelleher
Chatham Village Clerk
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Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE, VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 83 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM--SEWER USE". PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham shall hold a public hearing on Monday, August 14, 2023 beginning at 6:30pm at Tracy Memorial Hall, 77 Main Street, Chatham, NY 12037 for the

purpose of taking public comment on "A Local Law Amending Article I of Chapter 83 of The Code of The Village of Chatham--Sewer Use". The purpose of this local law is to amend the Code of the Village of Chatham to revise and clarify the permitting, operating, and enforcement regulations in relation to residential and commercial users of the Village of Chatham sewer system. At such public hearing, all interested persons shall have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the tentative proposed "A Local Law Amending Article I of Chapter 83 of The Code of The Village of Chatham--Sewer Use" is available in the Village Clerk's Office, 77 Main Street, Chatham, NY 12037.
Desiree Kelleher
Chatham Village Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE, VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR "A LOCAL LAW CORRECTING ZONING REVISIONS AS ENACTED BY LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2019". PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham shall hold a public hearing on Monday, August 14, 2023 beginning at 6:45pm at Tracy Memorial Hall, 77 Main Street, Chatham, NY 12037 for the purpose of taking public comment on "A Local Law Correcting Zoning Revisions As Enacted By Local Law 2 of 2019". At such public hearing, all interested persons shall have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the tentative proposed "A Local Law Correcting Zoning Revisions as Enacted by Local Law 2 of 2019" is available in the Village Clerk's Office, 77 Main Street, Chatham, NY 12037.
Desiree Kelleher
Chatham Village Clerk
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NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing Town Board Town of Copake Introductory Local Law No. 6 of 2023 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Copake will hold a Public Hearing on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 8:45a.m., at the Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, NY, 12516 for purposes of receiving public comment on Introductory Local Law No. 6 of 2023, at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. Introductory Local Law No.6 of 2023 is a proposed LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 204-2 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF COPAKE RELATING TO THE SCHEDULE OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION LEVELS FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION.

A complete copy of such introductory local law is available by contacting the Town of Copake Town Clerk's Office.

Copake Town Clerk's Office. Interested persons can also attend remotely via the OWL. The OWL link will be posted on the Town of Copake Website at townofcopake.org. Lynn M. Connolly
Town Clerk
1T#30

NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing Town Board Town of Copake Introductory Local Law No. 7 of 2023 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Copake will hold a Public Hearing on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 8:50a.m., at the Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, NY, 12516 for purposes of receiving public comment on Introductory Local Law No. 7 of 2023, at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. Introductory Local Law No. 7 of 2023 is a proposed LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTIONS 204-9 and -10 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF COPAKE RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS.

A complete copy of such introductory local law is available by contacting the Town of Copake Town Clerk's Office. Interested persons can also attend remotely via the OWL. The OWL link will be posted on the Town of Copake Website at townofcopake.org. Lynn M. Connolly
Town Clerk
Dated: July 19, 2023
1T#30

NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing Town Board Town of Copake Introductory Local Law No. 8 of 2023 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Copake will hold a Public Hearing on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 8:55a.m., at the Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, NY, 12516 for purposes of receiving public comment on Introductory Local Law No. 8 of 2023, at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. Introductory Local Law No. 8 of 2023 is a proposed LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 204 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF COPAKE RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS.

A complete copy of such introductory local law is available by contacting the Town of Copake Town Clerk's Office. Interested persons can also attend remotely via the OWL. The OWL link will be posted on the Town of Copake Website at townofcopake.org. Lynn M. Connolly
Town Clerk
Dated: July 19, 2023
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NOTICE

Public Notice Town of Copake Town Board Special Meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2023 4:30pm Please be advised that the Town Board of the Town of Copake will hold a Special Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 4:30pm to discuss any matters which come

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before it followed by a workshop to discuss the 2024 Budget.

This meeting will be held at Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Rd., Copake, NY. Interested persons can also attend remotely via Google Meet video-conferencing.

By order of the Town Board, Lynn M. Connolly Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is Cvlizedlife Media Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 21, 2023.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of H2OB. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-25.

Notice of Formation of JM Custom Builds, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-06-28.

Notice of Formation of Local Resource Partners LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/13/23.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is Lochbeorn Spirits LLC. Articles of Organization filed with

Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 20, 2023. New York office location: 2210 County Route 7, Town of Copake, County of Columbia and the State of New York.

Revaben LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/11/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Bhavesh Patel, 52 Payne Ave., Chatham, NY 12037.

Notice of formation of SWEET FLOWER FARM LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/09/23. Office in Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

Notice of Formation of TALON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 05/31/2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is 204 Harry Howard Ave, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 16, 2023.

Body Rewilding Somatic Arts LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 6/2/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207

Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/31/2023. Office loc: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served.

EVERYWHERE AND NOWHERE, LLC. Filed 5/12/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 13 State Rte 9h, Hudson, NY 12534.

Notice of Formation of Gilded Lily Tattoo, LLC. Gilded Lily Tattoo, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on June 13, 2023.

Hotel Consulting Service LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/1/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Patrick Horstmann, PO Box 58, Ancram, NY 12502.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is LOVE CRESCENT LLC

THIRD: The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Columbia.

HEEL'S KITCHEN & CREAMERY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/02/23. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2123. Office: Columbia County.

Loyalty Shipping LLC. Filed 3/26/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: Andre Alert, 39 James St, Hudson, NY 12534.

Name of the LLC: Miller and Sons Property Maintenance LLC The LLC was formed on 6/8/2023 The office is located in Columbia County The Registered Agent is: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228.

Notice of Formation of SWEETWOOD FARM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-14.

Notice of Formation of UKRAINIAN FRIENDSHIP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/26/2023. Office location: Columbia SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY CIRCA 1787 KINDERHOOK LLC FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is CIRCA 1787 KINDERHOOK LLC

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SKZ EXCAVATING, LLC 1: The name of the Limited Liability Company is SKZ EXCAVATING, LLC

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SKZ EXCAVATING, LLC 2: The Articles of Organization were filed on June 29, 2023 with the Secretary of State.

Notice of Formation of Spring Peeper Paradise, LLC ("LLC") Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-06-28.

Notice of Formation of 41 Cross Street Hotel Owner, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/7/2023.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Julie Halpin LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-04-27.

Publication Notice: Poona LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 06/21/2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served.

cess to, Poona LLC, 553 Bellevue Avenue, Apt. 11, Newport, RI 02840. Purpose: General business purposes.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC). Name: BIXBY & STIGLMEIER, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Secretary of State (SSNY) June 22, 2023.

Hudson Landing LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 6/26/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207

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shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 94, Elizaville, NY 12523. Purpose: any lawful act.

Orchard Hills Holistic LLC. Filed 6/30/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY design. as agent for process & shall mail to: 9 Banks Ln, Germantown, NY 12526. Purpose: General.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS - SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF GREENE - REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff, -against- ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RALPH DICARPIO, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; MARTIN T. FEREDAY, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ANNE FEREDAY, DECEASED, HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH DICARPIO, DECEASED; STEVEN FEREDAY, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ANNE FEREDAY, DECEASED, HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH DICARPIO, DECEASED; CHRISTOPHER FEREDAY, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH DICARPIO, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants - Index No. EF2019-410 Plaintiff Designates Greene County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Greene County. To the above named Defendants-YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated June 27, 2023. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer to the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and

Public Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC) The name of the LLC is 15PMJ, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 17, 2023.

Allied Medical, LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/12/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to: 42 New St., Stuyvesant, NY 12173.

Kristie L. Wade Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, PLLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/14/2023. Office: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The PLLC, 378 New Concord Rd, East Chatham, NY 12060.

Santoro Super Food LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 07/13/2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served.

KATONG PARTNERS, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/14/2023. Office: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and

protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Richard Mott, J.S.C. Dated: June 27, 2023 Filed: June 29, 2023. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 276 Silver Spur Road E, Cairo, NY 12413. Dated: May 4, 2023 Filed: July 4, 2023 Greenspoon Marder LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Angelo A. Regina, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 No Service by fax) Service purposes only: Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982

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Editorial

It's a pickle

*THWOCK... THWOCK... THWOCK...
tickety tick, tick tick.*

What could that be but the sound of pickleball players enjoying the sport. It's something like Ping-Pong played with bigger paddles on a shrunken tennis court. Pickleballers say the game is fun and a way for older people and others to get exercise.

Locally, the neighbors say pickelball is noisy. They cite the increased traffic that goes with more folks traveling to and from pickleball courts.

The small sample of tennis players we've heard from give pickleball mixed reviews. They say pickleball played on tennis courts, even with boundary lines for both sports clearly marked, unfairly reduces tennis players' use of their courts. Pickleball shows no sign of disappearing.

The New York Times gave the pros and cons of pickleball in the Big Apple a 2-page story. The Columbia Paper ran a front page story on the issues that affect Chatham village and the town at the same time. Something's definitely going on with this game.

It turns out that the Town of Chatham has a state grant to construct pickleball courts at Crellin Park, the town recreation area. The amount? \$100,000. And now it gets complicated.

The Town of Chatham is a different municipality from the Village of Chatham. The Town of Chatham has a park with a pond for swimming, a pavilion, sports fields, tennis courts and very soon those pickleball courts courtesy of the state. But less than half a mile away are two more public tennis courts owned by... the village. You can find them at the end of Jones Ave., a short residential street.

The pickleballers of Chatham Village are a savvy bunch. They knew an opportunity when they saw one and decided to petition their municipal government. They asked that the two courts be marked for tennis and pickelball. In full disclosure, I signed the petition at the request of a neighbor. It seemed like a neighborly thing to do.

It wasn't that clear. More dual use courts will mean happy, healthy pickleballers, but the tennis players pointed out it would also mean more traffic and more noise. Noise? In Chatham? How could you hear the sound of pickleballs above the CSX freight trains howling night and day with their safety horns and diesel engines shaking the ground.

Road traffic is a different matter. A road called Austerlitz Street snakes its way down the ridge into the Village of Chatham. On its way it passes the street leading to the village tennis court. Too many drivers treat Austerlitz Street as if they're in a slalom race. Making things worse, there are no sidewalks at all where pedestrians need them most.

The population of Columbia County is one of the eldest in the region by median age and the trend of an aging population promises to continue. That doesn't sound good for pickleball, our economy or our quality of life.

But there's enough room in the Chathams for these two sports and more. And there's an opportunity for villagers to comment at the Village of Chatham Planning Board Public Hearing on August 28. Closer to the date check with the village to confirm where the hearing will be held and when it will start.

Whether or not you attend the hearing, keep in mind that it's really not a game we're playing with pickleball. It's a window into our future.

Letters

Reduce plastics; press for vote in Albany

To the Editor:

I was delighted to see the recent front page coverage of the growing repair cafe movement, represented in Columbia County by the ColumbiaNErepairCafe one of at least 45 groups affiliated through Sustainable Hudson Valley. ("Don't toss it..." June 15.)

The popularity of these events reflects a growing sense of urgency about solid waste. The New York State legislature recognized this last year by passing the right to repair bill. Sadly, they missed an opportu-

nity to take a huge step toward reducing the ballooning waste and toxicity of plastics in packaging by not bringing Assembly bill 5322 and Senate bill 4246 to the floor for a vote. This bill would increase the responsibility of producers to reduce the quantity and toxicity of plastics in packaging.

Recent data suggests that only 5-6% of plastic in the US actually gets recycled, and that the recycling process itself might create microplastics. What to do? Reduce the need in the first place!

I am grateful to both Didi

Barrett, who represents AD 106, and Michelle Hinchey, state senator for District 41, for co-sponsoring these bills. They can play an important role by taking the lead in getting it passed in the 2024 legislative session, and so can the rest of us by getting involved in the movement to reduce plastic not only in your own household but beyond. All the resources you need can be found at BeyondPlastics.org.

Adelia Moore
New Lebanon

Gun case jeopardizes state firearm laws

To the Editor:

Alan S. Chartock's explanation of how "Assassinations take huge toll," July 18, 2022, surprisingly does not address the recent U. S. Supreme Court ruling that assures the expansion of what The Capitol Connection columnist frets is the presence of "far too many guns."

Near the end of its tumultuous 2021-22 Term, the High Court held the New York state firearms permit law unconstitutional under the Second Amendment "right to keep and bear arms" clause. The ruling in the case entitled New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen invalidated the requirement, dating back to the late 19th century, of showing "proper cause" to obtain a permit for a firearm outside of the home on grounds that the clause grants an unconditional right to carry guns on and off residential premises. It happened to be the second New York gun safety measure before the justices in the last couple of years, after they abstained from ruling on an even more restrictive New York City measure in 2020.

The new decision, authored by Justice Clarence Thomas and joined by his five super-conservatives nullifies similar laws in a handful of other states, too.

In effect, the ruling grants individuals unfettered control of guns, while the next day the same six justices in the abortion case, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, deprived women of any Constitutional right to control their own bodies.

But beyond that, the gun case jeopardizes nearly all state and local firearm safety laws. Although the opinion by Justice Thomas and accompanying remarks from some of the other members of the super-conservative wing of the tribunal offered assurances that the ruling does not extend to limited regulatory measures like age limits, training requirements, and the like, because of the sweeping prose of the ruling it is sure as shooting that firearms organizations and individuals will cite the case to challenge nearly any gun-related measures they deem inconvenient or otherwise unfavorable, and they have a good shot

at prevailing under the rhetoric and reasoning

of the opinion by Justice Thomas.

While Gov. Hochul and the state legislature responded swiftly with a package of new gun safety measures, it remains to be seen which ones will be challenged and can withstand Constitutional scrutiny under the new ruling that venerates firearms more than women's bodies.

To safeguard against this risk, New York needs to join 43 others in adopting a mini-Second Amendment to the state constitution. But this one, unlike many others of the ilk, should explicitly provide that state, county, and local units of government may enact reasonable firearms regulations to fend off Federal Constitutional attacks.

If not, New York may be in the bull's-eye yet again, targeted by gun groupies seeking to overturn reasonable regulations and add to the "far too many" firearms that columnist Chartock forlornly laments.

Marshall H. Tanick
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Lebanon Valley Seniors collect school supplies

NEW LEBANON— School will start soon and Lebanon Valley Seniors are collecting school supplies for the backpack program. Bring supplies to the August 4 and 18 meetings.

The group meets the first and third Fridays at the New Lebanon Firehouse, Community Room, 520 Route 20, 1 p.m.

Supplies should be for elementary students. Find out what is needed on the school website: www.newlebanoncsd.org.

Any questions? Call Mary Defreest at 518-733-0009.

The group had a nice turn out for its cold meal luncheon,

July 21. They thank Edie Beach and her brothers, David and Wesley Jansson for the lovely birthday cake that they donated to celebrate everyone's birthday.

The Silver Birches trip is September 26, with pick ups in Stephentown and at the Catholic Church in New Lebanon at 8 a.m. This trip is now closed for sign ups as the bus is full. The group also has a trip planned to the Log Cabin, October 10 for Octoberfest. Contact Ms. Defreest at the above phone number for information and to make reservations or email lebanonsenior-citizens@gmail.com

Fest offers birds, sheep, crafters, blueberries galore

AUSTERLITZ — The Austerlitz Historical Society celebrates the 24th anniversary of its Blueberry Festival, Sunday, July 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at Old Austerlitz, 11550 State Route 22.

Admission is \$10 for adults (children under 12 are free). There is an additional charge for the pancake breakfast (9 to 11:30 a.m.); \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at admission.

The string of annual festivals was broken by two summers of Covid-19 and returned with a record number of attendees in the summer of 2022, making it the most successful event in AHS's history of festivals.

Over the years, the festival has grown with over 11 corporate sponsors this year. The site at Old Austerlitz will be dotted with tents accommodating early American crafts, about 40 specialty vendors and artisans including fine art, candles and locally-produced jams and condiments.

Pancake flippers host breakfast for close to 800 people, and the Austerlitz Fire Company



Photo contributed

Meet some shorn and woolly sheep at Blueberry Fest.

will serve up burgers and hot dogs for lunch. Blueberry treats, including ice cream, cakes and pies will be available at the food court.

Wandering the spacious grounds, one will find treasures at the gift shop or tag sale as live musicians perform throughout the day. Children's attractions include the Thomas Hanford Children's Show, Roger the Jester and magic. Animals such as owls from the wildlife institute, sheep-shearing, and young oxen will provide insights about creatures that share our environment and provide for our needs.

Music by Bards of the Glen Fiddlers, the Appalachian Fiddlers, and Rick and Marilyn will liven the festival throughout the day, and the day will conclude with a concert by the Ghent Band from 2 to 3 p.m.

The Blueberry Festival, the major fundraiser for the Austerlitz Historical Society, provides something for everyone. Pets are not permitted at the festival; credit cards may be used for admission and in the gift shop, but not all vendors are able to accept credit cards. Visit www.oldausterlitz.org

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Sales

COLUMBIA COUNTY-TAX FORECLOSED REAL ESTATE AUCTION (ONLINE ONLY EVENT); Online Auction Start: Wednesday, July 26th, 2023, at 12pm; Online Auction End: Wednesday, August 9th, 2023, at 10am; 10+ Properties Available. Action Required, To Participate in this online auction, please

visit our website and complete the "Online Bidder Registration Packet" Packets must be received by 4pm on August 7th, 2023. For complete details visit www.ColumbiaCoAuction.com or call (800) 536-1401 ext. 111.

JOIN THE COPAKE FALLS DAY COMMUNITY TAG SALE! Bring your own table. Space is free, but registration is requested. Participants keep their own proceeds, and are responsible for disposing of unsold items. Event is Saturday August 19, 2023. If interested, please contact cfddtagsale@gmail.com

Help wanted

LOOKING FOR PART TIME DRIVER for disabled residents to take to appointments, shopping, errands and misc. Please have a clean driving record and current eye exam within the last year. 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? Email donations@hudsonrestore.org with pictures of items to be donated.

ANOTHER VOICE

By Dean Ridings, CEO, America's Newspapers

Local news is good for business



Dean Ridings

IT'S NO SECRET that recent years have been tough on small businesses and on newspapers. A bipartisan bill, the Community News & Small Business Support Act, that has been introduced in Congress would offer relief to both newspapers and local businesses. For too many newspapers, help can't come soon enough. Economic challenges have resulted in too many communities seeing their local newspapers being forced to lay off staff, cut back on publication days or – worse yet – close. On average, two newspapers are closing each week. That hurts local businesses and residents in the long (and short) run. However, despite the challenges, what remains true is that local newspapers make a difference in their communities.

But, don't just take my word for it. Let's look at the numbers and why America's Newspapers has been pushing for the Community News & Small Business Support Act to be introduced.

A recent national study of 5,000 Americans over the age of 18 was conducted by the independent research firm Coda Ventures for America's Newspapers, and provides compelling evidence of the importance, relevance and vitality of today's newspapers in the American media landscape.

Readers told us that their local newspaper makes a difference. The study shows that 79 percent of Americans read/use local news "to stay informed" about their cities, counties and communities. They also said they rely on their local paper to feel connected to their community, to decide where they stand on local issues, to find places and things to do, to talk with people about things happening in the community, because they find it enjoyable/entertaining and to be a better citizen.

And, contrary to popular belief, readers across all age groups turn to local newspapers and their digital products to stay informed about their communities.

Readers also told us they need more local news from their community paper. As one survey respondent in California said, "Our paper keeps getting smaller. I would like to see more news items, what's happening in town, what's new in politics, etc. And they need to be quicker to respond to breaking news."

All of that takes a committed, local staff—something the legislation introduced

by Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-24) and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (WA-1) will help to make happen.

So, what would this legislation mean to your local community? Local businesses with fewer than 50 employees would receive a five-year non-refundable tax credit of up to \$5,000 in the first year and up to \$2,500 in the subsequent four years based on their spending level with local newspapers and local media. Our study showed that six out of 10 American adults use newspaper advertising to help them decide what brands, products and local services to buy. Newspaper readers also are almost twice as likely to purchase products from a number of important advertising categories than non-newspaper readers, including: automobiles, trucks and SUVs; home furnishings; home improvement products and services; and home services like pest control, plumbing, heating, etc.

With this legislation, we expect to see more businesses being able to afford to advertise to consumers, which—in turn—helps communities thrive.

For local newspapers, a five-year refundable tax credit would help them hire more journalists to bring you more news! It's a win-win for local communities. Newspapers would receive a tax credit to be used for the compensation of journalists. The credit would cover 50% of journalists' compensation in the first year and 30% of compensation (up to \$50,000) in the subsequent four years. This tax credit would only be available to local community papers with fewer than 750 employees and, if they don't invest in their newsroom, they don't get the credit.

And these tax credits are only available to local newspapers. National newspaper outlets are not eligible. The importance of local newspapers and local business is the reason Reps. Tenney and DelBene introduced the legislation. We are most grateful for their support.

We need your support, as well, to encourage legislators to enact this legislation. Please contact the offices of your senators and representatives in the U.S.

Congress and encourage them to add their support to this legislation. These tax credits aren't permanent; they will sunset in five years. But, these critical five years will allow the newspaper industry the time needed to address the challenges that it is facing from Big Tech, which often uses newspapers' content without compensation, as well as other technological and market challenges. Visit www.usa.gov/elected-officials for the contact information for your legislators.

More local reporting means more access for hometown news that citizens like you rely on. And stronger newspapers mean stronger advertising vehicles for local businesses.

On behalf of its approximately 1,700 newspaper and Solutions Partner companies, America's Newspapers is committed to explaining, defending and advancing the vital role of newspapers in democracy and civil life. We put an emphasis on educating the public on all the ways newspapers contribute to building a community identity and the success of local businesses. Learn more: www.newspapers.org

DEC seeks reports of moose sightings

GHENT—The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) asks the public to report moose sightings via an online form as part of ongoing efforts to monitor moose distribution across New York.

While the Adirondacks are home to most New York moose, some live in the eastern part of the state along the Vermont and Massachusetts borders. Moose can also occasionally be found in southeastern New York and the Catskills, but these are usually individuals that have dispersed from other areas.

Moose are the largest land

mammal in the state. In the summer, when most sightings occur, moose typically spend a lot of time in ponds and wetlands feeding on submerged aquatic plants. During the rest of the year in cooler weather, they browse on leaves, twigs, and buds of trees and shrubs. Favored browse species include willows, birches, maples, balsam fir, viburnums, aspen, and mountain ash. Bulls weigh up to 1,200 pounds and stand up to 6 feet tall at the shoulder. Cows weigh anywhere from 500 to 800 pounds and usually give birth to one or two calves in late May or early June.



Photo Courtesy of DEC/G. Lee

A moose walking through a body of water.

Many moose sightings occur along roadways. Drive cautiously at dusk and dawn as moose

can be hard to spot due to their dark color. If passersby should see a moose, they should not

block traffic, and remember to respect wildlife by keeping quiet and viewing from a distance.

Those who manage to capture one of these magnificent mammals on camera, can share photos by sending them to wildlife@dec.ny.gov

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