

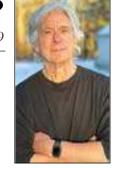
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It costs how much?

By DIANE VALDEN

ANCRAM—Many in the crowd of residents who showed up at the July 20 board meeting gave the board a piece of their minds about how town money was spent in May.

Some said they didn't know the money was up for grabs in the first place.

The discussion started after Strategic Investment Committee (SIC) Chair Will Weiss gave a report about where his committee stands with its recommendations for town investment opportunities in connection with things that will be of future benefit to the town.

Back in May, the SIC recommended that the town invest \$35,000 to get the ball rolling on dealing with the lack-oflocal-affordable-housing issue. The committee also recommended that a \$67,500 grant be given to the Ancram

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Gathering honors county's bravest as group turns 98

The 98th Annual Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association (CCVFA) Convention was held in Ghent. There was a meeting on July 28 with the parade and events on July 29. At the meeting, a memorial service was conducted by Chaplin Daniel Herrick (pictured). For more photos of the events go to Page 14 of this issue.

Farm bill: what are we hoping for?

(The second of two parts) By DEBORAH E. LANS

GHENT—If there is one thing on which all of those concerned with local agriculture can agree it is that farming here is a vastly different business from that of the mid-West and West Coast industrial complexes. From those disparities grow the differences in what area representatives hope to see in the next federal Farm Bill.

By way of example, the size of an average farm in Iowa or California is about double that in Columbia County and net farm income in Iowa is double, and in California five times, that of our York. Many of our farmers—especially Columbia County farmers, who aver- the "new" ones-focus on so-called aged \$37,247 according to the U.S.D.A. specialty crops, like vegetables, on small 2017 Census of Agriculture.

In all, the county had 518 farms, per the 2017 Census, occupying just shy of 100,000 acres (or 24.4% of the county's lands).

Statewide, few of our farmers are BIPOC (139 blacks out of 57,000 farmers), although there were more black farmers than white in the early 1900s before government policies forced minorities out. Farmers as a whole are an aging population, although the percentage of new farmers (in the business fewer than 10 years) is growing in New

plots of land.

Many aspects of the Farm Bill are unsuited to "our" farms and farmers. An example frequently given by those who grow vegetables is crop insurance. In many ways, crop insurance programs are written with the monoculture (corn or soybean) mega-farms in mind, not our small operations.

Given the complexity of the bill, it is not surprising that many of the reasons take us into the details (call it the weeds?). For example, "whole farm

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Leb Valley Speedway legend Tremont will retire

By DOUG LA ROCQUE

NEW LEBANON—You do not need to be an auto racing enthusiast to have heard the name Kenny Tremont, Jr. The winningest and most popular driver at the New Lebanon racetrack has announced he is hanging up his fire suit at the end of the season. According to the racetrack's statistics, Mr. Tremont has posted an astonishing 143 wins on the high banks and claimed 14 modified (a specially designed car with the glass removed, a roll cage installed with a high-powered

motor and the tires outside the frame) titles. His first win came on May 29, 1982, and he has been coming back to victory lane ever since.

Mr. Tremont has not only dominated at Lebanon Valley, but has 81 race wins and 13 championships at the Albany-Saratoga Speedway in Malta, to go along with 90 feature wins and 10 championships at the Devil's Bowl Speedway in West Haven, VT. For decades, the dirt racing season has ended with the Syracuse 200, a 200-lap race held at the New York State Fairgrounds (the race has since

been moved to Oswego) that often paid as much as \$100,000 to win. It draws racers from all around the east coast, the Midwest and Canada. In 1999, Mr. Tremont was first across the finish line there as well.

He made no secret of the fact he was looking to retire at the end of last season, but his long-time sponsor, George Rifenburg of Rifenburg Construction, convinced him to give it one more year. Mr. Tremont did, but in an interview with Area Auto Racing News, he said his body is telling him he has had enough. "It's

absolutely a hard decision" Mr. Tremont said in the AARN article. He added, "It's a big commitment and it's taken everything I've got. I've had a few concussions and I'm not getting any younger." He will be 62-years-old later this year.

Tremont admitted he has not been running as well as he would have liked lately, and the time commitments required to be a top-notch competitor also entered into his decision.

Mr. Tremont has indicated his final race at "the valley" as the New Lebanon track is known, will most likely be the Mr. Dirt Track USA feature on Saturday, September 2.

For many race fans, the high banks just won't be the same without the famed number 115 kicking up the dust and sliding sideways through the turns on his way to the checkered flag.

Enjoy your retirement, Kenny. While we will no longer see you sitting behind the wheel, here is hoping you will be sitting in the stands some Saturday evenings enjoying the races with your legions of fans.



Photo contributed

Pictured (I to r) are Rose Miller, board president, Red Cross Northeastern New York Chapter; Kate Qualters, regional chief development officer, Red Cross Eastern New York; Jody Plonski, senior vice president operations, Price Chopper/Market 32; Blaine Bringhurst, president, Price Chopper/Market 32; and Kevin Moore, zone director, Price Chopper/Market 32

Price Chopper donates funds after floods

GHENT—For more than three decades, Price Chopper/ Market 32 has teamed up with the American Red Cross to raise funds to support Red Cross Disaster Relief activities, so far generating over \$2 million. Recently, in the wake of the devastating floods in the Hudson Valley, Price Chopper/ Market 32 is donating \$10,000 to the American Red Cross of Eastern New York. This generous donation is in addition to the annual "Round Up at the Register" campaign slated for August. In 2022, that drive collected nearly \$68,000 for the Red Cross, through the generosity of Price Chopper/Market 32's customers and teammates.

"Every eight minutes some-

where in the US, disaster strikes, and the Red Cross responds," said Kevin Coffey, CEO of the American Red Cross Eastern New York Region, in a press release. "This time, the disaster was right in our own back yard. Red Cross was on the ground in the Hudson Valley within hours of the massive flooding in Orange County, providing resources, supplies and relief to those whose homes were damaged or destroyed. But Red Cross couldn't carry out that immediate disaster response without the contributions of partners like Price Chopper/ Market 32. We are sincerely grateful for this Disaster Relief donation, and for their ongoing support."

"We believe in helping customers and teammates deal with the unexpected consequences of natural disasters like the recent flooding in New York and Vermont," said Blaine Bringhurst, Price Chopper/Market 32 president, also in the release. "Thankfully, our long-standing partnership with the Red Cross helps us get muchneeded aid to the heart of impacted communities across our six-state footprint and beyond."

Red Cross flood recovery efforts will continue throughout the coming weeks in the Hudson Valley and in Northeastern New York.



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RECYCLE

New ICC super 'eager to leverage... leadership skills'

By EMILIA TEASDALE

KINDERHOOK—The Ichabod Crane Board of Education held their first meeting of the 2023-24 school year on July 11. It was also the first Board of Education meeting for newly appointed Superintendent Marie Digirolamo. Ms. Digirolamo started in the district about a week before the meeting after the retirement of former superintendent Suzanne Guntlow.

Ms. Digirolamo came to the district from the Niskayuna Central School District, where she served for nearly 10 years, first as the director of K-12 social studies/world languages/ English as a new language, and then assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

She also served as an assistant high school principal and junior/senior high school principal at Taconic Hills CSD. She has a bachelor's degree in French, a master's degree in French Education, an advanced graduate certificate in school building leadership, and an advanced graduate certificate in school district leadership, all from the University at Albany.

"I am no stranger to Columbia County, especially the Ichabod Crane Central School District. My family lived here, and my siblings graduated from ICC's High School, creating enduring connections and friendships that still thrive today," Ms. Digirolamo wrote in an email to the school community on July 6.

In the email, she also said, "Before officially stepping into this position, I had the pleasure of visiting the campus, spending time in each school building. I witnessed vibrant and dynamic spaces, where children and staff were enthusiastic about learning and being together as a united Rider family. I also had the pleasure to observe notable accomplishments, like the 5th-Grade D.A.R.E. graduation.

"Furthermore, Suzanne Guntlow, my predecessor, graciously shared a wealth of knowledge about this institution with me before her departure

"Looking ahead, I am eager to leverage my leadership skills in teaching and learning, advocacy, and cultural proficiency to further strengthen the solid



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Central School
District.'

Marie Digirolamo, superintendent Ichabod Crane School District

foundation we have here. As the world of education continues to evolve, we will adapt and grow together."

At the board meeting, she said that she had so far had a "wonderful" week and two days in the district.

Only five of the nine board members were at the meeting, which started with the organizational meeting. Matthew Nelson was reelected as board president and Elizabeth Phillips was reelected to vice-president by the board members in attendance

Board member Kelly

Firmbach, who was reelected to a seat on the board in May's annual election, was the only board member at the meeting to be sworn in. Newly elected board members Megan Pelizza and Christopher Scoville were not in attendance.

During the regular meeting, the board heard a brief report from Ms. Digirolamo about the plans for the upcoming year and the over 400 students attending the school's summer programs. She also reported that "it looks like" the graduation rate for the last school year will be at 97%, which she said is

"certainly a point of pride for the district."

"We are off to a great start," she said.

Also at the meeting district Business Manager Michael Brennan reported on some of the donations accepted by the board. He pointed out a donation from the ICC Booster Club to the Athletics Department of \$2,000 to cover a portion of the travel costs for the teams that went to states during the last school year. Mr. Brennan said the district paid for all the transportation for those teams, and the district and the Booster Club paid for hotels. He said the Booster Club paid for some meals.

There was also a \$750 gift from the state ASBO (Association of School Business Officials of New York) in Ichabod Crane Board Clerk Mindy Potts' name in recognition of her work with ASBO.

The next regular board meeting will be August 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

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Speaker Heastie visits county to discuss housing crisis

HUDSON—State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie made another stop on his annual statewide tour August 1, visiting Columbia County with Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106th) to discuss solutions to solving the affordable housing crisis plaguing rural communities.

want to thank Assemblymember Barrett for inviting me to tour the Hudson Valley and speak to the changemakers seeking to make rural housing more affordable," said Speaker Heastie in a press release. "The Assembly Majority has worked to make affordable housing more accessible across the state, but we know our work still isn't done. By working with community partners and listening to our residents we can ensure housing is available at a fair cost for

Speaker Heastie Assemblymember Barrett made stops in Columbia County to discuss the rural affordable housing crisis with organizations that are on the ground working to find affordable housing options available in the county. The first stop of the tour was at a Habitat for Humanity build site where they were joined by Columbia County Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Bellenchia and Columbia County Housing Coordinator Chris Brown. The second stop was the Hudson Housing Authority, where they spoke Hudson Housing Authority Executive Director Jeffrey Dodson. These community members are working to find new housing models to not only account for the diverse set of median income levels in the county but the needed housing



Photo contributed

Pictured with Speaker Heastie at the Habitat for Humanity build site is (I to r) Assemblymember Barrett and Columbia County Affordable Housing Taskforce member and architect Dennis Wedlick.

scale distinctive to rural areas. If successful, these affordable housing solutions could be applied to urban areas across the state.

"I'm honored to have Speaker Heastie join us today to tour our region and discuss solutions to building housing that's more affordable and energy efficient for the next generation of Hudson Valley families," said Assembly member Barrett, also in the release. "Our rural communities must not be left behind during discussions about making housing across the state more affordable. Though rural towns face unique challenges not faced by our urban or suburban communities, I'm confident that by working with these and other thoughtful partners we can develop the smart housing to keep our neighbors in place and attract new families to the area."

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Remains of the home incinerated by a Tesla on June 29.

Tesla driver identified after fiery double fatal

By DIANE VALDEN

LIVINGSTON—Victor Caraballo, 45, of Clifton Park has been identified by State Police as the driver of a Tesla involved in a fiery fatal motor vehicle crash into a house which occurred June 29.

At 1 a.m. that day troopers were dispatched by Columbia County 911 to a residence on State Route 9 for a structure fire with two occupants inside.

house occupant, One Barbara Lasher, was able to escape the flames prior to the arrival of first responders and was later taken to Albany Medical Center by Northern Dutchess Paramedics. The second occupant, Mrs. Lasher's

husband, Peter E. Lasher, age 81, was found dead inside the residence.

While firefighters extinguished the flames a vehicle was discovered containing a single deceased occupant which had struck the residence.

Initial investigation of the crash determined the 2022 Tesla Model X driven by Mr. Caraballo, was traveling at a high rate of speed southbound on State Route 9 and went off the roadway.

The vehicle struck a tree and then the residence before bursting into flames. Mr. Caraballo was found dead inside the vehicle.

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certificate. Beginning in 2025,

New York also continues to

ers and parks."

Greenport, Germantown, Claverack, Ancram and Mellenville firefighters all responded to the scene.

Craryville

While on patrol July 25 at about 3:07 p.m., Deputy Dayna Scott discovered a serious automobile crash, which had just occurred on State Route 23, east of the intersection with County Route 7, according to a press release from Columbia County Sheriff Donald Krapf.

An investigation determined that a 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt operated by Carmen Morales, 21, of Ancramdale was headed east on State Route 23 when it was struck head-on by a vehicle that was traveling west. The westbound vehicle was a 2014 Ford F250 operated by Abad Morales-Villegas, 35 (no relation to Carmen Morales) of Chatham. Both vehicles had extensive damage and were towed from the scene. Carmen Morales was transported to Albany Medical Center by the Community Rescue Squad with serious injuries. Abad Morales-Villegas was transported by Greenport Rescue Squad to Albany Medical Center for the treatment of minor injuries. A 14-year-old passenger in the Ford was not injured.

The reason the Morales-Villegas vehicle crossed into the path of the Morales vehicle is still under investigation at this time. The State Police Accident Reconstruction Team was requested to the scene by the Sheriff's Office to assist with the investigation. Weather was not a factor in the crash. Possible traffic tickets and charges are still pending.

Sheriff Krapf advises that more information will be released when it becomes available and when that release will not affect the investigation.

The Craryville and Hillsdale Fire departments were on scene assisting as well as the Greenport and Copake rescue squads.

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'Operation Dry Water' targets drunk boating

GHENT—The New York State Parks Marine Services Bureau coordinates New York's annual participation in the national Operation Dry Water campaign. This campaign involves law enforcement agencies statewide to educate boaters about the dangers of boating while under the influence of alcohol, marijuana and other drugs and removing impaired boaters from the waterways.

Alcohol use continues to be the leading factor in recreational boater deaths and a leading contributor in boating incidents. New York State Parks is asking boaters to enjoy this boating season and help keep everyone safe by not drinking alcohol while on the water or operating a boat after you have consumed alcohol. Use of both legal and illegal drugs also impairs judgment and reaction time and creates dangerous circumstances while boating.

In a press release New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation Commissioner Eric Kulleseid said, "The mis-

sion of State Parks is to provide

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the law will be fully phased-in, and a boating safety certificate will be required of all operators motorized watercraft, regardless of age. Failure to comply carries a potential fine of between \$100 to \$250. Boaters can find a safe boating course by visiting The New York State Parks boating web-

For more information about boating under the influence, visit operationdrywater.org. Operation Dry Water is coordinated nationally by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard. Follow the campaign on social media #OperationDryWater #OpDryWater #ODW23

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Price Chopper/Market 32 raises thousands to fight rare disease

GHENT—Price Chopper/ Market 32, in collaboration with its trade partner Freihofer's Baking Co., has raised more than \$19,000 to help fight rare disease.

The supermarket chain partnered with Cure Rare Disease (CRD), a nonprofit biotech organization with a mission to enable and finance the development of lifesaving genetic medicines for rare and ultrarare populations previously deemed too rare to treat.

Price Chopper/Market 32 promoted the purchase of specific Freihofer's products in its stores during May and June 2023 with a designated donation to CRD from every select purchase.

"We're grateful to Price Chopper/Market 32 for their support," said Rich Horgan, Cure Rare Disease founder and president, in a press release.

"This year's campaign, with support from Freihofer's, raised more than \$19,000 and will help us develop new, potentially lifesaving therapies for patients with ultra-rare neuromuscular disorders. We want to thank customers for their continued support of our mission."

"Price Chopper/Market 32 is proud to support Cure Rare Diseases in raising funds that help with the development of lifesaving medicines for patients who have nowhere else to turn," said Mona Golub, Price Chopper/Market 32's vice president of public relations & consumer services, also in the release. "We are grateful for the generosity of our valued trade partner, Freihofer's, and our customers and teammates, all of whom helped raise these much-needed funds."







\$2M appropriation expands program

GHENT—Field & Fork Network, a food and farming nonprofit, has announced bipartisan support for a \$2 million state appropriation that will help expand its Double Up Food Bucks NY (DUFBNY) program. DUFBNY is a vital program that increases food access by connecting New York farmers, grocers, and residents who use the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The program helps people using SNAP, purchase more local fresh fruits and vegetables through a dollar-fordollar match, up to \$20 a day. Field & Fork Network worked closely with Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-41st) to secure the appropriation.

"We are grateful to Senator Michelle Hinchey for championing this issue and recognizing the critical role DUFBNY plays in combatting food insecurity," said Lisa French, cofounder and executive director of Field & Fork Network in a press release. "This funding is a direct investment in New York families, farmers and the local economy, and it will allow us to bring additional federal funding to New York through the USDA's GusNIP program."

DUFBNY has 230+ locations across the state, it operates in grocery stores, farmers markets, farm stands, mobile markets, and corner stores across 32 counties. This year the program has expanded its reach in Columbia County, adding 4 new grocery locations including Hawthorne Valley Farm Store, Chatham Real Food Market, Philmont Co-op, and Random Harvest. The program has operated at Rolling Grocer 19 since 2020.

"Every person, no matter their income or where they live, deserves to eat nutritious food, and the Double Up Food Bucks program helps people afford the locally grown food they need to support their family's growth and development and create a healthy foundation at home," said Senator Hinchey, also in the release. "Columbia County is an agriculture community, and with a homegrown food supply as incredible as ours, farm-fresh food should be accessible to everyone, which is why I'm proud to help champion the Double Up program to expand food access while also investing money back into our local farms. I thank Field & Fork Network for leading the way with this model and will continue fighting for investments that will help us connect the dots between locally grown food and families in need."

"DUFBNY program is a win-win for New York State, feeding our families healthy food while supporting local farms and independent grocery stores. Small and mid-sized farms are the backbones of our communities in the Hudson Valley, and expanding this program has helped connect more families with fresh, nutritious produce from local producers like Hawthorne Valley Farm," said Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106th). "I was proud to fight for funding for this program in the state budget with Senator Hinchey, and thank Field and Fork Network for their leadership."

DUFBNY aims to alleviate food insecurity and promote healthy eating by doubling the value of SNAP dollars spent at participating farmers markets, grocery stores, and other retail outlets. SNAP customers can receive up to \$20 in DUFBNY per day to purchase fresh produce, providing them with

access to more nutritious food options and supporting local farmers. The program is free to participate in, the money never expires, and can be banked for future purchases.

"With the rising cost of food, we recognize that it is more important than ever that people continue to have access to quality produce for their families," said Jeremy Laurange, Hawthorne Valley director of retail. "We are thrilled to partner with Double Up Food Bucks to help families bridge the gap of affordability when it comes to fresh, healthy foods."

"A healthy diet is the cornerstone of good heart and brain health, and the American Heart Association knows that the \$2 million funding for the DUFBNY program will help many families live healthier lives," said Alex DiCicco, Academic Quality Analyst, Johnson & Wales University and chair of the Hudson Valley Board of Directors for the American Heart Association. "We also welcome Hawthorne Valley to the retailers accepting Double Up Food Bucks in New York. Summer is a wonderful time to really enjoy New Yorks's fresh produce, and we are glad that more people will be able to reap the health benefits that Double Up will pro-

Customers interested in enrolling in the program should speak to a cashier at the register. For more information about DUFBNY, including a list of participating locations, visit www.doubleupnys.com. Hawthorne Valley Farm Store is located at 327 CR 21C and is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Learn more at https:// store.hawthornevalley.org/

Help avert a blood shortage

CHATHAM—After a summer of declining donations, the American Red Cross needs the public's help to prevent a blood shortage. When a donor makes and keeps an appointment to give blood or platelets in the weeks ahead, they can help ensure trauma patients, those undergoing cancer treatment, and people with lifelong blood disorders can get the blood they count on.

Right now, the Red Cross especially needs type O negative, type O positive and type B negative blood donors, as well as platelet donors. Donors of

all blood types can schedule an appointment to give by downloading the Red Cross Blood App, Donor visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross is teaming up with Warner Bros. for the theatrical release of "Meg 2: The Trench" to celebrate a summer of sharks and help stave off a summer blood and platelet shortage. All who come to give through August 12 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night New York getaway for two with a private

shark dive adventure at Long Island Aquarium. Those who come to give throughout the month of August will also get a \$10 egift card to a movie merchant of their choice. Details are available at RedCrossBlood. org/Movie.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities are:

•August 9, noon to 6 p.m., Chatham Firehouse, Hoffman Street

•August 10, 1 to 6 p.m., Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787, 201 Harry Howard Avenue.

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Academic Honors

Hudson Valley Community College Dean's List

TROY—Nearly 900 students were named to the spring 2023 dean's list at Hudson Valley Community College.

The dean's list recognizes those full-time students and part-time students registered for at least six college credits who have a term average of 3.00 to less than 3.50 and who received no grade of "D," "F," "I," "Z," or "W" on their record for that term. Students must have completed at least 12 college credits successfully.

Students named to the dean's list include:

Abby Hoag, East Chatham, who is studying in the Architectural Technology academic program; Benjamin Rodriguez, Hudson, who is studying in the Advanced

Manufacturing Technology academic program; Melissa Bizzarro, Valatie, who is studyin the Business Administration academic program; Micaela Coons, Ghent, who is studying in the Chemical Dependency Counseling academic program; Edwing Gomez Flores, Hillsdale, who is studying in the Civil Engineering Technology academic program; Brianna Mergenthaler, Germantown, who is studying in the Civil Engineering Technology academic program; Derek DeLamater, Hudson, who is studying in the Civil Engineering Technology academic program; Katelyn Elliott, Stuyvesant, who is studying in the Criminal Justice academic program; Kiley Danforth, New

Lebanon, who is studying in the Criminal Justice academic program; Allyson Engel, Ghent, who is studying in the Criminal Justice academic program; Carson Elder, Kinderhook, who is studying in the Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography academic program; Brittany Vohrer, Hudson, who is studying in the Dental Hygiene academic program; Nicole Pyser, New Lebanon, who is studying in the Dental Hygiene academic program; Anthony Malanowski, Valatie, who is studying in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program; Aaron Say, Hudson, who is studying in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program; Elena DiGrigoli, Valatie, who is study-

ing in the Environmental Science academic program; Anthony Doria, Valatie, who is studying in the Entrepreneurship academic program; Abigail Taylor, East Chatham, who is studying in the Exercise Science academic program; Mackenzie Scheuttig, Valatie, who is studying in the Forensic Science Studies academic program; Andren Cruz, Kinderhook, who is studying in the Hacking and Cybersecurity academic program; TaRaysha Cobbins, Hudson, who is studying in the Health Information Management and Technology academic program; Benjamin Scheriff, Kinderhook, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Jack Goldman, Valatie, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Reileigh Lasher, Niverville, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Wyatt Powers, Canaan, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Henry Miller, Old Chatham, who is studying in the Mechanical Engineering Technology academic program; DeAnna LeClair, Valatie, who is studying in the Physical Sciences academic program; Condron, Sophia New Lebanon, who is studying in the Psychology academic program; Victoria Lopez, Valatie, who is studying in the Surgical Technology academic program.

Hudson Valley Community College President's List

TROY-More than 1,400 students were named to the spring 2023 president's list at Hudson Valley Community College.

Each fall and spring term, the college's president's list names those full-time students and part-time students registered for at least six college credits who have a term average of between 3.5 and 4.0 and who received no grade of "D," "F," "I," "Z," or "W" on their record for that term. Students must have completed at least 12 college credits successfully.

Local students named to the president's list include:

Angela Fix, Hudson, who is studying in the Accounting academic program; Hannah Taylor, East Chatham, who is studying in the Architectural Technology academic program; Devon Robillard, Stuyvesant, who is studying in the Architectural Technology academic program; Colin Dijan, Stuyvesant Falls, who is studying in the Liberal Arts and Science: Adolescent Education academic program; Charles Coan, Ghent, who is studying in the Advanced Manufacturing Technology academic program; Catherine Parungao, Niverville, who is studying in the Accounting academic program; Matthew Corsey, Malden Bridge, who is studying in the Automotive Technical Services academic

program; Sean King, Chatham, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program; George, Marcus Stuyvesant, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program; Zachary Zevak, Valatie, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program; Kyle Jackson, Chatham, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program; Rachael Stosiek, Hillsdale, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program; Tara Burch, Kinderhook, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program; Dylan Lambert, New Lebanon, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program; Ivan Gomez, Valatie, who is studying in the Business Administration academic program; Joseph Accuosti, Valatie, who is studyin the Business Administration academic program; Aaron Li, Hudson, who is studying in the Computer Information Systems academic program; Allyson Casey, Kinderhook, who is studying in the Early Childhood academic program; Kylie Cruz, Ghent, who is studying in the Early Childhood academic program; Alexis Jostlin, Valatie, who is studying in the Early Childhood academic program; Gabriel

Michalko, Valatie, who is studyin the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program; Jonathan Walch, Ghent, who is studying in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program; Ryan Miller, Hudson, who is studying in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program; Jacob Barr, Stuyvesant, who is studying in the Electrical Engineering Technology - Electronics academic program; Jack Criscione, Valatie, who is studying in the Engineering Science academic program; Brady Oles, Chatham, who is studying in the Engineering Science academic program; Brendan Everett, Old Chatham, who is studying in the Engineering Science academic program; Christopher Pelesz, Valatie, who is studying in the Engineering Science academic program; Hannah Spock, Chatham, who is studying in the Fine Arts academic program; Ellise Dugan, Valatie, who is studying in the Hacking and Cybersecurity academic program; Olivia Criscione, Valatie, who is studying in the Hacking and Cybersecurity academic program; Caroline White, Valatie, who is studying in the Human Services academic program; Rebekah Funk, Valatie, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic

program; Christopher Hertle, Ghent, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Ryan Tomchik of Valatie, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Erin Rose, Valatie, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Owen Warner, Valatie, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Simon Papas, Valatie, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Aileen Corrigan, Valatie, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Aaron Lindop-Braun, Canaan, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Maya Case, Old Chatham, who is studying in the Individual Studies academic program; Regan Welch, Valatie, who is studying in the Liberal Arts and Science - Humanities and Social Science academic program; Iulia Switzer, Hudson, who is studying in the Liberal Arts and Science - Humanities and Social Science academic program; Holden Reynolds, Kinderhook, who is studying in the Liberal Arts and Science - Humanities program; Andrew Hacker, Valatie, who is studying in the Liberal Arts and Science -Humanities and Social Science academic program; Suzie

Canetto, Hillsdale, who is studying in the Psychology academic program; Cynthia Desposito, Stuyvesant, who is studying in the Teaching Assistant academic program; Mila Metreaud, Craryville, who is studying in the Radiologic Technology academic program; Andrew Schroeder, Ghent, who is studying in the Nonmatriculated academic program; Charles Martin, Old Chatham, who is studying in the Non-matriculated academic program; Madison Cole, Valatie, who is studying in the Nonmatriculated academic program; Sarah Li, Hudson, who is studying in the Nonmatriculated academic program; Pierre Jeune, Hudson, who is studying in the Nonmatriculated academic program; Miles Goldfarb, Hudson, who is studying in the Nonmatriculated academic program; Matthew Buono, Valatie, who is studying in the Nonmatriculated academic program; Eudora Brennan, Ghent, who is studying in the Nonmatriculated academic program; Austin Shulkin, Kinderhook, who is studying in and Social Science academic the Non-matriculated academic

Van Tassel to participate in summer research fellowship

CANTON—Thomas Van Tassel of Chatham has been granted a St. Lawrence University fellowship to perform research on campus this summer.

He is collaborating with Associate Professor, Chair Judith Nagel-Myers on a project titled, "Examining extinction selectivity within a marine bivalve community from the Upper Devonian across a mass extinction."

Mr. Van Tassel is a member of the class of 2024 and is majoring in geology. He attended Chatham High School.

Graduates

Students graduate from Clarkson University

POTSDAM—Students from Clarkson University were awarded bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees this spring on May 13, 2023.

Local students include:

Thomas Fiebich, Elizaville, received a bachelor of science degree with distinction in engineering and management, project management minor; and Bryant Barrientos, Hudson, received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

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2023 FARM BILL

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revenue protection" insurance is designed to protect the revenue of a farmer's entire operation, not just one commodity. As such, it would be well suited to a diversified farm, like many of our specialty farms. But according to the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC), the paperwork associated with the application is so burdensome as to discourage smaller farmers from enrolling.

Crop insurance is also illsuited to our current experience of climate. As Chris Cashen of the Farm at Miller's Crossing explains, planting for vegetables is "a year-round effort." To establish a viable succession, he plants every week. The weather can easily throw planting plans "out the window, "if weeks of drought, which we had earlier in the summer, or days of microbursts, which we are having now, make it impossible to plant. Many forms of insurance are more suited to a single disaster than a succession of smaller events.

Crop insurance is also unavailable if a farmer uses a practice that reduces historic yields in any way. But temporary yield drags are common on farms that adopt new conservation practices, like cover crop-

ping or organic techniques. Instead of penalizing the adoption of conservation-minded techniques, local farmers and advocates wish that the Farm Bill would provide cost-sharing or insurance premium discounts for the implementation of climate smart practices, like cover-cropping.

Cover-cropping posits that a field will never be bare. For a dairy farmer, that might mean that feed corn is grown in summer and, once cut, that a grass is planted for forage for the cows in winter and until the corn is again seeded. As a result, carbon is sequestered in, not released from, the soil, and soil health is enhanced. The earth also becomes more resilient to storms because the roots hold the soil in place. As one local farmer put it, the dust storms of the 1920s, and that are now being seen again in the mid-West, should and would be a thing only of the past, and "Big Muddy would be less muddy due to run-off" if only conservation practices like covercropping were more encouraged by the bill.

Enhancing the benefits of the Farm Bill for small farms and sound conservation practices are a focus of our local representatives.

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Number of Farms	518	Beef Cows - # Farms	131
Average Size of Farms	191 acres	Dairy Cows - # Farms 38	
Median Size of Farms	59 acres	Orchards - # Farms	51
Farms by Value of Annual Sa	ales	Average Net Cash	
Less than \$2,500	128	Farm Income	\$37,247
\$2,500 to \$4,999	43		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	77		
\$10,000 to \$24,999	63		
\$25,000 to \$49,999	50		
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30		
\$100,000 or more	127		

recently introduced a bill, with a number of co-sponsors, the "Small Farm Conservation Act," that would simplify and streamline the complex application and approval processes for small farmers seeking incentives to implement sustainable and regenerative agriculture practices. The bill would create a bonus payment for farms under 50 acres employing such practices and enhance the technical support available to farmers.

At his recent Chatham Listening Session, Congressman Marcus Molinaro (R-19th) likewise listed as among his priorities providing funding for conservation practices that enhance carbon capture and sound soil and water management.

Another area of continuing local concern is the Dairy Margin Coverage program. Jim Davenport, who describes himself as one of the few dairy farmers left in the county, milks around 70 cows at his Tollgate

Farm in Ancramdale. He explains that the program is of increasing importance in times, like these, "of geopolitical tumult and crazy weather."

The cost of producing milk has many inputs, and an important one is the price of grain, even for Mr. Davenport who mainly feeds his cows the forage he produces on the farm. Grain prices have soared recently, largely due to the war in Ukraine. The Dairy Margin program pays insured farmers when the difference (margin) between milk prices and production inputs exceeds the federally-set target.

Congressman Molinaro, echoing this concern, is seeking to increase the amount of margin coverage to fully meet dairy farmers' needs.

Access to markets is another issue on many minds. Congressman Molinaro would like to see state and local institutions mandated to purchase a set percentage of their food

needs locally and to see Canadian markets opened to New York product. Mr. Cashen would like to see the expansion of programs permitting the use of SNAP funds (what used to be called food stamps) at local food outlets.

Apropos of opening markets, several speakers at the Molinaro listening session urged the reversal of an Obama-era federal policy that precludes schools from serving whole milk, arguing that children often will not drink the lower fat product and need the calcium milk supplies. A bill has been introduced in the House that would implement the change. It has bi-partisan support and has been co-sponsored by Representatives Molinaro and Pat Ryan (D-18th).

Finally, policies that enable the BIPOC community to reenter farming are an often-cited goal to reverse past inequities, as are policies that support young farmers and therefore seed the future.

As local resident and food writer Ruth Reichl said in an interview with the Columbia Paper, "Food shows us our values, and raising food is a good way of life." The 2023 Food Bill will show us whether traditional family farming and raising nutritious foods, accessible to all, are still valued by our politicians.

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Opera House (AOH) to support the construction of a new community room which is part of a larger expansion/renovation project (\$750,000) to create the Ancram Center for the Arts at the existing AOH location and the property next door at 1326 County Route 7. When the board voted on the recommendations, all were in favor of the housing appropriation. But only Councilmembers Amy Gold, Bonnie Hundt and Supervisor Art Bassin voted in favor of the allocation to the AOH project. Councilmembers David Boice and Hugh Clark were opposed.

At the July meeting, after former supervisor/former town justice Tom Dias asked for some documentation on the SIC's current considerations, Councilmember Boice asked why the board was not given any written information about the SIC proposals before the May vote. He said he had heard from "a bunch of people" who were not happy with the donation decisions the

board made in May. He said he questions the board's decisions because people ask him those questions.

Ancram Hotel owner Donna Hoyt asked the board why she, as the owner of a business in the center of town, is never asked for her opinion about hamlet proposals. She recounted that the town "forced" her to take down a building in the center of town (the old Porter's Store) which the town condemned. She said the town forced her to spend money during Covid, that she was not given money. She said her home assessment was raised 80% in the recent town-wide revaluation. Yet the town "is giving money away to a non-profit which doesn't contribute anything financially to this town," while her business does in the form of taxes. She wanted to know why.

Disagreement ensued about whether or not there had been any information disseminated before the board vote about the AOH project. Presentations

about the project were made at prior meetings by both Mr. Weiss and AOH Co-founder Paul Ricciardi.

Terry Boyles said there still remains a "crappy" building in the hamlet that the town has not forced the owner to demolish. He then spoke about veterlight of the other investment possibilities that have been mentioned, clearly the town "needs to do a better job of reaching out."

Resident Jim Stickle spoke about how people should donate to the charities of their choice and suggested that the

'Government is not a spectator sport.'

Ancram Councilmember Hugh Clark

ans, saying if the town can "spend money foolishly like this" it should be able to put up signs to honor local veterans and not make the veterans' families pay for them.

Councilmember Hundt told those present that she has been working on the housing issue for four years and the SIC has been working on identifying investment projects for two years. "It isn't just the Town Board handing out money, it's been a long process," she said.

After more talk about rising taxes and how involved the process was leading up to the board vote on the SIC recommendations, Mr. Dias said in

vote on the grant to the AOH was politically motivated. He also wondered if the SIC was made up of a "good mix" of local residents since he had not heard anything previously about the hamlet improvement initiatives that were just mentioned.

Other suggestions for how the donated money could have been spent were to give it: back to the taxpayers, to seniors or youth organizations, to small businesses and/or put money in the highway fund to fix roads which will benefit everybody.

In answer to a request for comment on his vote against the AOH grant, Councilmember

Hugh Clark said he had voted no after giving the matter a lot of consideration. He said it was a 49% to 51% decision. Declining further comment about the vote, Mr. Clark said he wanted to comment on "why so many of you who are here tonight have not been here every month." Disagreeing with Mr. Dias about a lack of communication, Mr. Clark said sternly, Mr. Bassin puts out informal reports about what goes on at meetings every month by email in addition to the formal minutes. Those are two points that convey everything. "If you sit back, you get what you got. Government is not a spectator sport!"

Supervisor Bassin suggested that if people had been paying attention earlier in the process, they would have had a chance to comment on the donation proposals.

When calling the hour-long debate to a close, the supervisor said he sensed the anger and sympathized with it. He said he appreciated all the different points of view and thanked everyone for coming.

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Hudson Jazz Workshop, Concert is at Hudson Hall

HUDSON—On August 10 to 13, Hudson Jazzworks (HJW) presents the 17th Annual Hudson Jazz Workshop co-led by pianist Armen Donelian and saxophonist Marc Mommaas. Up to 10 participants from around the block and across the globe will gather for this exciting and nurturing artistic and educational intensive.

The daily workshop agenda includes improvisation, ensemble playing, composition, theory, aural and rhythmic training, and evening jam sessions. Hudson Jazzworks' academic partners - The New School Jazz Program, William Paterson University, the Conservatory of Amsterdam and the Rhythmic Music Conservatory (Denmark) - each will co-sponsor one participant in the workshop.

Also, on August 13 at 10:30 a.m., special guest vocalist Michelle Walker will present a free master class at the HJW Studio that is open to the pub-(advance registration required). To register for this class, email info@hudsonJazzworks.org.

Later that day at 4 p.m., Donelian, Mommaas and Walker will join the workshop participants in a free live concert at historic Hudson Hall.







Armen Donelian (I), pianist, HJW Co-Director, Marc Mommaas (c), saxophonist, HJW Co-Director and Michelle Walker (r), vocalist, special guest

For concert reservations, visit www.hudsonhall.org or call 518 822-1438.

The Hudson Jazz Workshop is a four-day immersion co-led by Donelian, a Hudson resident, and Mommaas, a Dutch native living in New York City. Special guest Walker is a charismatic vocalist of global renown.

HJW participants are emerging professionals, often supported by HJW scholarships. In past years they have come from Argentina, Armenia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the USA. At Hudson Hall, they perform their innovative works-in-progress created during the workshop and rehearsed in small

groupings under the faculty's guidance, concluding with a rousing finale.

Donelian has toured in 25 countries with Jazz legends including Sonny Rollins, Chet Baker and Billy Harper, and recorded with Mongo Santamaria, Billy Harper, Eddie Gomez and Billy Hart. His Grammy-nominated compositions and arrangements exhibit Classical, Jazz, Latin and Middle Eastern influences and appear on 14 acclaimed albums for the Sunnyside, Odin, Atlas and Playscape record labels.

Saxophonist Mommaas is a gifted communicator and strong presence in today's Jazz scene. A Cum Laude graduate from Manhattan School of Music (MSM) and William Borden Award recipient, he is a guest lecturer at MSM, New York University, Paterson University, Rhythmic Music Conservatory (Denmark) and the Conservatory of Amsterdam. He leads his celebrated formation Global Motion and composes innovative works featured on Global Motion, Balance, Landmarc and Ballads and Standards (with Nikolaj Hess, Vic Juris and Thomas Morgan), all on Sunnyside Records.

Donelian and Mommaas met in 2000 and immediately established a personal chemistry that is at the heart of their music making. For over 20 years, they have performed their original and standard repertoire recorded on their Sunnyside duo CD, "All Or Nothing At All." Together with

Rose Caldwell, in 2009 they cofounded the non-profit organization, Hudson Jazzworks, Inc., in support of their artistic and educational initiatives.

Vocalist, bandleader and educator Walker exudes a dark tone and rhythmic phrasing that easily shifts to a mid-range, swinging lilt, pushing the boundaries of the Jazz vocal art. Often compared to Cassandra Wilson, Nina Simone and Betty Carter, Walker has performed globally alongside noted musicians including Russell Malone, Cyrus Chestnut and Ravi Coltrane and with vocal legend Mark Murphy. She headlined the Belarus International Jazz Festival with Take 6, the Silver Spring Jazz Festival with Wynton Marsalis and Spyro Gyro, the Lincoln Center Women In Jazz Festival and the Rehoboth Beach Jazz Festival with George Benson. Now based in New York City, she studied classical voice at University of Maryland, attend-Music Amsterdam Conservatory and Stanford Jazz Workshop (CA).



Photo contributed "Made in Pakistan," performed by Abuzar Farrukh.



Photo contributed "Giving Up the Ghosts," written and performed by Salty



"Summer," performed by Martina Deignan and Glenn

Plein Air Plays will cap AOH's summer of works

ANCRAM—Ancram Opera House (AOH) will cap its 2023 summer season with three captivating new works written for specific outdoor Audiences will travel between locations to experience these self-contained plays in immersive environments that enhance their stories. The Plein Air Play series runs Thursday through Sunday, August 10 to 13 and August 17 to 20, with two showings each evening. Each play in the triptych runs approximately 20-25 minutes; the total performance experience, including travel, is 90-100 minutes. Showtimes vary; for tickets and information visit www. ancramoperahouse.org.

The three new works are:

•"Giving up the Ghosts," written and performed by Salty Brine. A gravedigger in a small

town finds himself trapped in an existential crisis that has him contemplating everything from love to philosophy to dead pets in his search for the answer to life's biggest question

•"Made in Pakistan," written by Mukta Phatak and performed by Abuzar Farrukh. A soccer coach meditates on family, connection, and his relationship to the land as he gets ready for an important game

•"Summer," written by Barbara Wiechmann and performed by Martina Deignan and Glenn Barrett. On a summer evening, sitting under a tree, an older couple argue bitterly over differing versions of the story of their marriage.

"If we've pursued a theme this season, it's that we've focused exclusively on nurturing and growing new work, taking our inspiration from our area's bountiful farming community," said Paul Ricciardi, co- for us to connect with our audidirector of AOH, in a press release. "All of this season's productions, from You Are Not the Lonely One' to 'The Lucky Few' to The Plein Air Plays are works-in-development by exceptional theater artists who are not often seen in our area. The artists get the time and space to cultivate their pieces in Ancram and then, we hope, will take their work out into the world to flourish."

Ancram Opera House will host two benefit performances at 4:30 p.m. on August 12 and 19. The evening will start with prosecco at the site of "Made in Pakistan," be followed by a performance of all three plays, and end with cocktails and supper for 6-8 in a private home.

"These special benefit performances are an opportunity ence of theater enthusiasts and collectively celebrate vibrant arts in our community," said Jeffrey Mousseau, co-director of AOH, also in the release. Visit ancramoperahouse.org. The Plein Air Plays are sponsored by Taconic Ridge Farm in Hillsdale.





Schwartz's 'Godspell' to play at Mac-Haydn this August

CHATHAM—Stephen Schwartz & John Michael Tebelak's groundbreaking dramatization of the Gospel According to Matthew, "Godspell," will play the Mac-Haydn Theatre August 3 to 13.

The first major hit for threetime Grammy and Academy Award-winner Stephen Schwartz ("Wicked," "Pippin"), "Godspell" is a contemporary take on the iconic religious figure's core principles of kindness, love and tolerance. Through games, parables, and comedy a group of players accompany Jesus on a mission to teach his lessons to today's world. As they cover each teaching, they explore how the lessons resonate with current times, and continue Jesus' message of respect, faith and forgiveness, even in instances of betrayal.

Director Trey Compton and choreographer Elizabeth McGuire reunite on the Chatham stage following their collaboration on criticallyacclaimed "Urinetown" last season. They are joined by Music Director Eric Shorey and Assistant Music Director Alessandra Alcala.

The production will feature scenic design by Tania Barrenchea, making her Mac-Haydn design debut, along with lighting design by Andrew Gmoser, costume design by Angela Carstensen, sound design by Sean McGinley, hair and makeup design by Emily Allen, and props design by

Leading the production as Jesus and Judas are Mac-Haydn favorites Conor Fallon and Andrew Burton Kelley, respectively. Fallon, returning to Chatham for the first time since 2018, will be remembered by audiences for his standout roles in "The Wedding Singer" (2018), "Into The Woods" (2016), and "Hairspray" (2015). Kelley earned audience praise for his performances as Sonny in last season's "Xanadu" and Henry in "Next to Normal."

Rounding out the cast of 10 are 2023 company members Bella DePaola, Jake Koch, Amber Mawande-Spytek, Kassi McMillan, Matthew Harper Stevenson, and Stephanie Prestage; Anthony Velez ("A Chorus Line," "Man of La Mancha") returns to the Mac-Haydn for his third season, and Cydney Gleckner makes her Mac-Haydn debut in this production.

The Tony Award-nominated score features some of musical theater's most iconic anthems such as "Day by Day," "All Good Gifts," and "Beautiful City." "Godspell" promises to be a touching, sensational addition to the 2023 season.

"Godspell" features a book by Tebelak, and music and lyrics by Schwartz. The show was conceived and originally directed by Tebelak.

For tickets and information, visit www.machaydntheatre.org or call the box office at 518 392-9292.

Broadway's Dvorsky to debut solo show

CHATHAM—George theater song and there's even a Dvorsky is set to debut his solo show, "Something Wonderful," at the Mac-Haydn Theatre on August 5 and 11.

Dvorsky's extensive perfor-

mance career has covered too many iconic roles to count - from the title role "The Scarlet Pimpernel" on Broadway, to Disney Animated Film voiceovers in titles like "Beauty and the Beast," to his Berkshire Theatre Award-winning Daddy Warbucks in "Annie" in Chatham.

Featuring Mac-Haydn Music Supervisor Eric Shorey on piano, "Something Wonderful" is a culmination of the songs that have resonated with Dvorsky most deeply throughout his life - on stage and screen, and off.

"After 45 years in this business and performing all over the world, I feel it's time to tell some good stories about the wonderful music I've sung from Rodgers and Hammerstein to Sondheim," said Dvorsky in a press release. "I've done bits and pieces of this show here and there but I felt it's time to put it all together. The title 'Something Wonderful' is from the song from 'The King & I' which is my favorite musical

story of how I got to record it."

The evening will cover a wide variety of composers, many of whom Dvorsky has worked with directly, including



George Dvorsky

Kander & Ebb ("Chicago," "The World Goes 'Round"), Rodgers & Hammerstein ("Oklahoma," "The King & I") and Jerome Kern, as well as a few Disney classics.

Shorey and Dvorsky first met on the National Tour of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," where they shared the stage with Mac-Haydn Producing Artistic Director John Saunders. Shorey, in addition to his work as an accompanist, has performed across the country, including performances at Paper Mill Playhouse, Goodspeed Opera House, North Shore Music Theatre, and Arena Stage.

"I'm so excited to kick off

the special events this season with someone I have admired for such a long time," said Shorey. "I am so lucky to collaborate with George to tell his story through music from his legendary career."

No stranger to cabaret-style concerts, Dvorsky recently spent time touring with Chita Rivera in her own concert, "Chita: The Rhythm of My Life," after the two previously shared the stage in the Paper Mill Playhouse production of "Anything Goes."

"Something Wonderful" is the first of four cabaret-style productions in the

2023 Mac-Haydn's Limited Performance Series. Following Dvorsky's performances are: "Sondheim Tribute Revue" on August 23 and 25, "Showstoppers" on September 2, and "Still Within The Sound Of My Voice: The Songs of Linda Ronstadt," featuring Elizabeth Ward Land, on September 13.

For tickets and information, visit www.machaydntheatre.org or call the box office at 518 392-9292.

EVENTS Calendar

To have an event listed here, send the information (including date, time, street address and cost if any) via email to news@coiumbiapaper.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. 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, trails open 8:30 amsunset, free. Tours Thurs-Sun, 11 am-4 pm, \$7 adults, \$6 students/seniors, under 12 free. 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 FIRE-FIGHTING, 117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson. Wed-Sun 10 am-4:30 pm, closed holidays. Adults \$12, kids 2-17 \$8, under 2 free, family rate (2 adults & their 2 kids) \$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 amsunset. 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, hudsondar.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. 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.

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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. Help shopping for, comparing, enrolling in health insurance, applying for financial assistance for coverage. Appointments 518 822-9600.

Last Mondays

NONFICTION BOOK GROUP, Hudson Area Library, virtual. 6-7 pm. Register: 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 stretching, breathing exercises. Bring yoga mat. chathampubliclibrary.org.

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

Mondays, Saturdays COMMUNITY STRENGTH TRAINING, PS21, 2890 Rt 66,

Chatham, 10 am, \$10. Led by Jennifer Lawrence of The Firm Exercise Studio. Preregistration required: ps21chatham.org.

Tuesdays

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

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

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

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. Twincounty recoveryservices.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.

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. jslapenn@gmail.

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.

Photo contributed

Hudson Film Festival opens August 11

The Hudson Film Festival launches August 11 to 13, with the North American premiere of Berlinale opener "She Came To Me," starring Peter Dinklage, Marisa Tomei, and Anne Hathaway, written and directed by Rebecca Miller. Hudson Film Festival, co-founded by John Maybee, Sarah Peters, and Sonia Marcela Freeman, serves as the flagship of the forthcoming Hudson Valley Film Institute, a non-profit educational arts initiative. The festival launches with the support of Hudson arts venues, businesses and partners, including Hudson Hall, Time & Space Limited, Basilica Hudson, Sprig & Social, The Wick Hotel, and the City of Hudson. For a full schedule go to www. hudsonfilmfestival.org

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. chathampubli-

Second Tuesdays

TRI-VILLAGE SENIORS, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1010 Kinderhook St, Valatie, 1 pm. clmatheke@nycap.rr.com.

clibrary@chatham.k12.ny.us.

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.

Tuesdays, Thursdays

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY OUTPOST, Our Community Cares, New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Rt 22, noon-3 pm, free. Walk-ins encouraged, learn about services offered, receive Narcan training, get kit. twincountyrecoveryservices.org.

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.

WATERFRONT WEDNES-DAYS, Hudson Riverfront Park, 1 Water St, 5 pm-sunset, free. Music, vendors. Through Aug 9. hudsonsloopclub.org.

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

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

First & Third Wednesdays TACONIC TOASTMASTERS, CC Chamber of Commerce, 1 N Front St, Hudson, 5:30-6:30 pm, free. Improve speaking & leadership skills. Guests welcome. 518 929-5866, taconic. toastmastersclubs.org.

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

Second & Fourth Wednesdays

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

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

Fourth Wednesdays

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. lightformsartcenter.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.

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

Second Thursdays

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

BOARD MEETING, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6 pm. Public welcome. Agenda & materials on website week ahead of time. 518 794-8844. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

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 information, help connecting with services including home care, respite care, care coordination, caregiver supports, transportation, home-delivered meals. 518 828-2273, 800 342-9871.

BOARD MEETING, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 6 pm. Public welcome. Claveracklibrary.org.

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 event, 10-11:15 am, free. Gentle 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. August: Living Creatively: Discover & Recover Your Creative Self presented by Peter Flierl, MSW. Upcoming trip: Aug 16, Lake George Luncheon, \$65-\$75. 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

PARENT-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. hudsongallerycrawl.com, IG: @hudsongallerycrawl.

Third Saturdays

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

Fourth Saturdays

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

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

First Sundays

BOOK GROUP, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

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

First & Third Sundays DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson Ave, 2 pm, free. For adults. Learn basics, explore new formats, meet new people,

develop your characters. kinderhooklibrary.org.

ROE JAN BLUEGRASS
BAND, Roe Jan Brewing Co,

32 Anthony St, Hillsdale, 5:30-8 pm, free, tips for musicians encouraged.

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

Third Sunday

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

FARMERS MARKETS

Fridays

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

Saturdays

COPAKE HILLSDALE, Roe Jan Park, Rt 22, Copake, 9 am-1 pm. Vendors, music, children's activities, more. Through Nov 18. 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. ishercenter.bard.edu/whats-on/programs/summerscape.

Through August 27

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE for New Lebanon & Ichabod Crane School Districts. School supplies can be dropped off at Maverick's New Lebanon, New Lebanon's Post Office, Library or Town Hall, Unity No. 9 F & A.M. Lodge, Valatie, KJ's Gymnastics, Valatie. Monetary donations: gofund.me/679b9576. lvcc@lebanonvalleycc.org.

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EVENTS Calendar

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Through September 15

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

August 4

VOLUNTEER DAY,

Overmountain Conservation Area, 138 Catalano Rd, 9 amnoon, free. Learn how to use tools, identify plants, maintain trails. Bring water, weatherappropriate 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. Vaughan Williams & His World. Full schedule, tickets: fishercenter. bard.edu, 845 758-7900.

August 5

VILLAGE-WIDE TAG SALE, throughout Valatie, 9 am-3 pm. Details, registration form: veravalatie.com.

August 7

GOLF TOURNAMENT, Columbia Golf & Country Club, 295 Rt 217, Claverack, breakfast & registration 8 am, shotgun start 9 am, \$150 & up. Benefits Columbia Memorial Hospital. Four person scramble. Lunch, cocktail reception, prizes. Registration: givecmh. org/events.

August 9

BLOOD DRIVE, Chatham Firehouse, 10 Hoffman St, noon-6 pm. Appointments: redcrossblood.org, Red Cross Blood Donor App, 800 733-2767.

RABIES CLINICS, Ghent Highway Garage, Garage Place Rd, 4-5 pm for cats & ferrets, 5-6 pm for dogs. All animals must be at least three months old. Dogs must be on leash, cats and ferrets in carriers.

CREATE GRANT CEREMONY, Hudson Riverfront Park, 1 Water St, 6 pm, free. Celebrate arts & creativity in community. createcouncil.org.

August 10

BLOOD DRIVE, Hudson Elks Lodge #787, 201 Harry Howard Ave, 1-6 pm. Appointments: redcrossblood.org, Red Cross Blood Donor App, 800 733-2767. PRE-SANKOFA FEST, The Greenport, 158 Union Tpk, Hudson, doors open 7 pm, \$10. Diverse lineup of local MCs & DJs celebrating 50 years of hip-hop. eventbrite. com/e/2023-pre-sankofa-fest-tickets-680333203927.

August 11-13
SANKOFA BLACK ARTS &
CULTURE FESTIVAL, Henry
Hudson Riverfront Park, 1
Water St, Hudson. Music,
dancing, parade. Full schedule:
hudsonhall.org/event/sankofa-

black-arts-and-culture-festival.

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

PLAYGROUP FOR CARE-GIVERS & CHILDREN, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:15 am-12:15 pm, free. Play, socialize. For children ages 0-5. chathampubliclibrary.org.

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, 518 828-1792 x101.

HOMESCHOOL WEDNESDAYS, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 1-2 pm, free. Reading, activity, for homeschoolers & 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.

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. Grades 2-5. claveracklibrary.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.



Photo contributed

Winds in the Wilderness performs August 6

Winds in the Wilderness hosts an hour of classical, jazz and world music on August 6 at 3 p.m. at the Church of St. John in the Wilderness, 261 Route 344, Copake Falls. They will perform "Flute Quartet in C" by J.C. Bach; "Spanish Dance," Granados; "Mystic Flute," Hovhaness; "Alaap and Gat in Raag Yaman," Myers; "Veloce," Bolling; "Suite #3 in C," J.S.Bach; "Tico, Tico," Abreu, and jazz selections featuring Allan Dean, trumpet. Pictured are Ronald Gorevic, violin; Allan Dean, trumpet; Sharon Powers, flute; John Myers, guitar; Judith Dansker, oboe; and Pete Toigo, bass. Founded in 2009 by Artistic Director Sharon Powers, Winds in the Wilderness is an award-winning ensemble that performs in a historic landmark church in the bucolic setting of Taconic State Park. Recommended donation: \$20, children and students free, reception following concert. Visit windsinthewildernessconcerts.org

WHAT'S COOKING

Wednesdays

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

August 13

COMMUNITY PICNIC, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, noon-3 pm, free. Menu: hotdogs, chips, cookies plus veggie-meat option. Magic Show at 1 pm, games, kids crafts. Roejanlibary.org, 518 325-4101.

First & Third Mondays

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

Mondays & Wednesdays

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.

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.



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.

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

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

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, take-home craft. For ages 3-5. chathampubliclibrary.

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. Chathampubliclibrary.org, 518 392-3666.

Saturdays

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

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.

August 3

PLANTING COOL SEASON PLANTS, N Chatham Free Llbrary, 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.

August 4, 11

DROP IN HUDSON FISHING PROGRAM, Nutten Hook, Ice House Rd, Stuyvesant, 9 amnoon, free. Equipment, fishing instruction provided. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult to fish. ccswcd.org/mud-creek-elc.html.

August 5

HISTORY KIDS DAY, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, Visitor Center, 11 am-1 pm. Learn historic games, taste some historic food, dress up in costume. For school-age kids & their families. Advance registration at: https://bookeo.com/ clermont?devent=41575EMNM JM18931029683_2023-08-05_ Mu7WTGp8NU2.

August 5-6

UNPLUGGED VICTORIAN STYLE, Martin Van Buren Nat'l Historic Site, 1013 Old Post Rd, Kinderhook, 10 am-3 pm, free. 19th century games, crafts for whole family. 518 758-9689, nps.gov/mava.

August 8

EXPLORER BACKPACK HIKE, **Ooms Pond Conservation** Area, 480 Rock City Rd, Chatham, 2:30 pm, free. Jenifer Rosete leads hike using Insects & Butterfly themed backpack. Registration: kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us, 518 392-3666.

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98TH CCVFA CONVENTION HELD IN GHENT

Photos by RE Lindmark

GHENT—The 98th Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association (CCVFA) Convention meeting and parade was held in Ghent on July 28 and 29.

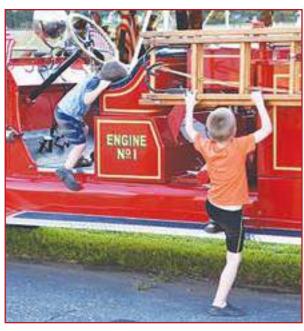
At the meeting on July 28, 50 plus year members of the volunteer fire service were recognized and year two Lifetime Firefighter Achievement awards were presented to George Herrmann and John Lanphear and one Firefighter of the year award was presented to Joseph H. Loeffler.

The parade was held July 29 at 2 p.m. on the streets of Ghent ending at the Town Garage on Garage Place Road. Entertainment followed as the CCVFA celebrated and recognized the commitment of all the volunteers that keep their communities safe.

For more information go to www.columbiapage.com











EVENTS Calendar

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August 11

LITTLE SPROUTS DAY, Clermont State Historic Site, Harvesting History Teaching Garden, 87 Clermont Ave, 10 am-11:30 am, free. Informal playgroup; explore garden, snack on vegetables, storytime, songs, more. Registration: friendsofclermont.org/events.

MAKING MUSIC

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. Donations accepted. Copakegrange.org.

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.

August 5

ULYSSES QUARTET, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 1-2 pm, pay as you wish. Beethoven & Zosha Di Castri. Space limited, reservations: ps21chatham.org.

MUSIC IN THE PARK, Copake Memorial Park, 305 Mountain View Rd, 6-8 pm, free. Maximum dosage. Food & refreshments available for purchase. townofcopake.org. HOUSE BLEND CONCERT, PS21, 2980 Rt 66, Chatham, 7 pm, admission. Performed by the Ulysses Quartet and Sun Li (pipa). ps21chatham.org.

August 6

WINDS IN THE WILDERNESS, Church of St John in the Wilderness, 261 Rt 244, Copake Falls, 3 pm, \$20 donation, children/students free. Classical, jazz music by Bach, Granados, Hovhaness, Myers, Bolling. windsinthewilderness-concerts.org.

August 8

KATHLEEN EDWARDS, Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, 6 pm, free. Bring own seating, picnic. Concert near Reflecting Pool. clarkart.edu/events.

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Ongoing

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Chatham Public Library, 11
Woodbridge Ave. Help find lowcost 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/drivethrough-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.

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.

August 5

ART, NEURAL SCIENCE, AND MUSIC, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 2 pm, \$15. Discussion, musical performance with Nancy Princenthal & Joseph LeDoux. timeandspace.org.

AN AFTERNOON ON THE PIAZZA, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 4 pm, free. With Bob Brush & Mel Harris. Featuring readings from Brush's new book. claveracklibrary.org.

TABORTON CHARCOAL BURNERS, 2689 CR 9, East Chatham, 7:30 pm, free. Film & talk led by Frank Kehn. CanaanHistoricalSociety.org, canaanhistoricalsociety@gmail. com.

August 6

THINK GLOBAL: Act Locally, Living As If All Life Mattered, Inn at Shaker Mill Falls, 40 Cherry Lane, Canaan, noon-5 pm. Free. Event informs, educates, promotes a sustainable future. RSVP to: Michael or Chuck at contact@creeed.info

OPEN HOUSE & ARCHITECT PRESENTATION, Robert Jenkins House, 113 Warren St, 1-4 pm, presentation 2 pm, free. Learn about plans for restoration & conservation of historic building. instagram.com/robertjenkinshouse, 518 828-9764.

FROM THE RECORD, Stephentown Historical Society Heritage Center, 4 Staples Road, 2 pm. Wally Stock brings his talking machine and century-old pop music. Free & open to public. Handicapped accessible. For directions call 518-339-6485.

August 7, 14

DRAWING WITH DAVID LESAKO, Philmont Public Library, 101 Main St, Philmont, 5 pm, free. Techniques that focus on drawing nature on site with art materials that lend themselves to experience. 518 672-5010, philmontlibrary.com.

BANNED BOOKS BOOK CLUB, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 5:30-7 pm, free. For ages 16-20. Read, discuss works from ALA's most challenged books list. Registration: info@ claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

August 9

PETER MATTHIESON WHEEL-WRIGHT, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 5:30-7 pm, free. Author reads from latest book. Part of Roe Jan Writers Series. roejanlibrary.org, 518 325-4101.

August 10

COOKING UP COMMUNITY, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 6 pm, free. Demonstration of Haitian recipe. hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792.

August 10, 17, 24
COLLAGING THE LANDSCAPE, Art School of
Columbia County, 1198 CR
21C, Ghent, 9:30 am-12:30
pm, \$162-\$170. Tim Ebneth
leads fast paced class forms of
collage combined with landscape & botanical life. Register:
artschoolofcolumbiacounty.org.

August 11

LIVE CREATIVELY: Discover and Recover Your Creative Self, Reformed Dutch Church, 88 State Route 9H, Claverack, 1 pm. Peter Flierl, MSW, speaks to Claverack Seniors. Refreshments served. PHOTOGRAPHING ARCHITECTURE from the Inside Out, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport, 3-5 pm, \$15. Hands-on workshop & lecture by Peter Aaron. Registration: olana.org/programs-events.

DANCE

Through August 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 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.

August 5

DANCE SHOWING, Art Omi, 1405 CR 21, Ghent, 5-7 pm, free. New movement works from 2023 dance residents. artomi.org.

August 9-13 COMPLEXIONS CONTEMPORARY BALLET, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, times vary, \$60. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

DECIDEDLY JAZZ DANCEWORKS, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, times vary, \$45. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

ON STAGE

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.

August 5, 11

SOMETHING WONDERFUL, Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Rt 203, Chatham, times vary, admission. Songs from the Great American Songbook. Tickets: machaydntheatre.org.

August 11-13

THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL, Chatham High School Auditorium, 50 Woodbridge Ave, Fri/Sat 7 pm, Sun 2 pm, \$8. Presented by Columbia County Youth Theatre. Tickets: ccyt.org or at door.





Olana seeks house tour volunteers

GREENPORT—The Olana Partnership seeks historic house volunteers to join the team at Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, this fall. For those who love nature, art, history, and Frederic Church's Olana, volunteering is the perfect way to give back to the community, spend time onget involved. and Volunteering with The Olana Partnership provides a great way to immerse oneself in one of the Hudson Valley's most unique cultural treasures and interact with visitors who are looking to learn more about Olana and artist Frederic Church.

"Our volunteers are an essential part of the collaborative work we do here at The Olana Partnership. From the volunteers who help out in Olana's Historic House, to the friendly faces at our special events, volunteers are an integral part of the Olana community," Lauren Miller, Membership and Volunteer coordinator at The Olana



Photo contributed

Tourists at Olana.

Partnership, said in a press release.

There are many opportunities to volunteer depending on interest and availability. There is currently an added need for volunteers who are interested in working in the historic house. Historic house guides help introduce visitors to Frederic Church and his family, the Hudson River School of painting, and the objects that fill the various historic interiors. Volunteering as a house guide is a fun way to share what one loves about Olana as well as expand one's knowledge about

Olana's past, present and future. House guides are provided with required training resources and background reading. Shifts are available Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1:45 to 4:45 p.m. through October.

In return for one's time, Olana volunteers enjoy free landscape tours, discounts in the Olana Museum Store, invitations to lectures, volunteer appreciation events, field trips and more. All volunteers will be trained to familiarize themselves with Olana State Historic Site, New York State Parks, The Olana Partnership, and the history of Frederic Church and his family.

Other volunteer opportunities include assisting with events, education programs, and administrative tasks. The Olana Partnership works with volunteers to ensure that their interests are met based on their availability.

For more information about volunteer opportunities contact Ms. Miller at 518-751-6857 or email lmiller@olana.org.

Community briefs

Find out about historic kid stuff

CLERMONT—Wonder how to walk on stilts? Or how to make butter? Or what kids in the past played with or learned in school?

Visit Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, Saturday, August 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for History Kids Day at the Visitor Center. Learn historic games, taste some historic food, even dress up in costume. It promises to be a great day for school-age kids and their families.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Space is limited, advance registration is required at: https://bookeo.com/clermont?devent=41575EMNMJM18931029683_2023-08-05_Mu7WTGp8NU2.

Get educated about sustainable future

CANAAN—The Center for Regenerative Ecological Education & Enterprise Development (CREEED), New Lebanon's Climate Smart Task Force, and Abode Farm CSA sponsor a free event,

Think Global: Act Locally, Living As If All Life Mattered at the Inn at Shaker Mill Falls, 40 Cherry Lane, Sunday, August 6 from noon to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the event is to inform, educate, and promote a sustainable future. RSVP to: Michael or Chuck at contact@creeed.info

Lend an ear to some old-time records

STEPHENTOWN—Wally Stock brings his talking machine and century-old pop music to the Stephentown Historical Society Heritage Center, 4 Staples Road, August 6.

Mr. Stock presents "From the Record" to the historical society at 2 p.m. Hear some songs, dance tunes and comedy from over a century ago. The event is free and open to the public. The building is handicapped accessible. For information or directions call 518-339-6485.

Mr. Stock, who has an enthusiastic appreciation for the music recorded in the early years of the industry, has amassed a collection of recordings from 1890 into the 1920s.

He will play disc recordings on a 1907 Victor Model V talking machine with an external horn speaker, presenting a sampling from that era that will let you hear what many great-grandparents might have listened or danced to. Disc recordings began in 1895 and became widely popular by the early 1900s.

Mr. Stock owns Stock's Piano Service in the old Brainard railroad station. He rebuilds, restores and services pianos of all ages.

He grew up listening to his grandmother's Victrola and has been collecting old recordings and the machines on which to play them for his personal enjoyment ever since.

PLEASE RECYCLE

In the sky, it's a bird, it's a plane....it's a star

GALLATIN—Join the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association at its monthly Star Party at Lake Taghkanic State Park, West Beach parking lot, 1528 State Route 82, August 11, 8:30 p.m. Bring telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by association members. Registration is required at least one day beforehand. Attendees will be asked to provide their license plate number and make/model car, so park management and police have a record of who will be in park after hours. More information at https://www.meetup.com/mhastro, 518-851-3631.

Rain dates are the Saturday immediately following the original date.

Seniors find out how to 'live creatively'

CLAVERACK—"Living Creatively: Discover and Recover Your Creative Self" presented by Peter Flierl, MSW, is the program at the next meeting of the Claverack Seniors at the Reformed Dutch Church, 88 State Route 9H, Friday, August 11, 1 p.m. Mr. Flierl is an award winning author and publisher, who has spent more than 40 years with nonprofits, primarily community health and wellness and hospitals. He is now a freelance journalist and telehealth therapist and resides in Canaan. Trish Pompilio is on the refreshment committee.

All are welcome to attend the following scheduled trips:

- •August 16, Lake George Luncheon Tour, leave Claverack 8:30 a.m., \$65 members, \$75 non-members
- •October 18-19 overnight, Wind Creek Bethlehem, PA, leave Claverack 7 a.m., members, \$198 single, \$116 double, \$89 triple, \$75 quad (per person), add \$10 more for non-members, receive \$40 comp and \$20 food.

All trips must be paid when signing up, otherwise, a seat cannot be guaranteed. Checks should be made out to Claverack Seniors. When signing up, include a phone number. Call Debbie Grau to sign up at 518-610-1766. Send checks to Claverack Seniors, P.O. Box 614, Philmont 12565.

School supplies sought for NLCSD & ICC

NEW LEBANON—Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC) and the Unity Lodge No. 9 F & AM Valatie is sponsoring the annual School Supply Drive. All proceeds go towards purchasing supplies for children in two school districts: New Lebanon and Ichabod Crane. The donation deadline is August 27.

Any questions can be emailed to: lvcc@lebanonvalleycc.org

To make a tax deductible monetary donation through LVCC's GoFundMe page visit https://gofund.me/679b9576.

Place school supplies in the boxes located at: Maverick's New Lebanon, New Lebanon Post Office, New Lebanon Library, New Lebanon Town Hall, Unity No. 9 F & A.M. Lodge Valatie and KJ's Gymnastics, Valatie. Suggested supplies include: pocket folders, pens and pencils, spiral notebooks, sketchbooks, crayons, colored pencils and dry erase markers.

LVCC, a newly formed 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity organization, fosters the community and economic well-being of the Town of New Lebanon, its residents and its neighbors. Email lvcc@lebanonvalleycc.org

THROUGH THE WOODS

By Nancy Jane Kern

A weedy summer



Nancy Kern Adult deer sometime vie with turkeys for insects to feed their young.

XE ARE WELL into our summer season, with fall not far away. Most of the birds have nested and their offspring are now foraging for themselves. I live off the road and back on the edge of a field so I let most of the back lawn grow up as it pleases with no pesticides, chemicals or fertilizers. This is probably distasteful to many, but there is a beautiful variety of vegetation and great cover and food sources for wildlife. The top layer is the

three-foot-plus tall daisy fleabane. It has many branches on stiff stems and each is covered in beautiful half inch white daisies with yellow centers. Here and there were accents of very sturdy dark green curly dock which is turning a deep mahogany brown and is covered with seeds. There are a few purple topped thistles, yellow "butter and eggs," timothy grass stems, and underneath a great variety of color and shapes of clovers, golden birdsfoot trefoil and many more.

It is a tangle which is difficult to walk through. The flowers are attracting more

butterflies, moths, insects, and even hummingbirds than any planned flower garden. So far, there are no monarch butterflies this year but there is plentiful milkweed waiting to host them. There are black, and Yellow Tiger Swallowtail butterflies, orange Fritillaries, and lots of smaller butterflies. A curious fawn fed under the back windows looking up and munching a mouthful of clover. Its mom was not happy and eventually the wayward child came back to her. Several families of wild turkeys glean the field each day. The young poults are growing fast and are the size of chickens. In the beginning of the season the hens would chase each other away from their young, now they are working together and seem to be sharing guard duty as they eat.

They eat many insects like ticks, grasshoppers and an occasional butterfly, but also vegetation. This includes flowers and the tender green undergrowth. References state they will eat most anything they can swallow including salamanders, worms, nuts, and berries. Depending on the season, about 90% of a turkey's diet is vegetation. The hens are very protective of their young and don't flinch from leaping off the ground and flapping their wings at the curious fawn chasing the poults.

One evening an adult deer was deliberately baiting a hen turkey and there was quite a confrontation. The poults flew several feet above the ground for about 20 feet to get out of the way, and "mama" attacked the doe! Things calmed down, and all peacefully shared the field.

An eastern bluebird family is hanging around and perching in a crab apple tree. The adult males are a breathtaking, gorgeous blue. There have been ruby-throated hummingbirds, indigo buntings, common yellow throat, and Savannah, song and field sparrows. Some have been eating the curly dock seeds. While this weedy summer is probably not for most people, especially in a public area, it has been most rewarding and interesting, and particularly good for all the creatures of the area.

Philmont Library hosts plein air sketching class

PHILMONT—As part of the Pollinator Pathway Project, the Philmont Library is collaborating with the Art School of Columbia County (ASCC) for a plein air botanical sketching class on Monday August 7 and 14 at 5 p.m.

David Lesako will offer drawing opportunities that capture the rich variety of colors, shapes and the beauty of flowers in the botanical landscape. During this two session class, Mr. Lesako will teach techniques that specifically focus on drawing on site while working with art materials that lend themselves to that experience.

Mr. Lesako has been a teaching artist at Art School of Columbia County (ASCC) for 4 years and specializes in teach-

ing drawing, pastel, plein air landscape and linoleum print-making at ASCC. He received his degree in Art Education from Penn State University. He taught for 30 years in public school and on the college level for 8 years at Waynesburg University. He has taught and exhibited his artwork as a land-scape painter in watercolor, pastel, oil and he has a gallery in Ghent.

This project is sponsored by an ecological restoration grant from Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley.

The Philmont Public Library is located at 101 Main Street. For more information on hours and events, call 518 672-5010 or visit the library's website at https://philmontlibrary.com

Library hosts "An Afternoon on the Piazza" featuring readings from author Bob Brush's new novel "The Piazza: Stories

new novel "The Piazza: Stories from Piazza Santa Caterina Piccola," a celebration of people and places, travel and inspiration, and the joys and sorrows of the writing life, from Hollywood to Hudson, with the star of TV's "thirtysomething" and the Emmy-Award writer/producer of "The

Wonder Years."

CLAVERACK—On Saturday, August 5 at 4 p.m. the Claverack

Mel Harris is an actress/ writer/director known for her portrayal of Hope Steadman on the Emmy Award winning series "thirtysomething." She starred in the NBC comedy "Something So Right" and drama series "Saints and Sinners." Ms. Harris has appeared in numerous feature films and television projects. She will next be seen reprising her role as Kathy from the feature film "King of Knives" in the sequel, "Queen of Knives." She has added writing and producing to her slate with her partner, Emmy Award winning writer and producer, Bob Brush, under their shingle



Library celebrates novel by Bob Brush

Bob Brush

Topanga Moon Productions. Her full time hobby is designing and renovating houses. She lives in Upstate New York with her husband, a menagerie of animals, and whichever children happen to drop in.

Mr. Brush is an Emmy Award winning writer-composer and Executive Producer of ABC's "The Wonder Years," for which he also received Peabody and Humanitas Awards. He wrote and produced the CBS series "Early Edition" and ABC's "Karen Sisco," as well as adapting the novels "The Prince of Tides"



Mel Harris

and "Scruples" for television. Mr. Brush was the Pitchpipe of the 1969 Yale Whiffenpoofs, wrote scripts and music for TV's "Captain Kangaroo" and "Sesame Street," and composed the score for the Broadway musical "The First," about baseball immortal Jackie Robinson. "The Piazza: Stories from Piazza Santa Caterina Piccola" is his first novel.

To reserve seats please call the library 518 851-7120 or email info@claveracklibrary. org. Library parking is located at 629 Route 23B.

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Charcoal making is hot topic August 5

EAST CHATHAM—"The Taborton Charcoal Burners," a short film by colliers Loren and Gene Dobert, sponsored by the Canaan Historical Society in collaboration with the Society of New Concord, will be presented at the Society of New Concord Meetinghouse, 2689 County Route 9, Saturday, August 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The film is followed by Q & A featuring Wayne Dobert and Junior Collier Frank Kehn. Wine and snacks will be provided during the discussion.

Charcoal making was an industry started in Germany, England and Scandinavia. It was an art passed down from father to son. Charcoal burning

was at its height during the American Civil War, 1861 to 1865

Wood was cut in winter to make charcoal, preferably hardwoods like beech, birch, maple, and oak. About one-fifth of the original wood becomes useful charcoal, which is then put in sacks and sold. In this region, charcoal was used primarily for the Burden Iron Works in Troy. It was also used in homes and area hotels.

The manufacturing of pit charcoal is an art almost lost to this country. The pits used for this purpose were made by the formation of a cone-shaped mound. The wood was piled in a circle with an opening at the



Photo contributed

Second stage in construction of a charcoal pit

top; then the wood was ignited and completely covered with dirt. The small hole at the top was very important, as it was the only method of controlling ventilation. The operator managing the pit would climb up the outside on a ladder. From this vantage point, he would look down inside, If the viewer felt that the pit was burning too brightly, he smothered the fire by closing the opening. The fire was never allowed to flame up, The children of the neighborhood considered it a great privilege to be allowed to climb the ladder and peer into the pit.

Join friends and neighbors to learn more about area fore-bears. This event is free of charge and no RSVP is needed. For more information visit www.CanaanHistoricalSociety. org or email canaanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. The Canaan Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) charity and welcomes donations and new members.

Repair and conservation project ready for bids

HUDSON—An open house and architect's presentation of the plans for repair and conservation of the historic Robert Jenkins House, 113 Warren Street, will be held Sunday, August 6, 1 to 4 p.m., with the presentation at 2 p.m. Project architect Marilyn Kaplan of Preservation Architecture in Albany will provide a detailed description of the project. The event is free and open to the public. The building is not presently handicap-accessible.

The Robert Jenkins House, located on a beautiful block of the city near the waterfront, is owned by the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The chapter's restoration project focuses on the house's slate roof, upper masonry, and aging infrastructure. Funding assistance is from a Save America's Treasures grant awarded by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The City's Historic Preservation Commission has issued a Certificate of Appropriateness, the State Historic Preservation Office has issued a letter of Concurrence of No Adverse



Photo contributed

Robert Jenkins House facade early.

Effects, and the National Park Service has recently approved the project's detailed plans. Contractor bids are about to be publicly solicited. The 1811 house, built by Robert Jenkins, son of Hudson Proprietor Seth Jenkins, is on the National Register of Historic Places as Nationally Significant and is in the Front Street-Parade Hill-Lower Warren Street Historic District. The house is an early example of federal-style architecture in the Hudson Valley where Dutch architecture dominated during the 18th century.

The house is maintained as a chapter house where routine business of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, NSDAR takes place, and it also features a museum and a historical and genealogical library. In 1900 the chapter received the house as a gift from DAR member Frances Chester White Hartley, the granddaughter of builder Jenkins. Decades earlier, Hartley had been born in the house. In 1900 it became the site of the city's first and only free public library, losing that distinction in 1959 when the Hudson Area Library was established. The historical and genealogical library remains open to the public and still is free of charge.

The house is also arguably Hudson's museum. In 1900, a broad invitation to contribute to the new museum was issued by the Columbia Republican, which, in a story about the

house, said "donations of books, pictures, relics and curios will be most acceptable, in fact anything of merit which will adorn, beautify or be of use." The resulting historic collections include artifacts and documents from the whaling and Civil War eras, furnishings, and fine art.

The Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the DAR was chartered in 1896. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpartisan women's volunteer service organization welcoming eligible women without regard to race, creed, or religion. Chapter members number 131 and can trace their lineage back to a patriot in the American Revolution—whether serving as soldier, shopkeeper, or seamstress. The mission of the DAR is to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

The chapter and the chapter house can be accessed at hudson-dar.org, facebook.com/ HudsonDAR, instagram.com/ robertjenkinshouse, hendrick-hudsonchapterdar@gmail.com and 518-828-9764.

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Obituaries

Douglas O. Walthour (1950 - 2023)

CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON-God called his loving son, Douglas Walthour home at Riverside Center, July

"Doug" was born November 16, 1950 in Mt. Vernon, to the late Odell Simpson and Willie M. Walthour. He completed his formal education at Hudson High School. Upon graduation in 1969, he joined the United States Air Force and served two tours in the Vietnam War. He served in Korea, Turkey, New Zealand and many other areas of the world.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his sons, Michael Walthour of Las Vegas, NV,

Anthony Walthour of Los Angeles, CA; 17 grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Donald Walthour of Clayton, NC, Gene "Chubby" Walthour of Albany, Monica Ortega-Porras of Costa Rica, and Barbara "Teppy" Walthour of Florence, AL; many nieces, nephews and many friends. He was predeceased by: his sisters, Alberta (Sue), Paulette, and Nora; brothers, Jacob and Lloyd Sullivan.

Funeral services at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson were held July 28. Interment was in Cedar Park Cemetery.

Jessica L. Schwed (1992 - 2023)

ALBANY—The family of Jessica L. Schwed is deeply saddened to share the news of her passing.

She was a remarkable woman who brought immense joy and love to our lives. Her kind-hearted nature, infectious laughter, and sweet spirit made her a cherished member of our family. "Jesse" had a unique ability to make everyone around her feel special and loved. Her passing has left a void in our hearts that can never be filled. She was taken way too soon. We will forever hold onto the precious memories we shared with her and her spirit will continue to live on through the love and kindness she she showed to us.

She was born in Hudson, June 10, 1992. She passed at Albany Medical Center, July 24, 2023. She graduated from



Jesse Schwed

Taconic Hills Central School in 2010. She had a love for farming and started her own farming business, Hiddenview Farms.

She is survived by: her father, Stephen Schwed; her mother, Cindy Warwick; her beloved children, Jada and Tristen; brother, Shawn; sister, Alicia; numerous nieces and nephews, and aunts and uncles.

Visitation hours at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson was August 1 with a prayer ser-

Interment will be private.

James E. Stoner (1933- 2023)

PLATTSBURGH—James Edwin Stoner passed away peacefully in Plattsburgh, July 20, 2023. He was born December 9, 1933.

"Jim" enjoyed fishing, hunting, telling stories and spending time at his camp in the Adirondacks.

A graveside service was held at the Reformed Church Cemetery in Germantown on Cemetery Hill, July 25. Arrangements were with the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson.

Lorraine H. Mochrie (1936 - 2023)

H. (Ostrander) Mochrie died July 29, 2023.

She was born to the late Abraham and Suzanne Ostrander in 1936.

She was a former resident of Edgewood Acres in Chatham.

She was predeceased by: her husband, Frank; sister, Judith; son, Frank; son-in-law, Chris; and grandson, Brett.

She is survived by: two sisters, Audrey Fricke and Julia

STEPHENTOWN—Lorraine Gilmore; daughters, Missy, Suzy (Ron), and Debbie (Dave); and a son, Steve (Cathy).

> She also leaves behind six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

> Cremation took place through Simple Choices, Inc. There will be no services.

> Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family online at: SimpleChoicesCremation.

RECYCLE PLEASE

Adele M. Molinski (1934 - 2023)

CHURCHTOWN—Adele "Tuppi" Molinski passed away peacefully surrounded by her family July 29, 2023. She was 89 years old.

She is survived by: her husband of 66 years, Walter "Boots" Molinski and her five children, Nanette (Bill) Rawling, W. Jimmy (Tammy) Molinski, Alisa (Stephen) Lyon, Jeanne Schroeder (Sean Gillard), John (Jan) Molinski. She also has 11 grandchildren and 18 greatgrandchildren.

She was born in Tupper Lake, July 5, 1934. She had a successful nursing career which started at Columbia Memorial Hospital, Hudson. There she met her husband, a Hudson native. He was returning from active duty with the U.S. Coast Guard and visiting his ill father at CMH. After their first blind date, they dated a few years, were married and eventually



Tuppi Molinski

settled in Churchtown.

Eventually, Mrs. Molinski transitioned into licensed massage therapy. She was instrumental in creating professional standards in the field of massage in New York State after receiving her license. When she and her husband became empty-nesters, she went to work as a head nurse for New York State Corrections at Brookwood Correctional Facility. After retiring, she continued her caring and giving nature by volunteering at Columbia Memorial Hospital as a "Pink Lady".

She was an avid outdoors

woman who loved hiking, camping, fishing, canoeing, swimming, scuba diving, snorkeling, and speed skating. Her love of these activities continues to spread to her children and grandchildren. She was the family historian and spent countless hours over decades researching family genealogy.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences was held August 2, 2023 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 8063 Route 22, Copake. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated August 3, 10 a.m. from Our Lady of Hope Parish, Route 22, Copake Falls. Interment will follow in Livingston Cemetery.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Columbia Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, 71 Prospect Avenue, Hudson

Joseph T. O'Connell (1940 - 2023)

HUDSON—Joseph O'Connell, 83 years old, passed away July 30, 2023, from natural causes surrounded by his children, their wives, and grandchildren.

"Joe" was born June 20, 1940, to Joseph C. O'Connell and Margaret C. Gillen of Ossining. After graduating from Ossining High School in 1958, he joined the United States Air Force in October 1958 and received an honorable discharge in October 1962. He joined the Westchester County Sheriff's Department and then moved on to become a NY State Trooper for 29 years, retiring in 1995.

In 1962, he met his beautiful bride, Lois A. Dunscomb. They were wed February 8, 1964. They had three amazing children, Sean J., Kathleen A., and Joseph P. Joe and Lois. They enjoyed many adventures traveling to New England, their second home, and spending time with family.



Joe O'Connell

He was predeceased by: his parents, Joseph C. and Margaret C., and the love of his life, his wife Lois A.; his sister, Margaret E., and brother, Thomas P. He is survived by: sister, Patricia Neff of New Hampshire; his son, Sean J. (wife Rebekah L.) of Goodyear, AZ, and their children, Robert J., Jack T., Timothy W., Benjamin M., and Shannon H.; his daughter, Kathleen A. of Hudson, and her children, Joshua, Abigail, Hannah, Zachery, and Nathan; son, Joseph P. (wife Marie T.) of Hudson, and their children, Joseph M, Kristen E., and Patrick T.

Mr. O'Connell lived a very full life, known by many for his rambunctious jokes, love of

Budweiser, all things Irish, and giving out advice. He was a man who would give someone the shirt off his back as long as they had a beer to share and played golf with his putter better than any of his counterparts. Services will be held at The Greenport at The Falls Apartments, 158 Union Turnpike, Hudson from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, August 4, 2023. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, Mr. O'Connell would be honored to have a donation made in his name to The Hospice Foundation of America at www.efoundation.org or 800-854-3402. "Until we meet again Dad, Grandpa Deuce, Pop, Pop-Pop, Grandpa, Joey Bag-O'-Doughnuts and so on... Here's to you! We love you and will always hold you in our hearts!"

Arrangements were with the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson.

George J. Hunter (1930 - 2023)

SARATOGA—George J. Hunter, 93, formerly of Clermont, passed away Friday, July 21, 2023 in Saratoga.

Born March 29, 1930 in the Bronx, he was the son of Joseph and Marie (Decker) Schutzinger. He retired as an analyst for IBM, working in Kingston and Poughkeepsie. He was a graduate of Germantown Central Schools, and served his country honorably in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953. He was a 30-year member of the Clermont Fire Department.



George Hunter

Upon retirement, he and his wife, Annette moved to Saratoga, and enjoyed winters in Melbourne Beach, Florida. Traveling, sailing and snowmobiling were enjoyable activities for him.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved wife of

69 years, Annette (Kalfur) Hunter; daughter, Elizabeth (James) Turner; several cousins, friends and neighbors. In addition to his parents, Mr. Hunter was predeceased by his daughter, Carol Hunter. Visitation at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson, was July 26 with graveside services in the Viewmont Cemetery Germantown. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Iude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105.



Obituaries

A Bright Light Has Gone Out

Sally Ann Thimmayya, born October
11, 1947, passed away on June 9, 2023.
Sally grew up on a dairy farm in Killbuck,
Cattaraugus County, New York. She was
the second oldest of five children born to
Mollie and William (Bill) Birmingham,
who met each other in England when
Mollie was serving in the English
Women's Land Army and Bill was serving
in the 8th Army Airforce during World War

Sally was an extraordinary and wonderful woman. She cared deeply for people, cultural diversity, and nature. As a teenager growing up in the Sixties, she enthusiastically participated in the humanitarian and social movements of the time. She was determined to do her best in all things she undertook for herself and others. After graduating from Salamanca High School, she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at the SUNY College at Buffalo. She had a deep commitment to others, especially children and those who faced hardship. She began her teaching career in a community-run school on the East Side of Buffalo, New York. Later, living in Washington, D.C., she worked for the Title I program in Prince Georges County, Maryland, before relocating to Kinderhook, New York, and eventually teaching at Red Mill Elementary School in East Greenbush. In between, she returned to the Washington, D.C. area where she taught for a year at Sidwell Friends School. Educators within and beyond the district in which she taught admired her creativity and resourcefulness, including her ability to utilize found materials to inspire the creativity and education of her students. Upon retirement, she volunteered her time to teach English as a second language to adults and to assist refugees who had relocated to the Hudson Valley.

She and Lava were married for 53 years. Sally wore a wedding dress embroidered with chickens. During these years, she was very supportive of her husband's endeavors, and they spent many adventurous and happy times together. They extensively renovated their houses in Kinderhook and North Chatham, New York, and, later, in Laramie, Wyoming, placing Sally's unique mark on these houses that would make them all "homes." Reflecting her fondness for primitive furniture and colorful fabrics, her house was faultless, but cozy. She was attracted to simplicity, but her surroundings were always elegant. Sally was an accomplished gardener, and spent endless hours planning, developing, and working on her

She was very devoted to her children -Amanda and Ned - and created a magical childhood for them. She would take them to museums, zoos, and other places that fostered their current interests. She thoughtfully employed her creativity to inspire many pumpkin carving contests,

school diorama projects, birthday party scavenger hunts, and translations of bird messages found in fallen feathers. At her daughter's wedding, she acted as the wedding planner, creative director, hostess, and mother-of-the bride. She was happy with her children's choices and accomplishments in life. Both inherited many of their mother's strengths and interests: traveling, reading, writing, gardening, family, and fondness for old furniture. She was present for the births of her granddaughters - Quill and Juniper - and enjoyed spending time with them, teaching them, and sharing her extensive collection of children's books with them.

Inspired by one of her favorite children's books, she would affectionately refer to her family as "the Brutes." She was a devoted daughter, helping her parents from her teens until the end of their lives. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her sisters in search of a good bargain, whether it was at an auction or antique store for furniture, a secondhand store for a new wardrobe, or a garden shop for perennials. Her love for her family was most apparent on Christmas Eve, when she would spend weeks planning and preparing to open her house to "the Brutes" for "the best Christmas ever," which was typified by food, games, and laughter. "The Brutes" spent most holidays together, when they would all squeeze onto a single couch and happily say, "We can move over!" to anyone left without a seat. Sally showed a keen interest in her nieces and nephews as they grew up and began their adult lives. Besides her sisters, she had many friends many lifelong — who loved to spend time with her, whether laughing at silly stuff, exchanging gifts, or discussing more serious mutual concerns.

Sally believed strongly in the importance of travel and getting to know other cultures. In the 1968 - 1969 academic year, as a senior in college, she joined a study abroad program that traveled to Mysore in South India. It was here that she met her future husband, Lava. Reminiscing about her first experience in India, she wrote: "We were a group of ordinary kids presented with an extraordinary opportunity...I believe that this trip impacted all our lives ...it was 'our moment in time." India became a lifelong passion and Sally spent numerous summers there with Lava's family. She and Lava would return to India many times, Sally coming back to the United States with a household full of fabric, baskets, and other items to compliment her antique furniture, another of her passions and around which she built her family's home.

Although India always held a special place in Sally's heart, she also traveled to many other places. She traveled many times to Ireland and England -- her mother's home country. She also took trips to Greece, China, Tibet, and Mexico.



Sally Ann Thimmayya

Earlier, she had visited Lebanon, Italy, Iran, and Portugal. She also traveled closer to home, visiting many of the national parks and taking several road trips across the country. While her children were young, she would take her family to Cape Cod every summer, accompanied by her siblings and their families. There, they would spend days lying on the beach, building sea monsters, and eating lunches of sandwiches (crunchy with sand), lemonade, and Oreos.

In 2018, Sally relocated to Laramie with her husband to be close to Amanda and her family. Although ailing in recent years, she made a concerted effort to teach and play with Quill and Juniper. In her final months, she could be seen propped up on her bed with her cat, Henry, as she played hangman with the girls and practiced reading with them.

In her last message to family and friends she concluded "...We've had some wonderful times together and I'm "going out" contented that I've done most of what I had hoped. In other words, it's been a good life. Thank you for being part of it. Carry on, be happy. "

She leaves behind her husband Lava, daughter Amanda (Lee), son Ned (Sarah), granddaughters Quill and Juniper, brother Mike (Diane), sisters Elizabeth (Mark) and Jane (Glen), brother-in-law Kevin (husband of her late sister Jennifer), former sister-in-law Marilyn Birmingham, nieces and nephews (Tami, Todd (Laurie), Ben, Olivia (Guillaume), Rachel (Andy), Mollie (Vazha), Katie (Jason), Nick (Alyssa), and Erin (David) and grand-nieces and nephews. Also, her English cousins Judith (Franta), Richard (Susan), and Philippa (Tony), and western New York cousins Marianne (Tom), Margaret, Sharon (Art), Linda, and Marion Birmingham.

A gathering to celebrate her life is scheduled for September 30, in Ellicottville, New York. Those planning to make donations in her memory may contribute to the Parkinson's Foundation and the Hospice of Laramie, in Laramie, Wyoming.

PAID OBITUARY

HEIR,

DISTRIBUTEE OF

DEVISEE,

THE

Public Notices

Notice

BIRKMERE HOLDINGS LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) 7/11/2023. Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 240 Prospect Hill Rd, Plains, NY 12567 Purpose: any lawful act.

6T#s 31,32,33,34,35,36

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF GALLATIN

PUBLIC HEARING The Public is hereby noti-

fied that the Town of Gallatin Zoning Board

of Appeals will hold a PUBLIC HEARING- August 17th at the Town Hall-6:30 PM.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the application, supporting documentation and possibly make a decision on the applications submitted to the Board by the following:
--M. Donnelan 41 Hoefer

Rd. Elizaville, NY (202-1-58) is seeking relief from section 4.3 of the Gallatin Zoning Ordinance. This is for construction of a porch.

--3 Lads LLC John Reilly 210 Elshon Rd. Gallatin, NY (204-1-25) is seeking relief from section 4.3 of the Gallatin Zoning Ordinance. This is for construction of a garage

--J. Eckhouse/A. Mitchell 265 Taghkanic Rd Elizaville, NY (182-1-2 is seeking relief of section 4.3 of the Gallatin Zoning Ordinance. This is for construction of an addition.

The Public is invited to attend.

Betty Harte/Secretary Town of Gallatin/ZBA

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Notice

UNION STREET JOINT VENTURES LLC . 4/7/23 . Office: Columbia Co. DELAWARE: 01/11/2022. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to : Jonathan Flicker, 224 Union St, Hudson, NY 12534. Foreign add: 221 N. Broad St, Ste 3a, Middletown, DE 19709. Arts. of Org. filed with Jeffrey W. Bullock, Delaware Secretary Of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, John G. Townsend Bldg,, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: General. 6T#s 31,32,33,34,35,36

NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY** 1787 CIRCA

KINDERHOOK LLC

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is CIRCA 1787 KINDERHOOK LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on June 20, 2023. THIRD: The County with-

in the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Columbia

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail Raymond process is D'Argenzio, 1301 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

FIFTH: The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose.

Dated: June 20, 2023 FREEMAN HOWARD,

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441 East Allen Street P.O. Box 1328 Hudson, New York 12534 6T#s 26,27,28,29,30,31

Notice

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. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3321 Route 9, Valatie, NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

6T#s 26,27,28,29,30,31

NOTICE

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. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Julie Halpin: 66 Beacon Hill Rd EAST CHATHAM NY 12060. Purpose: Any lawful

6T#s 26,27,28,29,30,31

Notice

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. SSNY shall mail process to, Poona LLC, 553 Bellevue Avenue, Apt. 11, Newport, RI 02840. Purpose: General business purposes 6T#s 26,27,28,29,30,31

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A

PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC).

BIXBY & STIGLMEIER, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Secretary of State (SSNY) June 22, 2023. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Columbia County. SSNY is agent for service of process against PLLC and shall mail copy to 325 Shaker Museum Road, Old Chatham, NY

6T#s 27,28,29,30,31,32

Notice

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 General Purpose

6T#s 27,28,29,30,31,32

NOTICE

SKZ EXCAVATING, LLC 1: The name of the Limited Liability Company is SKZ EXCAVATING, LLC

2: The Articles Organization were filed on June 29, 2023 with the Secretary of State

3: The Office of the LLC is in Columbia County.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company is to be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: PO Box 912, North Chatham, NY 12132.

5: The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the LLC may be organized under the Limited Liability Law for the State of New York.

6T#s 27,28,29,30,31,32

Notice

Notice of Formation of Spring Peeper Paradise, LLC ("LLC")

Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-06-28. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to the LLC: PO BOX 42 GHENT NY 12075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

6T#s 27,28,29,30,31,32

Notice

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. Office location: County of Columbia. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LLC, 1807 Ross Ave, Ste 440, Dallas, TX 75201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

6T#s 28,29,30,31,32,33

Notice

JALANTI **CONTRACTING LLC Articles** of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/29/23. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 316 Fish & Game Rd., Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

6T#s 28,29,30,31,32,33

Notice

KATONG PARTNERS, LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) 6/14/2023. 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 LLC, PO Box 94, Elizaville, NY 12523. Purpose: any law-

6T#s 28,29,30,31,32,33

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.

6T#s 28,29,30,31,32,33

Notice

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 INTEREST THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RALPH DECEASED; DICARPIO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; MARTIN T. FEREDAY, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF ANNE FEREDAY, DECEASED, HFIR DEVISEE DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH DICARPIO, DECEASED; STEVEN FEREDAY, AS DEVISEE, HEIR, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF ANNE FEREDAY, DECEASED, DEVISEE. HEIR. DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH DICARPIO. DECEASED:

ESTATE OF ANNE FEREDAY, DECEASED. HEIR. DEVISEE DISTRIBUTEE OF THE RALPH ESTATE OF DICARPIO, DECEASED; STATES OF UNITED AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT 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

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CHRISTOPHER FEREDAY,

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 on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to 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 4T#28,29,30,31 NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE 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. New York office location: 5384 Route 9H/23, Town of Livingston, 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: 15PMJ, LLC; 5384 Route 9H/23, Hudson, New York 12534. 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.

6T#s 29,30,31,32,33,34

Notice

Allied Medical, LLC, App of Auth. 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 42 New St.. Stuyvesant, NY 12173. General Purpose.

6T#s 29,30,31,32,33,34

Notice 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. Purpose: Registered Professional Nursing.

6T#s 29,30,31,32,33,34

Notice

Publication Notice 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. SSNY shall mail process to, Santoro Super Food LLC, 2424 NY-203, Valatie, NY 12184. Purpose: General business purposes.

6T#s 29,30,31,32,33,34

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/activ-

6T#s 30,31,32,33,34,35

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

name of the LLC is Babb Property LLC. Articles of filed with Organization 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 busipermitted ness purpose under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited

Liability Company Law. 6T#s 30,31,32,33,34,35

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE FORMATION OF A LIABILITY LIMITED 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. New York office location: c/o Guterman, Shallo & Alford, 21 North Seventh Street, City of Hudson, 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: Cvlizedlife Group, LLC; c/o Guterman, Shallo & Alford, 21 North Seventh Street. Hudson, New York 12534. 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. 6T#s 30,31,32,33,34,35

NOTICE

Notice

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. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to H2OB: 1824 . Harlemville Rd Chatham NY 12037. Purpose: Any lawful

6T#s 30,31,32,33,34,35

Notice

Notice of Formation of JM Custom Builds, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY

(SSNY) on 2023-06-28. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Justin McGrath: 139 Orchard Drive Valatie NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

6T#s 30,31,32,33,34,35

Notice

Notice of Formation of Local Resource Partners LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/13/23. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 952. Purpose: any lawful act or

6T#s 30,31,32,33,34,35

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE FORMATION OF A LIABILITY LIMITED COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is Lochbeorn Spirits LLC. Articles of filed with Organization 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. 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: Lochbeorn Spirits LLC; 2201 County Route 7. 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

6T#s 30,31,32,33,34,35

Notice

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

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Notice

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Editorial

You call this news?

THE CAT WENT PUNK. It was something sticky 1 on his fur just above his tail. Clumps of his fur stood up the way kids do to freak out their grandparents. The cat seems proud of it.

The cat's fur may be weird, but it's not news. Trust me on this. A cat with spiky hair is not making an observation of moral or ethical judgment when he expresses his pleasure, annoyance or indifference with its new hairdo. About the best we can do is to attribute the behavior to the bond between cats and humans. That bond has a long and complex history. That doesn't

One of the jobs of people in the news business is to let the public know when the bond between people and pets and other animals has been broken. We are grateful for the information and services we receive and publish from the Columbia Greene Humane Society/SPCA and from Nancy Jane Kern's Through the Woods column.

We welcome all kinds of contributions from the people and organizations of Columbia County and you don't have to be a service provider to share a photo with our readers. Simply email it to letters@columbiapaper.com. Be sure you include your name and address and a daytime phone number. Also tell us who or what is in the photo. There's a limited amount of space in each issue of the paper, so we can't guarantee we'll publish all of them, but we'll do our best. The photo should focus on subjects in Columbia County.

We have reporters assigned to report news from all over Columbia County and still we can't get to all the news here. Maybe you would like to help or possibly you want to criticize a story we've already published. We're always looking for more input. If you want to speak to our readers—about 2,000 of them each week—email a letter to us at letters@columbiapaper.

•Include a daytime phone number to call you and provide the community where you live

•We print the names of those who write to us; no

•If you'd like to join us, send us a sample of something you have written. Whatever it is it shouldn't be longer than two pages. If you know something about politics, be sure to include a brief description of your involvement.

There will be elections on the ballot this November. Voters will elect a new district attorney and two county judges. In Hudson, voters will fill a couple City Council seats. There is also an election for a seat in Congress in one part of Columbia County.

And the voting will all be wrapped up in the next 8

By definition all of it is news even if it doesn't sound like it. In a democracy like ours, voting determines who has the power and who has the power determines our

The cat is all cleaned up now. There's no sign he was a rebel.

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Ancram Republicans announce caucus results

The Ancram Republican Committee has announced the results of their caucus, held on Saturday, July 15. Republican candidates for positions to be voted on in the upcoming town elections on November 7 are: (pictured I to r) Jim MacArthur for Town Supervisor; John Ingram for Town Council; David Boice for Town Council; Monica Cleveland for Town Clerk; and Jim Miller for Highway Superintendent.

New Lebanon Dems pick candidates

LEBANON—Two Democratic incumbents found they were no longer in the favor of most of the party members who gathered for the recent caucus, called to pick candidates for town-wide offices in this November's general election.

Highway Superintendent Jeff Winestock lost to chal-

ELECTION 2023 lenger Peter McCagg by a 53 to

37 vote. The current Town Clerk Marcie Robertson was denied her party's nomination as well, losing to the current Deputy Town Clerk Ashley Saviano, 64 to 34.

The nominations for the other seats up for grabs this fall

were uncontested.

They include:

Town Council - four-year terms: Steve Powers and Josh Young.

Town Council – two-year term: Monte Wasch

Tax Collector: Tammie Darcy Town Justice: Lorrie Wechter

—Doug La Rocque

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K'hook GOP picks Kolb for Town Justice

VALATIE—Kinderhook Republicans on Wednesday evening nominated Air Force and State Police veteran David Kolb for the position of Town Justice. The GOP met at a reconvened caucus at the Town

Mr. Kolb is a lifelong resident of the Town of Kinderhook and a 1984 graduate of Ichabod Crane Central School District. He attained a BA degree from SUNY-Empire State University and a master's in Emergency and Disaster Management from American Public University.

Mr. Kolb served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard for over 25 years, having received numerous medals and commendations over his military career. While serving in the Guard, he became a member of the NY State Police in 1992. His career in the state Police included service in New York City after 9/11, deployment to Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and to Long Island after Hurricane Sandy. Rising through the ranks, Mr. Kolb was promoted to major and assigned as Director of Aviation in 2021. He retired from the State Police earlier this year, closing out 31 years of service to the people of the State of New York.

"I truly believe that the greatest gift a person can give another is their time. My entire public service. Since I was 17

years old, I have served my country, state, and my hometown through the military, law enforcement, and volunteerism. I am humbled to be nominated and considered for Town Justice and look forward to continuing to serve my community if elected," said Mr. Kolb in a press release.

The father of four, Mr. Kolb was inducted into the Ichabod Crane Hall of Fame in 2021. He is a volunteer and board member for the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail. He has also served as president and coach for the Northern Columbia Little League, St. John's CYO basketball coordinator and coach, Niverville Fire adult life has been dedicated to Department, and the Greenport Rescue Squad dive team.



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Little sprouts make worm friends

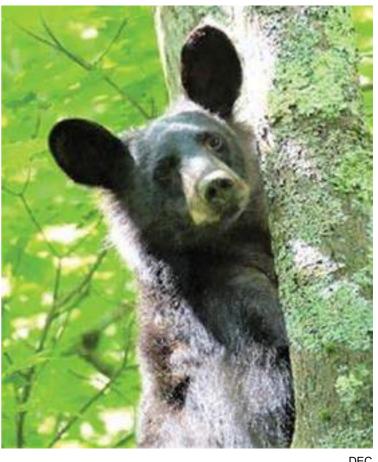
CLERMONT—Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue presents Little Sprouts Day in the Harvesting History Teaching Garden, Friday, August 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Little Sprouts is back for one fun-filled day this summer! Join staff for an informal playgroup in the Harvesting History Teaching Garden, led by garden educator Leslie Reed. In addition to making many worm friends, children will have the opportunity to plant, water, harvest, and snack on summer veggies. The event winds down and kids cool off in the shade with garden-themed stories, songs, and finger play.

Recommended for children ages 2 to 4. This is a family program, so children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for the event, but visitors must register in advance at https://www.friendsofclermont.org/events



Youngsters gather 'round.



DEC

Bear up a tree.

DEC participates in BearWise Campaign

GHENT—The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has become a cooperating member of BearWise, a multi-state campaign focused on educating people on how to live responsibly with black bears. BearWise was developed by state agency bear biologists across the country to ensure that no matter where people live, recreate, or travel they receive consistent and effective information on how to prevent human-bear conflicts.

The campaign promotes and provides information on the "BearWise basics," simple steps anyone can take at home or when recreating in bear country.

Black bears are most active throughout the spring and

summer months. They can be attracted to human-created food sources, especially during dry weather periods when natural food sources are scarce.

To avoid attracting bears to areas around homes or neighborhoods: never feed or approach black bears; secure food, garbage, and recycling; remove bird feeders when bears are active; never leave pet food outdoors; clean and store grills and smokers; and alert neighbors to bear activity.

Tips when recreating or vacationing in bear country: stay alert and together; leave no trash or food scraps; keep dogs leashed; camp safely; know what to do if you see a bear; and carry bear spray and know how to use it.

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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 cfdtagsale @gmail.com

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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.

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Southeastern Columbia County offers a unique life style, blending country living with nearby access to a wide variety of enjoyable experiences. The towns of Copake, Hillsdale, Ancram, Taghkanic and Gallatin offer a mix of independent businesses, organic produce and flower farms, a number of local distilleries and breweries, one of the area's largest farmers markets and numerous outdoor recreational areas. Close by are the cultural activities and shops in nearby Hudson, New York and the western Berkshires of Massachusetts.

The population in these towns includes both multi-generational families and newer residents who have chosen to call this beautiful area home. The area is located two hours from New York City, two and a half hours from Boston, one hour from Albany, and is accessible by frequent train service from New York City.

An important element of the region is access to health care services. In 2016, Columbia Memorial Health established a new Rapid Care Center and relocated its existing Callan Family Care practice in a new center adjacent to the rescue squad on 283 Mountainview Road to help meet the needs of the broader Roe Jan region.

Status of Copake Rapid Care Center

The Copake care center is an important part of the CMH/Albany Med Health System, and we remain committed to its operation. However, much has changed in recent years, including a regional and national shortage of health care providers. This shortage is impacting every health care organization. For CMH, the provider shortage has profoundly impacted the Copake Rapid Care Center. At present, despite significant ongoing recruitment activities, CMH has been unable to secure a provider necessary to consistently operate rapid care services at Copake. Therefore, at this time, the Copake Rapid Care Center is closed. We view this status as temporary, and we are working with state and local leaders to identify strategies to re-establish this service as soon as possible.

Health Care Services Remain Available at the CMH Copake Location

Not to be overlooked, however, is the Copake primary and family care practice of Dr. Dorinda Midwood at Callan Family Care—also located at 283 Mountainview Road. Dr. Midwood provides care to patients age 2 and up, and is accepting new patients. The office's hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. To make an appointment call 518-329-3900.

We will provide an update concerning the status of the Rapid Care Center as the matter evolves.

Dorothy Urschel President and CEO, Columbia Memorial Health



