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Need a ride? Here's what the county offers now

By DEBORAH E. LANS

HUDSON—Could you live in Columbia County without a car? What transportation services are available? Who uses them? What else is needed?

Following on an extensive Transportation Planning Analysis issued in draft form by the County Transportation Planning Task Force in February, 2023, and updated and issued for public comment in August, the Board of Supervisors is now scheduling hearings to address those very questions.

The issues go to the heart of life in the county for the 7% of households that have no vehicle and the many others who need transportation help from time to time.

As Transportation Planning Committee Chair Supervisor Michael Chameides (Hudson Ward 3) puts it, "Transportation is essential to life in the county. When it's unavailable, the effects can snowball. Medical appointments are missed. Job opportunities are limited, as some jobs are simply beyond the reach of some residents. Shopping is a challenge. Socializing is difficult. The entire quality of life is affected."

Most of the county is inaccessible by public transportation. The county runs five bus routes. Overall, between ticket revenues and federal and state grants, the service often makes money for the county and, in years when it has not, the

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David Lee

Germantown remembers 9-11 with ceremony

Germantown held a 9-11 ceremony at 8:46 a.m. on Monday morning in Palatine Park. A color guard from the Germantown Fire Department stood at attention and members of the Jennings Willets American Legion Post 346 were detailed to perform flag duty. Supervisor David Helsley called the ceremony to order. Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) thanked the supervisor and the town for keeping the memory of that horrendous day alive. Supervisor Helsley led the gathering in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." Taps were played and members of the American Legion lowered the flag to half-staff. "Sometimes we get distracted by our daily lives and our own individual beliefs and we don't remember that we are one country and it's important that we all stand together," Mr. Helsley said. He pledged to continue the ceremony every year.

Multiple voices make for tasty book fest

By LORNA CHEROT LITTLEWAY

THE SPENCERTOWN FESTIVAL OF BOOKS (FOB) presented by the Spencertown Academy Arts Center, is a 4-day smorgasbord for bibliophiles, held over the Labor Day weekend. This year it opened, September 1, with a members' preview of "gently used" books for sale. Co-chair Carl Atkins estimated that 15,000 titles were available for purchase.

The books were priced from \$2 for paperbacks to \$6 for hard cover ones. Within 15 minutes of arriving I had two armloads of books purchased for \$26!

My first stop was the "Diverse Voices" section of the 1st floor Children's Room. It was the first time the 18-year festival featured such a section.

My first find was Jacob Lawrence's "Harriet and the Promised Land," an illustrated book of 22 vividly colored panels, in Lawrence's inimitable style, which he describes as "dynamic cubism."

Historic persons and events consequential to the African American experience are Lawrence's subjects. Harriet Tubman, born a slave in the 1820s in Maryland, was dubbed

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'Why do people not like leftovers?'

Shaina Loew-Banayan

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Carpenter's Mate 2nd Class Crosby and MM 1/C Crosby honored

HUDSON—The Columbia County Honor a Veteran Committee will be honoring Carpenter's Mate 2nd Class Frederick Warren Crosby, and John Howard Crosby, Sr., both from Canaan on Monday, September 25 at 401 State Street in the Supervisors Chambers starting at 9 a.m. The public is invited.

Fredrick Warren Crosby was born on October 10, 1919, to Fredrick and Barbara (Thomas) Crosby in Canaan. Growing up in Canaan, he attended the Canaan School District. He was employed as a carpenter prior to his military service.

Mr. Crosby, Sr. entered the United States Navy on October 10, 1942. After his initial training, he received further training as a carpenter and was then assigned to the Seabees in the Pacific Theater of Operations. His unit, the 41st Naval

Construction Battalion (21st NCB), was located on the Aleutian Island at Kodiak Naval base and then to Guam which is located in the Mariana Islands. Carpenter's Mate 2nd Class Crosby served three years, one month and 24 days and was then honorably discharged at Lido Beach, Long Island.

He returned home, met Elizabeth Bailey and was married on December 27, 1945, in Litchfield, CT. They had three children: Fred, Karen and Deb. In the ensuing years Mr. Crosby worked as a farmer, self-employed carpenter, for the Berkshire Farm (14 years) and the Columbia County Highway Department.

He was a charter member of the Canaan Conservation Club and served as its president and treasurer. He was a traditionalist and very connected to nature. He enjoyed hunting,

fishing, and gardening. He would plant 3 acres of potatoes each year and host a clam bake each Saturday on Labor Day weekend. He had fond memories of Alaska where he served during the war and wished to one day visit it again.

Fred Crosby died on May 26, 1981. He left behind his wife, three children, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was 61 years old at the time of his death.

John Howard Crosby, Sr. was born on September 19, 1921, also to Frederick and Barbara Crosby. Growing up in Canaan, he attended Canaan Elementary School and graduated from Chatham High School (1939). He would later attend several technical schools.

Mr. Crosby entered the Navy on April 6, 1942, in Albany. He received six weeks boot training at the Naval Training Center at

Newport, RI as an Apprentice Seaman. After receiving an additional 16 weeks of training at the Great Lakes Training Center, IL, he attained the rank of Machinist's Mate 1st Class. MM 1/C Crosby was then assigned to the attack transport USS Newberry and took part in the campaigns of Iwo Jima, Formosa and Japan. He was acting Chief Machinist when he was honorably discharged on January 19, 1946, at Lido Beach Long Island.

MM 1/C Crosby was awarded the following: American Theater Medal, Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal W/2 Stars, American Defense W/1 Star and the Navy Good Conduct Medal.

Returning home, he married Kathryn Bailey on October 7, 1950, and raised their three children: Nancy Ellen, John, Jr. and Tammy Jean. He was a

Senior Forestry Technician for the N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation for Saratoga Springs and Catskill, retiring in 1980. He later served in the Chatham Village Police Department as a patrol officer and later as chief. He was also employed with the Town of Canaan Highway Dept.

Mr. Crosby remained active in his community. He was the past chief of the Canaan Fire Co., a member and former Post Commander of V.F.W. Post #8266 and the first president of the Canaan Democratic Club.

John Crosby died on March 27, 2009, and was buried in the Canaan Cemetery. He was 84 years old.



Friendly pickleball tournament held in Copake

Athleticism and camaraderie were on full display at Copake Memorial Park when locals and pickleball enthusiasts from northern Columbia County and Berkshire County got together for a friendly tournament September 10. Between players and spectators, over 55 people attended. Despite the threat of thunderstorms and mosquitoes, players brought their own nets and balls, lawn chairs, drinks, snacks, and a genuine love of the game. The town of Copake built four new pickleball courts this summer. The event organizers were Signe Adam, Art Bonifati, Rob Lazarus, and Vicki Sander. The finals were won by father and son duo Todd and Carter Tyer from Pittsfield, MA (far court). Runners-up were Wendy Chivian and Matt Harding (hitting the ball). Players ranged in age from 15 to 86.

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Shakespeare & Company honors Sandy Bourgeois

LENOX, MA—Shakespeare & Company has awarded the 2023 Philip Heller Award for Distinguished Service to Sandra Bourgeois of Richmond, MA.

Ms. Bourgeois, a member of Shakespeare & Company's Board of Trustees and past president of its Volunteer Company, is the sixth and latest recipient of the award, established in 2019 by Anita Heller of Lenox, MA, in memory of her late husband Philip Heller. Mr. Heller, a real estate attorney in the Town of Lenox, represented Shakespeare & Company pro bono for 40 years until his death in 2018.

The Philip Heller Award for Distinguished Service recognizes members of the community for extraordinary service to the company, and was launched in tandem with the Philip Heller Fund, which generates funding for various campus improvement projects. In recent years, funding has gone toward such



Photo contributed

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initiatives as the creation of an on-campus composting system and Covid-19 testing supplies that enabled two New York State high schools to participate in the Fall Festival of Shakespeare.

Ms. Bourgeois has volunteered with the company since 2011, when she and her partner, Sarah Lytle, joined the gardening team. Ms. Bourgeois

became the first secretary for the Volunteer Company in 2013, then vice president, then president – a position she held until 2019.

As president, Ms. Bourgeois initiated the company's Oral History Archive Project (OHAP), which preserves and highlights countless documents, images, and recordings from the company's 46-year history, in a readily usable system.

In 2015, Ms. Bourgeois helped create Shakespeare & Company's original "Talking Bench," located at the outdoor Roman Garden Theatre. She raised funds, chose the Berkshire Ash slab to make the bench, and organized company actors, including Founding Artistic Director Tina Packer, to record readings accessible from the bench via a QR code.

In 2017, Ms. Bourgeois became a member of the company's Board of Trustees, representing the Volunteer

Company. She continues to contribute her time and expertise to the gardening team, the development department's planned giving initiatives, the property committee, and the annual tag sale fundraiser, which raised \$4,211 this year – a record intake.

Henry Baker, current president of the Volunteer Company, praised Ms. Bourgeois' commitment to Shakespeare & Company, particularly through a diverse set of projects completed over many years.

"In the last 12 years, Sandy has shown incredible leadership among the volunteers and dedication to Shakespeare & Company," he said. "I can't think of a more fitting recipient for the 2023 Heller Award."

For more information or to make a gift to the Philip Heller Fund, call Kristen Moriarty at 413 637-1199 ext. 105, or email kmoriarty@shakespeare.org

CORRECTIONS

•The person pictured in last week's story "Pot producers pop up in Copake" (issue 36, 9/7/23) was misidentified. His name is Ryan Loader of GroundGame NY.

•Also, cannabis growers can process and distribute if they are licensed. According to the New York State Cannabis Management Office, Cannabis Law "creates a two-tier market structure for Adult-Use cannabis program, whereby individuals or entities having any direct or indirect interest in a licensee authorized on the supply tier (cultivation, processing, distribution) are prohibited from holding any direct or indirect interest in a licensee on the retail tier (retail, dispensary, on-site consumption, delivery), and vice versa."

•The new fall hours for the Empire Farm Cannabis Showcase are noon to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. The website is EmpireFarm1830.com

Storm batters New Lebanon

By DOUG LA ROCQUE

NEW LEBANON—The weather September 7 was fickle but also downright dangerous. Some municipalities escaped with little or no damage, but others, like New Lebanon, were not so lucky. The high winds that accompanied the heavy rain and frequent lightning caused many trees to fall, pulling power lines and poles down with them. Thursday night into Saturday, large pockets of the town were without electricity.

New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) crews poured into the town to restore power, helped out by the town highway department and the Lebanon Valley Protective Association (LVPA) as they worked to clear the roads of the downed trees and assist the power company removing the obstacles to their power restoration efforts. NYSEG also provided dry ice, which was distributed at the firehouse for those looking at a lengthy power outage. The New Lebanon Library also opened its doors as a cooling center.

By Sunday, all but two homes had their power turned back on, and the dry ice distribution was canceled.

Many people said at the height of the storm it was very scary, hurricane like. A sentiment backed up by Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling, who was caught driving when it hit. She tells The Columbia Paper, “Trees were falling all around me, including a large branch that struck the top of my car while driving. Lightning was striking all around and it was raining so hard you could not see to drive.” Fortunately, Ms. Houghtling was not hurt and there were no major injuries reported in the town from the storm as well, just a big mess.

CGCC budget means slight decrease for county

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON—The Columbia County Board of Supervisors approved the 2023-24 Columbia-Greene Community College (CGCC) operating budget, at its monthly full board meeting August 9.

The total budget for 2023-24 is \$20.1 million, a million dollars (5.2%) more than last year’s budget of \$19.1 million. Columbia County’s contribution is to be \$3.4 million, a decrease of \$140 thousand (4%) from last year. Tuition is \$2,686 per semester for full time students, \$219 per credit hour for part-time students.

The included table shows the projected revenues and expenditures of the upcoming budget, compared with the previous year.

The expenditure category in this table with the highest increase in dollars from the previous year is salaries, up by \$432 thousand (5%) to \$9.8 million.

The expenditure categories with the highest increase in

percentage points include electricity and gas (together up 40%) and Service and Maintenance (up 12%).

On the other hand, expenditure for vehicles is down to zero, a savings of \$103,000. Questions to CGCC for more details on these changes were not answered by press time.

The total contribution from both counties is to stay \$6,448,350, as it was for the previous two years.

Therefore, Greene County’s contribution increases by the same \$140 thousand that Columbia County’s decreases by.

The formula for dividing the total contribution between the two counties includes the enrollment from each county as a factor.

At the August 9 meeting, CGCC President Carlee Drummer reported that the college has just received \$910 thousand from SUNY Albany to begin a Limited Practical Nurse program, and that the college’s enrollment is up 30% for the summer season.

COLUMBIA GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPERATING BUDGET						
	2023-24		2022-23		Change	
	\$	%	\$	%	Diff	%
REVENUE						
	5,395,06	26.	4,459,89	23.		
Student Charges	5	8	9	8	985,166	21.0
	4,760,52	23.	3,903,25	20.		
Regular Tuition	5	7	9	4	857,266	22.0
Continuing Ed Tuition	175,000		140,000		35,000	
Out of State Tuition	40,000		30,000		10,000	
Non-Resident Charges	50,000		25,000		25,000	
Student Fees	369,540		361,640		7,900	
	2,829,32	14.	2,844,99	14.		
State Operating Aid	6	1	3	9	-15,667	-0.6
	3,406,11	16.	3,545,97	18.		
Columbia County's Contribution	3	9	4	5	139,861	-3.9
	3,042,23	15.	2,902,37	15.		
Greene County's Contribution	7	1	6	2	139,861	4.8
	2,286,90	11.	2,347,65	12.		
Charges to Other Counties	0	4	0	3	-60,750	-2.6
Grants, Gifts, & Contracts (Fed + Private)	63,000	0.3	61,996	0.3	1,004	1.6
HEERF (Higher Ed Emergency Relief)	0	0.0	2	7.8		
	2,989,44	14.	1,161,15		1,628,28	110.
Appropriated Fund Balance	1	9	7	7.1	4	6
Other	108,000	0.5	108,000	0.6	0	0.0
TOTAL	20,120.0	10	19,128.3	10	991,775	5.2
	82	0	07	0		
EXPENSES						
	9,791.20	48.	9,359.63	48.		
Salaries	9	7	1	9	431,578	4.6
	3,219,23	16.	3,041,16	15.		
Employee Medical & Life Insurance	6	0	2	9	178,074	5.9
	2,092,23	10.	2,008,39	10.		
Other Employee Benefits	7	8	4	5	83,843	4.2
Vehicles	0	0.0	103,000	0.5		
					103,000	
Other Equipment	209,363	1.0	121,623	0.6	87,740	72.1
	1,291,84		1,148,90			
Service & Maintenance	3	6.4	8	6.0	142,935	12.4
Electricity and Fuel Oil	511,000	2.5	365,000	1.9	146,000	40.0
	1,695,47		1,676,85			
Contractual Professional Expenses	8	8.4	4	8.8	18,624	1.1
	1,309,71		1,303,73			
Other Contractual Expenses	6	6.5	5	6.8	5,981	0.5
TOTAL	20,120.0	10	19,128.3	10	991,775	5.2
	82	0	07	0		



Duncan Teasdale-Ulrich

Kinderhook damage leaves most without power

A pole was damaged on Route 9 between the villages of Kinderhook and Valatie. Power was out in those municipalities from Thursday night, September 7, to parts of Saturday, September 9. The Ichabod Crane Central School District was closed Friday, September 8 because the school buildings, also on Route 9, did not have power. At the Board of Education meeting on

Tuesday, September 12, Superintendent Marie Digirolamo called it the first “snow day” of the year and said the district has four more “weather event days remaining.” She said there was some damage to track and field equipment in the storm but the buildings were back open on Monday for students. Chatham and Germantown schools were also closed last Friday.

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Chatham Village cleans up after storm

Crews were out cleaning up the tree and pole damage in the Village of Chatham. This photo was posted on the Chatham Fire Department's Facebook page on September 10, saying “There have been major restoration efforts. Less than 2900 customers total remain affected in the region. Major improvements were made overnight, including the restoration to critical infrastructure sites.”



Photo contributed

Two pedestrians killed in crosswalk crash

By DIANE VALDEN

NEW LEBANON—State Police are investigating a double fatal car versus pedestrians crash.

Saturday, September 9 at

8:21 p.m., troopers were dispatched to the crosswalk near the New Lebanon Valley Speedway, 1746 U.S. Highway 20.

An investigation determined a 2019 Subaru Crosstrek oper-

ated by Erica C. Florin, 36, of Lee, MA, was driving eastbound on U.S. Highway 20 when she struck two pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Troopers and responding emergency medical service per-

sonnel attempted life-saving measures, but both victims were pronounced dead on the scene.

The victims were later identified as Gary J. Sheldon, 74, and Patricia Peck, 77, both of

Clarksburg, MA.

This investigation remains ongoing and will be updated as new information becomes available, according to police.

Judge sends rapist to prison

HUDSON—An Austerlitz man was sentenced by Columbia County Supreme Court to 10 years in prison on multiple counts of rape, August 17, according to a press release from the Columbia County District Attorney's Office. Brendan Ryder, 29, pleaded guilty April 10 to a 10-count indictment, charging him with two counts of first degree rape; two counts of first degree criminal sexual act; four counts of third degree aggravated sexual abuse and two counts of first degree sexual abuse. The incident occurred June 12, 2019.

The defendant, Mr. Ryder, in his own words, told the court on April 10: "I raped [the victim]... [I] forced myself on [the victim who] was incapacitated."

"The defendant not only took advantage of someone who was incapacitated, but he also recorded his conduct,

inflicting further pain and trauma. I cannot say enough about the survivor's bravery and courage to come forward and let her voice be heard," Assistant District Attorney Ryan Carty said in the release. Mr. Carty prosecuted the case.

Supreme Court Judge Richard McNally said the crime was one of the most terrible he has seen in his 30-year legal career.

At sentencing, the survivor spoke about how the crime still affects her to this day.

"Emotionally this crime has torn me to pieces," the survivor said in her statement to the court. "Never in my life have I ever felt so isolated and alone. Over the last few years, I have been on a roller-coaster, blind-folded. The second I found out I was in complete shock, a type of surreal numbness that I had never felt before. This lasted for months, it even resurfaces

from time to time. I was very out of touch with my body and emotions. The impact of the trauma was larger than I could conceive. I have very high anxiety. I remember not even feeling safe to walk down the street..."

The survivor reported her crime after waking up in pain with several burns, bruises and bite marks.

"You very nearly did break me. Very nearly. But I'm still here. I made a life for myself. You did something terrible to me and I have been the one to suffer, but it was on you. It was your responsibility. You are to blame. You don't get to beat me. I live, and my life is in defiance of you and what you did to me."

The case was investigated by the New York State Police and Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Ryder is represented by Mark Portin, Esq.

8,500+ tickets issued during Labor Day crackdown

ALBANY—State Police issued 8,762 tickets and arrested 154 people for DWI during this year's Labor Day weekend DWI enforcement period. The initiative, which targeted impaired and reckless drivers, began Friday, September 1 and continued through the Labor Day holiday, Monday, September 4.

During the campaign, which was funded by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, the State Police increased patrols and conducted sobriety checkpoints to deter, identify and arrest impaired drivers. In addition to the DWI checkpoints and patrols, troopers were also watching for distracted drivers, vehicle occupants who were not properly buckled up, and drivers that were violating the Move Over Law.

As part of the enforcement, troopers also targeted speeding and aggressive drivers across

the state. Below is a sampling of the total tickets that were issued during this period: Speeding 3,407, Distracted Driving 203, Seatbelt violations 383, Move Over Law 126.

Troopers used both marked State Police vehicles and Concealed Identity Traffic Enforcement (CITE) vehicles as part of this crackdown in order to more easily identify motorists who are violating the law. CITE vehicles allow the trooper to better observe driving violations. These vehicles blend in with everyday traffic but are unmistakable as emergency vehicles once the emergency lighting is activated.

Over the 2022 Labor Day weekend, from September 2 to 5, troopers arrested 208 people for DWI and investigated 139 personal injury crashes, including three fatalities, and issued 9,748 tickets.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR



David Lee

Greenport Fire Company Color Guard.

Firefighters put their best feet forward

CHATHAM—Trophy winners who marched in the September 2 Firefighters Parade at the Columbia County Fair are as follows:

- Best Appearing Fire Unit Firefighters: Class A 1st (22 and over) Ghent, Class A 2nd Spencertown; Class B 1st (16-21) Ancram, Class B 2nd Stottville; Class C 1st (5-15) Red Rock, Class C 2nd Hudson
- Best Appearing Auxiliary: Class A 1st Mellenville, Class A 2nd Greenport
- Best Appearing Color Guard: 1st Stottville, 2nd Ancram

- Best Appearing Apparatus: 1st Spencertown, 2nd Hudson
- Best Appearing Visiting Fire Unit: Class A 1st (16 and over) Millerton; Class B 1st (5-15) Milan, Class B 2nd, Ravena
- Best Appearing Visiting Color Guard: 1st West Sand Lake, 2nd Ravena
- Best Appearing Apparatus: 1st Nassau, 2nd Ravena
- Best Appearing Non-Firematic Color Guard: 1st New York State Police, 2nd Columbia County Sheriff's Office
- Junior Firefighter: 1st

- Stottville
- Musical: Band 1st Ghent Band, 2nd Yankee Doodle; Drum Line 1st Hoysradt Hose, 2nd Spencertown
- Charles "Rip" Vogel Memorial Award, Overall Best Appearing Columbia County Unit With Auxiliary Mellenville
- Philip D. Mickle Memorial Award, Overall Best Appearing Columbia County Unit Without Auxiliary, Red Rock
- Howard A. Ploss / W. Gordon Goold Memorial Award, Overall Best Appearing Visiting Unit, Milan.

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American Red Cross faces national blood shortage

HUDSON—The American Red Cross is experiencing a national blood shortage. Fewer donors than needed gave this summer, drawing down the national blood supply and reducing distributions of some of the most needed blood types to hospitals.

Hurricane Idalia further strained the blood supply with blood drive cancellations and reduced blood and platelet donations in affected areas.

Donors of all blood types are urgently needed, and there is an emergency need for platelet donors and type O blood donors to make an appointment to give now to ensure patients across the country continue to receive critical medical care.

When Idalia slammed into the Southeast—leading to widespread power outages, travel hazards and flooding—the storm also forced the cancellation of more than a dozen blood drives and caused hundreds of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. This compounded a shortfall of about 30,000 donations in August. Right now, blood product distributions to hospi-

tals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in.

The Red Cross needs blood and platelet donors now. Schedule an appointment to give by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

In thanks for helping rebuild the blood supply, all who come to give through September 18 will receive a limited-edition Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. Those who come to give throughout September will also receive a coupon via email for a free haircut, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts. Plus, they'll be automatically entered for a chance to win a VIP NASCAR racing experience. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/RaceToGive.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities are:

- September 14, 1 to 6 p.m., Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787, 201 Harry Howard Avenue

- September 23, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., A.B. Shaw Fire Company, 67 State Route 23, Claverack.

Bank announces promotions

CATSKILL—Donald Gibson, president & CEO of the Bank of Greene County, has announced employee promotions across the bank.

“Due to the continued growth and success of the bank, it is my pleasure to announce we have promoted several dedicated employees to positions of increased responsibility within various departments. It is particularly rewarding when all of the employees promoted are from within our company, and have grown with us over the years,” said Mr. Gibson in a press release.

Da-Naysia Walker has been promoted to Financial Service Representative II. She previously worked for the Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene. She is a graduate of Hudson High School, attended Columbia-Greene Community College, and lives in Hudson.

Megan Zahn has been promoted to Assistant Director of Human Resources. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources from the College of Saint Rose. She is also a graduate of Catskill High School, a



Photo contributed
President and CEO of the Bank of Greene County Donald Gibson pictured with recently promoted bank employees.

board member for the Catskill Housing Authority, and lives in Catskill.

Kaleigh Borneman has been promoted to Branch Manager of the Kingston Branch. She began her career at the bank five years ago as a teller in the Kingston Branch. She lives in Red Hook.

Brittney Poepplein has been promoted to Assistant Branch Manager of the Kingston Branch. She joined the bank's team three years ago as a teller

in Kingston. She lives in Red Hook.

Amethyst Meyer has been promoted to BSA & Fraud Analyst. She joined the bank eight years ago as a Financial Service Representative in the Germantown and Kingston branches. She is a graduate of Kingston High School and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. She lives in Kingston.



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Find out what resources are available for assistance

ANCRAM—Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors invites everyone to a community resources information session at the Ancram Town Hall, 1416 County Route 7, Friday, September 15, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Need help with transportation? Questions about in-home assistance? Know how to save money on prescription drugs?

Need help navigating Medicare/Medicaid?

Stop by Town Hall to speak with Rachel Cole from the Healthcare Consortium. She will offer a brief presentation, provide resources and answer questions. Refreshments served. For more information call Chris McCoy at 412-609-6259.

Top Form Chatham opens

CHATHAM—On Saturday, September 23, from 1 to 5 p.m., Maximilian and Kristy Gasseholm invite the community to an afternoon of live music, games, and refreshments to celebrate new ownership of Top Form Chatham. The festivities will take place in the parking lot of Top Form, at 53 Church Street.

Top Form's model combines the benefits of having personal attention from their trainers and a personalized program to meet clients' fitness and health goals.

Top Form offers a selection of classes including Cardio Jazz, Yoga for Strength and Movement, Chair Yoga, and Boxing.

The Gasseholms have lived in Chatham since 2019 with their daughter Lila. Maximilian is a Top Form Master Trainer, a Certified Personal Trainer through the National Academy of Sports Medicine, and a 200-hour yoga instructor. Kristy is a 500-hour yoga instructor.



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State and CCSD clash over cash reserves

CHATHAM—On August 11, the state Comptroller's Office released the findings of a recent audit that determined the Chatham Central School District's Board of Education and district officials "did not properly manage fund balance and reserves."

The audit, on the comptroller's website at www.osc.state.ny.us, found that the district's "consistent practice of appropriating fund balance that is not needed and maintaining unreasonable reserve balances circumvents the statutory limit on surplus fund balance and lacks transparency."

The school district released a statement in late August saying "the district and our external auditors respectfully disagree with the Comptroller's opinion that the district holds too much money in reserves. We believe our reserves are appropriately funded and are essential for long-term planning and the future financial stability of the district."

According to the state, the district annually appropriated

over \$1.3 million of fund balance "they did not need or use to finance operations; therefore, taxpayers were taxed more than necessary." They also, on

spent several months in the district "reviewing our procedures, processes, and policies as part of their regular auditing of school districts in NYS. As we

flexibility in the budget to meet "worst-case financial demands" and that any contingent money that goes unspent is applied to reduce the "taxpayers' burden

utilized fund balance and reserves in the budget to reduce property tax increases over the past several years."

The district also wanted to "reiterate that the Board of Education and administration are transparent with the public regarding the budget and finances of the district."

The district's response said district officials had reviewed the comptroller's findings and recommendations of the audit and will take corrective action in certain areas. "While we respect the comptroller's opinions as to appropriate reserve levels, we strongly feel that our approach has and will continue to provide the best possible education for our students in a fiscally responsible manner that is beneficial to our taxpayers."

The district's full response to the comptroller's recommendations is included in the state Comptroller's audit report, which is posted to the district website at www.chathamcentralschools.com—**Emilia Teasdale**

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Thomas P. DiNapoli
Office of the State Comptroller

average, annually over-estimated appropriations by \$3.2 million (9.9 percent), and maintained four reserves totaling \$6.6 million without demonstrating they were reasonably funded.

"For example, the unemployment insurance reserve has about \$747,000, enough to pay annual claims for 14 years," and "workers' compensation reserve has \$1.4 million, but the average annual workers' compensation expense is \$79,756."

According to the school district, the Comptroller's Office

expected, the audit did not uncover any instances of fraud or malfeasance with our practices. The audit's recommendations focus on the district's management of fund balance and reserves, a topic on which the district and the Comptroller's Office have a difference of opinion.

"It is our position that the district's use of fund balance and reserves is appropriate and benefits taxpayers and students for the long term."

The statement from the district says they must have enough

the following year or is placed in a reserve account to offset expenses in future years."

"The Comptroller's claim that taxpayers paid higher than necessary taxes fails to take into account that the district's current revenue is not sufficiently sustainable and that the district projects that its reserves will be severely impacted over the next ten years," the statement goes on to say.

"Because state aid and the NYS property tax cap have not kept pace with cost increases in recent years, the district has

Volunteers, students sought for Valatie Adult English Class

HUDSON—Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley is working to restore the volunteer teams and group classes held throughout Columbia and Greene counties in 2019. One of these is Team Valatie, which held weekly adult English classes at the Valatie Senior Center. Literacy Connections once again has been granted access to the space, and is moving forward to create an English language class for adult speakers of other lan-

guages. The classes will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., starting sometime in October.

The first step is to form a team of volunteers who will work together to teach the class consistently. No prior teaching experience or foreign language is necessary. A new volunteer orientation will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, September 26 starting at 6 p.m. After the orientation, volunteers will complete an online

training to become certified as Literacy Connections tutors. The Valatie Senior Center is located at 3302 William Street in Valatie.

For more information or to register for the orientation, contact Heatherlyn Martin, area coordinator for Columbia and Greene counties by email, colgreene@literacyconnections.org or call 518 828-1792 ext 104. Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley is on the web at www.literacyconnections.org.

connections.org.

Literacy Connections' Columbia and Greene County Office is located within the office of the Hudson Area Library and regular hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesdays 1 to 8 p.m. Literacy Connections programs are funded in part by NYSED, the Dyson Foundation and the generosity of sponsors and contributors from our community.

Palladino receives Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree

HARROGATE, TN—Chelsea Palladino, Chatham Center, received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Lincoln Memorial University-Richard A. Gillespie College of Veterinary Medicine (LMU-CVM) at the 2023 Commencement Ceremony. She attended Russell Sage College for undergraduate work.

She is the daughter of Scott and Kathleen Palladino.

She plans to pursue a career in equine medicine.

LVCC hosted annual school supply drive

NEW LEBANON—Local students received a lifeline for needed supplies this fall due to the efforts of a new organization in New Lebanon. The Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC) gathered monetary donations of over \$2000, which will go towards buying more school supplies.

They also received over 635 school supply items from backpacks, pens, pencils, notebooks, folders, crayons, and art supplies.

New Lebanon Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling praised the formation of LVCC and their goals. "Our students would have not had access to

these supplies but for the work of the LVCC. It is a strong addition to our community development efforts, and I look forward to working with LVCC to forge a stronger New Lebanon," she said in a press release.

LVCC would like to thank Danielle and Kyle Kuffel for

managing the school drive.

Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC), 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.

Elmira College recognizes annual Key Award recipients

ELMIRA—Elmira College recently announced this year's recipients of its annual Key Award. This year's award was given to 783 students in 16 states. A tradition that goes back to 1935, the Key Award is presented to outstanding students in their junior year of high school or preparatory school.

This year's recipients included:

Grace Alvarez, Hudson; Shawn Lyons, Elizaville; Victoria Steils, Hudson; Helen Tassinari, Spencertown; Ashley Nack, Elizaville; Tallulah Powers, Canaan; Riley Robertson, New Lebanon; Kamryn Hanson, Old Chatham; Lillian Jensen,

Kinderhook; Nabila Miah, Hudson; Angelina Tamburro, Hudson; and Katelyn Miller, East Nassau.

"This award is given to students with the potential to excel academically, serve as leaders, and go on to enjoy success in life," said Charles Lindsay, president of Elmira College, in a press release. "We hope they

will choose to make Elmira College their place."

Sponsored by the EC Alumni Association, the Key Award recognizes students for high scholastic achievement, leadership, citizenship, and participation in extracurricular activities.



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NEED A RIDE?

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cause is usually the county's failure to apply timely for, and receive, federal revenues.

In 2022, after accounting for expenses as well as federal, state and fare revenue, the service actually netted a \$111,200 profit for the county.

One of the current routes is an Albany loop that largely services workers. It runs four times/day during the week, each loop lasting 90 minutes, as it winds through Hudson, Greenport, Stottville, Kinderhook, Valatie, and on to Schodack and Albany. The route had nearly 7,900 riders in 2022.

Another route—the most popular—provided 21,663 rides in 2022 and is on track for a higher number this year. It serves the Greenport shopping areas from Hudson seven times each day, six days/week. With hours recently extended to 8 p.m. and the cost per ride a modest \$1, the route is seeing increasing ridership as employed riders can now use the shuttle after work.

The other routes run just once/week each, as a kind of group field day and link Claverack and Greenport; Claverack, Germantown, Greenport, Stottville and Stuyvesant; and, Philmont, Ancramdale, Copake and Greenport.

There is currently no service to state Route 66, where there are jobs seeking workers. The larger towns and villages, like Chatham, Kinderhook and New Lebanon where there are employment opportunities, likewise lack any public transit service.

According to Mr. Chameides, the county could easily double

its mass transportation budget (about \$176,000 in 2023) without having a meaningful effect on the overall county budget (about \$163 million in 2023). In other words, the mass transit budget is one-tenth of one percent of the overall county budget.

One of the challenges facing the county is that no one county employee is tasked with transportation or mobility planning, so sometimes deadlines to apply for federal or state funding are missed, and planning is short-range only, as immediate transportation tasks are parceled among a number of already overworked staff. Long-term planning is not staffed. In contrast, Greene County employs a mobility manager and has a far more robust transportation system.

Currently, the primary public transportation users are those over age 60. Since that segment of the county's population is increasing, so too will the need.

The county's immediate and long-term needs, and the potential means of meeting them, will be explored at the upcoming hearings. (The dates have not yet been set.)

As the Transportation Planning Analysis showed, many needs are currently met (at least in part) by private providers. Overall, according to the analysis, "these agencies utilize over 100 vehicles and more than 50 full-time and part-time staff to deliver more than 40,000 trips per year. . . more rides to residents than the county's public transportation system." These services are all stretched beyond capacity.

One of the largest agencies, and one which serves anyone in

need of non-emergency medical transport, is the non-profit Healthcare Consortium. Consortium Executive Director Claire Parde says, its Children and Adults Rural Transportation Service (C.A.R.T.S.) will likely deliver more than 250,000 miles of door-to-door, non-emergency medical transportation services in 2023. While most trips are in-county, transport is also provided—always free of charge to the riders—to Albany, Troy, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Pittsfield, Great Barrington and Sharon.

The Consortium services are funded in part by Medicaid, in part by the county, and in part by private donations. The vast majority (in 2022, 91%) of trips were provided to those over 60, many of whom are traveling for chemotherapy or dialysis services which leave them unable to drive themselves.

The C.A.R.T.S. drivers—many of whom are retired law enforcement and fire officers and all of whom are "civic-minded guys," according to Ms. Parde—are known for kindness and over-the-top assistance to passengers, so much so that they will be celebrated at a special ceremony on September 21.

Other significant providers are the county Office for the Aging, which offers non-medical transportation services; Coarc, which services those with developmental disabilities by transporting them to and from its rehabilitation facilities in Mellenville, Hudson and Valatie and to employment; the Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene Counties, Inc. which provides transport to clinical and lifestyle supports (non-emergency medical services, food shopping, community programs); and Twin County Recovery Services.

These larger providers

receive county financial and in-kind support and state and federal aid and reimbursement, which, in 2022 was:

PROVIDER:

COARC
\$931,356.26 (c)
\$450,032.00 (s)

HEALTHCARE
CONSORTIUM
\$587,917.38 (c)
\$355,554.50 (s)

MENTAL HEALTH
ASSN
\$2,327,207.70 (c)
\$1,959,491.32 (s)

TWIN COUNTY
RECOVERY
\$907,712.31 (c)
\$670,145.79 (s)

COUNTY SUPPORT (c)
STATE/FEDERAL AID
REIMBURSEMENT (s)

Source: Columbia County Transportation Planning Analysis

Like many other issues facing the county, transportation is not only a local concern. As Pattern for Progress wrote in its October 2019 "Out of Alignment" report, "The state of transit in the Mid-Hudson Valley requires the integration of many disparate transit systems. Fragmentation of existing service providers and the lack of a single regional planning and policy entity contributes to the inability for the region's workforce to easily commute to employment centers."

Given that the affordable housing situation is driving many of the workers who could service open positions to live outside Columbia County, the need for both a central local and a regional planning

approach is evident.

Finally, the importance of public transportation to the decarbonization of the area should not be overlooked. As the federal Environmental Protection Agency has found, transportation is the single largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, accounting for about 30%. Buses are an obvious, and often overlooked, part of the solution.

Data from the U.S. Department of Defense shows that on average gas-powered cars emit about one pound of carbon dioxide per passenger mile. A bus running at 25% of capacity emits two thirds of that amount per passenger mile. If a bus were full, it would emit only .18 pounds of CO2 per passenger mile; as such, bus travel would be comparable in GHG emissions to rail travel, but at a lower cost.

Electrified vehicles emit even less GHG. Mr. Chameides says that electrification of the county's bus fleet is a longer-term goal. The county currently lacks the infrastructure to support an electric fleet, such as charging stations, which for buses are expensive and large.

Increasing ridership of the existing fleet is a more immediate goal and climate solution. Further work toward that end has included enhancing the public awareness of the available, and expanded, services, through published route maps and timetables.

The website, columbiacountyny.com/public-transportation.html, contains the route, timetable and other service information for the county's system. Information is also available at 518-672-4901. Non-emergency medical trips with the Healthcare Consortium can be scheduled at 518-822-8020.

MULTIPLE VOICES

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"Moses." She made 13 trips throughout her lifetime into the South to lead scores of enslaved persons to freedom via the Underground Railroad. "Harriet and the Promised Land" received the NY Times best illustrated book award in 1968.

Other finds included "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie, author of "Reservation Blues" and "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven." "En Mi Familia/In My Family" by Carmen Lomas Garza, is another children's illustrated book written in both Spanish and English.

Saturday highlighted interviews with writers Tamar Adler, "The Everlasting Meal Cookbook: Leftovers A-Z" and Wesley Brown. Adler, a Hudson resident, was interviewed by Shaina Loew-Banayan, author of "Elegy For an Appetite" and chef/owner of Café Mutton in Hudson. The two engaged in a lively discussion about what to do with excess food.

Adler, a James Beard Award winner, credited her mother and a job as a chef sub for her interest in leftovers or "re-purposed food." Adler said that her mother used leftovers "forever" and that a perk of the chef sub job was taking home

the restaurant's leftovers.

Lowe-Banayan described Adler's book as "exhaustive" and said, "Open to any page and find something wonderful." As an example she cited: "What to do with moldy tomatoes."

Lowe-Banayan posed the question, "Why do people not like leftovers?"

Adler responded that if it is just reheating the original dish, "People don't want to eat a worse version of what [they] ate yesterday."

Adler blamed the lack of food knowledge for a general disdain of leftovers. She, also, faulted package labeling as a "cult of expiration dates."

Adler explained there are two choices for leftovers from an already cooked meal: 1) serve at room temperature and

add "crunchy things, acid and herbs," or 2) cook the dish longer to make it "mushier" then add the crunchy, acidic things and herbs. She added that it was important to "change the texture" by "chopping up" things.

Both women admitted that leftover cuisine is labor intensive but that the effort was worth it to create a "unique and rare—probably once-in-a-lifetime" meal.

Adler has started writing a weekly Culinary Advice Column, "The Kitchen Shrink" for an online platform. She encouraged people to send her questions, tamar.e.adler@gmail.com.

The afternoon moved from cooking to music when Wesley Brown, author of "Blue in Green," was interviewed by Gerald Seligman, a Grammy

winning record producer. Brown's novella combines a real event, the arrest and beat down of Jazz trumpeter Miles Davis, by NYC police, in 1959, and fictionalized dialogue from Davis, his wife, Frances Taylor, and several jazz luminaries.

Brown, who read two excerpts from his book, said that his greatest challenge was giving Taylor a voice "distinct" from Davis.

A FOB audience member asked Brown if he played an instrument. The author said that he studied the piano as a child but stopped due to the pressure in adolescence "to be dominant" and he, also, admitted to being somewhat "inept." But now Brown has gone back to playing or "practicing the piano."

Crandell presents Kid Flicks Before Bedtime

CHATHAM—Crandell Kid Flicks Before Bedtime, a new spin on the popular monthly children’s film series at the historic Crandell Theatre, 48 Main Street, will present “Sing 2” and “Minions” for two Fridays at 5 p.m. in September and October.

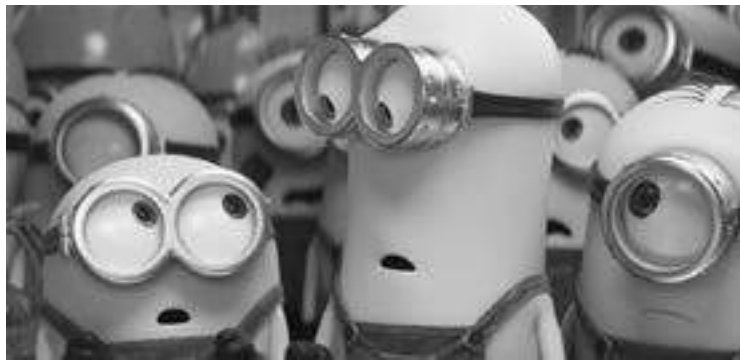
Thanks to a grant from Hudson Valley Foundation for Youth Health, tickets to both films are free for all and children will receive a snack. The evenings will include pre-show activities and optional dress up themes.

Crandell Kid Flicks Before Bedtime is curated by Parent Advisory Task Force Co-Chair Mirissa Neff, a Chatham-based filmmaker, journalist and parent. She has worked as a producer and correspondent for numerous PBS and public radio programs, and her debut feature documentary, “This Is National Wake,” had its world premiere in competition at Sheffield DocFest.

Neff will introduce both films with a short program of themed activities.

•September 22 at 5 p.m.: “Sing 2”

Come dressed for a night at the theater for this song-packed sequel featuring a familiar crew of talented voices reaching for the stars. With his theatrical company a local success, Buster Moon is dreaming of bigger things. Buster soon inspires his band of animal players to gam-



Images contributed Above, the cast of “Sing 2.” (l) “Minions”

ble everything and sneak into a talent audition in Las Vegas-like Redshore City. Before he knows it, he and his friends must persuade reclusive rock star Clay Calloway (voiced by U2’s Bono)

to join them for the opening of a fabulous new show. Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Scarlett Johansson, Taron Egerton, Tori Kelly, Nick Kroll, Peter

Serafinowicz, Jennifer Saunders, Nick Offerman and director Garth Jennings reprise their roles from the first film. 2021. Rated PG. 110 min.

•October 13 at 5 p.m.: “Minions”

Come dressed as a Minion in a yellow shirt and blue overalls, and join the lovably silly tribe of Minionkind as they search for their evil overlord! Ever

since the dawn of time, the Minions have lived to serve the most despicable of masters. From the T-Rex to Napoleon, the easily distracted tribe has helped the biggest and the baddest of villains. Now, join protective leader Kevin, teenage rebel Stuart, and lovable little Bob on a global road trip. They’ll earn a shot to work for a new boss, the world’s first female supervillain, and try to save all of Minionkind from annihilation. 2015. Rated PG. 91 min.

Reserve your tickets today at crandelltheatre.org

Ancram Opera House announces 2023 fall season

ANCRAM—In announcing its slate of productions for fall 2023, Ancram Opera House (AOH) has extended its commitment to presenting new theatrical work cultivated in the Hudson Valley.

The season kicks off Saturday, September 23 with “Crystal Radio Sessions.” A longtime AOH audience favorite, “Crystal Radio Sessions” is modeled after NPR’s “Selected Shorts” series and features the best of short fiction from writers in the Hudson Valley and Berkshires, read aloud by professional actors. This performance will feature Arthur Boyle’s “Angela Lives,” where a woman’s apartment takes on a life of its own; and Pamela Ryder’s “The Tintype of Billy the Kid,” where an itinerant typist makes his living taking portraits of the dead. The series is curated by Ashley Mayne, author of the novels “Mankiller” (2014), and “Tiger” (2015).

After being workshopped in Ancram in May, “You Don’t Know the Lonely One” returns

in October for seven performances. Acclaimed theater artists David Cale (Obie, Drama Desk, Lucille Lortel, Outer Critics Circle Awards), Dael Orlandersmith (Finalist, 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Drama), Matthew Dean Marsh (2019 Joseph Jefferson Equity Award, Best New Musical), and director Robert Falls (Tony, Obie, Drama Desk Awards; Artistic Director, Chicago’s Goodman Theatre) have created a fully staged production of their poignant story and song cycle that draws influence from paintings and albums to create a collaborative portrait of aloneness in an ever-shifting world. Performances are October 20, 22 and October 26 to 29, Thursday to Saturday at 7 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. A special benefit opening night performance and party will be held Saturday, October 21; visit ancramopera-house.org for details.

“You Don’t Know the Lonely One” evolved during Covid as a portrait of isolation, but its focus expanded to embrace stories of individuals

living on their own and attempting to navigate the vicissitudes of a changing world with bravery, humor, and compassion,” said Jeffrey Mousseau, co-director of AOH. “We are so honored to support this all-star team of artists and their process to create this beautiful, redemptive new work that will surely find its way to theaters across the country.”

Next up, on Saturday, November 4 at 2 p.m., is “Taconic Hills Real People Real Stories,” AOH’s annual celebration of elementary school storytellers. AOH Co-Director Paul Ricciardi works with 4th, 5th and 6th graders from Taconic Hills Central School during the school year to coach them in storytelling technique and help them shape the stories

they want to tell. Admission is free.

On Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m., “Real People, Real Stories” returns to the opera house stage. A staple of every season since 2016, “Real People, Real Stories” features residents from across the region sharing personal narratives about life, death, adventure, transformation, discovery, and encounters with wildlife.

And finally, after a three-year Covid delay, it’s the return of Ancram Opera House’s Community Open House on Saturday, November 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. Join friends, neighbors, and the AOH team to kick off the holiday season in a family-friendly get-together with special pop-up performances, hors d’oeuvres, and

beverages for all to enjoy.

For tickets and information visit www.ancramoperahouse.org

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

AREA ATTRACTIONS

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

CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE, 1 Clermont Ave. 500 acres on Hudson River. Grounds, hiking trails open daily, 8:30 am-sunset, free. Tours Thurs-Sun, 11 am-4 pm, \$7 adults, \$6 students/seniors, under 12 free. Visitor Center open Fri-Sun, 10:30 am-4 pm. 518 537-4240, nysparks.com/historic-sites/16/details.aspx.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OLD AUSTERLITZ, 11550 Rt 22. oldausterlitz.org.

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

ROBERT JENKINS HOUSE, 113 Warren St. Hudson. Open for library research, tours on scheduled days, by appointment. 518 828-9764, hudson-dar.org.

ROELIFF JANSEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM, 8 Miles Rd, Copake Fall. The First 40: A Celebration of Local History Preserved. Sat & Sun 2-4 pm. roeliffjansenh.org. 518 329-0652.

SHAKER MUSEUM Mount Lebanon, 202 Shaker Rd, New Lebanon. Self-guided tours, pasture, hiking trails open. 518 794-9100. shakerml.org.

THOMAS COLE NAT'L HISTORIC SITE, 218 Spring St, Catskill. Home, studios of Hudson River School painter. Audio tours. Guided tours Fri-Sun, 10 am-4 pm. Tickets thomascole.org.

CONTINUING EVENTS

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

HANDWORK & SCONES, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. Meet up with your knitting, crocheting, sewing for conversation & scones. chathampubliclibrary.org.

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

Last Mondays
NONFICTION BOOK GROUP, Hudson Area Library, virtual event, 6-7 pm. Registration, morton@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518-828-1792 X 101.

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

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

FIBER ARTS CIRCLE, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 1-3 pm, free. All levels, experiences welcome. 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. Pre-registration required: ps21chatham.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Tuesdays
TRI-VILLAGE SENIORS, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1010 Kinderhook St, Valatie, 1 pm. Bring \$10 for October members bbq. Upcoming trip: Nov 14-16 to Lancaster, PA, \$409-\$659. clmatheke@nycap.rr.com.

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

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

Last Tuesdays
SENIOR COFFEE HOUR, Hillsdale House, 1 Anthony St, 10-11:30 am. Coffee, donuts, conversation. jslapenn@gmail.com.

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays
COVID VACCINATION CLINIC, Columbia County Department of Health, 325 Columbia St, Hudson, 1-3:30 pm. columbia-countynyhealth.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/columbia-countyny.com/health/health-clinics.

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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.

GENTLE YOGA, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, noon, free. Introductory mat/chair class suitable for all ages, abilities. Bring mat, props if possible. chathampubliclibrary.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Thursdays CHATHAM ROOTS GENEALOGY, Chatham Public Library, virtual event, 3-4 pm, free. Michelle LeClair leads beginners & experts in search for family. Space limited, registration michelle@leclairdesign.com.

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 WALKING CLUB, locations vary, 10 am, free. Join Chatham Public Library staff for walks on local trails. Register to receive walk locations: merka@chatham.k12.ny.us. chathampubliclibrary.org.

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. lightformsart-center.com.

First & Third Fridays LEBANON VALLEY SENIORS, New Lebanon Firehouse, 523 Rt 20, 1 pm. For ages 55 & up. New members welcome. Luncheon at Lakeview on Sept 15. 518 733-0009, lebanonse-niorcitizens@gmail.com.

Second Fridays CLAVERACK SENIORS, Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Rt 9H, Claverack, 1 pm. Sept: Everlasting Hope Animal Rescue update presented by Linda Guntert. New members welcome. Up coming trip: Oct 18-19, Wind Creek Bethlehem, PA. Sign up: 518 610-1766.

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



Suzy Allman

The Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour is coming September 23

Now in its 11th year, the annual fundraiser for the Harlem Valley Rail Trail is a fun, non-competitive ride sponsored by the towns of Copake, Ancram and Hillsdale with support from local business sponsors. Riders go at their own pace, and have 7 different routes to choose from, from the easy mostly flat 10 miler, to the new 100 mile route for the expert rider. The ride, held on September 23, is free, with voluntary donations encouraged to support the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. All routes begin and end at Copake Memorial Park, 305 Mountain View Road, Copake. Participants can register to ride and get more information at www.roejanramble.org. Starting times vary. The Ramble also welcomes folks who don't ride to just watch, or volunteer to work the event at the rest stops, check-in desk or as route guides. Email roejanramble@gmail.com to volunteer.

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.

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

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

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

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

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. September: The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. circulation@roejanlibrary.org, 518 325-4101.

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.

MAHJONG, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am, free. For all skill levels. RSVP librarydirector@newlebanonlibrary.org.

First Saturdays

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

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

FIRST WEEKEND

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

Second Saturdays

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

Third Saturdays

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

Fourth Saturdays

MOUNT LEBANON WORK CREW, Historic Mount Lebanon Site, 202 Shaker Rd, New Lebanon, 9:30 am-noon. Maintain seasonal growth, contain spread of invasive species around Great Stone Barn & North Family Site. No minimum commitment needed. 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](https://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. HUDSONNYfarmersmarket@gmail.com, 518 300-3496.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Through September 22
APPLICATIONS OPEN for Spencertown Academy's All Write: Fiction Writers Conference on Nov 9-12. Open to all levels of writers ages 18 & up. Scholarships available for local writers. Submission guidelines: spencertownacademy.org.

September 14
BLOOD DRIVE, Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787, 201 Harry Howard Ave, 1 to 6 p.m. Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

September 16

TOWN CLEAN UP DAY, Shatford Park, Rt 22, New Lebanon, 8 am-2 pm, bring food donation item for food pantry. 2 trips per punch card. Punch cards from Town Clerk's Office, Building Department & Supervisor's Office. List of acceptable & non-acceptable items on FAQ link on building department webpage: townof-newlebanon.com.

TOWN CLEAN UP DAY, Ancram Town Garage, 32 Maple Ln, Ancramdale, 9 am-noon, donation to food pantry. Furniture, appliances, metal, glass, pots & pans, car batteries, computers, TVs, electronics, more. Full list of acceptable items available: ancramhighway@outlook.com.

CARING FOR THE FOREST, River Street Park, River St, Valatie, 10 am-1 pm. Volunteers help remove invasives, trail maintenance projects, etc. Bring gloves & tools. veaukab@yahoo.com.

PET FOOD DRIVE, Shop Rite, 351 Fairview Ave, Hudson, 10 am-3 pm. Drop off food for pets in need for distribution through Columbia-Greene Humane Society. 518 828-6044, info@cghs.org.

HUDSON RIVER SKYWALK FESTIVAL, locations vary, 10 am-4 pm, free. Live music, art/photographs for sale. Details: greatnortherncatskills.com/events/skywalk-arts-festival.

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

TASTE NY 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport, noon-2 pm. Makers & vendors. olana.org.

FOOD PACKING EVENT, Martin H Glynn Town Hall, 3211 Church St, Valatie, 1-3:15 pm. For Rise Against Hunger network supporting feeding programs in developing countries. Volunteer, donate: 828 758-6401, kinderhookreformedchurch.com.

September 16-17
A CELEBRATION OF JAMES IVORY, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St. Film screenings, Q&As, more. All access pass, \$130 including meal with James Ivory. Tickets: HUDSONHALL.org.

September 17
LATINX PARADE & FESTIVAL, Henry Hudson Waterfront, 1 Water St, 1 pm parade from 7th St Park to waterfront, 2-6 pm festival, 7-11 pm after party at Hudson Brewing Co, 99 S 3rd St. Performances, art, food. latinxfestival@sanctuarycolumbiacounty.org.

September 20

VOLUNTEER WORKDAY, Ooms Conservation Area, 480 Rock City Rd, Chatham, 9 am-noon. Help with trail maintenance & restoration. Registration: clctrust.org.

GAME NIGHT, Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 CR 22, Ghent, 5:30 pm, free. Snacks, fellowship. bonniep-flegl@yahoo.com.

September 21

VOLUNTEER WORKDAY, Ooms Conservation Area, 480 Rock City Rd, Chatham, 4:30-6:30 pm. Help with trail maintenance & restoration. Registration: clctrust.org.

MEET & GREET, Roaring 20's Brewery, 565 Rt 20, New Lebanon, 5 pm. For business owners, managers & directors. Snacks served, beverages for purchase. Raffle. townofnewlebanon.com.

WHAT'S COOKING

First Tuesdays

COMMUNITY DINNER, Solaris, 360 Warren St, Hudson, 5:30 pm, free. Details: camphillHUDSON.org.

September 14

BERNIE'S BLUE LINE PULLED PORK BBQ, First Presbyterian Church, 3212 Church St, Valatie, 4-6:30 pm, \$15. Menu: pulled pork, salt potatoes with Tuscan herb butter, cole slaw, 2 mini cornbread muffins, cookies. Tickets: 518 929-5744. Half of proceeds benefit Valatie Free Library.

September 15

COMMUNITY DINNER, Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 CR 22, Ghent, 6 pm, free. Menu: breakfast for dinner. bonniep-flegl@yahoo.com.

September 16

BACK TO SCHOOL BRUNCH, Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 CR 22, Ghent, 10 am-1 pm, free. Food, fun, games, crafts. All welcome. bonniep-flegl@yahoo.com.

September 19

SOUL CAFE, St Peter's Presbyterian Church, 5219 CR 7, Spencertown, 5-7 pm, pay what you can. Menu: harvest buffet, including roasted farm-fresh vegetables, homemade soup with local ingredients, smoked salmon, potatoes au gratin, macaroni & cheese. 518 392-3386, saintpeters.spencertown@gmail.com.

September 21

BROOKS BBQ, Kinderhook Reformed Church, 21 Broad St, 3-6:30 pm. Full Chicken Dinner, \$16; Chicken Only, \$10; Rib Dinner, \$19; Ribs Only, \$15. Curbside pick up only. Reservations: facebook.com/kinderhookreformedchurch or ticketstripe.com/krcbrooksbbq.

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Mondays

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

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

First & Third Mondays

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

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

Tuesdays

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

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

Second Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

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.

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.

Thursdays

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

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.



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SCRAAATCH performs at Art Omi

Join an intimate one-night-only performance by SCRAAATCH, a collaboration between artists E. Jane and chukwumaa (known individually as artists MHYSA and lawd knows) at Art Omi, 1405 County Route 22, on September 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Combining disparate forms of media including club music, synthesizer drones, and archival visual materials, SCRAAATCH create immersive multimedia environments using live electronics, DJ equipment, video. Their performance at Art Omi will build on their recent body of work exploring ideas of conflict and hypervisibility within a technocratic surveillance state. This event is free and will take place rain or shine. For more information go to artomi.org

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

LEGO CLUB, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 4 pm. For 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.

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.org

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

Saturdays

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

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.

September 15-November 30

STORY STROLL, Palatine Park, Palatine Park Rd, Germantown. Featuring The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. Part of Columbia County Community Read. columbia-countylibraries.org/columbia-county-community-read.

September 16

FAIRY HOUSES, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 11 am, free. Author James Preller reads from book, kids help choose what happens next. Families who pre-register receive copy of book & small fairy house. Registration: 518 851-7120, info@claveracklibrary.org.

ARTMAKING IN THE AFTERNOON, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport, 1-4 pm, free. Drop in program open to all ages & skill levels. olana.org.

September 18

MAKE A LIGHT-UP WIND TURBINE, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave., 3:30-4:30 pm, free. Led by Kathy Ceceri. For ages 9-12. Create real working wind turbine. Registration: kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us. chathampubliclibrary.org.

September 18-November 15

STORYWALK, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake. Featuring The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. Part of Columbia County Community Read. columbia-countylibraries.org/columbia-county-community-read.

AT THE MOVIES

September 14 THEATER CAMP, Crandell Theater, 48 Main St, Chatham, 7 pm, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

September 16

A CRACK IN THE MOUNTAIN, Old Chatham Quaker Meetinghouse, 539 CR 13, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm film, free. Documentary. Moderated discussion, refreshments to follow. 518 610-3735, oldchatham-quakers.org.

September 16-18, 23-25

3 BY WONG KAR WAI, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, \$10 each. Part of Director Movie Series. Tickets, schedule: timeandspace.org.

September 22

SING 2, Crandell Theater, 48 Main St, Chatham, 5 pm, free. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

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 or come to be entertained. Donations accepted. Copakegrange.org.

September 16

SCRAAATCH, Art Omi, 1405 CR 22, Ghent, 5:30-7:30 pm, free. Collaboration between artists E. Jane and chukwumaa. Rain or shine. RSVP requested: artomi.org.

SEPTEMBER SONGS, Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School, 330 CR 21C, Ghent, 7 pm, donation. Benefits Music Lesson Scholarship Fund.

September 16-17

TWO SIDES OF VIENNA, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annandale, Sat 7 pm, Sun 2 pm, \$15-\$40. The Orchestra Now. Lehar, Eduard Strauss, Johann Strauss II, Mahler. Tickets: ton.bard.edu/events/vienna.

September 22

LAURA ANGLADE QUARTET, Spencertown Academy Arts Center, 790 Rt 203, 8 pm, \$30. Vintage jazz from Broadway, Great American Songbook, Tin Pan Alley, classic French Chanson. Tickets: spencertownacademy.org.

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

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

September 14
HUDSON & ITS WHALING ROOTS, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 6 pm, free. Led by Carl Whitbeck. hudsonarealibrary.org.

September 14, 21, 28
WRITE THAT STORY, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 6-8 pm, free. Three session workshop for short story or memoir. Led by Emily Rubin. Space limited to 10 participants. Registration: communications@roejanlibrary.org.

September 15
COMMUNITY RESOURCES Information Session, Ancram Town Hall, 1416 County Route 7, 9:30 to 11 am. Get questions answers about transportation, in-home assistance, how to save money on prescription drugs, Medicare/Medicaid. More info call Chris McCoy 412-609-6259

TURING TO THE PLANTS, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport, 5-6:30 pm, general \$15, free for Columbia & Greene County residents. Antonia Perez leads guided plant walk & learn about medicinal, food plants. Registration: olana.org/lessonsfromtheland.

September 16
GEOLOGY WALK, Greenport Conservation Area, 319 Joslen Blvd, 10-11:30 am, free. With Robert Titus. Registration: clc-trust.org.

HONEY HARVEST: End of Summer Pollinator Walk, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport, 11 am-noon, \$15. Led by Fox Farm Apiary, includes honey tasting. Registration: olana.org.

LIBERIAN PEACEMAKER MATILDA PARKER, St Peter's Presbyterian Church, 5219 CR 7, Spencertown, noon, free. Open to the public; lunch provided. saintpeters.spencertown@gmail.com, 518 392-3386.

ANNUAL MEETING for Old Chatham Union Cemetery Corporation, Malden Bridge Community Center, 1087 Albany Tpk, 2 pm, free. All lot owners or their designated representative encouraged to attend. 518 766-3815.

CREATIVE WRITING, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 4 pm, free. Author Laurie Stone & writer Richard Toon in conversations & readings. Q&A, refreshments to follow. Reservations: 518 851-7120, info@claveracklibrary.org.

September 17
THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: A New Interpretation of an Old Story, Old Austerlitz, 11550 Rt 22, 2 pm, free. Founders of Underground Railroad Education Center tell of seminal research on Underground Railroad movement in NY State. oldausterlitz.org.

WHAT THE CONSTITUTION SAYS ABOUT CITIZENSHIP, Robert Jenkins House, 113 Warren St, Hudson, 3:15 pm, free. Talk by attorney Louis J. Oggiani. hendrickhudsonchapterdar@gmail.com, 518 828-9764.

September 18
VIOLET KUPERSMITH, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annandale, 6:30 pm, free. Writer reads from recent work. 845 758-7087.

September 19
WALKING THROUGH FIRE, N Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rt 203, 10:30 am-noon, free. Steven Shapiro leads interactive exercise to end-of-life approaches during "letting go" process. 4-part series. Registration: registernorthchathamlibrary@gmail.com. northchathamlibrary.org

September 20
PERSONAL BRANDING FOR ARTISTS, Create Council, virtual event, noon, free. Led by Georgia Wright. Registration: greenearts.org/uncategorized/technical-assistance-series.

THE DOCTOR WORE HIGH HEELS, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 5:30 pm, free. Dr. Irma Waldo discusses memoir of time as county doctor. Books available for purchase. Zoom option available, email for link: director@roejanlibrary.org.

September 21
MEET THE MAKERS: THE FOODIES, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 6 pm, free. Conversation featuring Ruth Reichl, Alex Napolitano & William Li. Reservations recommended: hudsonhall.org.

HISTORY OF FIRES & the Formation of the Greenport Fire Department, Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Dr, 6 pm, free. Doug Garrison presents. Refreshments served. guy.apicella@outlook.com.

DANCE

September 16
AN IMMIGRANT'S STORY, PS21, 2980 Rt 66, Chatham, 7 pm, \$10-\$35. Migratory map of dance by Wanjiru Kamuyu. Tickets: ps21chatham.org.

ON STAGE

Through September 17
THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES, Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Rt 203, Chatham, times vary, \$45. Musical. Tickets: machaydntheatre.org.

September 15-17, 24
FIRE IN THE TEMPLE, Fountain Hall, Camphill Village, 27 Hall Pond Rd, Copake, times vary, \$35 & up. Based on true story. Tickets: anthropos-theater.com/Fire-in-the-Temple.

ON VIEW

ART OMI, 1405 CR 22, Ghent. AD - WO: Groundwork, Jon Lott / Para Project: Bivouac for Models. Pippa Garner: \$ELL YOUR \$ELF, art activation Sept 16, 3:30-4 pm; up through Oct 28. Benenson Center open daily 9 am-4 pm. artomi.org, 518 392-4747.

ART SCHOOL of Columbia County, 1198 Rt 21C, Ghent. Mon, Tue, Thurs, Sun noon-3 pm. 518 672-7140. Artschoolofcolumbiacounty.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIE HADDAD Gallery, 622 Warren St, Hudson. Equipoise: Stasis and The Power of Suggestion in Still Life, up through Oct 1. Daily 11 am-5 pm, Tue by appt only. 518 828-1915. Carriehaddadgallery.com.

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

CLARK ART INSTITUTE, 225 South St, Williamstown. Promenades on Paper: Eighteenth-Century French Drawings from the Bibliothèque nationale de France. Tue-Sun, 10 am-4 pm. clarkart.edu.

CLAVERACK Library, 629 Rt 23B. Jane Gennaro: Storytales, opens Sept 22, 5-8 pm; up through Oct 21. Open during library hours. claveracklibrary.org.

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

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

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

D'ARCY SIMPSON ART WORKS, 409 Warren St, Hudson. Fri-Sun noon-5 pm.

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

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

510 WARREN STREET Gallery, 510 Warren St, Hudson. Photographs by John Lipkowitz. Fri & Sat, noon-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 518 822-0510. 510warrenstreetgallery.com.

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

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

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

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

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

GALLERY@CREATE, 398 Main St, Catskill. Wildflowers, up through Oct 1. Fri 4-7 pm, Sat & Sun 11 am-6 pm. create-council.org.

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



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

HUDSON AREA LIBRARY, 51 N 5th St. The Art of Cirkus, up Sept 28-Oct 14. Open library hours. hudsonarealibrary.org.

HUDSON HALL, 327 Warren St. David McIntyre: Walking. Tue-Fri, 9 am-5 pm, Sat & Sun, noon-5 pm. 518 822-1438. hudsonhall.org.

IZZY'S ROOM, 80 Green St, Hudson. arniezimmerman.com/izzys-room.

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

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

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

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

LABspace, 2642 Rt 23, Hillsdale. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm, no appt necessary. julielabspace@gmail.com. 917 749-2857.

LIGHTFORMS Art Center, 743 Columbia St, Hudson. Inner Landscapes. Fri 3-7, Sat-Sun 11:30 am-5 pm. By appointment 917 330-6262. lightformsartcenter.com

LIMNER Gallery, 123 Warren St, Hudson. Strange Figurations, opens with reception Sept 9, 3-5 pm. By appt. 518 828-2343.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & Creative Arts Gallery, 717 Columbia St, Hudson. Art/recovery books display. For information on artists & associated activities, stigmafree.art Donations for operating costs accepted: facebook.com/Mental-Health-Awareness-and-Creative-Arts-Gallery-280179699521974.

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

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

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

PHILMONT LIBRARY, 101 Main St. philmontlibrary.com.

PRIVATE PUBLIC GALLERY, 530 Warren St, Hudson. 212 286-0075, privatepublicgallery@gmail.com.

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

ROE JAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY, 9091 Rt 22, Copake. Landscapes & Escapes: Collages, up through Aug 31. Open library hours. roejanlibrary.org.

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

SEPTEMBER Gallery, 4 Hudson St #3, Kinderhook. Laleh Khorramian: MYTH MAKER, up through Oct 15. Kristen@septembergallery.com.

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

SPENCERTOWN Academy Arts Ctr, 790 Rt 203. Regional Juried Fine Arts Show, opens with reception Sept 30, 4-6 pm; up through Oct 29. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm. Spencertownacademy.org. 518 392-3693.

SUSAN ELEY FINE ART, 433 Warren St, Hudson. Fission / Fusion: Carole Eisner & David L Bullis, up through Oct 15. Thurs-Mon, 11 am-5 pm. susaneleyfineart.com.

TANJA GRUNERT SALON, Princess Beatrix House, 21 Prospect Ave, Hudson. Fri-Mon noon-6 pm, or by appointment. 646 944-6197, tanjagrunert.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TSL Gallery, 434 Columbia St, Hudson. Roberto Juarez: Made Up Mythologies. Fri-Sun, tours by advanced registration. 518 822-8448. Timeandspace.org.

TURLEY GALLERY, 98 Green St, Ste 2, Hudson. With: Kelcy Chase Folsom & Jason Reed. Fri-Sun noon-5 pm, by appointment. turley.gallery.

WINDOW ON HUDSON, 43 S 3rd St, Hudson. Mimi Czajka Graminski: Between Shadow and Light, artist reception Sept 14, 5-7 pm; up through Oct 15. windowonhudson.org.

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Researchers talk about ‘Underground Railroad’

AUSTERLITZ — The Austerlitz Historical Society continues its series of warm weather talks Sunday, September 17 with a presentation entitled “The Underground Railroad: A New Interpretation of an Old Story.”

Mary Liz Stewart and her husband Paul, independent researchers and co-founders of

Underground Railroad Education Center, bring their seminal research on the Underground Railroad movement to the Austerlitz.

The Underground Railroad, usually characterized by tunnels, dark of night escapes, coded language and “hide-holes,” will be presented as far more extensive and complex

than these ideas.

The Stewarts will interpret New York State’s role in the abolishment of slavery with relevance for today.

The program begins at 2 p.m. in the Old Austerlitz Church, 11555 State Route 22.

Paul and Mary Liz Stewart

Community briefs

Church puts on three free events

WEST GHENT—The Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 County Route 22, offers a free Community Dinner Friday, September 15 at 6 p.m. Organizers say they are serving breakfast for dinner and invite everyone to join them for food and fellowship.

Other upcoming church events include:

*Back to School Free Brunch Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food, fun, games, crafts. All are welcome, young and old and in between, celebrating a return to school, a return to “normalcy” and the beginning of autumn.

*Game Night, Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m. Snacks and fellowship, fun and laughter. Come relax, no money or prizes involved, just fun.

New Leb residents clean up junk

NEW LEBANON—Town Clean Up Day for all New Lebanon residents is at Shatford Park, 170 Old Post Road, Saturday, September 16, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. rain or shine.

The fee is a non-perishable food donation item. Residents should bring the item when they go to the Town Hall to get their punch card.

Residents are allowed two trips per punch card. Punch cards can be obtained from the Town Clerk’s Office, the Building Department and/or the Supervisor’s Office during regular business hours.

There will be a limit of four tires (24” or smaller per punch card), no hazardous materials are allowed. There is a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items on the FAQ link on the building department webpage (townofnewlebanon.com/town-offices/buildingplanningzoning-department/) and residents will also receive a printed hard copy of the lists at the time they pick up their punch card.

Cemetery Corp. conducts business

MALDEN BRIDGE—The annual meeting of the Old Chatham Union Cemetery Corporation will be held in Vedder Hall at the Malden Bridge Community Center, 1087 Albany Turnpike, Saturday, September 16 at 2 p.m.

All lot owners at the cemetery on Shaker Museum Road or their designated representative are encouraged to attend. Agenda for the meeting will include a financial report by the treasurer, including a report on a recent letter sent to lot owners requesting help in supporting the upkeep of the cemetery.

Other business will include a discussion on general maintenance, election of officers and directors as well as any other business that may come before the corporation.

The input of all lot owners is welcome and necessary in the decision making process to make this “truly your community cemetery,” according to a press release. Those with questions should contact President Elizabeth M. Hurley at 518-766-3815.

Help restock shelter’s pet food bank

GREENPORT—A Help Feed Hungry Pets Pet Food Drive for Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA takes place with guest celebrity mid-day host Bill Williams from WBPM 92.9/96.5 at Shop-Rite, 351 Fairview Avenue, Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA Pet Food Bank is available to any family having trouble feeding their pets because of financial hardship. The food bank is a free service of CGHS/SPCA and is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CGHS/SPCA gives away 50,000 lbs. of free food every year, and needs help now because the Food Bank is very low.

The CGHS/SPCA is at 111 Humane Society Road, Claverack. Get more information at 518-828-6044 or info@cghs.org

Enjoy a meal at St. Peter’s Soul Café

SPENCERTOWN—Be treated to dinner at St. Peter’s Soul Café, Tuesday, September 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Peter’s Presbyterian Church, 5219 County Route 7. Organizers say they are thrilled to provide an opportunity for friends, new and old, to pay what they can (or not at all) as the church finds ways to offer delicious meals to those who seek community and/or experience food insecurity.

One way the church honors its guests, and the greater community, is by supporting local farmers and the healthy and tasty bounty that is produced locally. The church is grateful for the opportunity to include local beef from Roxbury Farm of Kinderhook in the dinner, as well as delectable desserts donated by the church congregation.

The menu is a harvest buffet, which includes roasted farm-fresh vegetables, homemade soup with local ingredients, smoked salmon, potatoes au gratin, and macaroni and cheese.

Sharing a meal is a way to bring folks together and build healthy communities. It is the church’s hope that it can continue to grow this movement and continue to work towards finding ways to reduce the burdens of loneliness and food insecurity. No reservations needed. “Come as you are! Tell your friends! Pay what you can (or not at all).”

Commissioners confer

GALLATIN—Gallatin Fire Commissioners meet Thursday, September 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Gallatin Town Hall, 667 County Route 7.

Pick up barbecue dinner curbside

KINDERHOOK—The Kinderhook Reformed Church, 21 Broad Street, will hold a Brooks Barbecue, Thursday, September 21 from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

The cost is: full chicken dinner \$16; chicken only \$10; rib dinner \$19; ribs only \$15. Dinner reservations may be made at facebook.com/kinderhookreformedchurch or ticketstripe.com/krcbrooksbbq. Walk-ins are welcome until sold out. Tickets are also available from church members. For information call 518-758-6401. All dinners will be curbside pick-up only through The School driveway adjacent to the south lawn of the church. All proceeds will go toward operation and maintenance of the Kinderhook Cemetery grounds.

Greenport fire official talks about history

GREENPORT—Greenport Fire Department Officials talk about the history of fires and the formation of the Greenport Fire Department at the next Greenport Historical Society meeting, at the Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, Thursday, September 21, 6 p.m.

Fire Prevention Week October 8 through 14 is just around the corner so it seems appropriate to look at the early history of fires and how fires have changed the way fire protection is approached in Greenport.

Doug Garrison, the training officer and former chief of the Greenport Fire Department, presents a short talk on the history of fires and the formation of the Greenport Fire Department. Topics will include some of the great historical fires that occurred globally, a look at fires that occurred in Greenport prior to the formation of the fire department and a look at its formation and some incidents over the years since.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For further information contact Guy Apicella at guy.apicella@outlook.com

Pack food for developing countries

VALATIE—The Kinderhook Reformed Church sponsors a Rise Against Hunger volunteer food packing event at Martin H. Glynn Town Hall, 3211 Church Street, Saturday, September 16 from 1 to 3:15 p.m. Helpers are needed for setup at 11 a.m. To volunteer or donate call 518-828-758-6401 or visit kinderhookreformedchurch.com for details.

The packages are used to support feeding programs in developing countries.

Geologist guides walk in G'port Conservation Area

GREENPORT—Take a Columbia Land Conservancy Geology walk with Robert Titus at the Greenport Public Conservation Area, 319 Joslen Boulevard, September 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

This spot on the globe has been here for 4.5 billion years. About 450 million years ago this was an abyss at the bottom of a marine trench. All around was the cold darkness of a deep-sea bottom. About 14,000 years ago this was the bottom of a cold, shallow ice age lake.

How do geologists know these things? Come along on the geology walk and find out. Register at clctrust.org/events/geology-walk/

Landscape has stories to tell.

Photo contributed



Take care of forest at River Street Park in Valatie

VALATIE—Over the last several years, Larry Eleby and Patrick Rodgers, two of the Trustee Board members for the Village of Valatie, have made an effort to better understand the health of the village's natural areas and waterfront, including River Street Park and the Pachaquack Preserve. Village representatives sought to better understand risks posed by climate change, and explore opportunities to improve access to the creekside forests for the public's benefit, according to a

press release.

The parks, which have seen an uptick in use since the pandemic and the opening of the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail (AHET), provide vital natural habitat for a variety of plants and animals, and play an important role in flood control—in addition to their popular walking trails.

Efforts by the Village included a shoreline resiliency study in 2020, and ongoing intermunicipal efforts in partnership with the Village of Kinderhook,

such as a natural resource inventory in 2019, public input sessions, and an ongoing Local Waterfront Revitalization Planning effort.

Among issues that have been steadily present are shoreline erosion, and the increasing presence of invasive plants. Erosion has already had noticeable impacts, such as washing out part of a creekside trail at River Street Park, which needed to be re-routed.

Last month, seeking opportunities to help mitigate ero-

sion, the Village applied for the state Department of Environmental Conservation's Trees for Tribes program in hopes that adding trees could reduce erosion. After a site visit with program staff, it was clear that the most impactful step to help the forest would be focusing on invasive species management, including bittersweet vine that had brought down a number of trees in recent years, and which limits opportunities for young trees to develop in their place. The displacement

of the native species is one of several factors contributing to increased erosion along the creek.

The Village has organized a group of volunteers to support the forest park's health and vitality. Join volunteers for a morning of woodland stewardship at River Street Park, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Projects will aim to manage and remove invasives and do trail maintenance. Bring gloves and tools, and take precautions to limit risk of ticks.

CHASIN' RACIN'

By Mark Kane

Utica Rome STSS New Yorker

MAKING OUR WAY to the Utica Rome Speedway, it was a much different day than promoter Brett Deyo is used to as the sun was shining bright and not a cloud in the sky, or any rain in the forecast.

It was going to be a great day of racing and as hot as it was out, the racing was just as hot for the "New Yorker," \$12,000-to-win 50-lap Short Track Super Series (STSS) Modified event. The event was the second in the Ollie's Elite Series and round No. 9 of the River Valley Builders North Division.

UTICA ROME SPEEDWAY

A strong field of 47 STSS Modifieds made their way to the pits with some very talented drivers ready to strap in and turn left in the four 15-lap heat races. Taking five out of each heat, with the top three going to the redraw, it was important to get to the front.

Wow, with such a strong field it was great racing after the drivers drew for heat race starting spots in the pits. Each heat was loaded with talent and it showed, with the great side-by-side-by-side racing using the entire speedway.

Working your way to the front of these heats was no easy chore — you pass a two-time champion, and the next car has won seven features, and here comes a rumble on the high side, and all you hear is metal grinding and you haven't even made it into the top 5. That's how tough it was.

Picking up heat race wins were Matt Sheppard, A.J. "Slideways" Alan Johnson, Billy Decker — who was dominating — and fresh off his big win Saturday at Lebanon Valley, Andy Bachetti. That was four heat races of good, hard, clean two- and three-wide racing that had drivers and the fans on the edge of their seats cheering on their drivers. This is dirt racing at its best!

After picking up the win in heat one, everyone knew Sheppard's 9S was a hot rod. When the green flag dropped on the STSS 50-lap New Yorker, it was clear how bad-ass that hot rod was. The 2023 racing season has Sheppard with 27 wins for the year after picking up win 11 at Utica Rome Speedway, as well as the seventh track title — his third in the row was the class of the field. In his last 10 races Sheppard has picked up six wins, three seconds and a third, and is well on his way to walking away with both the STSS and DIRTcar championships, along with the NASCAR Division 1.

Love him or hate him, there is one thing for sure — the man can turn left and is at the top of the Modified world in the Northeast. He has the records and bank account to back it up.

Hmm, does this remind you of Brett Hearn when he was winning as well?

Remember, boos fuel the fire within. Not sure as a race fan how you can boo someone or yell obscenities at a racer that just put their heart and soul on the line. I guess at that point you know you have made it to the big time.

After the four edge of your seat heats, two action-packed consi's, the 31-car field assembled for the \$12,000-to-win and the beautiful New Yorker trophy. The field was filled with stars, multi-time champions, feature winners, and a crop of young talent ready to set the Modified world on fire and they will.

What a sight — 31 STSS Modifieds four-wide around the "Home of Heroes" and dropping back into their starting positions for what was an outstanding race from the drop of the green. By luck of the draw it was the Jimmy Phelps 98H and the 28 Michael Trautschold bringing the 31-car sail paneled Modifieds to the green.

Going into turns 1 and 2 nerf bar to nerf bar it was Trautschold with the advantage, grabbing the lead down the back stretch and into 3 and 4 to lead lap one as Alex Payne dropped back to seventh.

Behind the leaders it did not take long for things to heat up with 31 cars looking for racing room. On the move was fourth-place starter Sheppard moving to second, Decker was third, Phelps and former track champion Erick Rudolph held down the early top 5.

The first caution found veteran Pat Ward's 42P between turns 3 and 4. Back to racing, Trautschold held his own against Sheppard down the back stretch on the top side before Sheppard used a great move in turn 3 to become the new leader, leaving Trautschold to battle with Decker, a battle Decker would win.

As good as the racing was in the top 3, Phelps and young gun Alex Payne were battling and behind them they were racing three-wide, with a great battle with Marc Johnson, Andy Bachetti and Max McLaughlin. It seemed Marc Johnson aboard the 9 car was around the top 7 all day after starting 11th and battling hard to keep his position.

Now 10 laps in and Payne had worked his way to fourth, and two laps later was third, slamming the high side behind Sheppard and Decker. Setting a fast pace up front and green flag racing Sheppard was closing in on lap traffic, lap traffic that was racing for position.

Once into lap traffic, Decker started to close the gap. Behind the leaders, the tight racing continued as Rocky Warner had worked his way to the top 5, racing with Bachetti. As the lap counter clicked down so did the lead and it was clear Decker was coming after Sheppard and the veteran of many dirt wars was ready

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THROUGH THE WOODS

By Nancy Jane Kern

White Pines

THE WHITE PINE TREES around the house begin to get scruffy this time of year. This is a normal phenomenon and is called seasonal needle loss or fall needle drop. In the spring a tuft of new needles forms on branch tips. Toward the fall and winter, the oldest needles, about 2-3 years old, turn brown and are shed.

So, if you are wondering about the health of your pine trees this may explain a recent change. It seems to be occurring early this year and may be related to our unusually cool, wet weather.

Eastern White pines, or *Pinus Strobus*, are beautiful trees and have been referred to as the “monarchs of the forest.”

If you have visited Saratoga Springs think of the Avenue of the Pines which is a landmark site on the way to the Gideon Putnam Hotel.

The trees there are mature and tall, exhibiting their usual height of 50-80 feet or more, and spread of 20-40 feet wide. They grow fast (over 25” per year) and do well in sunny locations under a variety of conditions. They make good wind-breaks and evergreen fillers for many spaces.

I located my house between several old white pines for these reasons and because they attract many birds. Woodpeckers and chickadees, pine warblers, and others are drawn to them. In winter, the soft needles and old woodpecker holes make great shelter, and the rich seeds are enjoyed by wildlife as well as birds.

There is an abundance of large clusters of pine cones hanging on the trees this year. In Columbia County, there are nice examples of white pines anywhere, including many in the Cedar Park Cemetery in the City of Hudson.

It is hard to believe, but back in colonial times, white pines reached a height of 250 feet and had trunks 6 feet in diameter. These very tall trees were perfect for ship masts, and as their numbers decreased, the English Navy got Parliament to make a law in 1691 that reserved all these large trees as property of the English government. This began the “broad arrow” acts, named for the axe

mark placed on these trees.

Colonists resented the crown confiscating all the best trees, and this, along with the famous Boston Tea Party, contributed to the start of the American Revolution. The first flag of the revolutionary forces had a white pine emblem on it.

White pine has other uses, particularly as lumber for houses, knotty pine paneling, flooring, and furniture.

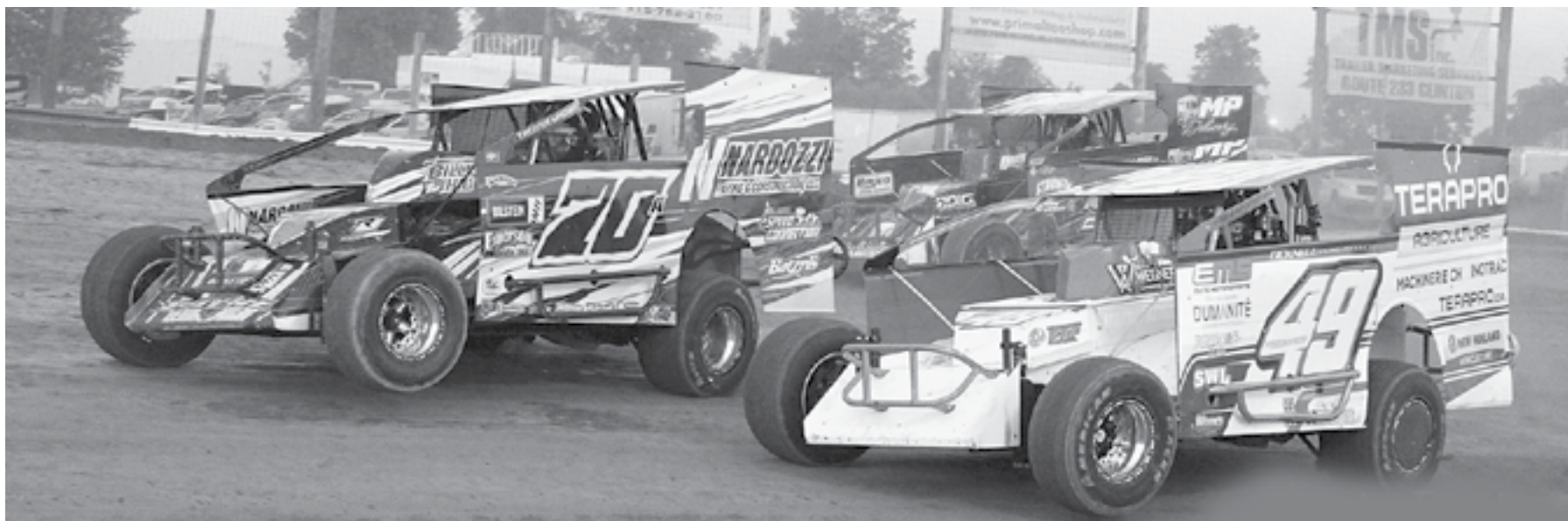
The wood is light in weight and has fewer tendencies to warp or check than some other woods. Since it is softer than woods like oak, it is easily marred when used as flooring. But then, these wear marks add to the floor’s character.

The six tribes (the Cayuga, the Mohawk, the Oneida, the Onondaga, the Seneca, and the Tuscarora) of the Iroquois League of Nations called it the Tree of Peace. In the early 1800s the warring tribes decided they had had enough fighting and agreed to bury their weapons under a giant white pine tree.

Native Americans revered these trees and used them for many things. They ate the inner bark of white pine for food during the winter and made a drink of steeped pine needles that contained high levels of vitamin C which prevented scurvy. The name “Adirondack” is an Iroquois word which means tree-eater.

Being around these magnificent trees is peaceful. When the needles are sun-warmed on a hot summer day, they give off a wonderful scent and offer cooling shade. When fall arrives and there are piles of soft brown needles all around, they silence footfall.

The pines will look much better in time for Christmas, and some will be harvested as one of our favorite Christmas trees. The lovely evergreen needles will brighten winter, and against the snow, give us hope for spring.



Mark Kane

Tight racing action was the word of the day in both the heats and feature for the STSS New Yorker at Utica Rome.

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for another.

Working lap traffic with perfection, Decker was able to get alongside the leader with Sheppard again getting the advantage. Wherever you looked on the track, the great racing continued with two- and three-wide action as Sheppard turned up the wick and started to open the advantage.

Things got real interesting quick, and scary, as Bachetti, Payne and Warner were racing hard in tight quarters for position three, four and five, when contact was made between the rear corner of the Bachetti car and the front bumper of Payne’s ride, sending Bachetti facing the front stretch wall, driving out of it doing a 360 in the middle of the track, only losing two spots as Warner drove to third and the green remained out.

That could have gone way wrong and where it happened would not have been good at those speeds.

Wasting little time, Bachetti started to get right back in the thick of the battle and worked his way back to fourth.

Late race cautions and bringing the field back to the rear deck of the 9S gave Decker one last shot at the leader, but on this day Sheppard would once again be victorious, picking up the New Yorker 50 STSS Ollie’s Elite Series win and the \$12,000 payday.

Following Sheppard to the line were Decker, Warner, Bachetti, Phelps and Johnson holding on for sixth.

MORE RACING

In other action, Jim Normoyle had not won a race in the Utica Rome Pro Stock class in 7.5 years and goes back-to-back the last two events. The caution-filled event found some great racing between the yellow flags that found the top 5 cars

in a tight battle throughout the event.

Following Normoyle to the line was Brett Belden, the 2023 track champion; all-time Fonda Pro Stock win leader Kenny Gates; Jason Morrison; and 2023 Fonda champion Ivan Joslin rounding out the top 5.

In the Limited Sportsman it was Jonny Feagles picking up his first win at the track.

At the “Valley of Speed” Lebanon Valley Speedway Bachetti picked up his third Mr. DIRT Track USA win in a row after starting on the pole.

Rounding out the top 5 were Sheppard, J.R. Heffner, Adam Pierson and Eddie Marshall, with the “Ravena Rocket” Keith Flach finishing sixth in the \$15,000-to-win 100-lap event.

Up in Vermont at the Devil Bowl Speedway, Matt Janczuk picked up the Vermont 200 for 602 Crate Modifieds win with almost 80 in the pit area for the event. Following Janczuk to the line was Payton Talbot, Gary Edwards, Zach Sobotka and Cody McPherson rounding out the top 5.

Two big weekends are coming up with the Fonda Speedway 200 weekend on Sept. 14-16, with three days of action-packed racing that will conclude with the historic 200-lap Fonda 200. This event will bring in a solid field of invaders. The weekend includes Modifieds, Sprint Cars, Pro Stocks, Sportsman, Rookie Sportsman, Street Stocks and 4 Cyl.

Albany Saratoga will have their Malta Massive Weekend on Sept. 22 and 23, with the Super DIRTcar Series coming to town along with a very special day as the local race fans get to say goodbye to a true veteran of the Northeast Modifieds, Kenny Tremont, who will be hanging up the helmet and fire suit after a great career. The 115 will be truly missed by fans as well as fellow drivers. Check the track’s websites for times and ticket information.

Please continue to support those who support the greatest show on dirt.

Libraries



Steven Shapiro

NCFL hosts third segment of their death and dying series Sept. 19

NORTH CHATHAM—Join the North Chatham Free Library (NCFL) for the third segment of their Death, Dying and Bereavement series entitled “Walking Through the Fire,” facilitated by Steven Shapiro on Tuesday, September 19 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. This program is free of charge.

This program is an opportunity to experience an interactive exercise that sheds light on the “letting-go process” that one encounters as the end-of-life approaches. You will discover, in a safe environment, how to help friends and family who are facing the death process. It will also help you understand your own passing.

This program is limited to 12 participants and registration is required at Registernorthchathamlibrary@gmail.com

Mr. Shapiro has studied death and dying extensively. He has been both an active hospice volunteer and hospice trainer. He has helped many people as they approach death and after they have transitioned into what is beyond.

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Copake Grange comes out on top

Copake Grange #935 won first place for its “The Farmer Feeds Us All” exhibit at the Columbia County Fair. The Grange congratulates and thanks Bridget Johnston and her team of a dozen members for their collaborative efforts to make it happen, including: Noel Fair, Ann Strohmeier, Dorothy Nowak, Lori Drumm, Marilyn Gross, Kim Hausner, Paulette Bonanno, Bernice O’Connell, Jimmy Germain, Louise Shelton. The prize was a blue ribbon and \$375.

Photo contributed

Peacemaker from Liberia to speak

SPENCERTOWN—Saturday, September 16 at noon, St. Peter’s Presbyterian Church, 5219 County Route 7, in collaboration with the Valatie and Hudson Presbyterian churches, will host International Liberian Peacemaker Matilda Parker. She is a ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church, Monrovia. Lunch will be provided; come and share in an inspiring time.

Presbyterian Church USA’s work in Liberia began in 1833. It currently has 15 congregations with more than 3,000 members. Liberia has a population of 5.2 million and sits on

the West African coast. Americo-Liberians—descendants of free African Americans who arrived from the U.S. and the Caribbean from 1822 onward—make up only an estimated 5% of the population.

Ms. Parker, a member of the Bassa tribe, has studied in the U.S. and holds an executive master of business administration degree from the University of Texas-Dallas. She has hands-on experience working in the areas of finance, international relations, and business operations.

She believes that one of the



Matilda Parker

many ways to improve peace in Liberia is by addressing imbalance in the provision of public services to citizens. In a press release, she said: “Liberia has made remarkable peace gains over the past 14 years. However, many of the root causes of Liberia’s conflict remain unaddressed. The concentration of power in Monrovia and the imbalance in the provision of public services persist as sources of discontent in the country. Land disputes, corruption, and concession-related tensions continue to be the main triggers of violence.”

Ancramites can chuck unwanted stuff Saturday

ANCRAMDAL—Ancram residents can participate in Community Cleanup Day at the Ancram Town Garage 32 Maple Lane, Saturday, September 16 from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine.

The price of admission is a donation of a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

Residents can bring: furniture, appliances, metal, glass, pots, pans, TVs, computers, computer screens, electronics, car batteries, tires off their rims \$3.50; tires on rims \$6; rims

without their tires are free; large and super single truck tires \$25.

All tires must be clean with no dirt or they will be refused.

Residents cannot bring: garbage, paint, paint cans, oil, oil cans or barrels, chemicals, fertilizer or pesticides or their containers, hazardous materials of any kind, brush, construction debris; mattresses, box springs, sofas, upholstered chairs, lithium batteries. Tractor tires, mattresses, box springs, sofas and upholstered chairs can be taken to the County Transfer Station on Route 23B in Greenport. All

mattresses, box springs, sofas and upholstered chairs are \$10 each. Sectional sofas are \$15. But prices are subject to change so check the County Solid Waste Department website for full list of prices and operating hours here: <https://solidwaste.columbiacountyny.com/fees-policies>

Latex paint (which is water based) may be disposed of in regular household garbage provided the liquid inside of the can is dry. This can be accomplished by adding shredded newspaper, sand or kitty litter

to latex paint and letting it air dry (as per NYSDEC).

If residents have something not on the approved list to bring, but are not sure about it, call Jim Miller 518-329-6190 or email Jim at ancramhighway@outlook.com.

Those who want to volunteer to help out at the garage on September 16, let Jim know. Six to eight people are needed to help direct traffic, take money and keep things running smoothly.



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Claverack Library hosts Stone and Toon

CLAVERRACK—On Saturday, September 16 at 4 p.m. the Claverack Free Library will host an afternoon conversation about creative writing with author Laurie Stone and writer Richard Toon, who live together in Livingston. How they arrived in Columbia County from New York City and Arizona, respectively, is something they are still happily wondering about. Change at any age, the pleasure of being in an unknowing state, the play of the seasons outside the window every day—these are among the topics they will touch upon,



Photos contributed Laurie Stone (l) and Richard Toon

as well as the craft of writing. Mr. Toon will surprise Ms. Stone with questions unknown

to her ahead of time. She'll read several short passages from her latest book and from her

Substack publication. There will be time for questions from the audience, followed by refreshments.

Ms. Stone is the author of six books, most recently "Streaming Now, Postcards from the Thing That Is Happening" (2022). She was a

long-time writer for The Village Voice, critic-at-large on Fresh Air, and theater critic for The Nation. Currently, she is a contributor to Paris Review. She writes the column "Notes on Another New Life" for Oldster Magazine, and she writes the Substack Everything Is Personal laurystone.substack.com.

To make a reservation please call the library at 518 851-7120 or email info@claveracklibrary.org. The Claverack Library is located at the intersection of routes 9H and 23B; enter the parking lot at 629 Route 23B. Visit www.claveracklibrary.org



Irma Waldo

Roe Jan Writers Series presents Dr. Irma Waldo

COPAKE—Irma Waldo will read from and discuss her memoir, "The Doctor Wore High Heels," published by The Troy Book Makers earlier this year, at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library on September 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dr. Waldo is 98 years old and among the first women admitted to medical school at the University of Buffalo during World War II. Her memoir focuses on her time practicing medicine as a rural doctor in Columbia County and the challenges she faced as a female physician serving farmers and their families.

This reading will be in person at the library, 9091 Route 22, and streamed live on Zoom. Email director@roe-janlibrary.org to receive the Zoom login information.

Books will be available to purchase at the event. Cash and checks will be accepted.

This program is co-sponsored by the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society.

Call 518 325-4101 or visit <http://www.roejanlibrary.org>

Columbia County libraries host Community Read of 2023

COPAKE—The Columbia County Libraries Association (CCLA) is organizing a county-wide community read in the fall of 2023, to begin during Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week on September 18, to encourage people throughout the county to read a common book and come together for discussions and programs around the themes presented in the book. For its first selection, the CCLA has chosen "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" by William Kamkwamba.

"The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" is a true story of a young boy who helped a village in Malawi facing extreme drought by constructing a

windmill to generate electricity and pump water after seeing an example in a book in his local library. He taught himself the science and engineering behind the device and made his first windmill with spare parts scavenged from his neighborhood. The CCLA's goal is to spark conversations about issues of importance to members of the community – on education, on climate change, and on connection to the larger world and our shared humanity, and on how individuals can make a difference.

There are several editions of this book, including a picture book for young children, a book for young readers, and a book for young adults and

adults, making it appropriate for every reading level. Additionally, screenings will be made available at different member libraries of the book's subsequent documentary feature and dramatized film. This way, everyone in the community can participate: read a book, share perspectives, attend a program, and build a stronger community together. To further celebrate the book and the community's reading achievements, the countywide read will conclude with a free screening of "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" (2019) at the Crandell Theatre in Chatham on November 5 at 1 p.m.

All editions of the book will be available through Columbia

County libraries as well as through digital library platforms, Libby and Hoopla.

For a list of upcoming programs, visit the CCLA's website at <https://columbiacountylibraries.org/columbia-county-community-read/>

Be aware that times and dates are subject to change so patrons are advised to check in with their local library to confirm program details as the date approaches.

CCLA is thankful to receive the support of the Ackerman Foundation, Bank of Greene County, Crandell Theatre, Humanities New York, and the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation to make this community initiative possible.

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Obituaries

Wayne K. Dedrick, Sr. (1946 - 2023)

GERMANTOWN—Wayne K. Dedrick, Sr., lovingly known as “Poppy,” passed peacefully in his home September 8, 2023 surrounded by family, after a brief and courageous fight with cancer.

Born in Hudson, May 22, 1946, he grew up hunting and fishing. He attended Germantown schools and went on to spend many years working on telephones at the BECO Company. He was also a valued member of the Germantown Fire Department, earning various titles and honors.

He was an avid hunter and enjoyed sharing this hobby with his sons. He spent many mornings sitting in tree stands, or on a boat fishing in Lake Ontario. He also enjoyed going to the races with his sons at Fonda, Utica-Rome, Lebanon Valley and occasionally visiting the Tricky Triangle at the Pocono Speedway. He was a proud Stewart Friesen fan, usu-



Wayne Dedrick, Sr.

ally sporting a hat or sweatshirt.

He enjoyed riding his quads, which he often referred to as “scatties,” with the love of his life, Linda. They were married in 1996 and spent more than 40 years by each other’s sides.

He is predeceased by: his parents, Philip (Ann) Dedrick, Jr. and Shirley (John Harder) Saulpaugh; “Uncle Earle and Aunt Olive” Helsley; his brother and best friend, Philip “Teddy” (Linda) Dedrick, III; his sister, Cheryl “Lee” (Roger) Rekow; and dear friend, Frank Fizzinoglia. He also has three dogs, Cody, Say and Spencer, meeting him eagerly at the rainbow bridge.

He is survived by: his

beloved wife, Linda G. Dedrick; sister-in-law, Christine Messenger; two sons, Christopher (Tracy) Dedrick and Wayne (Barbara) Dedrick, Jr.; sisters, Bonnie (James) Ostoyich, Mildred “Dolly” Pullen, Nancy (Fred) Fontaine, and Connie (Bob) Horton; grandson, Alec (Samantha) Forezzi; granddaughters, Hope “little Hopey” Dedrick and Eliana Dedrick; great-granddaughter, Rose Forezzi; and many nieces and nephews. Calling hours will be Tuesday, September 19 from 10 a.m. to noon with a funeral service to follow at noon from the Wenk Funeral Home, Chatham. Interment will be in the Germantown Reformed Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, consider sending a donation to the Germantown Fire Department, P.O. Box 331, Germantown 12526. For online condolences visit wenkfuneralhome.com

Mary Lou D. Williams (1943 - 2023)

ANCRAM—Mary Lou “Penny” D. Williams, 80, of Ancram passed away peacefully at her home and went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

She was born February 6, 1943 in Queens, to Mae G. (Mandell) and Charles T. Wagner, Sr. She lived in South Ozone Park in Queens for 18 years, attending PS 45, Shimer Junior High School, then graduating from John Adams High School.

On December 8, 1962, she married Josef Schmidt, Jr., with whom she shared four children. Together, she and her family lived in Kings Park, Long Island, where she served on the Kings Park School District PTO, volunteered at the school and also volunteered with both the local Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts.

In 1981, she and her family left Kings Park to pursue a life in the country in beautiful upstate New York, purchasing a home in Churchtown, Columbia County. There she was able to enjoy the wildlife and nature that she so loved as well as her little farm of dogs, cats, rabbits, a bird and a horse. She always considered Columbia County her “true home.”

On September 19, 2004, she married Wayne Williams in the backyard of her Ancram home surrounded by family and



Penny Williams

friends. Together they shared 27 years of love.

Over the years, she continued to do volunteer work for Taconic Hills School District, where her children attended. She attended the Church of the Holy Cross in West Taghkanic where she taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. She had worked for many years for John A. Alvarez and Sons as a bookkeeper and later, worked as a school bus monitor for special needs students in the Red Hook School District. She always loved spending her mornings and afternoons with her students and became close with the families as well.

She had a deep devotion and love for animals. As a little girl, her love for dogs began, and over the years she became a breeder, trainer and was known for showing champion Great Danes. She was also a volunteer and foster mom for Labs4Rescue. She had a great admiration and love for her FIDS (Fur and Feathered Kids).

She passed her deep love and adoration for animals to each of her children. She

enjoyed celebrating Christmas and Easter, while always keeping the emphasis and focus on the true meaning of the holiday. Throughout the years, she enjoyed blessing many with thoughtful and meaningful gifts.

She was predeceased by: her parents, Mae G. (Mandell) and Charles T. Wagner, Sr.; brother, Charles T. Wagner; sisters, Joan H. Kelch and Diane Pickup; infant son, John Schmidt; and most recent FIDS to include: Doberman Pinscher Shane, Labs Chance and Kahlua; and her two exotic birds Miami Sound Machine and Baby Bird.

She is survived by: her husband, Wayne Williams; her three children, Kerry Anne Schmidt, David Josef Schmidt and Aimee Elizabeth (Jonathan) Walsh; known as “Mom Mom” to her grandchildren, Ashton Fantauzzo, Braeden Morris, Cameron Hessler, and Emma Walsh; and her devoted and sweet dog, Princess Lizzie.

Cremation has taken place through the care of Simple Choices, Inc.

The family will have a private ceremony per her wishes.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Labs4Rescue can be made in her name.

Memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family, online at: SimpleChoicesCremation.com

Jessica A. Kuhnen (1978 - 2023)

DANBURY, CT—Jessica Ann Kuhnen passed away September 8, 2023, in Danbury, CT, and the world lost the bright shining light of a person beloved by all.

She was born August 11, 1978 in Hudson, and is survived by her husband, Jason Colon; father, Karl; mother, Carla; sister, Jennifer; niece, Aliana; nephew, Amare; brother, Jake and his partner Sue; brother, Josh and his wife Karen; nephew, Isaac and nieces Hailey, Genevieve and Elise.

She grew up in Stuyvesant and attended Ichabod Crane Central. She received her first degree from Columbia-Greene and graduated from Green Mountain College. She later received her master’s in museum studies from Seton Hall University. She proudly worked for more than a decade as a curator/museum technician for the National Park Service at Weir Farm National Historical Park.

She was a beautiful soul, inside and out. She traveled the world, was an art history buff, adored animals and nature, loved to cook, knit, garden,



Jessica Kuhnen

create her own spirits, and was an avid trivia fan. She was devoted to her family, both immediate and extended, as well as her friends. She would drop everything to help anyone, and to meet her was to gravitate towards and love her.

A memorial will be held at French, Gifford, Preiter & Blasl Funeral Home at 25 Railroad Avenue, Chatham, Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with interment to follow at Ghent Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Friends of Weir Farm National Historical Park in her honor and they will be used specifically for something she was very passionate about: building the park’s art collection: friendsofweirfarm.org/donate/

Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblasl.com

Patricia Burnell (1942 - 2023)

WEST LEBANON—Patricia A. Burnell, 81, of West Lebanon passed away August 16, 2023 after a brief illness. Born March 17, 1942 in Great Barrington, MA, she was the daughter of Natale E. and William R. Huggins.

As a child, she lived in Glendale, MA, later moving to New Lebanon. She began her career as a research document proof reader at Sterling Winthrop, one of the early biotechnology giants in Rensselaer, before the term “biotech” came in to vogue. In the 1980s, when Sterling Winthrop moved their operations to Pennsylvania, she made the move with them where she later retired. After relocating back to the New Lebanon area, she started yet another career with Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, another biotech company in Rensselaer, from where she also later retired.

She was a proud, long-time, member of the Lebanon Valley Protective Association (LVPA). In her retirement she enjoyed being a member of the New Lebanon Seniors, traveling, her trips to the casino and her



Patricia Burnell

weekly pitch games where she met the love of her life, John Blake.

She was the beloved mother of James (Ruth) Burnell of Chatham, Tina (Lawrence) Eaton of Voorheesville; sister of William (Martha) Huggins, Pamela (George) Breen, the late Phyllis Hulbert and Deborah Huggins; aunt of JoAnna (Todd) Phillips; significant other of the late John Blake; grandmother of Austin (Heather) Burnell and Jessica (Craig) Fox.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with her family August 23, 2023. The Reverend Brian Engel officiated a brief service at the Thomas P. Mooney Funeral Home, 11 Elm Street Nassau. Burial immediately followed at the Cemetery of the Evergreens. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in her memory may be made to the LVPA in care of the funeral home.

Mary A. Cody (1978 - 2023)

ALBANY—Mary Ann Cody, 45, of Stottville passed away August 9, 2023 at Albany Medical Center after a long illness.

Born January 19, 1978, she was the daughter of the late

Thomas and Elizabeth (Pospisil) Cody.

Surviving are: uncles, James Pospisil, Robert Pospisil, John Cody, William Cody and a number of cousins and friends.

Services were conducted

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Stuyvesant Falls. Arrangements were with Bates and Anderson – Redmond and Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Editorial

The Columbia Paper now \$2 an issue

GHENT—LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE, the cost of publishing The Columbia Paper each week has been hit hard by the most recent inflation. We're doing our best to bring you news from and about Columbia County but right now we need some more help in the form of a 50-cent increase in the cost of papers purchased at local stores. That will bring the total price of a single issue to two dollars. It's the first single-copy increase since 2018. The cost of subscriptions is not changing.

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Doug Craig (l) and Perry Ascher are running for Taghkanic Town Board.

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Dems name candidates

 ELECTION 2023

TAGHKANIC — The Taghkanic Democratic Party announced Doug Craig and Perry Ascher as candidates for the Taghkanic Town Board in the general election to be held November 7.

Mr. Ascher and Mr. Craig are committed to maintaining the rural character of the town, while also fostering a sense of connection among members of the Taghkanic community. Mr. Craig is a retired scientist and active member of the community who built the new town website. Mr. Ascher is passionate about addressing food insecurity and volunteers at the Columbia County Recovery Kitchen and the Ancram Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry, and also serves on the board of Common Ground Dispute Resolution.

Among his top priorities, Mr. Ascher seeks to develop a more robust business district and improve cell coverage in the area, while Mr. Craig wants to build a new town hall and community center where folks can come together.

"Enhancing the town infrastructure will lead to improved community engagement," Mr. Craig said in a press release. "We need a place for community events that inspire public interest and participation, and to expand our modes of communication beyond the website and TGazette, so people know what is going on."

The both are active members of the Climate Smart Task Force, of which Mr. Craig serves as chair. He was pivotal in obtaining a \$10,000 grant to install heat pumps at town hall, saving taxpayers \$600 in the first year, and he wants to continue efforts to modernize in

ways that save residents money while improving resiliency.

Mr. Ascher, who helped update our Highway Department's vehicle inventory, is advocating for adding electric vehicles (EV) to the fleet. "The highway budget represents almost 60% of our overall town budget," said Mr. Ascher, who also serves on the Taghkanic Financial Advisory Committee. "As EV options become more readily available, planning will become critical to replace our fleet in a way that is financially responsible to taxpayers while also reaping the benefits of lower operating costs and decreased emissions."

Mr. Craig and Mr. Ascher are seeking open seats being vacated by Kara Gilmore and Elizabeth Craig, neither of whom is running for re-election.

Chair of the Taghkanic Democratic Committee Joyce Thompson spoke highly of the candidates. "Doug and Perry care about our community and have an established track record of getting things done for and with our town. They are good listeners and good organizers. I look forward to their contributions to our Town Board that will address the interests of all Taghkanic residents."

Members of the community are invited to a meet and greet Sunday, October 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the pavilion at Picnic Area E at Lake Taghkanic State Park. Both candidates will speak and take questions.

The general election is on Tuesday, November 7. Early voting will take place Saturday, October 28 to Sunday, November 5. Absentee ballots can be requested from the Columbia County Board of Elections or online at <https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov>

Letters

Biden completes FDR's promises

To the Editor:

We just passed the one-year anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act, for which not one Republican voted, although many have taken credit for the local infrastructure projects it's funding.

It is the single largest investment in addressing climate change ever made.

It caps insulin prices for Medicare recipients and many others at \$35 a month and out-

of-pocket drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries at \$2,000 a year.

U.S. Steel's CEO said the law should be renamed the "Manufacturing Renaissance Act."

The most hilarious endorsement of this course-changing legislation came from Marjorie Taylor Greene who complained it fulfills the promise of FDR's New Deal and finishes the work LBJ started when he cre-

ated Medicare.

Republicans' backhanded compliments won't prevent them from trying to destroy this achievement and Biden's presidency, but they do indicate that President Biden is working hard for all Americans and accomplishing goals we all want for ourselves.

Karen Fetty
Hudson



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Senator Michelle Hinchey visits the Columbia County Fair with NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard Ball on September 1.

Bill supports youth competitions at fairs

CHATHAM — Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-41st) announced that the Governor has signed her bill (S5526), making more small county fairs across New York State eligible for state reimbursement for youth competitions.

County fairs often award funding to youth who participate in fair competitions; however, fairs must spend at least \$5,000 in premiums (monetary prizes that a county fair awards to exhibitors) to be eligible for state reimbursement, which is a criterion that is nearly impossi-

ble for most small fairs to meet given their size and finite revenue sources, which can include fair admission fees, exhibitor fees, and local small business sponsorships. Senator Hinchey's bill (S5526), with Assemblymember Carrie Woerner, lowers the required amount to \$2,500 so that smaller county fairs can qualify for reimbursement and continue supporting young residents through local competitions.

Senator Michelle Hinchey said, in a press release, "Small county fairs across New York

State provide invaluable leadership opportunities that help young people build independence and life skills and gain confidence in their abilities. Through this legislation, we are providing our small county fairs with a critical economic tool to help them maintain youth fair involvement and support our next generation of leaders. I thank Governor Hochul for signing our bill into law, and I look forward to seeing many local fairs across the State benefit from this expanded eligibility."



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RECYCLE PLEASE



Olana packed with events

GREENPORT—Several events are slated for the Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Saturday, September 16.

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM), Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (Parks), The Olana Partnership, and New York State Bridge Authority will celebrate the Taste New York 10th Anniversary with local food, beverages, and art in the historic Hudson Valley region. Makers and vendors will be on site.

•Seventh annual Skywalk Arts Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rip Van Winkle Bridge Park. Come view and purchase art from many favorite local artists and photographers. Listen to musician David Temple in one of the most beautiful locations along the Hudson River Skywalk, in the park on the west side of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. Learn to paint the incredible scenery like the famous Hudson River painters at both ends of the Hudson River Skywalk which connects Olana State Historic Site and the Thomas Cole National Historic Site.

•Honey Harvest: End of Summer Pollinator Walk with

Fox Farm Apiary, 11 a.m. to noon. Join Olana's beekeeper Chris Layman to celebrate National Honey Month during this special pollinator walk. Chris will discuss how Frederic Church's artist-designed landscape provides abundant nutrition for bees and will highlight



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Busy bee at work.

key plants that help these special pollinators sustain themselves throughout the year. Participants will learn more about how Chris keeps Olana's honey bees healthy along with the nutrition-rich flora that inhabit the landscape. This program will culminate with a honey tasting and an opportunity to purchase Fox Farm honey to add to the pantry or

picnic lunch. Chris Layman, Cornell Master Beekeeper, manages the honey bee hives in Olana's historic farm complex and together with his wife, Lisa, owns and operates Fox Farm Apiary in Greene County. Fox Farm Apiary manages several apiaries including hives at Greene Land Trust and the Woodstock Land Conservancy. \$15 person, \$10 members. Advanced registration required at <https://tickets.olana.org>

For more information contact education@olana.org.

•Artmaking in the Afternoon—Free Drop-In Program, 1 to 4 p.m. Join educators at this special artmaking program at Olana State Historic Site in celebration of the seventh annual Hudson River Skywalk Festival. Participate in free, drop-in art activities in the Wagon House Education Center throughout the afternoon. Learn more about Frederic Church's artist-designed home and studio on the Hudson through drawing, painting, and collage. This drop-in artmaking program is part of the Hudson River Skywalk Festival and open to all ages and skill levels; all materials provided. Free. No advanced registration required.

World's largest cave is subject of film

OLD CHATHAM—Old Chatham Quaker Meeting screens "A Crack in the Mountain" at the Old Chatham Quaker Meetinghouse, 539 County Route 13, Saturday, September 16 beginning with a potluck meal at 6 p.m., film at 7 p.m.

The film tells the story of the, recently discovered, world's largest cave passage which is a national park and also a UNESCO world heritage site, and the opportunity and challenges it presents to the small, impoverished Vietnamese community nearby.

In 2014 the cave's future was thrown into doubt when plans were announced to build a cable car into the cave to attract tourism. With many arguing

that this would destroy its delicate eco-system and the local community divided over the benefits this development would bring, the film follows those caught up in the unfolding events.

The film uses this narrative as a lens through which to investigate related themes such as the challenges of modern day exploration, environmental conservation and sustainability, and the perils of operating as an activist in a country such as Vietnam—where freedom of speech is severely curtailed.

Free and open to the public. A moderated discussion with refreshments will follow the film. For more information call 518-610-3735. For directions: www.oldchathamquakers.org



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Dancers at an earlier Latinx Festival.

Latinx Parade and Fest spices up waterfront park

HUDSON—The Latinx Parade and Festival is coming Sunday, September 17 to the Hudson Waterfront with performances, art and food. A parade down Warren Street steps off at 1 p.m. followed by the festival from 2 to 6 p.m. and an after party 7 p.m. at Hudson Brewing Company, 99 South Third Street.

In its third year, the Latinx Festival has drawn over 1,000

people each year, with performances, artists, food vendors, children's activities and community tables. This event is packed with something for everyone. Join organizers for this must-attend event; bring friends and empty stomachs.

To volunteer for the event or learn more visit latinxfestival@sanctuarycolumbiacounty.org.

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Jane Gennaro's 'Storytales' at Claverack Library

CLAVERRACK—The Claverack Free Library announces the opening of "Storytales," an exhibition of recent work by artist/writer/playwright/performer Jane Gennaro on Friday, September 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Marilyn and Bob Laurie Gallery. At 6:30 p.m. the artist will present a 30 minute sneak preview of her new solo play "Coloring in Circles," a theatrical "storytale" that brings to life the childhood adventures, family and friends who inspire and inform her art. Refreshments will follow the performance. Seating is limited. Please call 518 851-7120, email info@claveracklibrary.org, or visit the cir-

ulation desk to reserve. The exhibition of drawings, paintings, sculptures, and assemblages runs through October 21 during open hours at the library, 9 Route 9H at the intersection of Route 23B. Ms. Gennaro lives in Claverack and New York. Solo exhibitions include the Fashion Institute of Technology, Klapper Center for Fine Arts at Adelphi University, and the World Monuments Fund Gallery. Locally, she's exhibited at Time & Space Ltd in Hudson. Ms. Gennaro's solo plays have been produced by the American Place Theatre, the Culture Project's Impact Festival, and

the Toyota Comedy Festival. Her work has been reviewed in the New York Times and featured in New York Magazine; she has voiced audio books, video games, documentaries and hundreds of commercials. Ms. Gennaro's satirical commentaries aired on NPR's All Things Considered.

IMBY is a media sponsor of this exhibition.

Jane Gennaro

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Find out 'What the Constitution Says About Citizenship'

HUDSON—The Hendrick Hudson Chapter, NSDAR, 2023 Speaker Series begins Sunday, September 17, which is Constitution Day and the beginning of Constitution Week. The public is invited to the chapter's Historic Robert Jenkins House, 113 Warren Street, to hear attorney Louis J. Oggiani present "What the Constitution Says About Citizenship." The house is not handicapped accessible. The talk, which begins at 3:15 p.m., is free.



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The Constitution

Mr. Oggiani, a lifelong resident of Great Barrington, has had a general law practice for 45 years and has helped many immigrants become naturalized citizens. He has a degree in political science from the College of the Holy Cross in

Worcester, MA, and a law degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston. For more than 30 years, he has been one of Berkshire County's Bar Advocates counseling indi-

gent criminal defendants; a certified EMT with the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad and County Ambulance; a planner and organizer of the annual Josh

Billings Triathlon, a Berkshire United Way fundraiser; and a member of the Human Rights Commission for Berkshire Meadows, a residential community for individuals with intellectual and medical disabilities.

Mr. Oggiani will discuss the uniqueness of the Constitution and how it defines citizenship.

Constitution Week was initiated by the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is a patriotic organization that encourages education and historic preservation in communities across America.

In 1955, DAR's president general adopted a project to promote the observance of the U.S. Constitution with a memorial week beginning on the anniversary of the signing of this document, September 17.

She asked DAR chapters, committees, and members to study, teach, and discuss the U.S. Constitution. She also encouraged members to invite their governors and mayors to issue proclamations celebrating the Constitution.

Constitution Week was officially declared by President Eisenhower August 2, 1956. This was the culmination of a proposal the DAR sent through Senator William F. Knowland of California.

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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