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Pot producers pop up in Copake

By DAVID LEE

COPAKE —In New York State, the recreational use of cannabis has been legal for adults ages 21 and over since 2021. As the roll-out for selling in any legal way has been slow, cannabis showcases have been conducted around the state. A pop-up cannabis farmer's market has been held every weekend since August 17 at Empire Farm.

The farm brought together growers, processors and distributors. Growers showing their wares were Starlit420 from the Finger Lakes region, Chessworth Farm in Jefferson County on the Canadian border and Empire Farm in Copake, host of the event. All In One Processing and Manufacture showed their edibles and vape systems and Legacy Dispensaries represented distributors. Hours are Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 6:30 p.m. for the rest of the year.

Licensing for storefront and distribution sales has been stopped due to law suits that claim unfairness. Tessa Williams is an author, entrepreneur, and proprietor of Empire Farm and the founder of FarmOn! Foundation, a non-profit started in 2011 to foster agricultural engagement especially among young and beginning farmers.

She said, "They told us to grow. Now

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David Lee

Is my milk shake ready yet?

Two-year-old Gabrielle Anderson, with the Barn Buddies 4-H group of Copake Falls, visited the cows on the first day of the Columbia County Fair. This year's fair, the 182nd, ran from Wednesday, August 30 to Monday, September 4 at the Fairgrounds in Chatham. For more photos from county wide event see page 14 of this issue.

The Doctor? She'll see you now

By LORNA CHEROT LITTLE

HILLSDALE RESIDENT Dr. Irma Waldo is in her 99th year, though she barely looks a day over 65. At age 25 she became a medical doctor and practiced in Hillsdale for 70 years specializing in pediatrics. With her daughter Wendy's encouragement, Irma used the Covid lockdown period to pen her memoir, "The Doctor Wore High Heels".

The venture was a family affair, with daughter, granddaughters and a great granddaughter helping by compiling articles, clippings and photos, as well as designing the cover. The book was



published and released in time for Irma to sell 70 copies at the Hillsdale Art Walk on August 12.

I had the great pleasure to interview Dr. Waldo at her home and was gifted a copy of her book. She is a charming woman, short, with large curious and sometimes mischievous eyes. Her silver hair was beautifully coiffed. She wore a pink and tan ensemble of floral-patterned blouse, jacket with a golden brooch, slacks and sensible shoes.

One of my first questions to Dr. Waldo was, "Why Hillsdale?" She confessed to wanting to practice medicine in a rural community and the "rolling hills" of

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Armstrong named School Queen at County Fair

Jahnyah Armstrong, of Chatham High's School, was named School Queen at the Columbia County Fair on Friday, September 1. This is the 83rd year of this traditional event, in which representatives from the

county's six public schools vie for cash prizes. Jahnyah's interests include reading, watching movies and art. She is pictured above in the fair's Firefighter's Parade on Saturday, September 2.

Martino talks about bees with club

KINDERHOOK—The August meeting of the Garden Club of Kinderhook featured guest speaker Chase Martino on "Bee's Heroism." Mr. Martino is a graduate of Ichabod Crane High School, and has received a scholarship from the garden club in both 2022 and 2023. He is currently a student at Siena College, majoring in Environmental Studies.



Photo contributed

Chase Martino with members of the Kinderhook Garden Club's scholarship committee Stephanie Lally, Carol Seastrand and Eileen McHugh-Szepessy.

His talk centered on the short life of the honeybee, and its significant impact on humans, most especially as crop pollinators for our food supply and use in medicines. Honey and beeswax are bonus products from these hardworking insects.

Mr. Martino also spoke of the habitat destruction, climate change and deforestation that are negatively affecting the bee population. He talked about

beekeeping practices, and what we can do as gardeners to support bees in our own environ-

ment. Visit gardenclubofkinderhookny@gmail.com

CGCC begins 23-24 academic year with enrollment jump

GREENPORT—Columbia-Greene Community College welcomed in the 2023-24 academic year with strong enrollment growth and WalletHub's "Top SUNY Community College" ranking.

"Thanks to the tireless work demonstrated by administrators, faculty, and staff, Columbia-Greene is enjoying increased enrollments as well as national recognition for being the number one community college in the State University of New York system," noted the college's President Carlee Drummer. "On the opening day of the fall semester, Columbia-Greene recorded nine percent more students, continuing the positive post-pandemic enrollment trend."

During the 2022 - 23 academic year, Columbia-Greene was one of the few SUNY community colleges with a significant uptick in enrollment.

Additionally, Columbia-Greene was the highest-ranked SUNY community college in New York in WalletHub's annual "Best and Worst Community Colleges" list. WalletHub compared more than 650 community colleges across 19 key indicators of cost and quality and ranked Columbia-Greene in the top seven percent (#46 out of 668) of community colleges nationwide.

President Drummer also stated that final enrollment numbers will not be confirmed until October.

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State nudges super sized-solar plant forward

By DIANE VALDEN

COPAKE—The controversial Shepherd’s Run Solar project took a step forward August 25, when the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) deemed Hecate Energy’s application to site the mega-solar facility in Craryville complete.

The recent finding of completeness comes after three prior Notice(s) of Incomplete Application (NOIA) issued by ORES since May 2022.

Hecate Energy, a Chicago-based developer of solar and wind facilities and energy storage projects, has applied to construct a 60-megawatt (MW) solar facility east of the Taconic Hills School District and north of Copake Lake in and around the Copake hamlet of Craryville. Nearly 200,000 solar panels would be erected on about 228 acres of an 880-acre total project area. Much of the acreage is prime agricultural land. A school district campus and residential areas border the property.

The industrial-scale project is not permitted under Copake Zoning Law, yet it is in the midst of the application/permitting process because Hecate has bypassed local law and is seeking site approval from ORES under the state’s streamlined siting process for renewable energy projects, known as 94-c.

An August 30 press release issued by the Town of Copake notes that the ORES decision was announced just one week after New York State Senators Michelle Hinchey (D-41st) and Pete Harckham (D-40th) wrote to ORES Executive Director Houtan Moaveni, “outlining

potential adverse environmental and agricultural impacts of the proposed 60-megawatt solar development and urging that another site be found for the project.”

ORES’ finding of completeness does not grant permission to build the site, but it does trigger a 60-day period by the end of which ORES must either publish a draft permit for public comment or deny permission for Hecate to move forward.

Also in its release, Copake officials complained that “ORES’ completeness determination was unwarranted since it ignores Hecate’s failure to submit critical information previously requested by ORES.

“Deputy Supervisor Richard Wolf, who has spearheaded the Town’s response to the Hecate application has pointed out that the corporation ‘has not fully addressed the impacts of its proposed 267-acre solar factory on the Taghkanic Headwaters Conservation Plan. It has failed to prove that constructing 200,000 solar panels and inverters, and drilling beneath wetlands will not adversely affect the wetlands, streams and Taghkanic Creek (an important source of Hudson’s drinking water), all of which are on or under the proposed construction site.”

Copake also contends that “Hecate has withheld historical information from the public regarding a historically significant Native American presence near the Niver Farm (now Rasweiler Farm) Hecate has not taken sufficient precautions to ensure the 60 megawatt solar facility will not adversely impact Copake’s nationally-significant historical and cultural resources.”

es.”

Contacted for comment this week on the ORES determination that the Hecate application is now complete after three rejections, Hecate Energy Director of Development Matt Levine responded by email: “Hecate Energy is pleased to have achieved a complete application milestone in the ORES 94-c process. This allows for the continued public input into the permitting process and will result in a balanced project outcome. We look forward to working with ORES and continuing stakeholder engagement throughout the ongoing project review by the State.”

Sara Traberman, a spokesperson for Sensible Solar for Rural New York, a Shepherd’s Run project opponent, commented by email: “The project, as currently envisioned in the completed application, is sited largely on prime farmland, violates at least 20 local laws, calls for drilling under protected wetlands (in violation of setback laws), disrupts important wildlife corridors, and will have an adverse impact on at least five cultural resources. These are the facts, some of which were noted by NY State Senators Hinchey and Harckham who have urged ORES to work with Hecate to find a more suitable location. We agree with the Senators, and fully support the Town of Copake Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor who call for ORES to deny the permit.”

Dan Haas, speaking on behalf of Friends of Columbia Solar, a project supporter, said by email: “Friends of Columbia Solar is pleased that the project is moving forward. We see the repeated ‘incomplete’ judgments

not as a reflection on the weakness of Hecate’s application, but evidence of the thoroughness of the 94C process. As we have demonstrated many times in letters, comments, newspaper ads and mailings, the objections to Shepherd’s Run don’t hold up under scrutiny, and we anticipate a draft permit at the end of next month. This summer has dramatized the climate crisis like no other, and made clear the importance of New York’s goal of a carbon-free grid by 2050. Sixty megawatts of renewable energy will be a significant step towards this ambitious but necessary landmark.”

In its recent press release, Copake also contends that “Hecate’s supposedly ‘complete’ application fails to address the adverse impact of waiving local laws specifically enacted to protect Copake’s high-quality farmland and rural character.”

“ORES may have found that Hecate’s application was good enough for them. But it is not good enough for Copake,” Town of Copake Supervisor Jeanne E. Mettler said in the release.

Pointing out that Hecate seeks permission from ORES to override 20 Copake laws, Ms. Mettler said, “Hecate’s proposal sacrifices prime farmland and tramples on local law. Clearly Hecate was irresponsible in choosing this site in the first place and they should not be rewarded now for their lack of care. Hecate has demonstrated a complete disregard for this small town... ORES should deny Hecate’s application and end this ordeal for Copake once and for all.”

“Given the large amounts of

missing or incomplete information, one can only hope that ORES’ Notice of Complete Application was issued to ‘put Hecate out of its misery,’ because ORES now understands that the proposed site is completely unsuitable for a utility-scale facility. In 60 days, ORES should tell Hecate to find another site,” Copake Deputy Supervisor Wolf said in the release.

In another solar project-related matter, Deputy Supervisor Wolf noted in his August solar project update that the attorney representing the Town on solar project matters “recently filed a motion to re-argue the appeal of an adverse decision in the ORES regulations lawsuit.”

An appellate court denied an earlier appeal by Copake in late May.

“That case, brought by Copake, five other small, upstate towns, and seven nonprofits, seeks to overturn the regulations under which ORES operates—regulations that were written by Hecate’s own energy consultant. Under these regulations, ORES has been able to deny towns—‘host communities’—a seat at the table when siting decisions for their towns are made. Copake would be precluded from directly participating in the siting decision-making process, decisions that would have profound impacts on Copake’s local environment, character, and economy. No taxpayer dollars have been spent on this litigation; we await a decision on our motion,” said Mr. Wolf.

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New Lebanon Town board reviews well testing results

By DOUG LA ROCQUE

NEW LEBANON—When the town board met earlier in August, most of the meeting dealt with commercial self-storage units, which was reported on in an earlier edition of The Columbia Paper (“New Leb storage developments” August 17-24). Here are some of the other more important developments at that meeting:

- The Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) has released the most recent well testing results from various areas around the town. Chloroform levels were reported to be on average with statewide results, or about 40%. E coli was detected in about 20% of the wells tested. The CAC says some of these higher test

results were in areas located in proximity to the uncapped landfill or around older septic systems. The committee continues to get requests for testing and wants to continue with such, particularly in the hot spot areas. Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling indicated water testing was one of the items high on the list from a survey the town conducted concerning the best use of ARAP monies.

PFAS, sometimes referred to as forever chemicals, have also been detected at the New Lebanon Jr./HS. building but are not believed to be related to any landfill leach. The school has a filtration system in place.

- According to reports generated by the electronic speed

monitoring sign placed on U.S. Route 20 in the area of the Walter B. Howard Elementary School, drivers are exceeding the 45-mph limit in alarming rates. The sign will be left there through September to see if there is any change once school re-opens. The report did note that eastbound drivers do not travel as fast as those that are westbound. Contacting the State Police and the Sheriff’s Office about enhanced patrols is under consideration.

- The Columbia County KISS Program (senior document shredding services) has returned to the New Lebanon Town Hall. Any senior can bring paper they would like shredded to the town hall any weekday except Tuesday

between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The service is free.

- Wreaths across America will visit New Lebanon. The goal of the Wreaths Across America (WAA) Mobile Education Exhibit is to bring local communities and the military together with education, stories and interactive connections.

The 48’ exhibit is equipped with a 24-person screening room that showcases the different aspects of the WAA mission through video. At the front of the exhibit there are three interactive computers to showcase locations, trucking supporters, and general wreath sponsorship questions. Also, in the front is an educational wall of information on the different

areas of WAA and where the mission will be going in years to come.

The purpose of the Mobile Education Exhibit is to not only teach the next generation about service, but to share stories of patriotism and love of country to communities around the United States.

The WAA mobile exhibit will be at the New Lebanon Jr./Sr. High School on Tuesday, September 19. Students are welcome to visit between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend between 3:30 to 7 p.m.

The visit is sponsored by the Stephentown Area Veterans and well as the New Lebanon and Berlin American Legions.

Brandow convicted in child sex assault case

HUDSON—Defendant Jamel Brandow was convicted by a jury trial in Columbia County Court August 15 for sexually abusing two children, according to a press release from the Columbia County District Attorney's Office.

A jury found Jamel Brandow, 40, of Hudson guilty of predatory sexual assault against a child, a class A-II felony; first

degree rape, a class B felony; first degree unlawful imprisonment, a class E felony; and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child, a class A misdemeanor; in front of Judge Richard M. Koweek.

Hudson Police arrested Mr. Brandow, May 5, 2019 after a young girl reported to police that she broke free from the defendant who had tied her up,

raped her, and threatened her in a State Street home. After the young girl broke free, she ran four blocks to her mother's workplace where she called the police.

The jurors reached their verdict the afternoon of August 15 after deliberating for two hours.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Ryan Carty

prosecuted the case.

"The abuse of a child by a person in a position of trust is the worst kind of betrayal. The survivors in this case bravely told the truth, despite the terrible trauma they endured. Their strength helped hold their abuser accountable. Survivors should know that the Columbia County District Attorney's Office is committed to helping

them feel safe and their voices heard," ADA Carty said in the release.

Mr. Brandow will be sentenced September 22. He faces up to 25 years to life in prison for his conduct.

Attorney Adam Staier represents Mr. Brandow.

Newest Park Police class members sought

ALBANY—The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) is looking for the next class of Park Police Officer Trainees committed to protecting the State Park system's record 79 million annual visitors.

In 2024 New York State Parks will be celebrating 100 years of providing outstanding recreational and cultural experiences to state residents and visitors from throughout the world. Park Police will play a critical role in the year-long centennial celebration as they continue to serve visitors and offer the safest beaches, trails, golf courses, pools, picnic areas, and entertainment venues in the nation.

Applications for Park Police Officer Trainee positions will be accepted until September 30.

Visit <https://parks.ny.gov/park-police/park-police-officers.aspx> for more information regarding the application process, agility testing, screening requirements and written exam.

"We are searching for the next group of recruits who have a calling for both state service and a love of the outdoors. Additionally, our New York State Park Police is among the first agencies in the nation

committed to the growing movement of 30x30—the initiative to reach 30% of women in recruiting classes by 2030, as we aim to be representative of the entire state. Advancing women in policing is critical to improving public safety," State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said in a press release.

Park Police work hard every day to protect millions of visitors and utilize a special training to respond to all types of situations including controlling crowds at concert venues, employing drones to search for sharks in the waters off Long Island, conducting search and rescue operations, and patrolling the state's waterways and snowmobile trails.

This past May, State Park Police Academy graduated 32 new officers who have been since assigned to serve New York's State Parks and Historic Sites. State Parks maintains a welcoming environment and offers new recruits hands-on training and classroom education in Criminal Procedure Law, Penal Law, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Park and Recreation Law and criminal investigations. Recruits will also receive training in firearms, first response, snowmobile and ATV operation, emergency vehicle operation,

and a wide variety of other law enforcement-related topics and skills. Then, academy graduates reinforce what was learned in the classroom through field training during the first months of their new assignments.

Park Police officers are highly trained specialists dedicated to the New York State Parks' core values of PRIDE: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Excellence. They provide New York State residents and visitors with safe and enjoyable recreational experiences at State Parks and Historic Sites.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which saw a record 79.5 million visits in 2022. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit parks.ny.gov, download the free NY State Parks Explorer app or call 518-474-0456. Join New York State Parks in celebrating its centennial throughout 2024, and connect on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the OPRHP Blog.

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Community Cornhole benefits local nonprofit

CATSKILL—In Flight, Inc.’s “Cornhole for a Cause” presented by MVP Health Care was held at Dutchman’s Landing Park to benefit In Flight, Inc.’s multiple programs to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), Saturday August 26.

The event drew over 200 community members who enjoyed the two tournaments as spectators and patronized the multiple vendors present to support the innovative programs In Flight, Inc. provides in Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, and Ulster counties to foster independence, enhance skills, promote social integration, and provide a nurturing environment for personal growth for those with IDD.

Eighteen teams participated in the event’s Blind Draw Cornhole Tournament sponsored by KeyBank, Marshall & Sterling, and Sawyer Motors.

Over 34 competitive games were played throughout the afternoon. By beating six other teams the first place winners were Robert H. and Caden A., followed by second place winners John C. and Peter M., and third place winners Marcie S. and Matt M.

Dustin P. and Kyler S. took first place in the Mixer Cornhole Tournament, created to encourage inclusion and sharing the love of the game between people with intellectual and developmental disabilities supported by In Flight with their fellow community members. Dustin, who receives services through In Flight, had been practicing as often as possible since he placed second in last year’s Mixer Tournament. With his continuous determination and positive attitude, he held his own and was able to take home the medal alongside Kyler. This year’s Mixer Tournament, sponsored by Dutchess County



Photos contributed
Far left, First Place Blind Draw Tournament Winners (l-r) Robert H. and Caden A. Mixer Cornhole Tournament Winners (l-r) Dustin P. and Kyler S.

THINKdifferently, Furniture Plus, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Hudson Valley Credit Union, Main Care Energy, Price Chopper, The Fortnightly Club of Catskill, UHY, and Ulster Savings Bank, also featured modified rules of play in accordance with the American Cornhole Association’s latest partnership with the Special

Olympics of North America making the sport of cornhole accessible to all.

Guilty Pleasure, a group of local Greene County musicians that focus on rock, dance, country, and pop, provided live entertainment. Jackie the Magician, from Bee Bee & Friends Magical Events, provided entertainment with her

balloons, magic and puppetry. The event also hosted a Challenge the Champion contest, a silent auction, and two raffles including 50/50.

To participate in next year’s Cornhole for a Cause planned for September, contact Jill Rodriquez at 845-835-6294 X 190 or jrordiquez@inflightinc.org

Broker offers free seller seminar

CHATHAM—Jennifer Sesma, an associate broker for Beach & Bartolo Realtors, is hosting a free seller seminar on September 23 at 10 a.m. at their office at 34 Main Street. Light Breakfast and coffee will be served.

If you were thinking of selling this year, this seminar is for you. If you are just curious about the market and maybe considering selling in the next few years, this seminar could be of value for you as well. Attendees will receive valuable

information such as a listing prep checklist, free home evaluation and local market report, staging referrals, other resources and much more. Seating is limited so they encourage you to RSVP.

Ms. Sesma is hosting both buyer and seller events every month. All events are free. Check their website www.beachandbartolo.com or eventbrite for upcoming events.

Ms. Sesma can be reached at 518 392-2700 extension 118.

Join in for Walk to End Alzheimer’s

GREENPORT—The Alzheimer’s Association, Northeastern New York chapter hosts its 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer’s—Hudson Saturday, October 14 at Columbia-Greene Community College. Participants may check in beginning at 10 a.m. with an opening ceremony at 11 a.m. The walk will begin immediately following the opening ceremony.

On walk day, participants honor those affected by Alzheimer’s with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony—a mission-focused experience that signifies solidarity in the fight against the disease. During the ceremony, walkers carry flowers of various colors, each color symbolizing their person-

al connection to the disease.

“This walk means so much to the community—to those living with the disease, to those providing care, to those who have lost someone to the disease. The walk is a reminder that we’re fighting for a different future. We are closer than ever before to ending this disease, but we have more work left,” Jillian Andolina, Development Coordinator for the Alzheimer’s Association Northeastern New York chapter, said in a press release.

“We hope that everyone impacted in our community will join us by starting a walk team. By helping us raise awareness and funds, our chapter can continue to provide free care and support services for families

facing the disease today, as well as invest in research to finally find a cure,” she continued.

More than 6 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer’s disease, including 410,000 New Yorkers. It’s not only a leading cause of death in the U.S., more than 11 million family members and friends provide unpaid care to people living with Alzheimer’s and other dementias.

Walk to End Alzheimer’s is the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research. The goal for this year’s Hudson walk is to raise \$40,000.

To register as an individual walker or team captain and to receive the latest updates, visit alz.org/walk.

Price Chopper announces September campaign

GHEENT—Price Chopper/Market 32 is launching its September campaign to help raise funds for the nonprofit organization, EmbraceRace. From September 1 to 30, Price Chopper/Market 32 customers will be given the opportunity to round up their change at checkout, 100% of which will go directly to EmbraceRace. Price Chopper/Market 32 will match all funds raised, up to \$10,000.

EmbraceRace was founded in early 2016 by two parents who set out to create the community and gather the needed resources to meet the challenges faced raising children in a

world where race matters. There are too few resources for young children available to parents, grandparents, other caregivers, and early childhood educators. EmbraceRace helps fill that gap.

All proceeds made will be donated to EmbraceRace to help them create more content to fill this gap such as articles, webinars, and conversation guides. The donation will also help EmbraceRace train people to be first-person storytellers, share videos of first-person stories about race and make book suggestions for kids and their caregivers.

“EmbraceRace goes above and beyond in its efforts to make sure children grow up educated about race. We were pleased with the very positive reaction we got from our customers and teammates last year and are excited to continue working together in 2023,” said Mona Golub, Price Chopper/Market 32’s vice president of public relations, in a press release.

To learn more about EmbraceRace and its mission, visit the website www.embrace-race.org, or on Facebook.

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Important words from HCSD's new superintendent

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON—"The diversity of the student body," the strategic plan's "focus on the student," and the beauty of the area are reasons Dr. Juliette Pennyman gave for seeking the position of Superintendent of the Hudson City School District (HCSD), at a media conference in the Hudson High School auditorium August 9. "I look forward to being here in this wonderful community," she said.

The HCSD Board of Education, on August 8, named Dr. Pennyman superintendent starting September 1. Dr. Pennyman's contract is for three years, but it gives the board the option of extending

her employment at the end of that term.

In response to questions related to the directions she plans to take, Dr. Pennyman said, "We have to be aware of and focus on the whole child." She noted the importance of the students' social emotional development and achievements.

"What I have learned," added Dr. Pennyman, who has almost 30 years experience in education and education administration, "is always to be in the role of servant. I serve the students, I serve the teachers, I serve the parents, I serve the board."

Moreover, Dr. Pennyman said, "I will be visible in the

community and make sure I am available." She said that in finding a place to live, her first choice is Hudson, because "it is important to be seen in the community." She foresaw "working with stakeholders so that Hudson can be a beacon of light."

Although most of Dr. Pennyman's experience has been with grade school and high school education, her latest position was as associate dean of academic services at Cheyney University in Pennsylvania. When asked how her time at a college would influence her, she answered that higher education needs to understand what happens in pre-kindergarten through 12th

grade, and pre-kindergarten through 12th grade needs to understand what happens in higher education. Students in lower grades need to realize more what will be expected of them in college. Dr. Pennyman called her time at the university "a great experience."

Meanwhile, when asked what she planned to do for student safety, Dr. Pennyman called the HCSD's recently-created safety plan "very robust."

One thing Dr. Pennyman has labeled a top priority, according to Communications Specialist Austin Crosier, is naming a new Diversity Equity Inclusivity (DEI) manager to replace Dr. Trinidad Hernandez, who resigned, effective at the

close of business August 25. "The DEI manager plays a vital role in the superintendent's cabinet and develops and implements policies to ensure that every student in the Hudson City School District is provided with every opportunity to succeed and thrive in a safe, inclusive learning environment," Mr. Crosier said.

On September 1, Dr. Pennyman will take over as superintendent from Interim Superintendent Cheryl Rabinowitz, who will then return to her regular position of District Instructional Technology Manager and Data Protection Officer.

Academic Honors

Dexheimer graduates from BSC

BISMARCK, ND—Sierra Dexheimer, Chatham, graduated from Bismarck State College with an associate in applied science degree in Electric Power Technology during the college's 83rd commencement ceremony on May 12, at the Bismarck Event Center.

Local residents graduate from RIT

ROCHESTER—Rochester Institute of Technology conferred more than 4,800 degrees at all of its campuses in the 2022-23 academic year. RIT's academic convocation celebration was held in May and featured remarks by Thomas Zurbuchen, astrophysicist and the longest continually serving associate administrator for the Science Mission Directorate in NASA's history.

The following local residents received degrees:

Thomas Carroll, Valatie, received a degree in political science (BS); Remi Schneider, Valatie, received a degree in physics (BS).

SUNY Oswego

OSWEGO—SUNY Oswego recently recognized Columbia County residents as high academic achievers on its president's list for the spring 2023 semester.

President's list students are those attaining semester grade-point averages of 3.8 or higher while carrying required academic credits.

Students on the president's list include:

Lindsay B. Klugo, Hudson, online business administration

Genesee Community College

BATAVIA—Violette Wallace, Craryville, was among 243 students from Genesee Community College, including all six campus locations in Batavia, Arcade, Dansville, Lima, Medina and Warsaw, who were named to the provost's list for the spring 2023 semester.

Students honored on the provost's list have maintained part-time enrollment and earned a quality point index of 3.75 (roughly equivalent to an A) or better.

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POT PRODUCERS

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we have all this product and no way to market it. This is the only way for us to sell.”

A cannabis entrepreneur with a conditional license is limited to one of the three license categories: adult use conditional cultivator the farmer who grows the plants, the adult use processor who prepares the plants in the form of smoking, edibles or vaping options, and the conditional adult-use retail dispensary. A grower can not distribute or process. At the Empire Farm showcase, the various forms of cannabis can be selected for purchase from the licensed growers, but the transaction and dispensation may only be done by the licensed distributor. Consumption is not allowed on the premises.

The dispensary category has its own unique requirements.

Now that cannabis has been made legal in New York, there are a lot of aggrieved people who have spent years in prison for something that is now permitted. The state CAURD Program (Conditional Adult-use Cannabis Retail Dispensary) which oversees the licensing of retail dispensaries, prioritizes people who have been formally convicted of a cannabis related offense in New York State, with the purpose of “speeding the delivery of investments into communities across New York State that were impacted by the disproportionate enforcement of cannabis prohibition,” according to the New York State Office Cannabis Management.

The beast at the heart of the labyrinth is the fact that cannabis is still federally prohibited. The Drug Enforcement



David Lee

Brian Loader is the sales representative for Empire Farm in Copake.

Administration lists it as a Schedule I substance. On a scale from I-V, Schedule I substances are defined as “drugs with a high potential for abuse, with use potentially leading to severe psychological or physical dependence.” Other drugs listed in this category are heroin, LSD, Ecstasy, methaqualone and peyote. The validity of that categorization will undoubtedly be put to the test in the future

as recreational cannabis is currently legal and decriminalized in 25 states. There are six states where it remains entirely illegal. The remainder of states have some mixed legality such as an allowance for non-psychoactive CDB which has specific medicinal applications.

For those engaged with the growing, processing and sale of recreational marijuana everything feels conditional. Matthew

Robinson is the proprietor of Legacy Dispensaries. He is a beneficiary of the state CAURD program.

“I’m one of the lucky 23, there are 400 or so that can’t get their licenses, and they’ve invested a lot of money—I’ve invested a lot of money.... Right now the CGS (Cannabis Growers Showcase) event is all we have.

“The Copake event is chill, relaxed, It has a good vibe. I always have a good time when I go down there,” he said.

Mr. Robinson spoke of the additional problem of corporate multi-state operators who he feels distort the rules to their advantage.

“I have nothing against making money, but they are trying to stop others from making money. They can do this because they have a lot of money to start with,” he said.

Mr. Robinson’s store will be in Colonie when he gets permission to build it.

THE DOCTOR?

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Hillsdale won her heart.

Irma Mazzearella, the oldest of three children, was born in 1925 in Bronxville, N.Y. Her mother, also named Irma, was a reading teacher and embraced the concept of phonics. In the book *Dr. Waldo* states that by the end of 1st grade, her mother’s students could read at a 3rd grade level.

Recalling her childhood, Dr. Waldo said that her sister and brother were raised by “the 10 Commandments, the Golden Rule of ‘do unto others as you would do unto you’” and with a “you can do this” attitude.

Chapter 1 offers a Golden Rule story about how her mother resolved a dispute over ice cream among her three children. It was during the Depression and spending money on sweets was a rare treat.

Mother Irma scooped equal amounts of ice cream into three bowls. However the children were certain that one of the bowls had more ice cream and they squabbled over who would get that bowl. To the children’s dismay their mother dumped all the bowls of ice cream into the sink. Lesson learned: “... if there was a bigger portion, give to the other. Don’t claim it for yourself.”

In Chapter 2 the author writes that soon to graduate from A. B. Davis High School in Mount Vernon, Irma thought she might pursue studies in nursing. She explained to the dean that she wanted to help people. The dean challenged, “Then why do you not become a doctor?” The dean argued

that Irma was in the top 10% of her class and there would be opportunity for women because men were being drafted into the military for WW2.

Not convinced, the young Irma consulted with an uncle, who was a doctor. He told her that nursing would be a more “appropriate” profession because she would marry, have babies and drop out. Irma’s can do attitude kicked in.

She told me that in response to her uncle’s advice she thought, “That’s what you think.” She added, “I thought [that] being a mother I can pass on information to my patients.” She applied to NYU’s pre-med program and was accepted in January 1943.

There was a shortage of U.S. doctors. Medical studies and internships, which normally took eight years to complete, were condensed into five. Irma Mazzearella graduated from college at age 20. She enrolled in the University of Buffalo Medical School, where there were 10 women out of 80 medical and 50 dental students.

In her book Irma writes that the male medical students were dismissive of the women, believing that they did not have the stamina to endure 60-80 hour work weeks and longer internship hours. Again her can do attitude kicked in. Irma ranked at the top of her class in each of the four years of medical study.

She told me that the 18-month rotating internship/residency at Erie County Community Hospital in medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and

especially surgery was invaluable. She writes, “I knew I would get a very broad experience there for this was where . . . impoverished patients . . . were cared for. . . . I also knew that interns were given great responsibility . . . The wisdom of this decision blessed me over and over . . . and bonded me to caring for underprivileged patients forever.”

At age 25 Irma Mazzearella was a doctor. One prophecy of her uncle’s did come true. She was also a wife. She married John Waldo, a dental student at UBMS, in her fourth year of medical studies.

But she did not drop out. They moved to Hillsdale, in 1950, when she joined the Rip Van Winkle Clinic. She recalled that she was the first woman doctor in Columbia County. “Now 40% of U.S. doctors are women,” she told me with a chuckle.

The Rip Van Winkle Foundation established clinics in Hillsdale, Philmont, Chatham, Germantown, Canaan and Hudson. Irma, now the mother of a 9-month old baby boy, was hired as a pediatrician, part-time, (in pay not hours) at the Hillsdale clinic while her husband practiced dentistry in Philmont.

Irma was employed part-time until her four children were school age. Often patient visits did not start until evening, when all her children were bedded down for the night.

She writes, “Imbedded deeply were the words of the male medical students that I would not practice medicine. I vowed, ...I will raise my children myself, and I will practice medicine.’ ...I believed that little ones should be in their own home with their mother or their

nana.”

Chapter 5 includes an example of Dr. Waldo’s generosity toward her patients. She was advised that the monthly billing system was burdensome to staff and not particularly fruitful.

At the end of December all patients with outstanding balances received a note with their Christmas cards, “To relieve the billing workload . . . and the burden you must feel ... carrying this debt, I am wiping the slate clean. ... pay whatever you can and it will be considered paid in full.”

“How touching ... the response! Some paid ... in full, others ... in part; still others paid with garden vegetables and fruits or with outgrown baby clothes to be passed on.”

One of Dr. Waldo’s duties at the Hillsdale Clinic was to be on call alternating weekends. Prompted by the many tourist-skiers she treated for various fractures and broken bones, Dr. Waldo took ski lessons and became proficient enough to volunteer with the Catamount Ski Patrol.

In the early 1970s Dr. Waldo responded to a request from a NYC doctor that would change the trajectory of her work. The doctor had a 9 year-old patient who was dying from a brain tumor. The young girl wanted to spend her remaining time in the country with her puppy. The doctor asked if Dr. Waldo would care for the child; if not he would decline the family’s request.

She said yes.

The experience was so heartwarming and demonstrative of a need for families who wanted dying loved ones to be at home that, in 1976, Dr. Waldo formally started the Roe Jan

Hospice, which over 18 years evolved into Columbia County Hospice. She writes that it is believed that Roe Jan hospice was the first such service established in the Northeast. The hospice care was an all-volunteer service with no charge to the patient and family.

At the end of our interview I asked Dr. Waldo how she would fix our current health-care system. At first she seemed befuddled by the scope of my question. Then her daughter Wendy prodded her mother that “personableness is gone.”

Dr. Waldo concurred and stressed the importance of getting full family health information. She added, “I don’t see how a doctor can do a physical without seeing the patient’s body. Patients need to remove their clothes for the entire body to be examined.”

She chuckled and told me that school students, especially boys, were surprised by the extensiveness of her exams. “I’d check their testicles [that they had dropped] and for hernias.”

I, also, asked Dr. Waldo what she would say to parents concerned about vaccinating their children. The “virus is very weak. [It] won’t hurt you. [It] will create antibodies.” Dr. Waldo believes in administering the full rage of vaccines: MMRDT – mumps, measles, rubella, diphtheria and tetanus—also, small pox.

Our interview ended with Dr. Waldo joking, “I’ve outlived my colleagues and can’t find a doctor.”

Dr. Waldo will be at the Roe Jan Library for a book signing on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m. Copies of “The Doctor Wore High Heels” are \$10.

Season closes with ‘Wonderettes’



CHATHAM—The Mac-Haydn Theatre’s 2023 season concludes with 50s and 60s jukebox musical, “The Marvelous Wonderettes,” running September 7 to 17.

Created by Roger Bean, “The Marvelous Wonderettes” is a jukebox blast from the past. It’s the night of the 1958 Springfield High School prom, and the night’s entertainment consists of four best friends – Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy, and Suzy. As they navigate life, love and the Prom Queen competition, the girls serenade with the classics from the decade.

Ten years later, the girl group reunites stronger than ever, learning that the power of friendship will always keep them together—bonded forever in four-part harmony.

Ashley DeLane Burger makes her directorial debut with the production, following

her work on the 2023 sell-out production of “Jersey Boys” as choreographer, and last season’s “A Chorus Line” (associate choreographer) and “Forever Plaid” (choreographer, 2022 BroadwayWorld Award).

She is joined by Music Director Eric Shorey and Assistant Choreographer Bella DePaola.

The production will feature scenic design by Paul Colarusso and John Saunders, lighting design by Andrew Gmoser, costume design by Annie Watson, sound design by Sean McGinley, hair and makeup design by Emily Allen, and props design by Adriana Ayala.

Starring as the four Wonderettes are Stephanie Prestage as Cindy Lou, Rachel Pantazis as Missy, Cydney Gleckner as Suzy, and, making her Mac-Haydn debut, Adeline Trivers as Betty Jean.

Audiences will hear favorite 50s and 60s hits, featuring over 30 throwback hits like “Mr. Sandman,” “Lollipop,” “Stupid Cupid,” “Lipstick on Your Collar,” “Respect” and “It’s In His Kiss (The Shoop Shoop Song).”

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

From top: Stephanie Prestage, Rachel Pantazis, Cydney Gleckner and Adeline Trivers

Photos contributed

Two Of Us presents ‘Karaoke Killer,’ a murder mystery

COPAKE—The Two Of Us Productions presents “Karaoke Killer” in collaboration with the Claverack Library. This murder mystery thriller is being performed on Saturday evening September 9 in the Marilyn and Bob Laurie Gallery at the Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B, Claverack. Doors open at 7 p.m., the show starts at 7:30 p.m., tickets are \$5 at the door.

With “Karaoke Killer,” the Claverack Library has become the latest stop on the National Karaoke Hall of Fame tour. Come on down to the infamous Pink Flamingo Nightclub, hosted by club owner and local impresario “Pinki” Zaloosa and her ever popular bartender Jack Daniels, for a great evening. Celebrities of the karaoke universe are coming from far and wide for a stellar evening of singing to the best of karaoke’s hits. Don’t miss this evening of music and mayhem.

A karaoke competition brings out the best and worst in people. The best can be something as simple as a gracious applause for the contest winner. The worst can be a little nasty behavior, undermining the success of others, deliberately plot someone’s downfall, paying off a judge or two, or even committing murder.

Before the evening is over,

someone else will be ruthlessly murdered, and it’s up to the audience to solve the crime. Prizes will be awarded to the first people who correctly guess the murder and motive.

“Karaoke Killer” will be performed live and in person. Don’t miss the suspense of this riotous and thoroughly enjoyable murder mystery. Concessions will be available during intermission courtesy of Chatham Provisions.

These performances are supported with funds from Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation, Stewart’s Shops, Bank of Greene County, Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation, The Ackerman Foundation, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Key Bank Foundation, The American Endowment Foundation, and The Network for Good. This project is also made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Governor’s Office and the New York State Legislature and administered in Columbia County by the Greene County Council on the Arts dba CREATE Council for Resources to Enrich the Arts, Technology & Education.

NCFL hosts presentation by documentary filmmaker Adam Zax

NORTH CHATHAM—Calling all film aficionados and lovers of independent bookstores to catch “Hello Bookstore,” a free program with Adam Zax on Sunday, September 10 at 3 p.m. at the North Chatham Free Library, 4287 Route 203.

Fascinated by the dialogue between people and landscape,

Mr. Zax produced this documentary about The Bookstore in Lenox, MA. Working with owner Matt Tannenbaum, the film celebrates the spirit and the inner workings of this type of shop and its important kinship it fosters within the community it serves and is located. Mr. Tannenbaum’s Bookstore remained available to the com-

munity throughout the Covid pandemic.

After Mr. Zax’s talk, there will be a discussion period where Mr. Tannenbaum will also participate, and answer questions and give ideas about new and interesting books.

Attendees may view the film prior to the event on Kanopy, an app available to library mem-

bers through the NCFL website at <https://northchathamlibrary.org/> or through the MidHudson Library System

This event is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of The Office of the Governor and the New

York State Legislature and administered in Columbia County by CREATE Council on the Arts.

‘Write That Story’ at RJ Library on Thursdays

COPAKE—Join Emily Rubin at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library weekly on Thursdays from September 14 to September 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., for a three-session writing workshop titled “Write That Story.”

This workshop series will introduce participants to writing a short story or memoir. Stories, whether memoir or fiction, often begin with a life or real-world event that fascinates and inspires the storyteller in us all to write. The participants will engage their creative writing muscles through close readings of fiction and memoir, in-class, and weekly assignments from writing prompts that use prose, visual imagery, poetry, and science to inspire stories. As they explore the internal and external conflicts in their lives and the world through writing,

the depth of experience and the world of a storyteller will emerge. At the end of the three sessions, participants will have a draft of a short story or the first pages of a memoir.

Ms. Rubin writes from her home in Copake. Her fiction, poetry, and essays have recently appeared in Wingless Dreamer, Oldster Magazine, Good Works Review, and Swim Press. Her debut novel, “Stalina,” won a publishing contract in the Amazon Debut Novel Award Contest. She is currently working on a novel based on her experiences homesteading a tenement in the East Village.

Limited to 10 participants. Participants are expected to attend all three sessions. If interested, please email communications@roejanlibrary.org. The instructor will get in touch with program applicants prior

to the first meeting to assess the suitability of this workshop series for their writing goals.

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

County by the Columbia County Council on the Arts dba CREATE Council for the Arts.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library, which is chartered to serve Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale, is located at 9091 Route 22. For information on hours and events, call 518 325-4101 or visit <http://www.roejanlibrary.org>

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

AREA ATTRACTIONS

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

CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE, 1 Clermont Ave. 500 acres on Hudson River. Grounds, 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. roeliffjansenhs.org. 518 329-0652.

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

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

FARMERS MARKETS

Fridays CHATHAM, 248 Rt 295, 3-7 pm. Vendors, entertainment, special events. Rain or shine. Schedule, more: visitthathamny.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 8 KISS PROGRAM, local town halls, free. Seniors drop off sensitive documents for shredding services to help protect identity. Questions: 518 828-3339.

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/VEswwbTg6ivbnF1QA.

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: spencertown-academy.org.

September 8 VOLUNTEER WORKDAY, Ooms Conservation Area, 480 Rock City Rd, Chatham, 9 am-noon. Help with trail maintenance & restoration. Registration: clctrust.org.

September 9 GARAGE SALE, Knights of Columbus at St. John the Baptist Church, 1025 Kinderhook St, Valatie. Vendors sought. Table rental \$15. Contact Michael at mjbarber@gmail.com.

NEWCOMERS MEET & GREET, Roaring 20s Brewery, 565 Rt 20, New Lebanon, 1-4 pm, free. Meet newcomers & neighbors, learn about volunteer opportunities, more about town. RSVP: nlrecreation03@gmail.com.

50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA, Millay Arts, 454 East Hill Rd, Austerlitz, 3-10 pm, \$100. Open house, tours, cocktails, buffet dinner, bonfire, s'mores, readings. Tickets: givebutter.com/c/af19im.

FIRST COLUMBIANS, Vanderpoel House, 16 Broad St, Kinderhook, 5 pm, \$200-\$250. Cocktails, food, live music, pop up exhibit. Tickets: cchsny.org/support/first-columbians.

HARVEST FESTIVAL, Church of St John in the Wilderness, 261 Rt 344, Copake Falls, 5-7:30 pm, \$75. Shields & Shenton perform "The Great American Songbook Retold" followed by drinks, food, silent auction. Tickets: stjohnw.org/event/harvest-fest.

September 9-10 STANDARD FLOWER SHOW, Kellner Community & Activity Building, Palatine Park Rd, Germantown, Sat 1-4 pm, Sun 1-3 pm, free. Feature flower arrangements, educational displays, horticultural specimens. Questions: 518 537-4868.

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BARRY HOPKINS RUN, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport, 9 am 1K Kids Run, free, 9:30 am 3.7M run, \$22. Online registration only: olana.org.

WHAT'S COOKING

First Tuesdays

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

September 9

CHICKEN BBQ, St John's Lutheran Church, 1273 CR 7, Ancram, 4:30-6 pm, \$18. Take out only. Menu: roasted chicken, sweet corn, potato salad, coleslaw, watermelon. Reservations: 518 789-4769, 329-0038, 755-8978, 329-7594.

FOR KIDS

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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.

Mondays & Wednesdays

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

Tuesdays

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

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.

HOMESCHOOL

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

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

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

DIVERSIFY TEEN

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

Third Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

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 12

FAMILY CONCERT, Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, noon, free. The Knights Orchestra performs excerpts from Edvard Grieg, Antonín Dvořák & Frederick Delius. clarkart.edu.

CHESS CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3-4 pm, free. For ages 5 & up. Bring chess board along. Practice game, improve skills, challenge peers. chathampubliclibrary.org.

September 12-November 28

IMPROV CLUB WITH CINDY KUBIK, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, Tue 5-6 pm, free. For ages 8-12. Children's theater specialist leads skills-building weekly hour of theater games, improv, movement, storytelling for the stage. Space limited, registration required: hudsonhall.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. columbiacountylibraries.org/columbia-county-community-read.

AT THE MOVIES

September 8-10, 14

THEATER CAMP, Crandell Theater, 48 Main St, Chatham, \$12. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

September 9-10

PAST LIVES, Crandell Theater, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary, \$12. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

September 15

SING 2, Crandell Theater, 48 Main St, Chatham, 5 pm, free. 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.



Photo contributed

Student art exhibit from various classes at Art School

Join the Art School of Columbia County, 1198 Rt 21 C, Ghent, for a reception and art opening that celebrates the artwork of people creating art in their communities on Sunday, September 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. Light snacks will be provided. All are welcome to attend this free event. Students from various art classes and age groups will be represented in this exhibit.

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.

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. Play, craft. 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 in English, Spanish. Se habla Espanol. Roejanlibrary.org, 518 325-4101.

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. Registration: 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

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 8

EXPERIMENTAL, IMPROVISED & OTHERWISE, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 7:30 pm, \$20. Evening of adventurous new music. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

September 9

A CLASSICAL AFTERNOON, Tydeman Farm, 564 CR 10, Germantown, 4 pm, \$20-\$75. Brahms, Arvo Part, Schubert. Piano, cellos, viola, violins. Tickets: jazzandclassicsforchange.org. Discounted tickets: 518 929-5950.

GODSPEED YOU! BLACK EMPEROR, Basilica Hudson, 110 S Front, 5 pm doors open, 8 pm live music, \$50 advanced, \$60 at door. Post-rock band. Set by Irreversible Entanglements. Tickets: basilicahudson.org.

VERONA QUARTET, Stissing Center, 2950 Church St, Pine Plains, 7 pm, \$35, students free. Mendelssohn, Bartok & Beethoven. Tickets: secure.givelively.org/event/clarion-concerts-in-columbia-county/the-verona-quartet.

SUMMER'S END FAERIE SOIREE, Park Theater Hudson, 723 Warren St, doors open 7 pm, music 8 pm, admission. Faerie/masquerade costumes & dancing encouraged. park-theaterhudson.com.

STEPHANIE ZYKAK, ALEXANDER HERSH & EVREN OZEL, Tannery Pond, 110 Darrow Rd, New Lebanon, 7:30 pm, \$40. Violin, cello, piano. Capital Region Classical series. Tickets: capitalregionclassical.org/tannery-pond-concerts.

LISTEN & LEARN

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

DRIVE THROUGH HISTORY Road Trips, Columbia County Historical Society, free. Explore

Columbia County with themed self-guided road trips. Itineraries: cchsny.org/drive-through-history.html.

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

September 9
COPAKE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMUNITY WORKSHOP, Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Rd, 9-11 am. Help shape proposal for \$4.5 million NY Forward Proposal. Google Meet link for virtual attendance: copakewaterfronts.com/nyforward.

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES, Taghkanic Fire Hall, 631 Old Route 82, W. Taghkanic, 10 am-noon, free. Kristopher Williams presents on how to convert yard & wood lot into small, sustainable ecosystem. Registration: clctrust.org.

BULBS FOR ALL SEASONS, Pine Plains Community Room, 7775 S Main St, 2 pm, free. PinePlainsGardenClub@gmail.com.

NEWCOMERS MEET & GREET, Roaring 20s Brewery, 565 Rt 20, New Lebanon, 2-4 pm. For

those who are new in town, new homeowners to meet each other & long-time residents; learn about local services & programs. RSVP: NLRRecreation03@gmail.com.

TOWARDS A SCIENCE OF CARING, The Nature Institute, 20 May Hill Rd, 7 pm, free. Celebration of 25th anniversary, reflect on past & look towards future. Refreshments served. natureinstitute.org.

September 10
HELLO BOOKSTORE, N Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rt 203, 3 pm, free. Filmmaker Adam Zax presents about new documentary on Lenox bookstore. Discussion, Q&A to follow. northchathamlibrary.org.

September 12
NATIVE HISTORY WALK, Siegel-Kline Kill Conservation Area, 1452 CR 21, Ghent, 5:30-7 pm, free. Explore meadow, floodplain forest to imagine landscape 500 years ago. Registration: clctrust.org.

September 12-November 14
COLOR & FORM IN NATURE, The Nature Institute, 20 May Hill Rd, 4:30-6 pm, \$150-\$400. 10 week artistic workshop led by Ella Lapointe. Space limited, registration: 518 672-0116, info@natureinstitute.org.

September 13
VIDEOGRAPHY & VIDEO EDITING 101, Create

Council, virtual event, 5:30 pm, free. Led by Mike Krajewski. Registration: greenearts.org/uncategorized/technical-assistance-series.

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.

ON STAGE

September 7-17
THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES, Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Rt 203, Chatham, times vary, \$45. Musical. Tickets: machaydntheatre.org.

September 9
KARAOKE KILLER, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, doors open 7 pm, show 7:30 pm, \$5 at the door. Presented by The Two of Us Productions. Concessions available. claveracklibrary.org.

September 13
STILL WITHIN THE SOUND OF MY VOICE, Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Rt 203, Chatham, 7 pm, admission. Cabaret with Elizabeth Ward Land. Tickets: machaydntheatre.org.

ON VIEW

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

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

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

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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 to 5 pm. clarkart.edu.

CLAVERACK Library, 629 Rt 23B. Birds, up through Sept 8. Open during library hours. claveracklibrary.org.

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

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

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

D'ARCY SIMPSON ART WORKS, 409 Warren St, Hudson. 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.

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.

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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. Elisa Soliven: Infinity Weight, up through Sept 10. 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-280179699 521974.

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@september-gallery.com.

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

SPENCERTOWN Academy Arts Ctr, 790 Rt 203. 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. firstpreshudson.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. thompson-giouxgallery.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. turleygallery.

WINDOW ON HUDSON, 43 S 3rd St, Hudson. Max Sterling: Grave Matters, Shallow Reliefs & Other Philosophical Waxings. windowonhudson.org.

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(Pictured l) A minivan three-way crunch, 112 Nic Huber, 921 Joseph Mabb and B-10 Ben Daley in the middle at the Demolition Derby.

Above, Jayce Houle emerges from his rolled vehicle. Rules allow for one free roll-over so the Chatham Fire department righted the minivan so it could fight again.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR 2023

Photos by David Lee

Gabrielle Graham (r) rounds the third barrel in the barrel race at the rodeo on Monday.



Below (l) this cheering section celebrates all the fire departments, but reserves their best for The Spencertown Fire Company at the parade on Saturday.

(Pictured r) The Greenport Fire Company color guard.



Just outside the show ring 2 year-old Sienna Rivenburgh keeps her little creature on a short leash. Monday was her birthday.

(Pictured l) Emelia Brown holds her Flemish Giant rabbit named Moose on Wednesday. Born in April, this rabbit is already huge. Emelia is a member of the Udderly Impossible 4-H group, associated with Hollyrock Farm in Stuyvesant.



IN PLAY

By Sophie Yalkejian

Where to see live comedy in the Capital Region

WHETHER YOU'RE ON the hunt for weekend plans or have friends and family in town, going to a live comedy show is a great way to take in the Capital Region's vibrant arts scene. Plus, barely any planning is required. Just grab a ticket at one of our favorite venues below, take a seat, order a drink, and make some memories alongside fellow comedy fans.

•The Funny Bone - Albany

Yes, this comedy club is inside the Crossgates Mall. But no, you don't have to be a shopper to enjoy their wide variety of weekly and nightly stand-up shows. The Funny Bone is a well-known franchise that serves drinks and food along with big laughs. The Albany branch hosts local and touring comedians, which include Hannibal Buress and Anjelah Johnson. Get your tickets now for a night with SNL veteran Tim Meadows in September

•Mopco Improv Theater - Schenectady

This theater is the Capital Region's home for improv comedy: live, unplanned, high-energy comedic performances put on by a group of actors. Think Amy Poehler and Tina Fey, or TV shows like "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Mopco's renovated firehouse location is also home to classes and workshops, where you can learn the craft yourself. See one of their popular weekly shows on a Friday or Saturday night to get a taste

•The Comedy Works - Saratoga Springs

To call The Comedy Works an institution would be an understatement considering it's been making upstaters laugh for over 40 years. Through the '80s and '90s, legends like Robin Williams, Jerry Seinfeld and Chris Rock all performed on its basement stage. The club has relocated to Broadway since then, where crowds enjoy local and touring talent from communal tables along with classic pub fare

and drinks

•Universal Preservation Hall - Saratoga Springs

This isn't strictly a comedy venue, but your chances of finding a joy-infused show are high. Saratoga Springs' Universal Preservation Hall keeps a rotating calendar of music, comedy, magic, and theater performances. Lately, local talent Erin Harkes hosts a monthly series of female comics, cheekily dubbed "Women Aren't Funny." Next up is Kelly Macfarland in September

•North Country Comedy - Various Locations

Founded by veteran comic Mikael Gregg, North Country Comedy helps bring live comedy to lesser-explored regions of New York state, whether in a bar or restaurant, or something more unique like a firehouse, country club or community center. Check out their website for upcoming bookings to see what's coming to your area

•Charles R Wood Theater - Glens Falls

This black box theater in the southern tip of the Adirondack region is home to both the Adirondack Theatre Festival and the Adirondack Film Festival. Whether it's a live musical, comedic play, game show or cabaret act, events at the Charles R. Wood Theater are bound to bring you some joy and laughter on any given night

•Bridge Street Theater - Catskill

Bridge Street Theatre was founded by John Sowle and Steven Patterson with the mission to enhance the cultural life of the Catskills around it. They've achieved this by alternating both drama and comedy each season, from Hanna Moscovitch's "East of Berlin" to a just-wrapped youth production of "Spamalot." Their next comedy is the regional premiere of "I Am Barbie," which runs to September 10.

Humane Society Shelter Sweepstakes is back

CLAVERRACK — The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA announces its 2023 Shelter Sweeps. The support given to this event over the last three years has been overwhelming. Three prize packages are offered. These prizes were donated to help raise funds to assist the more than 5,000 animals served every year by CGHS/SPCA.

2023 Sweeps Packages include:

•Outdoor Adventure Package: Old Town Penobscot 164 canoe with two paddles and two flotation seats, a four-person tent, two sleeping bags, two paddles, and an Igloo Rugged Outdoor BMX 25-quart cooler. Value \$2,000

•Mohonk Mountain House Package: Gift certificate to the Hudson Valley's most iconic resort, perched on the cliffs of the Upstate New York Shawangunk Mountains, overlooking the glacial Mohonk Lake. Value \$2,000

•Weber Grill Package: Weber Special Edition Genesis 315 3-Burner Propane Grill, propane tank, grill cover, Igloo



Photo contributed

Pictured is the Mohonk Mountain House Package valued at \$2,000.

cooler, grilling tools, an assortment of barbecue sauces, and a \$100 gift certificate to the Berry Farm for treats for the grill. Value \$1,500.

Suggested donations for this year's Shelter Sweeps are \$1 per chance or 100 for \$50 and can

be purchased in any quantity.

All submissions must be received by Friday, September 15 to be considered eligible. A phone number is required and/or current email address to facilitate winner notification. All entries will be verified and

submitted into the drawing pools by Shelter Sweeps Committee members. Winners will be drawn Saturday, September 29 and notified by telephone or e-mail. Winners have until October 13 to claim their prize.

To participate or for more information visit the website at cghs.org, call 518-828-6044 X 100 or email info@cghs.org. Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA employees are not eligible to participate in Shelter Sweeps.

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'Great Little Town' has big history

GALLATIN—Did you know there was once a hotel in Gallatinville? Come find out more about the history of this "Great Little Town," during Gallatin Town History Day at the Town Hall, 667 County Route 7, September 10, 11 a.m.

to 2 p.m.

Hear neighbors reminisce, help launch the Gallatin Oral Histories Project. Bring stories, historic photos or documents to be scanned. Bring friends. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Former Jacob Duntz barn at Silvermails.

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Community briefs

Transform your yard, woodlot

W. TAGHKANIC—The Columbia Land Conservancy presents Sustainable Landscapes with the Capital Region Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management at Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Company #1, 631 Old Route 82, September 9, 10 a.m. to noon

Join Kristopher Williams from the CRPRISM for a program on how to convert one's yard and wood lot into a small and sustainable ecosystem. Register at clt-trust.org/events/sustainable-landscapes

Monthly Legion meetings return in Sept.

GERMANTOWN—The Columbia County American Legion meets at Jennings-Willet American Legion Post, 115 Woods Road, Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m.

For directions or to become a member of the American Legion contact Jeff at 518-672-4757.

Town seeks ideas for how to spend \$4.5M

COPAKE—Saturday, September 9 at 9 a.m., a public workshop at Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, takes place to discuss ideas and potential projects for funding under the NY Forward program, which was created by New York State last year to invigorate and enliven downtowns in small, rural communities.

With the help of Margaret Irwin of River Street Planning and Development, the Town of Copake is in the process of applying for a NY Forward grant from New York State.

This is the second year the program has been offered, and it is the town's second year applying. Last year, although the town had a strong application, there were strong applications from many towns in the Capital Region district, and the town was not chosen for funding.

This year the town intends to submit an even stronger application, with a special focus on business development in the hamlet. The funding guidelines specify a small downtown area of focus.

The town will include streetscape improvements, which will go hand in hand with the road development project, construction of which is scheduled for 2025.

The workshop will be facilitated by River Street Planning and Development. Public engagement is a necessary and important part of the application process.

All citizens and interested persons are encouraged and welcome to participate in person. The workshop will also be shown on Google Meet; the link will be available on the town website townofcopake.org.

For more information about Copake's application, participate in a survey and write a letter of support, go to NY Forward | Town of Copake (copakewaterfronts.com). Take the town's survey at this link: 2023 COPAKE HAMLET New York Forward Program Survey (surveymonkey.com).

Read more about the NYF program at <https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward>

Worship services also available on Zoom

NORTH CHATHAM—The North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Route 203, worships every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with Adult Bible Study at 9:45. All are welcome. The Clothing Barn is open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Saturday morning, through the end of October. The church will be part of the annual North Chatham Community Day activities October 14, along with the North Chatham Free Library and the North Chatham Volunteer Fire Company. If you can't make it in person the worship services are available on Zoom. See the website (northchathammethodistchurch.org) for details or call 518-766-3535.

Bring \$10 for October barbecue

VALATIE—Tri-Village Seniors who plan to attend the October barbecue must bring a \$10 to the next meeting Tuesday, September 12, 1 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Route 9. Checks should be made payable to Tri-Village Seniors. The \$10 cost is for paid members only.

Five dollar 2023 dues are still being collected from those who haven't paid yet.

The group's final trip for the year will be to Lancaster, PA. During this three day / two night trip seniors will be staying at the Hampton Inn Ephrata from November 14 to 16. The package includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two dinners including a smorgasbord dinner, a performance of "Miracle of Christmas" at the Sight and Sound Theater, a performance of "The First Noel" at the American Music Theater, guided tour of the Amish countryside and a visit to an Amish Quilt and Craft Shop. Taxes and meal gratuities included as well as transportation and tip for the driver. The cost does not include lunch on either day. The price of this trip is single \$659, double \$489, triple \$439 and quad \$409. For more information and reservations contact Joyce at 518-610-9095. There are still seats and accommodations available for this trip. Make trip checks payable to Tri-Village Seniors and give them to Joyce.

Line up for Blue Line barbecue

VALATIE—A drive-through Bernie's Blue Line Pulled Pork Barbecue will be served at the First Presbyterian Church, 3212 Church Street from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 14. The menu consists of pulled pork, salt potatoes with Tuscan herb butter, cole slaw, two mini-cornbread muffins and cookies. Tickets are \$15 each. For ticket sales call 518-929-5744. Half of the net proceeds will be donated to the Valatie Free Library.

Never mind the bugs, look at the stars

GALLATIN—Join the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association at its monthly Star Party at Lake Taghkanic State Park, West Beach parking lot, 1528 State Route 82, September 15, 7 p.m. Bring telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by association members. Registration is required at least one day beforehand.

Attendees will be asked to provide their license plate number and make/model car, so park management and police have a record of who will be in park after hours. More information at <https://www.meetup.com/mhastro>, 518-851-3631. Rain date is the Saturday immediately following the original date.

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THROUGH THE WOODS

By Nancy Jane Kern

Blowing up stuff

LOOKING BACK from my now senior status I did not have the usual or dull childhood. This was partly from living on a farm and partly for being allowed to be in on all kinds of things. I enjoyed my grandparents because they taught me about whatever was going on and often took me with them. One day my grandfather told me we were going to get dynamite and I asked what it was and what we were going to do with it. We took the old dark green Chevy pickup truck circa 1940 to make the purchase.

We drove off the main road between East Chatham and Old Chatham to a small building back in the woods. Apparently this was for safety reasons in case anything blew up. A man put a few handfuls of dynamite sticks into a box and a bunch of blasting caps into a wooden box filled with old rags which probably cushioned and protected them. When we got home both boxes went into the larger 1930's International farm truck. The dynamite was put in the back and the wooden box of blasting caps went in the front between my uncle Harold and Gramp. We left Gippy the black cocker spaniel dog home so she wouldn't accidentally get loose and get blown up. It was a compliment that they trusted me to stay put at about age 5.

I was placed on top of the blasting caps and assured they would not explode. They looked like large elongated brass rifle cartridges without a bullet, with two wires coming out the ends. My companions were excited so I was too. We went to the north west pasture which was full of rock outcroppings. These were the reason for the dynamite. My grandfather had a large tin can of black powder stashed in the top of the old carriage barn. We were always told how dangerous it was and we were to stay away from it, and we did. He said when he was young they used it to blow out tree stumps and rocks. Now we had dynamite which was much safer and more predictable.

The dynamite sticks looked like modern traffic flares only yellowish and covered in waxy paper. My uncle parked the truck back from the first ridge of rocks and taped a few dynamite sticks and a blasting cap together. He had a roll of insulated wire which he hooked to the wires on the cap. He unrolled the wire back to the truck and told us to crawl under the truck so rocks wouldn't fall on us.

He joined us with the wire roll and a Hotshot battery. We plugged our ears as he touched the wires to the battery which ignited the blasting cap which in turn blew up the dynamite and the rock. It was loud and the earth shook. We could see the pieces shoot into the air and heard a few pieces land above us on the truck. Believe me I had no thought of running out. It was a terrific sight and we blew up some more rocks. This was fun.

When we got back to the house I ran in to tell my grandmother who was, as usual, horrified to learn what the young girl was exposed to. Fortunately I managed to survive and my grandmother gave up keeping me out of whatever project came next. I always wondered how they knew how to use it. There were so many rocks in that pasture they finally gave up trying to raise crops on it and it continued as a cow pasture. It was an unusual experience but I wouldn't have missed it for anything.



Photo contributed

James Vanderpoel House.

Celebration benefits conservation

KINDERHOOK—2023 First Columbians, the Columbia County Historical Society's annual fundraising gala takes place at the James Vanderpoel House, 16 Broad Street, Saturday, September 9, 5 to 7 p.m.

Also known as the "House of History," the Vanderpoel House is one of the county's finest examples of Federal architecture. The festive, tented cocktail party takes place in the historic house and on the rear lawn. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Talbot & Arding, wine and spirits supplied by Harvest Spirits Farm Distillery, and traditional fiddle tunes by local musicians Madison Shulkin and Lyla Rivers.

Historic objects enter the historical society in all conditions—some ready to exhibit and others in urgent need of conservation. From 18th-century oil paintings to delicate

maps and clocks, conserving the collections so that future generations may experience them is central to the society's mission. Attending guests will have special access to a pop-up exhibition inside the Vanderpoel House that explores the challenges of conservation, current need areas, and recent successes, with a rare peek into the second-floor rooms and collections, typically not accessible to the public.

Serving as the CCHS benefit Honorary Chairs are Timothy Husband and Nicholas Haylett. Underwriters also include Patrons; John Carroll, The Eugene M. Lang Foundation, Stephen & Kristina Lang, Susan & Henry Livingston III, and Nora & Jim Tuttle. Sponsors include; Alexandra Anderson, Eric Blair-Joannou, John Delikanakis & German Delgado, James Guidera & Ed

Parran, Hela Kindler, Olga & Thomas Moreland, Robert Peduzzi & Diane Smook, Dianne Young, and Quadrille.

Cocktail celebration tickets are available for purchase on the CCHS website. CCHS member tickets are \$200 each, and individual non-member tickets are \$250.

Underwriter ticket prices range from Benefactor tickets (\$10,000 for 4 tickets and your name on the event program and on the CCHS website), Patron Tickets (\$5,000 for 2 tickets and your name on the event program and on the CCHS website), Sponsor ticket (\$2,000 for 1 ticket and your name on the event program and the CCHS website).

For ticket sales and further information go to www.cchsny.org or contact Lisa Weilbacher at director@cchsny.org

Let the plants send you a message as you walk

GREENPORT—The next "Lessons From the Land" event is Turning to the Plants: A Guided Plant Walk through Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, with Antonia Pérez of Herban Cura, Friday, September 15, 5 to 6:30 p.m. This program is offered in connection with this season's exhibition, "Terraforming: Olana's Historic Photography Collection Unearthed."

During this workshop guid-

ed by herbalist, educator and founder of Herban Cura, Antonia Estela Pérez, participants can learn about several medicinal and food plants growing at Olana and how people can build mutually regenerative relationships. During this walk through Olana's artist-designed landscape, Ms. Pérez will discuss basic frameworks for how to begin building relationships with the plants. Participants will turn to the

plants to learn some of the stories of the land, how they got there, and the messages the plants have to share about the history of settler colonialism and displacement.

Advance registration required at olana.org. This program is \$15 per person or \$10 for members. For more information contact education@olana.org or call 518-751-6938.



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Walk among the plants.

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Libraries

Hudson's whaling roots is topic of talk Sept. 14

HUDSON—On Thursday, September 14 at 6 p.m. in person at the Hudson Area Library, the Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the DAR and the library offer a local history talk by Carl Whitbeck. This talk is motivated by the three-day visit by the Descendants of Whaling Masters to Hudson and especially to the DAR chapter's Historic Robert Jenkins House. The event is free and open to the public.

Mr. Whitbeck, a local resident whose family has deep roots in the area, will be displaying and discussing items from his own extensive local history collection.

The Descendants of Whaling Masters, headquartered in New Bedford, MA, has over 450 members throughout the U.S. Its mission includes encouraging members to save and preserve their whaling records and artifacts, as well as educating and raising public awareness of the history of whaling and the contemporary issues of whale preservation



Capturing a sperm whale "Whaleship Superior" 1835 aquatint engraving by William Page from an original painting by Cornelius Hulsart.

Photo contributed

and ocean conservancy.

The Descendants were aware that, in 1783, members of the Jenkins family and others, including many whalers, had migrated from New Bedford, Providence, and Nantucket, purchasing and settling in what they would soon name Hudson. The Historic Robert Jenkins House at 113 Warren Street was built in 1811 by the son of one of those "Proprietors" and is now the chapter house of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the National Society Daughters of

the American Revolution. Descendants contacted the chapter to arrange for a tour of the historic house and museum, also requesting a talk about Hudson and whaling.

The NSDAR is a nonprofit, nonpartisan women's volunteer service organization welcoming eligible women without regard to race, creed, or religion, whose mission is to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. The Hendrick Hudson Chapter includes over 130 members who trace their lineage back to

a patriot in the American Revolution – whether serving as soldier, shopkeeper, or seaman.

Mr. Whitbeck is a partner at Whitbeck, Benedict and Smith in Hudson, where his work covers a variety of areas: municipal law, real estate and land use, commercial law and trusts and estates, among others. He has served as corporation counsel for Hudson and Columbia County Attorney. His civic involvement includes serving on a number of community boards in the area. A

Hudson native, Mr. Whitbeck received his B.A. from Williams College and his J.D. from Albany Law School of Union University.

The Hudson Area Library History Room houses a collection that pertains to the history of the City of Hudson, Greenport and Stockport; as well as Columbia County and New York State. The History Room also hosts the Local History Speaker Series at the library, offering free monthly talks on diverse topics related to local history.

The History Room is open Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment and online research requests for information on local history are available at <https://historyroom.hudsonarealibrary.org/>. This is a free service to the public. To inquire about an appointment email brenda.shufelt@hudsonarealibrary.org or call 518-828-1792 x106.

The Hudson Area Library is located at 51 North Fifth Street.

Chatham library offers mindfulness and movement programs

CHATHAM—This fall the Chatham Public Library will offer new mindfulness and movement programs free of charge to members of the public. The library's goal is to provide opportunities to participate in healthy exercise or mindfulness every weekday, Monday to Friday. The library staff identified a need in the community for affordable and accessible mindfulness and exercise classes. Loneliness and isolation are also a concern for many with proven negative effects on one's health. The library's mission includes opening the doors and creating space where individuals can come together to learn new things and form social bonds and connections.

Meditation Mondays will start up in October. The group will learn and practice various meditation techniques and have a chance to discuss their experiences together in a supportive environment.

On September 19, the library's chair yoga on Zoom resumes Tuesdays at 4 p.m. This course is taught by Kathy Schneider, who is not only an accomplished yoga instructor, but also a registered nurse. For those wanting the experience of chair yoga in the comfort of their own homes this is the perfect class.

Wednesdays at noon, Gentle Yoga will be offered in the library. This class is perfect for those looking for a beginner level yoga flow class on the

yoga mat. Participants do not need to have any prior yoga experience, but should have the ability to get up and down off the floor easily.

Thursdays at noon the library offers QiGong classes with instructor Curt Anthon. His classes are perfect for adults of all abilities. All QiGong

exercises are performed standing up.

On Friday, September 8 at 10 a.m. the new Library Walking Club will convene its first meeting and take a walk together at Borden's Pond trail. The Walking Club will meet at various locations throughout the local region to take advantage

of the beautiful fall weather and numerous hiking trails. The club will be guided by the book, "Do Walk," by Libby DeLana, a New Englander who has developed a daily walking habit and has not missed a day since she first began in 2011.

To learn more about programs at the Chatham Public

Library or to register for Meditation Mondays, Chair Yoga Tuesdays, Gentle Yoga Wednesdays, QiGong Thursdays or Walking Club Fridays please contact merka@chatham.k12.ny.us or call the library at 518 392-3666.

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Obituaries

Dorothy K.W. Flood (1927 - 2023)

GHENT—Dorothy “Dotty” Kate (Williams) Flood, 95, of Chatham passed away peacefully September 1, 2023 at the Ghent Nursing and Rehabilitation Center with family at her bedside. The oldest child of the late Jennie (May Schilling) Williams and David Thomas Williams, she was born November 2, 1927 at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson.



Dotty Flood

She grew up with four siblings in Chatham on Church Street and Jones Avenue. During her years at Chatham High School she was an excellent student, class treasurer, a member of the yearbook committee and choir, a cheerleader, and a majorette with the marching band and was also Chatham’s contestant in the Columbia County Fair Queen Contest. She graduated third in her class with a Regents Business Degree in 1945. She loved to write. She sometimes wrote whimsically of her childhood years in Chatham and occasionally published those stories in newspapers including her favorite; The Chatham Press. She was predeceased by her parents as well as her brother, Bruce of California and Chatham, sisters, Janet Bryant of California and Esther Baker of Chatham Center; and her husband, Patrick (Harry) Flood. She is survived by sister, Joyce Sirani of Austerlitz.

On July 19, 1947 she mar-

ried Patrick “Harry” Henry Flood, Jr. of High Bridge Road in Chatham and they began a family on Merrylawn Farm, White Mills Road in Chatham. The farm was gifted to Mr. Flood, Jr., by his dad when he returned from his service in the Pacific Theater in World War II. The couple remained married for 66 years until Mr. Flood passed away in 2013. Except for short periods of residency in Putnam Valley (1960) and Mannsville (1962) they lived at their farm on White Mills Road in Chatham where they raised five children; Eileen Carol Allard of Ghent, Larry Patrick Flood of Port Charlotte, FL, Patrick Stephen Flood of Saco, ME, David Wayne Flood of Chatham, and Gayle Ellen Podell of Valatie.

Mrs. Flood began a dog breeding business in the mid-1960s. During the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s she ran Merrylawn Kennels where she was well-known as a dog breeder of champion Great Danes and Deerhounds while her husband worked throughout the northeast as a welder and also raised cattle at Merrylawn. In 2008

she wrote of her life on the farm in her first book “Merrylawn” and wrote a second book in 2022 about the raising of dogs “Danes, Deerhounds, and Dotty.” In addition to being an author, a dog training instructor, and dog breeder, she was also an artist with oils and acrylics, a good distance runner and skier, and enjoyed making ceramic items. She was an independent thinker and a prolific reader. She and her husband enjoyed traveling within the U.S., sharing many adventures in the south and southwest as well as New England. For most of her later years she lived at her farm alone with sons, Larry and David as her next door neighbors; with daughters Gayle and Eileen living in nearby towns. She is survived by: her sister, Joyce, her five children; nine grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Wenk Funeral Home, 21 Payn Avenue in Chatham September 5 and her ashes will then be placed in the ground with her husband’s at the Chatham Center Cemetery. Her family thanks the many caregivers who helped her in her home during 2021 and 2022 and at the Ghent Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in the final years of her rich life. For online condolences visit wenkfuneralhome.com

Christopher P. Russell (1979 - 2023)

PHILMONT—Christopher Paul Russell, 44, of Philmont passed peacefully August 21, 2023 surrounded by his family and closest loved ones.



Christopher Russell

The son of Kim (Ed) Hilton and Frank (Sharon) Russell, and grandson of Ralph Coogan, he was predeceased by his grandparents, Rosalie and William Russell and Barbara Coogan. He is survived by: his younger siblings, Tiphani (Mike) Russell, Zakariah (Ally) Russell, Talean (Freddy) Ricco, James (Jessica) Hilton, Delsia (Tim) Hilton, and Brandyn, Jacob and Allysyn Russell; multiple loving aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He is survived by those he loved most, his boys, Christopher Russell, Jr., Dominic Russell and Jaxyn Russell.

He will forever be loved for his role in the lives of his bonus kids, Raven and Autumn Bishop, Christian VanDeusen, Tyler Mossman and Allie Williams; his “forever” protectors, Street and Scarlet. He was the most special “Ug” to his grandson, Alexander Mossman, and best friend and show partner for life, to Lindsey VanDeusen.

He was in his prime and in the midst of the most accomplished time of his life, being the successful business owner of Russell Construction. He

loved what he did and his work showed as he soared with every meticulous detail. Countless hours of family time on the lake, coffee and front porch chats with his Mom, dozens of miles on the boat with the kids, riding the best mountains with his boys, giving piggyback rides, porch swinging and talking about life, and catching all of the very best Phish shows are where he could be found.

Thank You to Garry, Pieter, Courtney and Roshni of The Eddy for all their love, support encouragement and friendship.

Visiting hours and funeral services were Monday, August 28, 2023 at the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive Greenport. Pastor Ken Coddington officiated. Burial followed at Mellenville Union Cemetery.

Nina C. Costanzo (1945 - 2023)

ALBANY—Nina C. Costanzo, 77, of Stuyvesant passed away September 3, 2023 in Albany. Born September 24, 1945 in Hudson, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Ida (Gertsch) Keene and the wife of the late Salvatore J. Costanzo.

Before her retirement, she

was a receptionist for the Barnwell Nursing Home, Valatie. She is survived by: her son, David (Kathleen) Costanzo of Greenville; her grandson, Mark Costanzo. Besides her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by her sister, Judith A. DeLong

of Kinderhook. Services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Valatie Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 242, Valatie 12184. Arrangements are with the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie.

Allan B. Douglass (1949 - 2023)

GALLATIN—Allan B. Douglass, 74, of Gallatin passed away peacefully at home August 26, 2023. He was born in Rhinebeck, May 3, 1949 to the late Catherine and Allan J. Douglass. For a number of years he was the owner and operator of Boar’s Head in Elizaville. He was also a bus driver for Pine Plains Central School for many years and was a truck driver for Duffy Layton Contracting.



Allan Douglass

He was a 58-year member of the Milan Fire Department and was a founding member of the Milan Rescue Squad. He was also a member of the Red Hook and Rhinebeck Elks. An avid Nascar fan, he also enjoyed cooking and camping with his family.

Mr. Douglass is survived by: his wife of 50 years, Christine (Scheer) Douglass; his three children, Karen and Thomas McGhee Jr., David and Heather Douglass and Michael and Lori

Douglass; his eight grandchildren, Sage, Hunter, Chloe, Meridyth, Daniel, Quinnley, Teagan and Freya; many family, friends, and his puppy, George.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Chester Douglass and his father and mother-in-law, George and Edith Scheer.

To honor his wishes there will be no formal services. Memorial contributions are requested to either Milan Rescue Squad, 900 Route 199, Red Hook 12571 or Community Hospice of Columbia / Greene Counties, 42 Liberty Street, Catskill 12414.

Arrangements are with the Peck and Peck Funeral Home.

Warren H. Sheldon Sr. (1941 - 2023)

GREENPORT—Warren H Sheldon, Sr., 82, of Hudson and Greenport died peacefully at home, Tuesday August 22, 2023. Born in Chatham, June 13, 1941, he was the son of the late Robert H. and Elizabeth (VanAlstyne) Sheldon. He worked for many years with W.B McGuire Mfg. in Hudson until it closed in 2006.



Warren Sheldon, Sr.

He is survived by: his sons, Warren and Nevin Sheldon and sister, Katrina A Sheldon. He

was predeceased by several brothers and one sister. There are no calling hours or services scheduled. Cremation services were provided by Sacco Funeral Home, Greenport.

Carol J. Clough (1940 - 2023)

PHILMONT—Carol J. “Corky” Clough, 83, of Philmont died peacefully, Thursday August 17, 2023 at the Pine Haven Home. Born July 20, 1940 in Great Barrington, MA, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Mildred (Rogers) Albright. She was employed with Charter Supply of Philmont for many years. She enjoyed sitting on the sidelines watching the grandchildren play sports and spending time with family and special life-long friend, Barbara Winfield. She was predeceased by her beloved life partner, Theodore “Teddy” Moore in 1991; brothers, Robert and Leonard Albright.



Corky Clough

Surviving are: her sons, Martin (Karen) Clough, David (Mary) Clough; daughters, Deborah Pfeiffer, Lisa (Darryl) Mossman; brothers, Arnold,

Harold “Pally,” Timothy, Roger and Kevin Albright; sisters, Helen Clough, Suzanne Coleman, Linda Jandreau, Joyce Concra, Bernice Tripp, Kathy Dierkes, Elizabeth Yole; grandchildren, Eryn, Eric, Marissa, Shayna, Breanne, Michael and Cody; great-grandchildren, Julian, Brody, Camden, Harper and Emily.

Calling hours and funeral services were Monday August 21, 2023 at the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport with the Rev. Kenneth Coddington officiating. Burial followed in Mellenville Union Cemetery.

John Kitchie, Jr. (1953 - 2023)

ALBANY—John Kitchie, Jr., 69, of Hudson passed away September 1, 2023 in Albany. Born December 14, 1953 in Hudson, he was the son of the late John and Mary (Bozick) Kitchie, Sr. and the husband of Judy Lee (McMann) Kitchie of Claverack. Before retiring, he ran the family farm, the Kitchie

Brothers Farm in Claverack for many years.

He is also survived by two sisters and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be private. Arrangements are with the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie.

Obituaries

Marcia M.V. Snyder (1939 - 2023)

GHENT—Marcia M. (VanderBogart) Snyder, 83, of Ghent passed away September 1, 2023. She was born in Troy to Elmer and Lottie (Ohler) VanderBogart, December 31, 1939. She attended Ichabod Crane in Valatie until her senior year and graduated from Mainland Senior High School in Daytona Beach, Florida.

On November 9, 1957, she married the love of her life and soulmate, Ronald L. Snyder. Together they owned and operated Snyder's Grocery in Kinderhook for several years. She retired in 2005 after working as a cook at Green Manor Nursing Home, Ghent.

She is survived by: her two sons, Michael of Seekonk, MA, and Gregory of St. Petersburg, FL; one daughter, Kim Blake of Ghent; two sisters, Sharon (Donald) Campbell of Chatham and Darlene (Harold) Sparrow of St. Leonard, MD; one brother, Kirk (Bonnie) VanderBogart of Rotterdam; two grandchildren, Kirk Snyder of California and Marki Snyder



Marcia Snyder

of Florida; two great-grandchildren, Jayce and Eevie Falcone of Florida and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and -nephews. Besides her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by a brother, Brian VanderBogart.

The family gives a special thank you to Charlene (Demarest) Gregio for the loving care she provided for Mrs. Snyder and thanks "to all of Kim's 'extra eyes' in the neighborhood, keeping an eye out for Maricia."

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 8, 11:30 a.m. at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie. Burial will follow in St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Valatie. Friends are invited and may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, September 7 at the funeral home.

Helen M. D. Smith (1940 - 2023)

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL—The beautiful and most kindhearted Helen Margaret (Doheny) Smith passed away peacefully August 30, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. Born in Brooklyn to Nora and Patrick Doheny of Cashel, Ireland in 1940, she attended James Madison High School in Brooklyn and graduated in 1959. She then went on to Brooklyn College before starting her first job at Hanover Bank in Manhattan.

She was the devoted wife of William Smith, the love of her life. They first met in 1959 at The O'Neill House in East Durham and were married September 30, 1961. Together they spent 62 years creating cherished memories and raising their family.

She is survived by: her beloved husband, William Smith; three daughters, Kara Radcliff and husband Jim of Clifton Park, Nora Smith of Middletown, NJ, and Tricia Mavrides and husband Jason of Valatie; her two sisters, Kathleen Moltzen of Warwick and Sheila Doheny of Bronx; 11 grandchildren, Penelope, Shawn, Ryan, Ashleigh, Ella,



Helen Smith

Cecily, Estella, Alexandra, Austen, James, and William, as well as several nieces and nephews. She had lifelong friend, Bonnie; special friend, Aline and many other dear friends whom she adored. She was predeceased by her parents; her brother, Edward Doheny, and her sisters Patricia Doheny, Maureen Hohne and Eileen Fontaine.

Aside from being a devoted mother, she loved her role as a grandmother and treasured the time spent with her grandchildren. She had a passion for travel, reading, and fashion, and possessed a talent for home decorating. Among the many places she has lived, her favorite was her home on Kinderhook Lake, where she created countless cherished memories. She also had a deep love for her pets, treating each and every one as the valuable

family member they were. She enjoyed planning and hosting parties, and her Christmas celebrations were truly magical for her children and grandchildren. She also organized family reunions to keep the family close-knit. She never wanted to miss any parties or special occasions and thoroughly enjoyed attending them. She was deeply dedicated to her Irish heritage and her Catholic faith, which she instilled in her family.

Friends and family are invited to call Tuesday, September 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday, September 13 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, 1015 Kinderhook Street, Valatie. A funeral mass will follow at St. John's the Baptist Church in Valatie, 11 a.m., with interment at St. John's Cemetery in Valatie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

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Editorial

There is no replacement for quality journalism

By MARK VINCIGUERRA

President, Capital Region Independent Media

ACROSS THE COUNTRY, quality journalism is critical for sharing important news affecting our society. Through their timely reporting, journalists play a uniquely critical role in informing, engaging, and empowering citizens. Without the dedicated work of journalists, corruption would remain undiscovered and unchecked. As crucial watchdogs, journalists are often the only stewards keeping a close eye on local institutions, governments and businesses.

Americans consume more news than ever, with news organizations reaching more than 135 million U.S. adults each week. But despite record audiences, news publisher revenue in the U.S. has dropped by more than 50% in recent years.

One of the biggest threats to journalism is Big Tech. Just two platforms, Meta (which owns Facebook, Instagram and Threads) and Google, control access to news online. These platforms have unprecedented dominance over the digital marketplace and capture more than 70% of all digital advertising revenue. Big Tech is reaping the financial benefits of news publishers' painstaking work, while publishers are left with literal scraps – not enough to continue reinvesting at the same level to provide high-quality content their users need and enjoy and have come to expect.

The Big Tech platforms have overwhelming market power, more than any one company should have, setting the rules for news publishers and determining how journalism is displayed, prioritized and monetized. Left with no choice but to play by Big Tech's rules, lest they lose what traffic they do still get to their sites, news publishers must hand over their valuable content without receiving compensation from the platforms.

Readers also lose in this scenario, as the algorithms the platforms use to decide what content they see and when, lacks transparency and balance. Not only that, but readers also lose the freedom to decide for themselves what they want to read based on what is important to them.

The wildfires currently raging in Canada are a national emergency, one that requires those in a position to disseminate important safety and evacuation information to those who need it, to do so. Facebook is a key source of news for people in remote areas who are affected by the wildfires and who don't have a local news source. They are turning to Facebook for news and are not finding the information they need to stay safe. Because of legislation recently passed by the Canadian government to require the tech platforms to pay news

publishers for use of their content, Meta has decided to remove all news from Facebook rather than pay publishers, thereby depriving its users of information they need and want in a time of great threat to their safety.

Meta would let its users incur serious risks to their safety and well-being just to make a point, putting its head in the sand.

Canadians, as well as the American public, deserve a free and diverse press, which supports a healthy and vibrant democracy. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) is a bipartisan bill that will provide news publishers with the ability to negotiate with and be fairly compensated by Big Tech for their valuable content.

The JCPA is modeled after a law that was passed in Australia, which included baseball-style arbitration and resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars and newsroom growth and a vast increase in journalism jobs there. The need to save America's newsrooms transcends party lines, garnering strong support from both sides of the aisle and among voters. Seven in ten Americans polled said they support Congress passing the JCPA.

Quality journalism is not a luxury; it is an absolute necessity in times of rampant misinformation online and in which increasing natural disasters and public-health crises are only going to get worse. Only quality journalism can keep communities informed with timely and accurate breaking news and events coverage and report the truth about their government's activities being carried out on their behalf (using their tax dollars) that impact their safety, health, and livelihood.

When Covid-19 arrived in the U.S., news publishers took their paywalls down on stories about the public health emergency so all Americans had free, unencumbered access to critical health and safety information as the country shut down and hospitals filled to their brims. News publishers do this because it is the right thing to do. But without support in the form of fair compensation from the tech platforms, newspapers will continue to disappear from American communities.

The JCPA is our best bet to protect quality journalism and ensure it is here when we need it. There is no replacement for quality journalism. Now is the time for Congress to act and finally get publishers the compensation they deserve. Communities cannot afford to wait any longer.

Call your member of Congress and tell them to pass the JCPA: 202-224-3121. For more information about the JCPA, visit www.JCPABill.org

Mark Vinciguerra is president and owner of Capital Region Independent Media, which publishes The Columbia Paper.

Letters

Bidenomics works here

To the Editor:

Remember Reaganomics, a.k.a. trickle-down economics, a.k.a. voodoo economics? Unfortunately, like voodoo anything, it had no real basis in reality. Instead of promoting a strong economy, it led to a decline in tax revenues, an increase in our deficit, and crippling income disparity that robbed millions of average Americans of their true potential. Now we have "Bidenomics," and guess what? It works. Thirteen million jobs have been added under President Joe Biden, including nearly 800,000 manufacturing jobs, plus billions of dollars for clean energy, a steady decline in inflation, and the highest levels of consumer confidence since January 2022. We're even seeing record lows in unemployment rates for workers who have previously been left behind.

Joe Biden defines his vision as "growing the economy from the middle out and the bottom up." Who's got a problem with that? Perhaps the Republicans, who are now proposing new tax cuts for the wealthy just weeks after trying to take the U.S. economy hostage over the debt ceiling. But the rest of us are thrilled to see our roads and bridges getting fixed and our cultural institutions, visitor attractions, and small businesses and restaurants looking toward their best season since before the pandemic. We will even be getting high-speed internet at long last! Here in Columbia County, "Bidenomics" is working because, when you come down to it, good government helps the average voter. And that's an important thing to remember.

Karen Levine
East Chatham

No clarity in Town of Claverack?

To the Editor:

The Claverack Town Board voted at its July meeting to move ahead with a new town hall without having any professional advice, no program projecting needs for the next 20 - 40 years, and no discussion on sites. Furthermore, they decided on the demolition of the now-closed town hall. In true autocratic style—think Russia,

Venezuela, or Nicaragua—Supervisor Weigelt and his Republican board colleagues voted in favor. No transparency of their discussions and certainly no public community discussions, yet it's precisely this public that will pay for this mismanagement for decades to come. The long history of ignoring the Comprehensive Plan, developed by various resi-

dents, and continuing to behave as if we're still in the 1950s can be reversed in this November's elections. Between now and then, residents may observe the Town Board "working for you" by attending its monthly meeting the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at the old public library building.

Peter T. Johnson
Philmont

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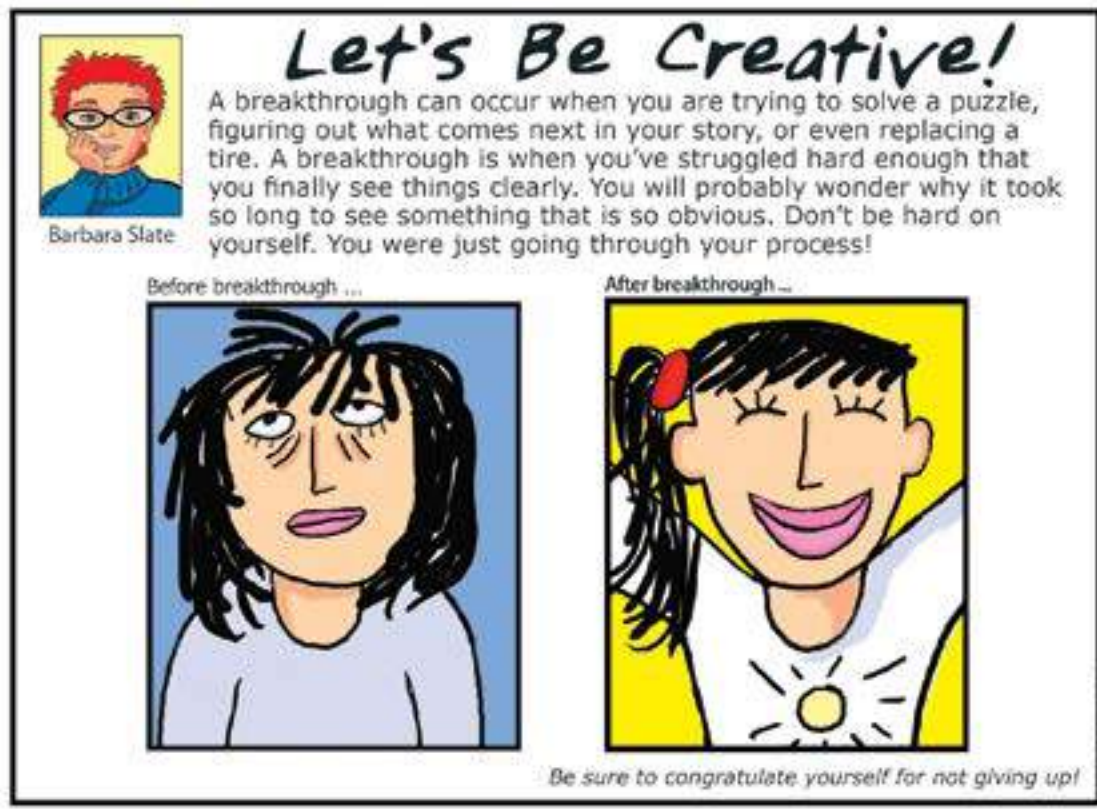


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Autumn classes offered at art school

GHENT—Art School of Columbia County has announced Early Autumn Art Classes for adults, teens and children beginning the week of September 11. All new classes and workshops are part of this line-up including Open Figure Drawing Sketch class on Sunday afternoons, Autumn Plein Air Drawing, Expressive Arts, Contemporary Still Life Painting, Egg Tempera Painting, Beginning Drawing and Painting, Graphic Design for Teens, Collage for Teens, Exploring Mixed Media for Children and more. The ASCC faculty are all teaching artists who are practicing, professional artists and experienced art teachers who have devoted their lives to creating art, exhibiting their artwork and engaging with community.

Art classes are offered once a week and are scheduled to meet mornings, afternoons or

evenings during the week or on the weekends. A wide range of art classes and media to choose from include Drawing, Painting, Hand Stitching, Paper Design, Expressive Arts, Graphic Design, Collage and others.

and others may utilize the terraced landscape of ASCC. Early Autumn teaching artists include Peter Blandori, David Lesako, Charlotte Semmes, Linda McNutt, Laurie Sussman, Andy Pellettieri, Laura Lawson, Mary Flinn, Sandra Koponen and Scott Gwiazdzinski.

Art School of Columbia County is located in the Hawthorne Valley at 1198 Route 21C. Visit the website <https://artschoolofcolumbia-county.org/> to learn about the classes, the faculty bios, upcoming gallery exhibits and talks and various other information. For questions please email artschoolofcolumbiacounty@gmail.com or call at 518 672-7140.



Work by Laurie Sussman

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Most classes are held inside ASCC's studio and classes such as Plein Air Autumn Drawing

Gourds

Imagine local landscape 5 centuries ago

GHENT—Take a Native History Walk at the Siegel-Kline Kill Public Conservation Area, 1452 County Road 21, September 12, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Join the Columbia Land Conservancy as it explores the meadows and floodplain forest of the Siegel-Kline Kill Conservation Area to imagine what the local landscape was

like for native people five centuries ago.

This program is led by local ethnecologist Justin Wexler with Wild Hudson Valley, who has been reconstructing the precontact Hudson Valley landscape for more than two decades. Register at clctrust.org/events/native-history-walk/

Gotta 'love' this flower show coming Sept. 9

GERMANTOWN—For more than 90 years, the Germantown Garden Club has held an annual Standard Flower Show. This year it will take place Saturday, September 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, September 10 from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Kellner Activity Building, Palatine Park Road. The show will feature flower arrangements, educational displays, and horticultural specimens. This year the Germantown Garden Club's title of the show is "And a Thing Called Love." The design

and horticulture classes will offer this theme for their entries.

The design division will feature eight major groups of fresh and dried flower arrangements. The horticulture specimens division will include individual flowers, herbs, branches, container-grown plants and vegetables. The show is open to the public and admission is free. For more information call Maureen Lockwood at 914-837-0283.

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