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Two run for District Attorney

By DEBORAH E. LANS

GHENT—Long-time District Attorney Paul Czajka is retiring this year, and two candidates are running for the four-year position of District Attorney of Columbia County: Ryan Carty and Chris Liberati-Conant.

The District Attorney is the county's chief law enforcement officer and the office of the District Attorney prosecutes all criminal matters that arise in the county, from murder to traffic offenses. The DA's office appears in all courts from the Supreme Court to County Court to the Hudson City Court and the various Town Courts. It also handles appeals.

Currently, there are seven lawyers in the DA's office, including the District Attorney himself.

The two candidates were interviewed by the Columbia Paper and those interviews are reported below, in alphabetical order.

Ryan Carty

Mr. Carty, 33, grew up in Stuyvesant and now lives in Kinderhook. He has served in the Columbia County DA's office since his graduation from law school in 2015, rising to the position of Deputy Chief. During law school, he worked as a law intern for the Office of the Attorney General (2013) and, for six

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David Lee

OctoberFeast weather improved in time for paella chefs and a curious puppy

The weather was iffy but the people still came out for the Village of Chatham OctoberFeast on Saturday, September 30. Pictured is the paella, which was a team effort between Blue Plate Restaurant owner David Grunberg (r), Arthur Anderson, owner of the Art Park upgraded short-term rental mobile homes (second from r), and Chris Morales, general manager of the Blue Plate Restaurant.

State Senate wants judges to be lawyers

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON—Town and village justices in New York State need not have law degrees. This year the state Senate passed a bill requiring those with "high volume case loads" to be lawyers, which the state Assembly could vote on next session. Several local justices have asked the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution urging the state government to vote no. The

local justices spoke at the board's Public Safety Committee meeting August 15. The committee approved the resolution, but the full board sent the resolution back to the committee because of technicalities September 13. The committee approved a new version September 19, and the full board can vote on it October 11.

"From talking to constituents, I get that most people like that their judges

are attorneys," said Supervisor Michael Chameides (Hudson, 3rd Ward) on September 12. He went on to say, "It makes sense."

Local justices' decisions include "whether or not someone goes to jail, whether someone gets bail," he said.

But Dr. Carrie O'Hare, who has been Stuyvesant Town Justice for 23 years, said on September 2 that competency

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Class of '53 celebrates reunion

The Hudson High School Class of 1953 held its 70th year reunion on Saturday, September 23, at Kozel's in Ghent. The 19 attendees were: (front row, l to r) Dolores Dolfax Steuerwald, Barbara Schottler Zyko, Theresa Gambacorta Halstead, Shirley Dallas Shumsky, Norma Wolfe Barnard, Delia Veltri Davi, Diane McGuire Ferguson, Veronica Gosney

Moore, (back row) Frank Preston, Jerry Jennings, Dorothy Ball Briwa, Barbara Teter, John Mizerak, Anthony Cashen, John Woodward, Robert Brenzel, Kitty Gorman Leggett, Betty Viskup Ostrander and John Unson.

Columbia Land Conservancy reveals new logo, website

CHATHAM—The Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) has announced the launch of its new logo and website, marking a significant milestone in the organization's ongoing commitment to land conservation and community engagement.

For nearly 40 years, CLC has been at the forefront of preserving and protecting the natural landscapes, farmlands, and vital ecosystems in Columbia County. As a trusted steward of the region's environment, CLC plays a pivotal role in safeguarding the beauty and biodiversity of our local communities.

The unveiling of CLC's new logo represents more than just a visual update. It reflects the organization's growth, evolution, and unwavering dedication to its mission. The logo design incorporates elements that symbolize CLC's commitment to conservation, sustainability, and community engagement.

The new logo features elements inspired by the diverse natural landscapes found in Columbia County, such as rolling hills, waterways, and lush forests. These elements serve as a reminder of the unique and precious environments CLC



Image contributed
CLC's new logo

works tirelessly to protect.

The vibrant colors in the logo represent the vitality and vibrancy of the local communities that CLC serves. These colors symbolize the intercon-

nectedness of people and nature in the region.

The logo's contemporary design signifies CLC's forward-thinking approach to conservation, as well as its adaptability in the face of evolving environmental challenges.

CLC's redesigned website offers a user-friendly and informative platform that allows visitors to explore the organization's work, mission, and impact in greater detail.

Key features of the website include:

*Enhanced navigation: The new website boasts improved navigation, making it easier for

visitors to find information about CLC's conservation initiatives, educational programs, events, and ways to get involved

*Interactive maps: Explore interactive maps showcasing CLC's protected lands, trails, and natural areas, providing an engaging way for the community to connect with the environment

*Educational resources: Access a wealth of educational resources, including articles, videos, and guides that promote environmental awareness and conservation efforts in the region

*Community engagement:

Stay up-to-date with CLC's events, volunteer opportunities, and conservation initiatives, and learn how community members can actively participate in the organization's mission.

CLC invites the community to explore its new website and logo, which embody the organization's continued dedication to preserving the natural beauty of Columbia County. Visit the new website at ColumbiaLand.org to discover how you can get involved, support conservation efforts, and make a positive impact on our local environment.


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Copake makes affordable housing plan the law

By DIANE VALDEN

COPAKE—The lack of affordable housing is a crisis throughout Columbia County and the country. Committees and task forces on all levels of government have been engaged in investigations and discussions about what can be done to address the complex problem for years.

Action on tackling the affordable housing issue got a boost forward earlier this year in Copake with a strategy involving the establishment of a six-month moratorium on major subdivisions February 28 and the activation of a “SWAT team” in January.

The team the Town Board appointed back then was an ad hoc short-term working group to study the zoning code and come back to the board with suggestions for amendments to the code which would facilitate the creation of more moderately-priced houses.

Town Supervisor Jeanne Mettler said in a March 9 story in *The Columbia Paper*, “Copake activates team to look at housing,” the Town Board is “not asking them to engage in an in-depth study of the housing crisis—that work is being done elsewhere. This is a SWAT team, charged with working quickly but thoughtfully to recommend practical strategies to address the lack of housing.”

Planning Board Chairman Bob Haight was appointed to the new team along with Meredith Kane, who serves on other housing committees and Deputy Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals Dale

Peterson. The town’s land use attorney Ken Dow also worked with the team.

The result of their efforts over the past few months is Local Law #9, “A Local Law to Promote Affordable Housing in the Town of Copake,” which the Town Board adopted at a special meeting September 5.

A description of the proposed action in connection with the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQRA) negative declaration determination read by Attorney Dow at the September 5 meeting says:

“This action would amend Chapter 232 of the Code of the Town of Copake (Zoning) to streamline certain processes for applicants proposing to add certain types of affordable housing and would require provisions and set-asides for affordable housing in connection with major subdivisions.”

The main provisions of the law are to:

- Streamline the process for creating certain accessory dwelling units

- Expand the geographic area in which certain small multi-family dwellings could be located

- Establish eligibility criteria for purchasers or renters of designated Affordable Workforce Housing (AWH)

- Require that in connection with a major subdivision, the subdivider/developer set aside 20% of the residential capacity of the subdivision and development for AWH, either by constructing it or making alternative provisions, in exchange for a density bonus that allows an increase in the number of per-

mitted lots in the subdivision

- Require that units created as AWH remain subject to price controls for extended periods.

The memo goes on to note that the town “already has zoning and subdivision laws that regulate the subdivision and development of land for residential purposes. This law, created to promote affordable housing within the Town, makes modest modifications to existing law, which allow some measure of increased development in certain situations and exempt certain minor projects from review, but do not substantially diminish or impair the Town’s policies that protect the environment.”

The new law also sets guidelines for what are “AWH Affordable Purchase Levels” defining the “Purchase price for a residential dwelling unit at which the total monthly cost of mortgage, insurance, and taxes does not exceed one-twelfth of 30% of the applicable Qualifying Income.”

AWH Affordable rental levels are also addressed. The law states the rental cost of a residential dwelling unit at which the total monthly cost for rent, heat, hot water, and electricity does not exceed one-twelfth of 25% of the applicable Qualifying Income. Both purchase and rental standards are calculated based upon the number of bedrooms in the dwelling unit and schedules for the number of bedrooms in relation to the number of people in the household are set forth.

Median Family Income (MFI) and Qualifying Income (QI) are both determined for

Columbia County by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are available at www.huduser.gov.

The nine-page law in its entirety may be found on the Copake website at townofcopake.org.

At the September 5 meeting, it was noted that the new law would be submitted to the New York State Division of Local Government Services for an advisory opinion even though the law was already passed.

Mr. Dow noted that he and the Town Board are aware there are some remaining issues to be addressed by follow-up legislation. He mentioned by way of example, “grants of land or money by developers and eligibility.” But regardless of future amendments, he said, it is important to put in place these new regulations that developers will need to know if they were to go ahead with a project.

The attorney said that submitting the law to the state agency after the fact “is a great thing to do” because whatever guidance, ideas or input the agency can offer will be helpful to future considerations of the law. Mr. Dow said, “Some of these things will take a long time to sort out.”

Deputy Supervisor Richard Wolf brought up the question of who will do the evaluation of income/household eligibility based on the prescribed formulas?

Noting that is just one of the aspects of the law still to be ironed out, Ms. Mettler turned to the three ad hoc committee members who developed the

law and told them their term is not over, in fact there is more to consider and they need to continue their work.

“In perpetuity,” noted Mr. Wolf.

Later in the special meeting the board adopted the new law.

In her supervisor’s report for September, Ms. Mettler wrote, “The law, inspired in part by a law in Amenia, seeks to encourage the building of moderately priced homes, either by requiring developers to include those homes in their projects or to build such homes on a different site...”

“Before passing the law, the board heard from planning board members, as well as the Columbia County Planning Board.”

Calling the law “cutting edge legislation,” she noted that the town’s long-time planning “consultant Margaret Irwin said that the law is one of the first in New York. While it may be further improved, ultimately it will be a model for the state.”

The supervisor said she was “proud of the board and grateful to the three-member committee and Ken Dow for taking a creative, innovative approach to address a crisis in this town. Understandably, this law may need to be improved. There are still areas which need to be fleshed out. Amenia notwithstanding, our law is one of a kind, a first and original attempt at solving this thorny problem.”

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Columbia County creates Transportation Plan, invites public input

HUDSON—The Transportation Committee of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors released a draft for an updated Columbia County Transportation Coordination Plan, available at the Public Transportation website: public-transportation.columbiacounty-ny.com.

The public is invited to provide feedback at an upcoming public hearing on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:15 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 401 State Street. The public can also attend virtually by going to meet.google.com/gxf-zhob-wgh. The public can also submit written comments by emailing Kelly.Baccaro@ColumbiaCountyNY.com. The Transportation Committee will use the comments to finalize and update the Transportation Plan.

“Public transportation con-

tributes to economic development, public health, and quality of life,” said Public Transportation Committee Chair and Supervisor Michael Chameides in a press release. “The plan and public input will help us create better opportunities for our residents.”

The draft plan documents existing transportation services and notes that residents use these services to get to work, education, healthcare, recreation and shopping, and government services. Public transportation served over 30,000 riders in 2022. In addition to public transportation, government and non-government agencies provide critical point-to-point transportation for specific purposes, such as Healthcare Consortium’s medical dial-a-rides service. These non-public-transportation services provide over 40,000 trips

per year.

The draft plan provides a detailed demographics analysis that helps inform decision makers on transportation needs. The information includes geographic data on households without a vehicle, people with a disability, seniors, and population density.

“With an increase in our aging population and an influx of new residents, the need for a more robust public transportation service is and will become greater in need and demand,” said James Funk, the county Community Healthcare Consortium’s Transportation Program Coordinator, also in the release.

The draft plan also maps points of interest, which could be used to determine future transportation destinations. The map includes large employers, government services, medi-

cal facilities, multiple-unit housing, educational institutions, and recreation sites.

The draft plan builds on the existing plan, approved in 2017 by the state Department of Transportation. The draft plan includes the committee’s evaluation of the progress on the action items from the existing plan.

The draft report also acknowledges the findings of two previous reports. The 2017 “Housing Needs Assessment of Columbia County, NY” notes how rising housing prices increase the need for public transportation: “Families who once rented homes and apartments near the urban centers of the county are thus forced to move further out into the country, where they face transportation issues back to major centers of employment and to schools.”

Alleged home invader removed from train

By DIANE VALDEN

HUDSON—Hudson Police arrested Matthew J. McNamara, 31, of Walden (Orange County) for: second degree burglary, a class C felony; third degree assault; fourth degree criminal mischief and three counts of endangering the welfare of a child, all class A misdemeanors, September 30.

On that date at 10:02 p.m., police received a 911 call from the Greene County 911 center reporting a caller had just reported some kind of altercation in the area of 15 South Front Street, Hudson Terrace Apartments (HTA).

Patrols responded immediately to the area and spoke with

the female victim at the scene. She said she was at home in her apartment with her young children and a friend when they heard a knock at the door and the suspect forcibly entered her apartment.

The victim and her family said they had never seen the suspect, later identified as Mr. McNamara, before that night and that he was a complete stranger.

Once inside, he allegedly began smashing property inside the apartment and attacking the victim physically. Mr. McNamara allegedly attempted to drag the woman victim outside. The victim's 14-year-old son was able to protect his

mother and fend off the attacker with a baseball bat, police reported.

The Greenport Rescue took Mr. McNamara to Columbia Memorial Health hospital for treatment of the injuries he sustained. HPD arrested Mr. McNamara after he left the hospital. The victim's injuries during the attack were non-life-threatening and no medical attention was needed. Detectives also assisted in this felony investigation.

According to police, Mr. McNamara found himself in the City of Hudson after the Amtrak Police removed him from an Amtrak train. He was removed from the train about

45 minutes prior to the home invasion incident.

Mr. McNamara was arraigned before Judge Cheryl Roberts in the Hudson City Court. He was sent to the Columbia County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash, \$20,000 bond or \$20,000 partial security. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for a later date.

Claverack

State Police from the Livingston barracks arrested Joshua P. Sickler, 44, of Port Ewen (Ulster County), for second degree unlawful surveillance, a class E felony; unlawful dissemination or publication of an intimate image, and second degree aggravated harassment,

both class A misdemeanors, October 3.

After receiving a complaint, investigators determined Mr. Sickler allegedly disseminated intimate images of the victim.

He was arraigned in Claverack Court and sent to the Columbia County Jail without bail. He was again scheduled to appear before the court at a later date.

Investigators believe there may be additional victims. Anyone who thinks they may have been the victim of similar crimes committed by Mr. Sickler is asked to contact State Police at 845-677-7300.

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Fire department could use more members

KINDERHOOK—Volunteer firefighters are sought.

The Kinderhook Fire Department (KFD) has a long history of providing emergency services and assistance within its fire district and to adjoining communities, according to a press release.

The men and women who respond for KFD take pride in helping their neighbors whenever and wherever support is needed. Fact: Reliance on community fire departments continues to rise, yet the number of responding volunteer firefighters is on the decline. The question remains, "Will we have enough firefighters to handle emergencies when called?" In response, the KFD is sounding a recruitment alarm. Like many fire departments in the Capital District it needs to increase its membership to respond to fire



Members of a local fire department.

Photo contributed

calls and emergencies. As of July 31, the KFD had responded to 63 calls this year.

Membership is made of people who live or work in the Village of Kinderhook Fire District and are willing to join other dedicated men and women volunteer firefighters who serve the community proudly. Join the KFD and

receive free training in any of these vital positions: interior structural firefighters, exterior firefighters, fire apparatus drivers, fire police, pump operators, safety officers and many more.

This fall Village of Kinderhook residents will have the opportunity to vote to approve the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for

the firefighters of the Palmer Engine and Hose Company. LOSAP is a plan that offers financial rewards for volunteers based on longevity of service. These benefits are provided when a volunteer reaches retirement age. The Restricted Firefighter Program offers 16- and 17-year-olds in the village an opportunity to serve their community on a limited basis. Additionally, FASNYS's scholarship and college tuition assistance programs are only two of

the perks available to Restricted Firefighters.

Those who are at least 16 years of age, a resident of the fire district or work in the village and are interested in serving as a volunteer should contact the Palmer Engine and Hose Company at 518-758-9882.

For more information contact Palmer Engine and Hose Company, 518-758-9220 or kinderhookfiredept@yahoo.com

Waste stations closed October 9

HUDSON—The Columbia County Solid Waste stations located on Newman Road in the Town of Greenport and on Route 9H in Kinderhook will be closed Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

All stations will resume their normal hours of operation on

Tuesday, October 10.

Residents may contact the Solid Waste Administrative Office at 518 828-2737 for questions regarding the days and hours of operation for the Columbia County Waste stations.

STATE SENATE WANTS

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matters more than credentials. Some people who also happen to be lawyers make very good justices, she said, but practicing real estate law or bankruptcy law will not train a person for criminal cases. In addition, the people who decide who will be their judge "should be the people who know" that person.

Supervisor Chameides said that most people he has talked to are surprised that you do not have to be a lawyer to be a judge. And when in 2000, the late Todd Greci, then supervisor of Stuyvesant, asked Dr. O'Hare to be town justice she was surprised to learn she could do it without a law degree.

"All you need is common sense and a sense of fairness," Mr. Greci informed her. You also must be at least 21 years old and have not committed a

felony. All new judges, with or without law degrees, have to undergo several weeks training by the Office of Court Administration, which is the administrative arm of the Unified Court System of New York State. In addition all judges must complete at least 12 hours of continuing education every year.

Dr. O'Hare prefers the title justice rather than judge, because -- in the words of the late Chatham Justice George Dixon, who mentored her -- "you don't judge people; you dispatch justice. What kind of justice do you want your court to stand for?"

"We do whatever we can to make justice work for the people we serve," Dr. O'Hare continued. "We care about the people we serve. We want to

make the best informed decisions. Most of what we do is listening to the people in front of us.

"We don't act in a vacuum. Our decisions affect the defendant, their family and the society at large." She says she makes decisions about each defendant on a case-by-case basis. One size does not fit all.

After being on the bench about 10 years, Dr. O'Hare tried law school "thinking it would enhance my justice responsibilities," she said. But after four months, she decided that "the...school was missing contextual issues. My job is not simply applying the laws. I need to...listen to all sides of a case. The laws are very important, [but they] are words." "My job as a judge is to recognize I am applying those words to people."

So instead of a law degree, she got a Doctorate of Management in Organizational Leadership from the University

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Hudson Rotary Club collects hygiene supplies

HUDSON—The Hudson Rotary Club is mounting a Hygiene Supplies Drive now through October 15.

The Rotary is collecting personal grooming products like body wash, shampoos, hair care, dental / oral care, feminine sanitary products, nail clippers, razors and creams in travel or full-sized containers.

These items may be dropped off in collection boxes at Bank of Greene, Fairview Avenue; Trustco Bank, Warren Street; Operation Unite NY, 360 Columbia Street and Greylock Federal Credit Union, Fairview

Avenue.

The products will benefit: Columbia County Sanctuary Movement; Mt. Zion Food Pantry; MHA of Columbia - Greene and the Annette Perry Cause.

Community members are invited to a Hudson Rotary Club service project at the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, 1 North Front Street, Hudson, from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, October 16 to package the supplies.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/rotary.hudson.ny



Photo contributed

Kids enjoying the pumpkin painting contest at the Fall Festival.

Fairview's Golf Classic nets \$35K for surgical technology

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA—In most sporting events, there are winners and losers. At the close of Fairview Hospital's 2023 Golf Classic, held September 7 at the Stockbridge Golf Club, everyone who came out for Fairview's annual golf benefit agreed that the community was the real winner.

After a day of 18 holes of play in hot, humid conditions, golfers raised approximately \$35,000 for investment in surgical technology for Fairview Hospital, Berkshire Health Systems' 25-bed critical access hospital in Great Barrington.

At a post-play reception, tournament co-chairs Kate McCormick and Aidan Gilligan introduced Dr. George Veinoglou, who thanked the community for past tournament support. He introduced his new partner, Dr. Mark Taylor, a young surgeon who recently moved his family across the country to join Dr. Veinoglou.

Dr. Taylor shared with the guests that he and his family

are happy to be here and that he has "seen the overwhelming support this community has for Fairview Hospital. It is very clear."

Prizes were awarded to the top five gross and net teams.

Gross prizes were awarded to the five teams with the lowest scores.

First place: Defending champs, Team Berkshire Bank—Ed Harvey, Sandy Turner, Roman Montano and Doug Roberts; second place—Pam Sandler Team; third place—Proper Connections Team; fourth place—Party of Fore; fifth place—Hill-Engineers, Architects, Planners, Inc.

Additional prizes were also awarded to the longest drive and closest to the pin.

Men's closest to the pin—Doug Roberts 5'7"; Women's closest to the pin—Kim Obanhein 10'4"; Men's longest drive—Andrew Consolati; Women's longest drive—Heidi Nejaim.

Fall Fest at farmers market is this weekend

KINDERHOOK — Kinderhook's Village Square, off of Chatham Street, is going to be hopping with activity for the whole family on Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fall Festival, sponsored by the Kinderhook Business and Professional Association and

the final day of the Kinderhook Farmers Market, will feature farmers and makers, with the addition of guest chef Authentic Eats by Oleg. Chef Oleg will be serving fire-cooked plov (an Eastern European pilaf), savory and sweet blintzes, and Ukrainian honey cake.

Festivities will welcome visi-

tors with Samascott Orchards hayrides, Mexican food, music by DJ Jared Widjeskog, pumpkin painting, ghost making, face painting, kids games, and a Fall Dessert Bake-Off (bakers of all ages invited) with prizes from Kinderhook Bottle Shop. Judging takes place at noon on the Village Green.

Habitat Helping Hands seeks new projects

HUDSON—Habitat Helping Hands was launched in March of 2022 by Columbia County Habitat for Humanity to help senior citizens and low-income homeowners make critical safety and accessibility-related repairs and upgrades to their homes. This program brings together community partners to improve the quality of life for some of the most vulnerable homeowners in Columbia County and ensure families and seniors can remain independent and safe at home.

Habitat Helping Hands currently has openings for new projects. Some examples of past projects include the construction of wheelchair ramps, repairs to porches and steps and the installation of grab bars and railings. Seniors, low-income and/or disabled homeowners are encouraged to apply by visiting www.HabitatHelpingHands.com or by calling 518 828-0892.

Habitat Helping Hands is

managed by Construction Project Manager Mike Tizekker of Elizaville. Mr. Tizekker leads volunteers on each project and is always willing to teach people new skills as they work together helping neighbors in the community. Volunteers are always needed to keep up with the demand for this valuable service. While those with construction experience are always appreciated, the only experience necessary to volunteer is the willingness to help a fellow neighbor and make a difference in their community.

Habitat Helping Hands is also seeking partnerships with local contractors in order to expand the scope of services offered in the future. Contractors will be compensated at an agreed-upon per diem rate. Contractors willing to donate a percentage of their time will benefit from marketing exposure of their business on the Columbia County Habitat website, in email com-

munications and in social media channels. Interested contractors are encouraged to sign up at columbiacountyhabitat.org/contractors.

In October of 2022, the Habitat Helping Hands program earned statewide recognition at the New York State Conference of Habitat Affiliates as Best New Program of the Year. To date, Habitat Helping Hands has completed 28 projects across Columbia County in Hudson, Hillsdale, Kinderhook, Canaan, Craryville, New Lebanon, Valatie, Stuyvesant, Stuyvesant Falls, Elizaville and Philmont. Habitat Helping Hands is generously supported by Ed Herrington, Inc., Greylock Federal Credit Union, The Dyson Foundation, Columbia County Libraries Association, Columbia-Greene Community College, and the Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation.

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Get trained in suicide prevention Oct. 13

NEW LEBANON—An Operation SAVE Suicide Prevention Training event sponsored by New Lebanon's Quality of Life Committee takes place at New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, Friday, October 13 at 6 p.m.

During the training participants will:

- Learn a brief overview of suicide
- Hear about suicide myths and misinformation
- Learn the risk factors for suicide
- Learn about the components of the SAVE model (signs of suicide, asking about suicide, validating feelings,

encouraging help and expediting treatment).

While this training is run by the Veterans Administration it is open to all community members who want to learn from this valuable training.

For more information contact Kyle Kuffel at kkuff33@outlook.com



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Varsity football cancelled, modified will play at Homecoming

HUDSON—The Hudson City School District and athletic department have made the decision to cancel the remainder of the 2023-24 varsity football season due to the lack of eligible participants not meeting the requirement of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

In a press release, the district said, "We understand the frustration that may be generated from this action. However, it's important to note that this is

the option the district and athletic department selected due to several extenuating circumstances."

The decision stems from not meeting the requirement of 16 players dressed to play, disciplinary ineligibility and consideration for the opposing school districts that were scheduled to be played against so they have ample time to find a replacement game.

"We as a district feel deeply for our courageous student-

athletes who gave their all this season, those who are ready and able to play and their faithful fans who were looking forward to the return of Bluehawk football this season," Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman said in the release. "This difficult decision will be immediately followed by consideration of next steps for the program."

Considering October 6 was intended to be the varsity football team's Homecoming game,

the district has been able to move the modified football game to this slot at 7 p.m., as the Bluehawks host Chatham. The senior student-athletes on the varsity team will be recognized during this game. The varsity cheerleading team will also support the modified football team during this game. The Hudson Senior High School's American Sign Language class will sign the National Anthem to kick off the game.

The release goes on to say

that many school districts state and nationwide have seen declines in participation in all sports, particularly football with recent health studies. Hudson City School District is proud to also offer golf and soccer for boys varsity sports during the fall season, as well as many extracurricular clubs to participate in.

Dunkin' treats educators to a coffee break on World Teachers' Day Thurs.

KINDERHOOK — On Thursday, October 5, Dunkin' is celebrating educators everywhere by treating them to a free medium hot or iced coffee at participating Dunkin' restaurants nationwide.

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"Teachers are the backbone of our communities, educating the next generation of leaders to help keep our communities

running," said Dunkin' Field Marketing Manager Levi Pascher, in a press release. "We're excited to offer our dedicated educators a free coffee to recognize their passion and hard work."

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Dunkin', visit www.DunkinDonuts.com or follow them on Facebook @DunkinUS, Twitter @dunkin-donuts, or Instagram @Dunkin

Library offers Energia Yoga classes

CLAVERRACK—The Claverack Free Library is offering an Energia Yoga Workshop with Daniela Bertol beginning Wednesday, October 11, 5:30 p.m. The workshop will consist of six 1 hour classes for \$30 and will take place weekly until November 15. Advance registration is recommended and can be made by calling 518 851-7120 or emailing info@claveracklibrary.org.

Energia—the Italian word for energy—is a multilevel



Energia Yoga

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mindful movement class, inspired by Hatha yoga; Energia combines Vinyasa flows including Sun Salutations and Warrior Series, with cardiovascular routines, breathing exercises, mindfulness meditation and Kundalini kriyas. Each asana (posture) and movement sequence can be adapted to the student's familiarity with Hatha yoga.

Ms. Bertol brings yoga practice to her work as author and research artist in architecture, design, performance and land art. Her 2005 yoga certification is from Integral Yoga but she has studied from many other traditions, including Ashtanga and Kundalini. She has practiced in many different countries, including the US, Italy,

Australia, China, India, Thailand and Egypt. Yoga is also a component of her doctoral research in arts and education titled "Form Mind Body Space Time: the Geometry of Human Movement."

Recently Ms. Bertol has been working on movement routines specifically designed to empower victims of bullying and

domestic abuse, which she has been experiencing herself. Additional information on her work and movement practice can be found at danielabertol.com and <https://healinggeometries.spaceink.net/>

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

Final effort aimed at stiltgrass removal

RED ROCK—The Columbia Land Conservancy, a leading conservation organization dedicated to bringing people together to conserve, appreciate, and enjoy land, announces the October volunteer workday, the final workday for the 2023 season.

Participants have the opportunity to contribute their time, energy, and skills to removing invasive Japanese stiltgrass at the Schor property, 58 Shore View Road, October 12, 9 a.m. to noon.

To complete the removal, volunteers may be squatting, kneeling and pulling. Bring

water and any garden tools you like to use for these kinds of tasks.

CLC volunteer events offer participants an opportunity to actively contribute to conservation efforts, learn about environmental stewardship, and connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for the natural world.

"Through our volunteer workdays we aim to provide a platform for individuals to directly engage in hands-on conservation activities and make a positive impact on our natural landscapes. We invite community members to join us

and experience the satisfaction of giving back to the environment while fostering a deeper connection with nature," Luke Burt, Public Lands and Community Engagement coordinator, said in a press release.

CLC welcomes individuals of all ages and backgrounds who are enthusiastic about conservation and making a difference in their local communities. No prior experience is necessary, as all volunteers will receive guidance and instruction from experienced staff.

For more information and to register visit ColumbiaLand.org/events.

Hunter safety course offered at club

LIVINGSTON—Kalicoontie Rod & Gun Club, 333 Schneider Road, holds a Hunter Safety Course, Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is open to ages 13 years and older.

A light lunch will be offered and participants should dress for the weather. Participants must complete the homework on the Department of Environmental Conservation

website at www.dec.ny.gov and click on hunter safety classes. For more information or to sign up, contact Tom at 518-567-1976.

Get deer tags for Doodletown WMA

ANCRAM—The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced that Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) tags will be available October 5 at Ancram Town Hall for this hunting season in Doodletown Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Columbia County. Individuals with a valid state hunting license can pick up their tags at a DEC booth in the Town Hall parking lot at 1416 County Route 7 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"The Deer Management Assistance Program is designed to advance site-specific deer management efforts. Controlling the deer population in the Doodletown WMA allows the New England cottontail, a species of special concern in New York State, to regenerate in a forest habitat

that supports its growth. This is also a great opportunity for hunters to take an additional deer while also helping with forest management," Regional Director Anthony Luisi said in a press release.

Doodletown WMA is 1,078 acres of primarily forested land located in the towns of Ancram, Taghkanic and Gallatin. Its primary purposes are wildlife management, wildlife habitat management, and wildlife-dependent recreation. For more information about Doodletown WMA, visit DEC's website at www.dec.ny.gov/.

Any tags remaining after October 5 will be available for pick up at the DEC Region Four Headquarters, 1130 North Westcott Road, Schenectady. Call ahead to inquire about remaining tags and arrange pick up at 518-357-2158.

TWO RUN FOR

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months, as a law clerk for Columbia County Court Judge Jonathan Nichols.

Mr. Carty is not married and does not have children.

Mr. Carty believes he is the best qualified candidate because of his extensive experience as a criminal trial lawyer, having exclusively tried criminal cases for his eight years in the DA's office of every type, ranging from traffic tickets to burglary to homicide. He knows how to evaluate which cases to try and which to resolve and what is entailed in each. His experience is rooted in Columbia County and the array of criminal matters that flows through the DA's office here.

Mr. Carty says that he has also studied the rules of criminal procedure and evidence and then had the daily opportunity to put those rules into practice.

"I am not Paul Czajka. There is only one Paul Czajka. I want to be the best version of myself," Mr. Carty said.

He believes the DA's office can do more to engage the community, especially youth, with the aim of helping people before they "come into the system." Once someone is arrested, the office should evaluate whether a second chance is appropriate, with assistance from groups like Twin Counties Recovery, and facilitate diversion.

Mr. Carty believes that the recently-reformed bail and discovery laws have often had the effect of encouraging people to proceed to trial, instead of considering treatment options and the hard work of overcoming addiction.

The District Attorney, by law, must consent to an accused's being transferred to a

treatment court, although the ultimate decision is one for the court. Mr. Carty says that in the past two years he has never declined to consent to a referral to treatment court.

Mr. Carty says he will advocate for enhanced mental health services for the county, as often



Photo contributed

Ryan Carty

crimes are the result of an addiction or other underlying problem.

In 2022, Mr. Carty was criticized by County Court Judge Nichols for intentionally and unlawfully withholding evidence from an accused murderer concerning a key prosecution witness. As reported in the Times Union (<https://www.timesunion.com/hudson-valley/news/article/Quick-acquittal-of-man-in-Columbia-County-murder-17564374.php>), the court found "that the (prosecution's) failure to provide such materials cannot be characterized as a good faith mistake or benign neglect."

When asked about the case, Mr. Carty was unable to comment, because a state law both

seals the court files of a person acquitted of a crime and precludes law enforcement from discussing the case. He did comment that he has been responsible for formulating and implementing the county's system for complying with the disclosure rules enacted by the Legislature in 2020 and that, since that time, no case has been dismissed in the county for failure to comply with those rules.



David Lee

Chris Liberati-Conant

Mr. Carty pledges that, if elected, he "will prosecute cases without fear or favor," to ensure the safety of county residents.

Mr. Carty graduated from Syracuse University and Albany Law School.

Mr. Carty has been endorsed by the Republican and Conservative parties and "every local police union."

His website is ryancartyforda.com.

Chris Liberati-Conant

Mr. Liberati-Conant, 46, is a resident of Chatham. Since March 2023, he has been in the private practice of law. Prior to March and starting in 2018 Mr. Liberati-Conant was employed with the New York State Office of the Attorney General. From 2018 to 2022 he served as an

Assistant Attorney General in the office Litigation Bureau. From 2022-23 he was an Assistant Solicitor General in the Division of Appeals and Opinions.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Liberati-Conant served as the Principal Court Attorney to Judge Denise Hartman in the Supreme Court, Albany County (2015-18), as Senior Attorney for Mental Hygiene Legal Services in Poughkeepsie (2011-15) and as a Court Attorney to the New York State Court of Appeals, the state's highest court (2009-2011).

Mr. Liberati-Conant is married and has an eight year old son.

Mr. Liberti-Conant believes that he is the most qualified candidate because of the depth, range and quality of his legal and life experience, having handled hundreds of hearings and felony-level trials on a broad array of issues, being deeply familiar with the appeals process and having administrative experience as well.

Mr. Liberati-Conant says that he will make a number of changes if elected. First, he will end political hiring. He says that politics should not matter at the DA's office, and he will not let anyone in the current DA's staff go, notwithstanding their party affiliations. He will hire based purely on merit. He says the office has been challenged in hiring for open slots because of its current policies.

His office will be open to criticism and will listen and learn from it, rather than attacking critics. He will work to establish better relationships with the community, partnering with providers of mental health and drug treatment services and altering the "rude" and "aggressive" tone of the office.

Mr. Liberati-Conant would like to organize the DA's office

into "bureaus," where assistant DAs have areas of specialization. He will increase training, bringing in outside resources. He says that several important cases have been lost due to avoidable legal errors.

In addition, he will establish a climate of professional independence, where not all decisions are centralized and controlled by the DA, which will also increase office efficiency.

Mr. Liberati-Conant cited the current office system for handling traffic tickets as an example of the type of interaction he will change. Currently tickets are handled entirely on line. A very aggressive message cuts off all communication between the office and those summoned, requiring them to accept the deal offered by the DA or go to trial. The system discriminates against those who cannot use or lack access to a computer and is also not user-friendly. It displays a "hostility" that Mr. Liberati-Conant thinks is unfortunate.

Mr. Liberati-Conant says his priorities will be to treat crime victims with respect but also seek to attack the drug and mental health epidemics by increasing access to treatment. He says he will also form an organized crime bureau to stop drugs and violence at their source.

He cites his experience as 2nd Lieutenant in the Village of Chatham Fire Department as an example of how people of all backgrounds and views can and should work together. He will bring that same attitude to the DA's office.

Mr. Liberati-Conant graduated from Rutgers University and St. John's University School of Law, magna cum laude.

He has been endorsed by the Democratic party.

His website is chris4da.com

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of Phoenix in 2009, with the dissertation "Making a Difference: Judicial Stewards in the Town and Village Courts of New York State."

Other Columbia County justices have a variety of additional occupations.

The bill that the state Senate passed requires every town and village new justice to be "an attorney admitted to practice law in this state for at least 5 years," in the 100 towns and villages with the highest number of cases in the state for 2018 plus 2019. But several people say this law can lead to more laws extending the "must be attorney" requirement to more municipalities.

At the Public Safety Committee's September 19

meeting, some supervisors said they are comfortable with the justices the county has now. But Supervisor Jeanne Mettler (Copake) said that though "there have been very good non-attorney judges," the new law "doesn't denigrate" them but "understands the gravity" of what they do.

Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling (New Lebanon) added, "We shouldn't be in the position of admonishing state legislators. If you want to influence the state legislature, join it."

In early America for communities that federal and state officials rarely traveled to, local leaders served as justices of the peace, with duties ranging from performing weddings to

trying criminal cases, according to an article by Matt Ford in The Atlantic, February 5, 2017. "Though not necessarily versed in the knowledge of the laws," Mr. Ford reported Alexis de Tocqueville saying, "his office simply obliges him to execute... regulations of society; a task in which good sense and integrity are more available than legal science."

Law schools were scarce, and a typical legal education and lawyer credentialing was to "read the law with a practicing attorney" and work as his apprentice.

Modern communications and more law schools led to professional lawyers with official credentials. The Atlantic article reports UCLA professor Stuart Banner as saying whether or not a judge should be a lawyer depends on if the judge can order someone incarcerated.

If the judge can, he feels, the judge should be a lawyer.

Before becoming a justice, Dr. O'Hare said, she worked for Verizon as a manager, helped set up Verizon-aided fingerprint systems, and thereby got contact with law enforcement. In 1995, she retired with a pension at age 45 and started helping towns, villages, Emergency Medical Services and fire departments. This brought her in contact with officials like Mr Greci.

She also taught for 18 years a Perdue University online masters level class in Decision Making.

Once on the bench, a justice is on call 24/7/365. In addition to holding regular court hours, one must be available for arraignments at any hour, even at night, in order to "make sure the defendant understands the charges and their rights."

In arraignments, no matter what the hour, the town justice opens the court building, sets up a recording machine, makes sure an attorney arrives for the defendant, and sets a next court date. The judge can consider bail, if the charge qualifies, according to the list.

In addition, she said, one must conduct oneself within the "ethics window" specified in an ethics handbook for judges, not only professionally and when campaigning for office, but also in personal life. For example, she cannot give her opinion on some political contests, Dr. O'Hare said.

Because New York is a plea bargain state, 99% of the time the prosecution, defense, and defendant work out a plea bargain, the judge looks at it and decides whether it is acceptable, and the case never goes to trial.

Annual FilmColumbia Festival is packed with events

CHATHAM—FilmColumbia, celebrating its 23rd year, returns to the Crandell Theatre this October with a fresh selection of the year's best domestic and international features, documentaries and shorts. Since its inception, the festival has screened more than 600 films; 102 have gone on to receive Academy Award nominations and 25 have won. Curated by Co-Executive and Co-Artistic Directors Peter Biskind and Laurence Kardish, FilmColumbia showcases standouts from the festival circuit that have not yet opened commercially. They will be shown in the area for the first time.

This year FilmColumbia is packed with home-grown talent, featuring many films by Columbia County-based filmmakers and live Q+As and events with notable area residents Ruth Reichl, James Schamus, Al Roker, Stephen Lang, Scott Cohen and Walton Goggins. “We tried to show as much good local talent this year



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“The Boy and the Heron”

as possible,” said Kardish, in a press release. “We recognize their strength in our community and celebrate the abundance of talent in our region—proving how essential it is to keep our historic single-screen cinema open and refreshed so they may continue to show their works in a place that is welcoming, and well, ideal.”

Other film highlights, in addition to the popular Sneak Preview during closing weekend, include the area premiere of Hayao Miyazaki and Studio Ghibli’s latest animated film,

“The Boy and the Heron,” and the ghost story “All of Us Strangers,” starring Claire Foy, Andrew Scott and Paul Mescal. A haunting and heartbreaking tale of love and loss, director Andrew Haigh’s film caused a sensation at the Telluride Film Festival in late August. The breakout debut comedy “The Feeling That the Time for Doing Something Has Passed,” from writer, director, and star Joanna Arnow, puts millennial neuroticism and angst into high relief. Biskind calls it “a droll, raw, sardonic, cheekily reso-

nant, and very, very funny debut feature...about the intellectual and sexual satisfactions of masochism.” Arnow’s onscreen partner in humiliation is played “with ferocious understatement” by Chatham’s own Scott Cohen (“The Gilmore Girls,” “Billions”). Both Arnow and Cohen will be on hand for a Q+A following the screening on Friday, October 27.

During FC23’s opening weekend, Christine Vachon and Pam Koffler, producers and founders of Killer Films, will be honored for their pioneering body of work.

On Saturday, October 21, the festival will screen three films produced by Killer Films: “Camp” (2003) at 11 a.m., “I Shot Andy Warhol” (1996) at 1 p.m., and “May December,” the latest from Haynes, at 3 p.m. Crandell Board Member and award-winning filmmaker James Schamus will lead a Q+A with the producers directly following the last screening.


Vachon and Koffler will be recognized at the annual

FilmColumbia Kick-Off Party from 6 to 8 p.m., hosted at the Spencertown home of Jack Shear, Crandell Theatre benefactor. The event is catered by Bimi’s Canteen, a new addition to Chatham’s Main Street.

The Children’s International Shorts Program, the annual free Saturday screening of animated and live-action shorts shown during the festival’s closing weekend, will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. Curator Patti Greaney of Giraldi Media has chosen a crowd-pleasing selection of audience favorites from past years.

For the full schedule of films and events, visit the FilmColumbia Schedule online.

All FilmColumbia tickets, including All-Film Passes, go on sale to Crandell Theatre members on October 7 at 9 a.m. and to the general public on October 14 at 9 a.m. For more information visit crandelltheatre.org



Churchtown Fire Company hosts comedy

Churchtown Fire Company, 2219 County Route 27, Hudson, presents “The Quickest Thinkers In Comedy: Scott Baker and Vinnie Mark” on Saturday October 14. Doors open 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets for \$40 are all inclusive with hot and cold hors d’oeuvres, drinks and show price. Price increases to \$45 on October 1. Go to www.churchtownfireny.com for more information. This is a fundraiser for the fire company.

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Spencertown presents Heather Maloney on October 7

SPENCERTOWN – Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series presents “writer song-singer” Heather Maloney on Saturday, October 7 at 8 p.m. at the academy’s Blanche Grubin Auditorium. General admission tickets (\$25 public, \$20 academy members) are available via www.spencertownacademy.org. The academy is located at 790 State Route 203.

“Heather Maloney is a unique talent who combines brilliant storytelling with a stunning voice,” said Wayne Greene, member of the academy’s music committee, in a press release. “We look forward to hosting her in an intimate, solo setting. It’s sure to be special.”

Maloney has toured nationally as a headliner, as well as in support of acts like Lake Street Dive, Shakey Graves, Gary



Heather Maloney

Clark Jr., Colin Hay, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and many more. The Massachusetts-based artist found music in the midst of three years at a meditation center, honing a sound moored in days of silent reflection and reverence for storytellers like singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell, poet Rilke, and filmmaker Ken Burns.

Her performance at the academy will focus on songs from her latest album, “Soil In The Sky.” A collage of tremulous folk, existential ballads, and assertive rock, she describes the record as “a collective memory...stitched together from personal and universal ecstasy, loss both intimate and ancient.”

Roots & Shoots Concerts is an ongoing academy series that showcases artists who reach back to earlier traditions in music (Americana, jazz, blues, rock, and world music) for inspiration, while incorporating more recent forms and influences of the present.

For more information, contact info@spencertownacademy.org

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Trio Fadolin performs in Hudson at HFO fundraiser

HUDSON—It's not often that one can see a brand new musical instrument at a local concert, but on Saturday, October 7 at 3 p.m., the next HFO (Hudson Festival Orchestra) fundraiser will offer that opportunity when they present Trio Fadolin. A fadolin is a six-stringed, bowed instrument comprising the range of a violin, viola and all but the bottom five pitches of a cello. Its foremost champion is a Russian-born émigré composer and instrumentalist who goes by Ljova.

Songs of Refuge, a concert with Trio Fadolin, will be performed at the First Presbyterian Church, 369 Warren and Fourth streets in Hudson. Suggested donation \$40.

Ljova, along with cellist Valeriya Sholokhova and violin-



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Trio Fadolin are violinist Sabina Torosjan, cellist Valeriya Sholokhova, and Ljova on fadolin.

ist Sabina Torosjan make up the trio. The mission of the HFO is to create “a beautiful symphony

of unity” building community by sharing diverse cultural heritage through music. This

group's repertoire reflects their Eastern European roots. They strive to shine a light on immi-

grant composers, collaborating with immigrant artists and showcasing places where cultures intersect.

To add more variety to the mix, the concert will feature Inna Barmash on vocals. This Lithuanian immigrant sings in Yiddish and Russian.

In recognition of the Eastern European roots of Trio Fadolin, HFO will be partnering with cooks from Saint Michael's Ukrainian Church to offer regional foods – varenyky (pierogi) and borscht – as a fund raiser benefiting Medical Relief for Ukraine. Tables with homemade foods will be accessible in front of the Presbyterian Church beginning at 2:30 p.m. on the day of the concert.

For tickets, go to www.hudsonfestivalorchestra.org/new-events

EVENTS *Calendar*

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

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

AREA ATTRACTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

ICHABOD CRANE SCHOOL-HOUSE & 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 galleries. 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. 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.

CONTINUING EVENTS

Mondays

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

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

MEDITATION WITH ANNIE, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 1 pm, free. Feel free to bring journal and a stone, crystal, or other small item that's meaningful to you. 518 392-3666, chathampubliclibrary.org.

Second Mondays

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

Last Mondays

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

Mondays, Wednesdays

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

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

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

OPEN SWIM, New Lebanon Junior/Senior High School, 14665 Rt 20, 5:30-7 pm, \$10 one time fee, \$25 for family of 4 & \$5 each for additional children. buckenroth@newlebanoncsd.org.

Mondays, Saturdays

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

Tuesdays

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

QUI-GONG-TAICHI, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 10-11 am, free. Learn various Qigong sets, work on traditional Tai Chi Form. Through Dec 19. Hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792.

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

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

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

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

First Tuesdays

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

First & Third Tuesdays

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

Second Tuesdays

TRI-VILLAGE SENIORS, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1010 Kinderhook St, Valatie, 1 pm. Bring \$10 for October members BBQ, \$22 for nonmembers, RSVP by Oct 2, 518 610-9095. Upcoming trip: Nov 14-16 to Lancaster, PA, \$409-\$659. clmatheke@nycap.rr.com.

Third Tuesdays

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

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

Last Tuesdays

SENIOR COFFEE HOUR, Hillsdale House, 1 Anthony St, 10-11:30 am. October: Dick Hermans, former chair of Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association. Coffee, donuts, conversation. jslapenn@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

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

ENERGIA YOGA, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 5:30 pm, \$30. Led by Daniela Bertol. Through Nov 15. Advance registration recommended: 518 851-7120, info@claveracklibrary.org.

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



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The Art of the Cirkus celebrated

Community members are invited to a special event on Thursday, October 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hudson Area Library "after hours" to honor the creators of Bindlestiff's exhibit, The Art of the Cirkus. Artists, youth participants, their family members, partners, supporters, and friends of Bindlestiff's Cirkus After School will gather to pay tribute to the artists involved in the exhibition. To register for the event, visit hudsonarealibrary.org/2023/09/bindlestiff/

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

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

CLAVERRACK BRIDGE CLUB, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, noon. claveracklibrary.org.

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

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

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

MOVING WITH MUSIC, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 6-7 pm, free. Led by Sandra Tolosa; for those who like upbeat tunes with their workouts. kinderhooklibrary.org.

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

Second & Fourth Wednesdays

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

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

Fourth Wednesdays

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Thursdays

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

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

Second Thursdays

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

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

Third Thursdays

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

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

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

Fourth Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

ROE JAN FOOD PANTRY, 2684 Rt 23 (basement of the Sheriff's Substation), Hillsdale, 10 am-noon with appointments as needed. Call ahead if possible: Betty White 518 325-3977 or Vernetta Moore 413 446-9431. Questions roejanfoodpantry@gmail.com.

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

FUTURE FRIDAYS CLIMATE VIGIL, Chatham Village Green, 3-4 pm. All invited to raise awareness of current climate emergency. climatebart@gmail.com.

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

OPEN MIC WITH LOKI, Lightforms Art Center, 743 Columbia St, Hudson, 8-10 pm. Refreshments provided, donations appreciated. lightformsart-center.com.

First & Third Fridays
LEBANON VALLEY SENIORS, New Lebanon Firehouse, 523 Rt 20, 1 pm. For ages 55 & up. New members welcome. 518 733-0009, lebanonseniorecitizens@gmail.com.

Second Fridays
CLAVERRACK SENIORS, Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Rt 9H, Claverack, 1 pm. Kate West from The Office Of The Aging discusses all programs available to seniors. Upcoming trip: Oct 18-19, Wind Creek Bethlehem, PA. Sign up: 518 610-1766.

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

STAR PARTY, Lake Taghkanic State Park, West Beach Parking Lot, 1528 Rt 82, Gallatin, time changes, free. Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association. Bring telescopes, binoculars, use those provided. RSVP one day before, meetup.com/mhas-tro/events/275468188.

Saturdays
PARENT-TO-PARENT Support Group, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 9:30 am, free. For parents, guardians at any stage of parenting. claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

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

ROE JAN FRIENDS BOOK-SHOP, basement of Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 10 am-2 pm. Used books, CDs, DVDs. Masks required. @roejanfriendsbookshop.

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

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

MAHJONG, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am, free. For all levels. RSVP library-director@newlebanonlibrary.org.

First Saturdays
PROSE WRITERS GROUP, Roe Jan Community Library, virtual. Support, feedback to writers of all levels working on fiction, non-fiction, memoir, essay, Haiku. 914 954-3494.

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

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

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

Third Saturdays

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

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

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

First Sundays
BOOK GROUP, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am. November: Master Slave Husband Wife. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, Roots Holistic Wellness, 25 Main St, Chatham, 2-4 pm, donation. Circle dances, songs from diverse spiritual traditions. Each dance taught, no experience needed, all ages & abilities welcome. malikaliz13@gmail.com, farid@taconic.net.

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

ROE JAN BLUEGRASS BAND, Roe Jan Brewing Co, 32 Anthony St, Hillsdale, 5:30-8 pm, free, tips for musicians encouraged.

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

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

FARMERS MARKETS

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

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

HALLOWEEN

October 13
HALLOWEEN PARTY & HAUNTED LIBRARY, Kinderhook Library, 18 Hudson Ave, 6-7:30 pm, free. Games, snacks, crafts for little ones from 6-7 pm; haunted library for older kids at 7 pm. kinderhooklibrary.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Through October 15
HYGIENE SUPPLY DRIVE supporting local charities. Collection boxes at Bank of Greene County, Fairview Ave, Trustco Bank, Warren St, Operation Unite NY, 360 Columbia St & Greylock Federal Credit Union, Fairview Ave for items like body wash, shampoos, hair care, dental/oral care, feminine sanitary products, nail clippers, razors & creams. facebook.com/rotary.hudson.ny.

Through October 31
COLLECTION FOR Healing a Woman's Soul at Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave. Donate monetary contributions, bedding items, kitchen supplies, clothes, personal care items, school supplies to help survivors of domestic violence. Chathampubliclibrary.org, 518 392-3666.

October 5
BLOOD DRIVE, Hudson Elks Lodge No 787, 201 Harry Howard Ave, 1-6 pm. Appointments: Red Cross Blood Donor App, RedCrossBlood.org, or 800 733-2767.

October 6-8
BOOK SALE, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H. Fri, 4-6 pm, \$15 preview, Sat 9 am-3 pm, Sun 10 am-2 pm. \$1-\$2 books. Refreshments for purchase. info@claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

October 7
FALL TRASH DAY, Town of Stuyvesant, 413 Sharptown Rd, 8 am-3 pm. Residents receive punch card at Town Clerks office. Allowed items, 4 tires per ticket, bulky trash, electronics, appliances. Questions: 518 758-6248 X 110, 518 758-6843.

FALL FESTIVAL, Village Square, intersection of Rt 9 & Hudson St, Kinderhook, 9 am-1 pm. Hay rides, pumpkin painting, kids games, ghost making, vendor market, more.

HARVEST FESTIVAL, Hawthorne Valley, 327 CR 21C, Ghent, 10 am-2 pm, free. Music, children's activities, Makers Market, food, Open House, hay rides, more. Hawthornevalley.org.

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EVENTS

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October 7-8

OPEN DAYS, Millay Arts, 440 East Hill Rd, Austerlitz, 10 am-5 pm, \$10. Walk gardens, fields & Poetry Trail, picnic. Tickets: millay.org/events.

October 7-9

OPEN STUDIO HUDSON, locations vary. Over 35 professional & emerging Hudson artists welcome public into their private studios for behind the scenes, unfiltered conversation about artistic process, purpose. Map: openstudiohudson.com

October 11

BLOOD DRIVE, Chatham Fire House, 11 Woodbridge Ave, noon-6 pm. Appointments: Red Cross Blood Donor App, RedCrossBlood.org, or 800 733-2767.

October 12

VOLUNTEER WORK DAY, Schor Conservation Area, 58 Shore View Rd, Red Rock, 9 am-noon, free. Help remove invasive Japanese stiltgrass, bring water & garden tools helpful for weeding. Registration: clctrust.org/events.

BINDLESTIFF CELEBRATION, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 6-8 pm, free. After hours celebration of Bindlestiff Cirkus's special exhibit. Registration required: hudsonarealibrary.org/calendar.

October 13

BLOOD DRIVE, Taconic Hills High School, 73 Rt 11A, Craryville, 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Appointments: Red Cross Blood Donor App, RedCrossBlood.org, or 800 733-2767.

October 13-15

HARVEST CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE, Martin Van Buren Nat'l Historic Site, 1013 Old Post Rd, Kinderhook, 10 am-3:30 pm, free. Self-guided tours. View decorated rooms, participate in family-oriented activities. Registration required: eventbrite.com/e/fall-celebration-open-house-tickets-720516051907.

WHAT'S COOKING

First Tuesdays

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

First Fridays

VERNON HIGGINS SUB NIGHT, Philmont Fire Company, 1 Maple Ave, 4-6:30 pm, \$10. Serving Pepperoni, Meatball, Sausage & Peppers, Chicken Parm Subs, Chicken Fingers & Fries. Eat in, take out. Delivery available. Pre-orders: 518 610-1766, 821-0170. Starts in Nov.

Second Saturdays

SOUP & SANDWICH SATURDAYS, First Presbyterian Church of Valatie, 3212 Church St, 11:30 am-1 pm, free. Meet & visit with others from community. All welcome.

FOR KIDS

Continuing

Mondays

SHAKE & SHOUT TODDLER STORY TIME, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. For ages 1-3. Sing, dance, listen to story. No story time Oct 9, 16 or 23. 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

FREE PLAYGROUP, Martin H. Glynn Municipal Bldg, 3211 Church St, Valatie, 10 am-noon, free. Open to preschool aged children with their parents & caregivers. Parking in rear of building, enter door on far left hand side of building. familyresourcecenterscc.org.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays

FREE PLAYGROUP, Christ Episcopal Church, 431 Union St, Hudson, 9:30-11:30 am. Sponsored by Family Resource Centers of Columbia County, familyresourcecenterscc.org. Thru June. Open to pre-school aged children & their parents and caregivers.

Wednesdays, Saturdays

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

Thursdays

BABY & ME STORY TIME, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 11 am, free. claveracklibrary.org.

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

MUSIC & MOVEMENT, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 4-5 pm, free. Led by Abby Lappen. Registration appreciated: youth@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

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

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

Third Thursdays

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

Fridays

MUSICAL STORY TIME, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 10 am, free. claveracklibrary.org.

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

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

Saturdays

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



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Fourth Saturdays

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

Through November 15

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

Through 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.

October 5

PARAMEDIC STORY TIME, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson Ave, 1 pm, free. EMT talks about being a paramedic, kids see inside of ambulance. kinderhooklibrary.org.

October 6

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. Autumn themed story & STEAM experiment. For ages 3-5. 518 392-3666, chathampubliclibrary.org.

October 7

PUMPKIN PAINTING, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 11 am-1 pm, free. Choose from variety of pumpkins. Supplies provided. Refreshments served. Space limited, registration: youth@roejanlibrary.org.

October 9

CYANOTYPING ART PROJECT, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, noon, free. Jenifer Rosete from CLC leads workshop to create artwork with nature. kinderhooklibrary.org.

COMIC WORKSHOP,

Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 2 pm, free. Graphic Novelist Kayla Miller class about anatomy of comic page, different ways cartoonists use visuals to tell story. Participants create one-page comic. Registration: 518 851-7120, info@claveracklibrary.org.

October 10

CHESS CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3-4 pm, free. For ages 5 & up. Practice game, improve skills, challenge peers. Bring chess board if you have one. 518 392-3666, chathampubliclibrary.org.

BLOCK PARTY: BRICK

BUILDING CLUB, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 4:30-5:30 pm, free. For ages 5-12. Legos provided. newlebanonlibrary.org.

October 12

STORYTIME & WINDSOCKS, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3:30-4:30 pm, free. For ages 5-8. Read The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind & complete project. Registration: kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us.

AT THE MOVIES

October 5, 7-8

GOLDA, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

October 6-8, 12

JULES, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

October 7

CATVIDEOFEST 2023, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 1 pm, \$11. Encore screening. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

October 7-9

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

October 8

REGENERATING LIFE, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 1 pm, \$12.50. World premiere & panel discussion. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

THE VORD, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 7:30 pm, \$20. Followed by Q&A with cast & crew. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

October 13

MINIONS, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 5 pm, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

MAKING MUSIC

First Friday

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

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

October 5

ETHEL CAIN, Basilica Hudson, 1 S Front St, Hudson, doors open 8 pm, \$50 advanced, \$60 day-of. With Skullcrusher. Tickets: basilicahudson.org.

October 7

TRIO FADOLIN, First Presbyterian Church of Hudson, 369 Warren St, 3 pm, \$40 donation. String ensemble performs Songs of Refuge. Tickets: hudsonfestivalorchestra.org.

HEATHER MALONEY, Spencertown Academy, 790 Rt 203, 8 pm, \$25. Indie-folk concert. Tickets: spencertown-academy.org.

October 8, November 4

NEW SONGS, Lightforms Art Center, 743 Columbia St, Hudson, 7:30 pm, free. Jen Zimberg presents works in progress along with older songs. 518 417-1958.

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.

Through November 4

COMMUNITY READS, Columbia County Libraries Association. Book discussions, story times, film screenings for The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. Full schedule: columbiacountylibraries.org.

October 5

THE STORIES WE SHARE: How interpretations of the past have impact, Hudson Area Library, 5 N 5th St, 6 pm, free. Heidi Hill presents about historical perspectives of Crailo and Schuyler Mansion. 518 828-1792 x 106, hudsonarealibrary.org.

October 5-December 16

HUDSON COMMUNITY CHOIR, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, Thurs 6-7:30 pm, free. For all ages. Led by conductor Andrew Stein & assistant conductor Sharece Johnson. Rehearse & perform vocal repertoire with singers of all ages. Registration: hudson-hall.org.

October 7

FALL BIRD WALK, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, 8 am, free. Led by Alan Devoe Bird Club. Meet in main parking lot. Registration: friendsofclermont.org.

HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE, Kalicoontie Rod & Gun Club, 333 Schneider Rd, Livingston, 9 am-5 pm. Open to ages 13 & up. Light lunch provided. Homework on DEC website required. Dress for weather. Sign up, questions: 518 567-1976.

HILLSDALE: OUR STORY & PORTRAITS, special screenings presented at Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market, 9140 Rt 22, Hillsdale, 10 am-1 pm. Two-part video documentary on Hillsdale created by Julia Brandi & Marilyn Herrington. Roeliffjansenshs@gmail.com.

SAIL & SKETCH, Hudson Ferry Co, Hudson Waterfront, 1-2:30 pm or 3-4:30 pm, \$40-\$50. Boat tour & workshop in collaboration with Olana. Drawing exercises, hone your skills, learn techniques/practices of Frederic Church. Tickets: hudsonferry.co.

A CONVERSATION ABOUT SLAVERY in the Hudson Valley, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, 1:30-3:30 pm, \$10. Two linked descendants of Greene County families share their story. Registration: friendsofclermont.org.

EARLY HAND TOOLS & FARM IMPLEMENTS, Columbia County Historical Society Museum, 5 Albany Ave, Kinderhook, 2 pm, free. Ted Hilscher speaks with Henry Lambert, owner & operator of Greenport dairy farm & milk bottling plant. Cchsny.org.

NARCAN TRAINING, Mental Health Awareness & Creative Arts Gallery, 717 Columbia St, Hudson, 2-3 pm, free. Presentation by Brian Belt. Narcan kits available to those who pass the training. namaskar47@hotmail.com.



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October 10

COLUMBIA COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION, Hudson American Legion Post 184, 107 CR 25, Stockport, 7:30 pm. Directions, details about membership: 518 672-4757.

October 11

SHOWING UP AUTHENTICALLY ONLINE, Create Council, virtual event, noon, free. For creative DIY-ers & artists who want to make strong impact online gently. Led by Eimy Figueroa. Registration: greenearts.org/uncategorized/technical-assistance-series.

October 12, November 16

MEDICARE 101, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 11 am, free. With USA Medicare consultants. chathampubliclibrary.org.

PULLING BACK THE CURTAIN: How Fiction Works & Why It Still Matters, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annandale, 7 pm, \$25 & up. Lecture by Neil Gaiman. Tickets: fishercenter.bard.edu, 845 758-7900.

October 12-14

RETHINKING PLACE: Bard-on-Mahicantuck, Bard College, Manor Rd, Annandale, free. Theme: Indigenous Research Methods and Practice in the Liberal Arts: Refusal, Creation, and Intersectionality. Schedule, tickets: rethinkingplace.bard.edu/conference2023.

October 13

PREPARING FOR DYING, DEATH & BEREAVEMENT, N Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rt 203, 10 am, free. Philip Tribble presents on elder law, Medicaid program. 4-part series. Registration: register-northchathamlibrary@gmail.com. northchathamlibrary.org

OPERATION S.A.V.E., New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Rt 22, 6 pm, free. Suicide Prevention Training using the S.A.V.E. model. Information: kkuff33@outlook.com.

TO PAY THE PIED PIPER: The Cost of Stories, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annandale, 7 pm, \$25 & up. Lecture by Neil Gaiman. Tickets: fishercenter.bard.edu, 845 758-7900.

ON STAGE

October 13-14

L'ETANG (THE POND), PS 21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, times vary, \$10-\$35. Gisèle Vienne's adaptation of Robert Walser's bitter family drama. Tickets: ps21chatham.org.

October 13-15, 20-22

OUTSIDE MULLINGAR, Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Pl, Fri & Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 2 pm, \$12-\$28. Irish drama. Tickets: ghentplayhouse.org.

October 14

SCOTT BAKER & VINNIE MARK, Churchtown Fire Company, 2219 CR 27, doors open 7 pm, show 8 pm, \$40 all inclusive hor d'oeuvres & drinks. Tickets increase to \$45 Oct 1. Tickets: cfc@churchtownfire.com, eventbrite.com/event/interactive-comedy-night-tickets-622085944807.

ON VIEW

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

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.

CALDWELL GALLERY, Hudson, 355 Warren St. Object Matter: A Philanthropy Driven Exhibition, up Oct 7-Nov 26. 29 artists. Fri-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 518 828-7087, jay@caldwell-galleryhudson.com.

CARRIE HADDAD Gallery, 622 Warren St, Hudson. Of a Transient Nature, up Oct 6-Nov 26; artists reception Oct 7, 5-7 pm. Daily 11 am-5 pm, Tue by appt only. 518 828-1915. carriehaddadgallery.com.

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

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

CLAVERACK Library, 629 Rt 23B. Jane Gennaro: Storytales, up through Oct 21. Open during library hours. claveracklibrary.org.

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

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. "Ego Tripping: An Exploration of Self-Portraits" by Stephan Marc Klein, up Oct 6-29; artist reception Oct 14, 2-5 pm. Fri & Sat, noon-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 518 822-0510. 510warrenstreetgallery.com.

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.

GALLERY@CREATE, 398 Main St, Catskill. Our Non Understanding of Everything, up Oct 13-Nov 12. Fri 4-7 pm, Sat & Sun 11 am-6 pm. create-council.org.

HUDSON AMTRAK STATION, 69 S Front St. Richard Sandler: Subway Ontology. create-council.org.

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

HUDSON HALL, 327 Warren St. Houses & the Night Sky: The Art of Donna Dennis, opens with reception Oct 14, 5-7 pm; up through Nov 26. Tue-Fri, 9 am-5 pm, Sat & Sun, noon-5 pm. 518 822-1438. hudsonhall.org.

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

LABspace, 2642 Rt 23, Hillsdale. Susan Carr: little tales, up through Nov 5. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm, no appt necessary. julielabspace@gmail.com. 917 749-2857.

LIGHTFORMS Art Center, 743 Columbia St, Hudson. All I See Is Water, opens with reception Oct 7, 6-10 pm; up through Oct 28. Fri 3-7, Sat-Sun 11:30 am-5 pm. 917 330-6262. lightformsartcenter.com

LIMNER Gallery, 123 Warren St, Hudson. A Show of Heads, up Oct 12-Nov 4; opening reception Oct 14, 3-5 pm. By appt. 518 828-2343.

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

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

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

PRIVATE PUBLIC GALLERY, 530 Warren St, Hudson. Howard Schwartzberg: The Weight of Paintings, up through Oct 29. 212 286-0075, private-publicgallery@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. Group Photography Show, through Oct 1. Open library hours. roejanlibrary.org.

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

SPENCERTOWN Academy Arts Ctr, 790 Rt 203. Regional Juried Fine Arts Show, up through Oct 29. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm. spencertownacademy.org. 518 392-3693.

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

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

THE GARAGE AT CHATHAM, 27 Kinderhook St, Chatham. A Closer Look: Outside Sculpture. thegarageat-chatham.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.

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. Care & indignity, opening reception Oct 7, 3-5 pm. Fri-Sun noon-5 pm, by appointment. turley.gallery.

WINDOW ON HUDSON, 43 S 3rd St, Hudson. Mimi Czajka Graminski: Between Shadow and Light, up through Oct 15. windowonhudson.org

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Gardeners spruce up Lindenwald

Members of the Garden Club of Kinderhook gathered at the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site (Lindenwald), 1013 Old Post Road off Route 9H, Kinderhook to make decorating plans for the upcoming "Entertaining Through Harvest—1800-1850" event, October 13 to 15. The garden club will decorate the rooms and porches using greenery and floral materials true to the time period. Martin Van Buren had a keen interest in gardening, expanding the gardens at Lindenwald and erecting greenhouses for year-round cultivating and growing. Fruit trees, flowers and vegetables were all grown on the property during Van Buren's time there. The public can view the decorated spaces and participate in family-oriented activities planned for the event. Find the MVB National Historic Site and the Garden Club of Kinderhook on Facebook.



David Lee

Rain didn't wash off these spots

The FASNY Museum of Firefighting held its Dalmatian Day event Saturday, September 23 with more than 25 Dalmatian dogs in attendance as well as special events and free admission. Rain did not seem to deter the visitors. Two-year-old Aden Ruby of Watervliet met some Dalmatian dogs interested in his lollipop. The dogs were on hand to greet visitors.

Community briefs

Fall Trash Day comes to Stuyvesant

STUYVESANT—The Town of Stuyvesant will hold its annual Fall Trash Day Saturday, October 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 413 Sharptown Road site.

Residents can obtain a punch card at the town clerk's office which is good for two trips or one trip with a loaded truck and single-axle trailer not to exceed 12' in length. No hazardous waste or household garbage is accepted. Allowed items: 4 tires per ticket, bulky trash, small items in a container, electronics, appliances. Brush and clean lumber should be separately packed and no pressure treated lumber.

Questions? Call Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli at 518-758-6248 X 110 or Highway Superintendent Joe Scrum 518-758-6843.

Make a ghost at fall festival

KINDERHOOK—The Kinderhook Business and Professional Association / Kinderhook Farmers Market Fall Festival 2023 comes to Kinderhook Village Square, Route 9 and Hudson Street, Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities include: hay rides courtesy of Samascott Orchards, pumpkin painting, ghost making, kids games, face painting, market vendors, DJ Jared Widjeskog, a fall dessert bake-off with prizes and judging at noon.

Legionnaires head to Stockport

STOCKPORT—The Columbia County American Legion meets Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Hudson American Legion Post 184, 107 County Route 25. For directions or to become a member of the American Legion contact Jeff at 518-672-4757.

Learn about programs available to seniors

CLAVERACK—Kate West from the Office for the Aging will discuss all programs available to seniors at the next meeting of the Claverack Seniors at the Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Route 9H, Friday, October 13 at 1 p.m.

Phyllis Nichols and Irene Viebrock are on the refreshment committee.

All are welcome to attend the following scheduled trip:

October 18 to 19, Wind Creek, Bethlehem, PA, leave Claverack at 7 a.m., members—\$198 single, \$116 double, \$89 triple, \$75 quad (per person), add \$10 for non-members, receive \$40 comp and \$20 food.

All trips must be paid for at sign up or seats cannot be guaranteed. Call Debbie Grau to sign up at 518-610-1766. Make checks payable to Claverack Seniors, include phone number, mail to P.O. Box 614, Philmont 12565.

Lambert leads off farm talk series October 7

KINDERHOOK—The Columbia County Historical Society (CCHS) presents a talk with Henry Lambert, a long time co-owner and operator of a Greenport dairy farm and milk bottling plant, at the Columbia County Historical Society Museum and Library, 5 Albany Avenue, Saturday, October 7 at 2 p.m. This presentation is the first in a series of three talks on the history of farming and agricultural structures in Columbia County. Each talk is free of charge for CCHS members and \$10 for non-members. Seats are limited.

Register and get tickets at www.cchsnny.org or call 518-758-9265.



Photo contributed

Horses were an important farm tool.

Mr. Lambert's talk complements the current exhibit at the society museum of early farm tools and equipment, most of which were donated to the society by Mr. Lambert.

The use of numerous tools by farmers and horses will be explained by Mr. Lambert, the seventh generation of his family to farm on Becraft Mountain. He will take us back to the 1960s and through the process of bringing fresh milk from the cow to the kitchen table. He will also offer insight into the decline of the small family farmer. In 1930, 25% of the local population lived on farms. That number is less than 2% today.

Ted Hilscher, professor emeritus of history at Columbia-Greene Community College, will interview Lambert.

•October 14: Walter Wheeler, senior architectural historian for Hartgen Archeological Associates, will lecture on historic barns and outbuildings. Q&A with: Gregg Berninger, professor of English at Columbia-Greene Community College, Ghent town historian, and Ted Hilscher, professor emeritus of History at Columbia-Greene Community College.

•October 21: Van Calhoun, a Family Legacy, seven generations at the Birge Hill Farm.

THROUGH THE WOODS

By Nancy Jane Kern

Birds nest soup

RECENTLY A FRIEND SENT ME A PHOTO of a chimney swift nest that had fallen down an unused chimney. The birds and eggs were long gone so none were harmed. I immediately thought of my grandmother who lived in an 1800s farmhouse with 3 chimneys, one was cracked and never used. The last had a first- and second-floor fireplace and almost every summer a chimney swift would fall out in a cloud of soot and flop and fly around. My job was to catch it, and gently clean it and the room, and finally myself. The friend's nest was detailed showing small broken twigs woven and stuck together.

A hole in the nest was where it had pulled loose from the wall. I learned that the swifts grow enlarged salivary glands in spring and lay down a patch of sticky saliva glue for nest attachment. The fast-flying 3.5" bird grabs a small dry twig which breaks off and is then stuck to the glue. The chimney swift pair work together weaving and gluing sticks for about 18 days until the little basket is complete and hardened. About six eggs are laid and the birds are fed numerous insects until the young leave the nest.

They also nest in tree cavities, under bridges, in caves, and use abandoned buildings.

This glue was fascinating, and I couldn't find information about its makeup.

The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology elicited some answers from Sarah Wagner, Ph.D., public information specialist who thought my question was very interesting. She emailed me a paper from the Science Direct Food Research International journal homepage: www.elsevier.com: "The Characterization of edible bird's nest of different production, species and geographical origins using nutritional composition, physicochemical properties, and antioxidant activities." It gave me some answers. The study was done on nests of swiftlet species in Malaysia. "Edible bird's nest (EBN) is a precious food made from the solidified saliva of swiftlets," which inspired the study. I had heard of Chinese bird nest soup which sounded disgusting. These nests may be formed entirely of strands of hardened saliva, not like our related chimney swifts.

The analyses in the article said the nests contained over 60% proteins, some carbohydrates, and minerals. Very nutritious indeed. The flavor of the slowly simmered nests is said to be mild-flavored and gelatinous. Originally taken from very high and dangerous to reach cave ceilings, they were very, very expensive. Now they are being raised in open, empty houses monitored to protect the birds. Amazon sells the nests for a much-reduced price of \$720/8oz. pkg.

I think I will stick to chicken soup.



"Van Bergen Overmantel," ca. 1733, attributed to John Heaten, oil on cherry wood boards, H: 16.25 x W: 88.75 in., Fenimore Art Museum, Cooperstown, New York, Museum Purchase. N0366.1954.

Richard Walker

Descendants find a genetic connection

CLERMONT—Hear "A Conversation about Slavery in the Hudson Valley: Two Linked Descendants Share Their Story" at Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue on the mansion's southwest lawn, Saturday, October 7 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Debra Bruno and Eleanor Mire each grew up knowing nothing of the history of slavery in the Hudson Valley. When

they learned that New York's 200 years of slavery began in New Netherland and extended well into colonial times, they were shocked. To their surprise, they also discovered through a Facebook group called "I've Traced My Enslaved Ancestors and Their Owners" that they both descended from families from Greene County, on the west bank of the Hudson. They also learned that Debra's ances-

tors enslaved Eleanor's ancestors, information that sent them on a dive into even more research, and the eventual truth that their connection was probably also a genetic one.

Debra wrote about this story in a 2020 Washington Post Magazine article called "History Lessons." She is currently writing a book, "A Hudson Valley Reckoning: Uncovering the Secrets of Enslavers in My

Colonial Dutch Family," with an afterword by Eleanor.

Debra and Eleanor will tell this story in a speech that alternates between them, and will share pictures of Mary Vanderzee, the matriarch of Eleanor's family, her final home, her gravesite, and the "Van Bergen Overmantel" in Cooperstown, a painting that likely includes both of their ancestors.

Admission is \$10/adults; children 12 and under are free.

Registration is required and tickets are limited. Early registration is recommended. Register www.friendsofclermont.org/event

This lecture is generously sponsored by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.



Photo contributed

Circa 1820 James Vanderpoel House of History.

Donate a wreath for holiday gallery

KINDERHOOK—The Columbia County Historical Society seeks holiday wreath donations.

Artists, businesses, designers, florists, and crafty folks of all ages are invited to be a part of a Columbia County tradition by donating a wreath to the 37th annual Gallery of Wreaths Silent Auction.

Wreaths will be displayed at

the c.1820 James Vanderpoel "House of History," 16 Broad Street, December 1 to 3.

All wreaths are donated to be sold in the holiday silent auction, with all proceeds benefiting CCHS educational programming

For wreath donation forms and information go to: <https://cchsny.org/gallery-of-wreaths/> Visit www.cchsny.org

Hawthorne Valley to host Harvest Festival

HARLEMVILLE—Hawthorne Valley, 327 County Route 21C, invites the public to the Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Throughout the day, there will be seasonal children's activities, a farm photo booth, hay rides, a retrospective exhibit honoring Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School's 50th anniversary, Birds of Prey wildlife demonstrations and more.

At 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m., a puppet show, "The Seed Keeper's Crossing," will be presented in the Morning Star Kindergarten Theater. The Hawthorne Valley Early Childhood teachers will use silk marionette theater to tell the story of a little child living in a beautiful paradise, wondering if life is like his in other places.

Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School will host an Open House to give families an opportunity to learn about its

programming by meeting faculty members and seeing student work. Guided tours will be offered 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. A special guided tour for Early Childhood families will be offered at 12:15 p.m. Register for the guided tour by contacting admissions@hawthornevalley.org.

The Makers Market features a variety of local artisans including: Double M G Crochet, Peglet Life, The Promise Land Farm, Helen Suter Jewelry, Amanda Hummel Cookies, Flowering Heart, Pamela Dalton, TEKVERK, Lionheart Apothecary, Jenifer Rosete, April Saladino Designs, Shannon Beaucage, Meghan Forrest Apiary, Maple Leaf Sugaring, Hawthorne Valley Farm, Alkion Center, and Lightforms Art Center.

Food will be available for purchase from What's Really Good BBQ, Urugula's Creative Cuisine, and Von Pogz Waffles.

A line up of live music is in store from The Kitchen Kaylie Band, The Russet Trio, Jonathan Talbot and Members of the Lucky Five, and Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School's Chamber Music Ensemble.

Following the festival at 2 p.m., Katy Lince will host a horn manure stirring and spraying at Hawthorne Valley Farm. Members of the public who are interested in learning more about biodynamic agriculture are invited to attend.

Hawthorne Valley is grateful to sponsors for making this event possible: Claverack Well & Pump Service, UHY, Pro Printers, Columbia County Tourism, Columbia Land Conservancy, and SunCommon. Media Sponsor: Radio Woodstock 100.1 WDST.

For more information visit <https://hawthornevalley.org>

Obituaries

Karen P. Leggett (1960 - 2023)

ALBANY—Karen “KJ” P. Leggett, 63, passed away September 29, 2023 in Albany. Born in Hudson to Chester and Almeda Pulver August 5, 1960, her upbringing on her family’s farm fostered a lifetime of persevering work ethic, dedicated volunteerism, and caring love that revealed a true servant’s heart.



KJ Leggett

She attended Chatham High School and competed in gymnastics and cross-country before graduating in 1978. She worked at Yury’s School of Gymnastics in Albany for 20 years before starting KJ’s Gymnastics in 1999. After starting in a small one-bay garage with 20 students in Red Rock, KJ’s grew to over 175 students in less than three years, at which time she moved to the business’ current location in Valatie. Since then, KJ’s Gymnastics has grown to become a community institution that serves thousands of children each year through classes, camps, birthday parties, and special events. Gymnastics was always a passion for her, but her mission grew beyond only the sport to providing a

safe and fun environment for children to learn and become confident in themselves.

She was a devoted patron and whole-hearted volunteer for the Mac-Haydn Theatre for over 25 years. Her first show was in 1976 at the fairgrounds, but she’d always tell the story of how she became a lifer due to the kindness of Lynn Haydn and Linda McNish, who reissued them tickets, free of charge, after a medical emergency prevented them from finishing the show! Between volunteering as the supervising head usher, selling ad space in the programs, making countless actor meals for dress rehearsals and strike nights, and baking desserts for Backstage Coffeeshouse, the Mac was an immense source of joy and friendship for her.

Mrs. Leggett was a faithful 40-year member of the Ghent

Reformed Church. She volunteered and made food for many a community dinner, fundraiser and family party. Just like at the Mac, her desserts were always highly sought after!

She is survived by: her husband, Richard Leggett, Jr.; sons, Stephen and Brian Leggett (Meredith); her brother, Robert Pulver; sister, Marbry Gansle (Steve), and in-laws, Richard and Martha Leggett, Sr. She was predeceased by her parents, Almeda and Chester Pulver, and sister, Marion Chavin. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Ghent Reformed Church or the Mac-Haydn Theatre. The family extend its gratitude to these organizations for their love and support.

Visitation will be held at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie, Thursday, October 5, 2023 from 3 to 6 p.m. Funeral service will be held at Ghent Reformed Church Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11 a.m. Burial will immediately follow in the cemetery at Ghent Reformed Church, and a lunch reception will be provided.

Olga B. Moreland (1939 - 2023)

SPENCERTOWN—Olga Budor Moreland, 84, passed away October 3 at her home in Spencertown. With her were her husband of 47 years, Tom, their son Bill of Princeton, MA, and Kim Heath and Susan Maloy, two of the many home health aides who had helped attend to Mrs. Moreland over the last four years.



Olga Moreland

She lived with Parkinson’s, a progressive disease, since being diagnosed in 2001. She is also survived by: her brother, Merrill (Marge) Budor of Farmington Hills, MI, and their two sons, Nicholas and Andrew; her nephew, Aaron Kanar of Woodbury, NJ, the son of her sister, Ann. Ann and her daughter, Ellen predeceased Mrs. Moreland.

She worked on the short-lived 1972 presidential campaign of Mayor John Lindsay. She later served as deputy director of the Mayor’s Office for the apparel industry.

In 1984 she switched careers and entered Rutgers Law School, where she was selected for the Rutgers Law Review. After graduation she worked in New York at the leading environmental law firm of Beveridge & Diamond.

She was born in Hamtramck, MI, March 19, 1939, to William and Mary Budor (formerly Budorowych), both immigrants from Ukraine. She graduated from Hamtramck High School in 1956, and won a full four-year scholarship to the University of Michigan from the Ford Motor Company, where her father worked.

In 1969 she met Tom Moreland, a lawyer and today the Austerlitz Town Historian. They married in 1976. In 1980, “Bill joined the family at the age of three days, and the Morelands purchased a weekend house in Hillsdale. In 1995 they moved to Spencertown, purchasing an 1807 house on Dugway, which became their full-time residence in 2009. She was active in community affairs as a leader of Zoning for Austerlitz. Among town board members she was known as “that woman,” due to her assertive presence at town board meetings. She was a formidable personality until, after a point, Parkinson’s took hold.

After receiving her BA degree in 1960 and then a master’s degree in Russian studies in 1962, she moved to New York City. She worked for many years in a public information capacity for the New York City Planning Department, where she oversaw preparation of the Department’s master plan for the city, released in 1969.

In March 2019, she enjoyed a large surprise 80th birthday

party at the Spencertown Academy. However, a few months later her condition worsened, resulting in a 21-day hospital stay. Over the next four years she and her husband had dedicated 24/7 assistance from home health care aides, including in the last year Kim Heath, Paula Westover, Susan Maloy, Melanie Hoopes, Erin Wickenheiser, Kelli Pritchett, McKenzie Pritchett, Sue Diskin, Michele Hotaling, Lucy Keegan, Marissa Boyles and Mandi Lawson. And for many years Mrs. Moreland enjoyed the help of her beloved physical therapist, Jessica Tassinari Shanahan.

Almost every evening, starting in March 2020, Mr. and Mrs. Moreland enjoyed a 21-mile round trip from their house, with an aide in the back-seat counting the number of deer along the route. The record was 402 deer, April 2, 2023. Near the end, one night on Dugway the Morelands spotted a beautiful and rare white fawn. Almost an apparition, and perhaps a sign.

Visiting hours at the Wenk Funeral Home in Chatham will be held Friday, October 6 from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 5 p.m. Burial will be in the Spencertown cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research (michaeljfox.org).

Susan E. Koskey (1939 - 2023)

CLAVERRACK—Susan Evans Koskey of Claverack died peacefully at home October 1, 2023 after a courageous battle with Alzheimer’s disease.



Susan Koskey

She was born September 7, 1939 in Hudson, the daughter of Rowland Brown Evans and Dorothy Dreher Evans. She graduated from Greenport School, Hudson High School and Green Mountain College. After college, she worked in personnel management at John G. Myers Company in Albany. She married Richard Koskey May 2, 1964. For the next 20 years, she focused on raising her three daughters and supporting her husband. In 1984, she became co-owner of Willig & Brown, Inc. (W & B Golf Carts, Inc.) where she served as office manager for more than 25 years. Throughout her life she spent countless hours volunteering in the snack bar at Columbia Memorial Hospital; with the Hudson Junior Service League in the Nearly New Shop; and served on the Board of Managers and the Board of Trustees for the Hudson Home for the Aged. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Hudson for over 80 years, where she served in many roles. She enjoyed playing tennis and bridge and having her home

full of family.

She is survived by: her husband of 59 years, Richard; her daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Scott Patzwahl of Claverack, Amy and Edward Kurja of South Hamilton, MA, and Susanne and Alex Vogel of Dublin, NH; eight grandchildren, Taylor, Hannah and Kyle Patzwahl, Olivia, Claire and Jacob Kurja, and Otto and Piper Mae Vogel; her sister, Linda Drahushuk of Claverack and her brother, Rowland Brown Evans of Castleton. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, C.H. Evans, IV, of Catskill.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m. at Christ Church Episcopal in Hudson. In lieu of flowers, her family requests donations be made to The Community Hospice of Columbia and Greene counties, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill 12414.

Arrangements are with the Bates & Anderson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Lena D. Rose (1939 - 2023)

GHENT—Lena Diane Rose, 83, of Sun City Center, FL, passed away September 29, 2023 in Ghent. She was born in Poughkeepsie to Edward and Anna King, December 8, 1939. She graduated from Arlington High School. During her working years, she was a bookkeeper. She finished her career working with her husband, Edward, at their business, Hudson Valley Auto Appraisers in Albany. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, as well as volunteering at her church, local rescue squad and hospital. She was a life-member of the Cascade-Vassar, Chapter 347 of the Eastern Star.



Lena Rose

She is survived by: her loving daughter, Diane Rose Ryan of Valatie; her grandchildren, Melissa Taylor (Christopher) and Allison Ryan; her great-grandchildren, Austin and Riley.

She was predeceased by her parents, Edward and Anna

King; brothers, Erwin and Joseph King, and her true love, Edward T. Rose, whom she missed deeply.

A graveside service will be held at the Wappingers Falls Rural Cemetery Friday, October 6 at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Alex Herasimtschuk from the Zion Episcopal Church officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607. The family extends its gratitude to Community Hospice for all of their care and support.

Arrangements are with the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie.

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Obituaries

Trudeann Z. Dalton (1950 - 2023)

BLOOMINGTON, IN—Trudeann Zatkovich Dalton, 73, of Bloomington, IN, formerly from Copake, passed away September 21, 2023, after a battle with cancer.

Her professional career revolved around all things computers. She worked for many years at MIT in Cambridge, MA. After moving back home she worked at IBM in New York.

“Trude” married Tom Dalton, April 28, 2001. They moved to Copake for the tranquility and peace of the country. Together, they enjoyed watching the races and going to the gun range. After losing her beloved husband, she moved to Bloomington, IN, to be closer to her niece, Kayla Lyons; nephew, Stephen Borecky, and sister, Diana Cimmer.



Trude Dalton

She was an avid gardener and would spend hours in her garden. She was a huge believer in Jesus Christ and always left everyone with a “Jesus loves you.” She never knew a stranger and was so grateful for those in her life. Even though she never had children, her nieces and nephews were her greatest joy, especially her great-nephew, Otto, whom she loved very much.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom; mother, Joan; father, John; mother-in-

law, Anne Dalton and brother-in-law, Robert Dalton.

She is survived by: her brother, John (Kathy) Zatkovich; her sister, Diana (Jay) Cimmer; nieces, Kayla (Josh) Lyons, and Stephanie Zatkovich; nephews, Matthew Zatkovich and Stephen Borecky; her great-nephew, Otto Ray Lyons; sister-in-law, Nancy Dalton; brother-in-law, Richard Dalton; stepdaughters, Debra Dalton and Helena Dalton; step-granddaughter, Sophia; numerous cousins, one of whom she was especially close to, Judy Hartley.

In her memory, donations may be made to a charity close to one's heart.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy for the Dalton family may be shared at www.DayDeremiahFrye.com

Michael Scheller (1959 - 2023)

COPAKE—Michael W. Scheller, 64, of Copake passed away September 25, 2023 at his residence. He was born May 29, 1959 in Rhinebeck to Walter Scheller and Eleanor (Winans) Vail. He grew up around the family farm and then went to work for Karl Ehmer Farm. Later he went on to work for the Village of Millerton Water Department. Most recently he was the superintendent of the waste water treatment and the highway department for the Village of Philmont until his retirement. He continued working part-time after his retirement for the Town of Hillsdale Sewer Treatment Plant and the water and wastewater plant for Berkshire Farm Center.

“Mike” was an avid out-



Mike Scheller

doorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing especially with his grandsons. He admired hotrods, motorcycles and liked working on his tractors. When not outdoors or tinkering he could be found reading a good book. He was a member of the Deer Run Lodge and will certainly be missed this season.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 36 years, Robin Scheller; his mother, Eleanor Vail; son, Kenny Van Keuren and his companion, Ariel O'Neill; two adoring grandsons, Kollin and Hunter Van Keuren; his sister,

Patricia Giordano; brother, Timothy Scheller; nephews, Matthew Giordano and Tim Scheller “TJ” and Frank Wathley, Jr.; his brother-in-law, Frank Wathley; several cousins and his two loving pups, Misty and Indy.

In addition to his father, he was also predeceased by: his brother-in-law, Angelo Giordano and his niece, Jade Wathley.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences was held September 30, 2023 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 8063 Route 22, Copake. A prayer service will follow. Interment will take place privately. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory are requested to the American Diabetes Association.

Patricia A. Aleckysnas (1949 - 2023)

NIVERVILLE—Patricia “Patti” Ann Aleckysnas of Niverville went home to Jesus, Monday, September 25, 2023.

She was born in New York City, February 21, 1949, daughter to Donald E. and Frances W. Wilson.

She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother (“Meme” extraordinaire) and great-grandmother, creating memories with all that will last a lifetime. Her biggest goal in life was making sure her family and those around her knew Jesus, and she shared Him with all that she knew.

In addition, she had a compassion for people; she spent her career taking care of others as an RN and case manager at St. Peter's Hospital, where she worked for 29 years. Her compassion carried over to her personal life—she volunteered collections for the Capital City Rescue Mission, Code Blue



Patti Aleckysnas

Shelters, aided firefighters during 9/11, participated in many missionary trips including to Africa and Mexico, and was an active member of Christian Community Church of Stuyvesant.

She had a love for animals and owned everything from horses, pigs, ducks, chickens, goats and more. She had a love for travel and enjoyed cruises with her family, trips to exotic places and ending her summers with the family enjoying the ocean on Cape Cod. She had a love for live music and went to all the Irish festivals, and loved the Beatles.

During her passing, she was

surrounded by the love of her family. She is survived by: her husband of 10 years, Mike; her four children, Pam, Gary, Christa and Patty; her 12 grandchildren, Danny, Jake, Steven, Julianna, Jenna, Caileigh, Amaya, Bill, Crew, Ariana, Timothy and Amehia; seven great-grandchildren with the eighth expected in January. She was loved greatly and will be missed by many.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 7 at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, 1015 Kinderhook Street, Valatie, with calling hours from 10 a.m. to noon and a service from noon to 1 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. at Christian Community Church, 2170 U.S. Route 9, Kinderhook.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the American Diabetes Center.

John G. Rapp (1950 - 2023)

HUDSON—John George Rapp, age 73, of Hudson passed away September 24 2023. He was born June 23, 1950 to William and Vivian Rapp in New Rochelle.

He was predeceased by his father, William H.; his mother, Vivian R.; his brother, William C. and his twin sister, Trudy J. Colburn. He is survived by: his sisters, Vivian L. Vogel (Dr. Al Vogel) and Dr. Linda Rapp-Bennett (Dr. Jesse Bennett); three nephews, one niece and several great-nieces and -nephews.

He was born premature and wasn't expected to live. However, he lived a full-life thanks to the care of his family and the many services provided by the staff at Coarc. He was visually impaired but had a phenomenal memory and never forgot someone's name or their date of birth. He loved the weather and could tell you the current temperature and forecast.

Anthony T. Melino (1949 - 2023)

HUDSON—Anthony T. Melino, 73, of Hudson passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family September 23, 2023, after battling cancer. Born December 16, 1949 in Hudson, he was the son of Joseph Melino, Jr., and Marjorie (Patrick) Melino.

In 1967, he graduated from Hudson High School and shortly thereafter joined the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War, honorably discharged in 1969. After discharge, he married his high school sweetheart, Sharon Lagitch and they shared 52 wonderful years together.

He spent many years in the bar business, starting with the family restaurant Joe's on Fairview Avenue. Later he went on to open his own establishment, Melino's Pub on Columbia Street with his cousin, Charles Melino. They also owned and operated M&M Video at various locations throughout Columbia County. In 2011, Mr. Melino and his son, Bryan opened the Ice Cream Shack on Fairview Avenue and operated the business for nine years. He was a life-member of Hudson Elks Lodge #787, and a member of American Legion Post #184 and VFW Post #1314.



John Rapp

A celebration of his life took place at the Bates & Anderson Funeral Home, Hudson, September 30. A private interment will be held at a later date at Calvary Cemetery.

The family thanks the many staff who provided services to him for over 40 years, especially the care by the present residential staff at his Ravish Road group home. “His life was a gift to all and brought much happiness and joy to those who knew him and we treasure those memories.”

“But eyes are blind, you have to look with the heart.” de Saint-Exupery

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to Coarc at P.O. Box 2. Mellenville 12544.



Anthony Melino

After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his family. In April, they took a family trip to Walt Disney World and made memories that will last a lifetime.

He will be forever loved and remembered by: his wife, Sharon (Lagitch) Melino; his son, Bryan (Elizabeth); his daughter, Jenna (Brent); his two grandchildren, Christian and Charlotte, who meant the world to him; two fur grandbabies, Piper and Poppy; his brothers, Philip Melino (Hannalore) and Timothy Melino (Wendy); sister, Joanne Craig (Gary); sister-in-law, Nirell Melino; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was loved by so many, and he will forever be missed.

Visitation hours at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home were September 29. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory are encouraged to be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org

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Wayne L. Hiserodt

ANCRAMDAL—Wayne L. Hiserodt, 75, passed away September 28, 2023 after a long illness. He was the son of Kenneth and Mary Hiserodt. He began working on the family farm, and then worked 30

years for the New York State Parks and Recreation Department.

He is survived by: his wife of 52 years, Maureen; his daughter, Amy Jourdin; son, Christopher (Monica) Hiserodt;

his six grandchildren, Victoria (David), Alexandra (Jacob), Noah, Rose, Zoey and Liam; four great-grandchildren, Ava, Elliana, Amelia and Addelynn; his sister, Joan Hiserodt also survives. In addition to many

extended family and wonderful friends.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences will be held Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes,

8063 Route 22, Copake. A short prayer service will follow at 1 p.m. Interment will take place privately. In lieu of flowers donations in Mr. Hiserodt's memory may be made to Community Rescue Squad.

Public Notices

Notice
356 Warren LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/16/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 331 Mt. Merino Rd., Hudson, NY 12534. General Purpose
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is 431 Lakeview LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 23, 2023. New York office location: 431 Lakeview Road, Town of Copake, County of Columbia and the State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 431 Lakeview LLC; 276 Highland Road, South Orange, New Jersey 07079. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law.
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

NOTICE
COLUMBIA COUNTY ECKHOLM STUDIOS LLC
Notice of formation of Eckholm Studios LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 05/31/2023. Office location: Columbia County. Principal business location: 3875 NY-9G, Germantown, NY 12526. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3875 NY-9G, Germantown, NY 12526. Purpose: any lawful acts or activities for which LLCs may be organized.
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

Notice
Notice of Formation of Eric C. Miller PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-06-30. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The PLLC: 1880 State Route 82 Ancram NY 12502. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Fourth Dimension Architecture PLLC.
Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-22. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Elizabeth Saunier: PO Box 781 Windham NY 12496. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

Notice
Notice of Formation of Katherine Moore LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-04. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to : 82 N 3rd St Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful activity
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

Notice
KATHLEEN HEINS ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/15/23. Office: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, P.O. Box 42, Craryville, NY 12521. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

Notice
Mason Plumbing and Heating LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/14/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Patrick Mason, 382 Roche Dr., Ancramdale, NY 12503. General Purpose
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Phoenix Initiative, LLC
Office Location: Columbia County N.Y. Articles of Organization Filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 18, 2023. SSNY is designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and SSNY shall mail process to Phoenix Initiative, LLC located at 17 High Street, Chatham, NY 12037.
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

Notice
Notice of formation of Pop's Cabin LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 17,

2008. Office Location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to: Lester G. McCarthy, 124 Skyline Rd., Ancramdale, NY 12503. Purpose: any lawful activity.
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

Notice
Rockhill Hudson Valley Holdings LLC. Filed 7/18/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 32 Treeland Farm Rd, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: General.
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

NOTICE
Notice of formation of TWIN PONDS SOLAR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/12/23. Office: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail to: The LLC, 160 Nevis Rd., Tivoli NY 12583. Purpose: All legal purposes.
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

Notice
Notice of formation of WOLF SOLAR 1 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/12/23. Office: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail to: The LLC, 160 Nevis Rd., Tivoli NY 12583. Purpose: All legal purposes.
6T#s 35,36,37,38,39,40

Notice
CRAFT CULTIVATION LLC. Filed 8/10/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 173 Whipoorwill Rd, Hillsdale, NY 12529. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.
6T#s 36,37,38,39,40,41

Notice
46 New Street Realty, LLC, App of Auth. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/25/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 42 New St., Stuyvesant, NY 12173. General Purpose.
6T#s 36,37,38,39,40,41

KATHLEEN DEROSA-LAZARE D.O., PLLC
KATHLEEN DEROSA-LAZARE D.O., PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/28/23. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 278 Schoolhouse Rd., Ghent, NY 12075. Purpose: To practice Medicine. Principal business loc: 2542 State Route 66,

Chatham, NY 12037.
6T#s 36,37,38,39,40,41

Notice
174 SPENCER LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/5/23. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 174 Spencer Rd., Austerlitz, NY 12017, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

Publication
Notice:
ATHENS RUN LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 09/11/2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to, ATHENS RUN LLC, 208 Old South Durham Hwy, Acra, NY 12405. Purpose: General business purposes.
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

Notice
Barrtorp LLC. Filed 8/30/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Jamie Carano, 187 Taconic Creek Rd, Hillsdale, NY 12529. Purpose: General.
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

Notice
Notice of Formation of BG DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on September 8, 2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 42 West 39th Street, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: any lawful activity.
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

Notice
DOWNEAST FISH COMPANY LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 8/10/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

Notice
FOUR TWO FOX LLC. Filed 8/11/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 42 Fox Ln, Tivoli, NY 12583. Purpose: General.
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

NOTICE
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is Hamlet of Blue Stores, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")
SECOND: The Articles of

Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on September 7, 2023.

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 2268 Route 9, Hudson, NY, 12534.

FIFTH: The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose.
Dated: September 8, 2023

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Hudson, New York 12534
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Illumino, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-07-30. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Peter Coccoma: PO Box 125 Ghent NY 12075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

Notice
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Matt and Nicole's Pub, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/8/2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 160 State Route 217, Hudson, New York 12534. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

Notice
Notice of Formation of New Moons Design LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-06-22. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to the LLC: 170 Church Ave Germantown NY 12526. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

Notice
SENOR SABOR LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 8/2/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Spotlight of Hudson, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-07-03. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Tami Treutlein: 23 S Main St. Warsaw NY 14569. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

Notice
Notice of Formation of STOYVEL COLUMBIA COUNTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-03-08. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Steven F. DiLorenzo: 309 Water Street Road Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

NOTICE
WJHJ PROPERTIES LLC
Notice of formation of WJHJ Properties LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 9/6/23. Office location: Columbia County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, P.O. Box 123, North Chatham, New York 12132. Purposes: Any lawful purpose.
6T#s 37,38,39,40,41,42

Notice
Notice of Formation of HN Katz Manager 1, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/13/2023. Office location: County of Columbia. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: LLC, 1807 Ross Ave, Ste 440, Dallas, TX 75201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
6T#s 38,39,40,41,42,43

Notice
Notice of Formation of Old Chatham Apiary LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/01/2023. Office Location: COLUMBIA County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served against LLC to: THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 896 COUNTY ROAD 13, OLD CHATHAM, NY, 12136, USA. Reg Ag.: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE , SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY, 11228, USA. Purpose: any lawful act.
6T#s 38,39,40,41,42,43

NOTICE
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Samanyanga LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-14. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Samanyanga, LLC: PO Box 369 Copake NY 12516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
6T#s 38,39,40,41,42,43

NOTICE
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
STINKY LUNCH KIDS STRIKE BACK LLC
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is STINKY LUNCH KIDS STRIKE BACK LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on August 21, 2023.

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

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is Pervaiz Shallwani, 746 Gahbauer Road, Hudson, New York 12534.

FIFTH: The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose.
Dated: September 13, 2023

FREEMAN HOWARD, P.C.
441 East Allen Street
P.O. Box 1328
Hudson, New York 12534
6T#s 38,39,40,41,42,43

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Cooldown studio. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-30. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Justus Kempfhome: 501 route 20 2-106 New Lebanon NY 12125. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Separate sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received by the Board of Education, Taconic Central School District (herein referred to as the "Owner") for 2023 School Main Entrance Upgrades. Bids shall be received by the Owner, in the District Office, 73 County Route 11A Craryville NY 12521, until 3 P.M., local time, on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids transmitted electronically or via facsimile will not be accepted. All bids received after that time will be returned to the respective bidder unopened.

Bids are requested for the following Prime Contract:

Contract 101: General Construction

The Architect for the Project is: SEI Design Group Architects, DPC, 2 Winners Circle, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12205

A pre-bid walkthrough for considering Bidders' questions will take place at 3:30 PM on Thursday, 28 September 2023 at Taconic Hills CSD High School Main Entrance, 73 County Route 11A, Craryville, NY 12521. All pre-bid RFI's should be sent to AlbSubmittals@seidesigngroup.com.

The Instructions to Bidders, Form of Proposal, General Conditions, Drawings, and Specifications may be examined at the offices of the Owner, Architect and the following locations:

Construction Journal, 400 SW 7th St., Stuart, FL 34994, <http://www.constructionjournal.com>

Syracuse Builders Exchange, 6563 Ridings Rd., Syracuse, NY 13206

Northern New York Builders Exchange, 22074 Fabco Rd., Watertown, NY 13607

Eastern Contractor Association, 6 Airline Dr., Albany, NY 12205

Mohawk Valley Builders Exchange, 10 Main Street, Suite 202, Whitesboro, NY 13492

Works in Progress, 20 Farrell Street, South Burlington, VT 05403

iSqFl, 30 Technology Pkwy S., Ste. 100, Norcross, GA 30092

McGraw-Hill Construction, 3315 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71913, <https://www.construction.com>

Bidders for Prime Contract Work may obtain Contract Documents upon payment of a deposit of \$100 per set (make check payable to Taconic Central School District) at the offices of Dataflow, 2215 Central Avenue Schenectady, NY 12304 (518-463-2192).

Electronic copies of the Contract Documents are available for download via the Dataflow portal upon payment of \$49 to Dataflow for each set as required.

Bids shall be on the form provided in the documents, prepared in duplicate as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders and enclosed in an envelope bearing on its face the name and address of the bidder and the title of work to which the proposal relates. If submitting for more than one contract, submit each contract bid in separate envelope.

Any Bidder upon returning such set in good condition within thirty (30) days after Bid opening will be refunded the deposit. Any Bidder after thirty (30) days after Bid opening or Non-Bidder so returning such a set will not be refunded.

The Board of Education hereby reserves the right to waive any informalities and reject any or all Bids or to accept the one that in its judgment will be for the best interest of the school district.

A Bid Bond or Certified Check made payable to the Owner in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid, subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders, must be deposited by each Bidder with his Bid as a guarantee that, in the case the contract is awarded to him, he will then, ten days thereafter, execute such contract and furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond, and the Bidder shall not withdraw his Bid for a period of forty-five days after the above date of Bid opening, and to guarantee the performance of all other obligations of the Bidders as set forth in Instructions to Bidders.

Attention of the Bidders is called to the requirements as to the conditions of employment and minimum wage rates to be paid under this Contract as well as to other provisions set forth in the Instruction to Bidders. Work shall be commenced and continuously and diligently prosecuted immediately after contracts have been signed

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of STOYVEL 309 WSR, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-14. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to STOYVEL 309 WSR, LLC C/O STEVEN DILORENZO: 308 Water Street Road Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of STOYVEL 429 WARREN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-08. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to STOYVEL 429 WARREN LLC C/O STEVEN DILORENZO: 308 Water Street Road Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY BID NOTICE

Notice to Bidders The Board of Education of the Hudson City School District is accepting the submission of sealed bids for the following transportation contracts: 3 students attending the Mennonite School program. Transportation to Mennonite School and back home daily. Drop off time at school is 8:35 am Pick up time from school is approx. 3:00 pm

Bids must be received by 9 a.m. on October 10th, 2023, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. Please reply by mail to Hudson City School District, Transportation Bids, 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, New York 12534.

Please call (518) 828-4360 ext. 2100 for specifications and bid forms. The District/Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof.

Tabatha Biggane-Transportation Coordinator/CFO

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the LLC is Nearly There LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 8, 2023. New York office location: 279 Schuderhook Road, Town of Livingston, County of Columbia and the State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: Nearly There LLC; 242 Viewmont Road, Germantown, New York 12526. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF GREENE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. EF2023-254

M&T BANK,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE ERICH VANTASSEL AKA ERICH S. VAN TASSEL AKA ERICH SCOTT VANTASSEL AKA ERICH VAN TASSEL, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, LAUREEN GAFFNEY, CATHERINE VAN TASSEL, BETHANEY VAN TASSEL,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Richard Mott, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 12th day of September, 2023 in Catskill, New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

SBL No.: 21.02-1-30

ALL that certain piece or parcel of land, situated in the Town of Durham, Greene County, New York, and in the Village of Oak Hill, bounded and described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point of the north side of New York State Route 81 and the intersection of the easterly boundary line of the grantees' land, and

RUNNING THENCE in a general Easterly direction along the northerly edge of the aforesaid highway approximately 20 feet to a wooden fence;

RUNNING THENCE Northerly along the course of the wooden fence and the easterly edge of the foundation of a cottage, approximately 200 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground;

RUNNING THENCE at approximately right angles Westerly approximately 20 feet to the grantees' land; and

THENCE RUNNING in a general Southerly direction along the grantees' land to the point or place of BEGINNING.

Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.

These premises are also known as 6 Lee Road, Oak Hill, NY 12460.

Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 500 Bausch & Lomb Place Rochester, NY 14604



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**COLUMBIA COUNTY
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID**

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Bids are requested for the following Prime Contract:

Contract 100: Electrical and General Construction
The Architect for the Project is: SEI Design Group Architects, DPC, 2 Winners Circle, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12205

A pre-bid walkthrough for considering Bidders' questions will take place at 3:00 PM on Thursday, 26 September 2023 at Taconic Hills CSD Bus Garage, 112 County Route 11A, Craryville, NY 12521. All pre-bid RFI's should be sent to AlbSubmittals@seidesigngroup.com.

The Instructions to Bidders, Form of Proposal, General Conditions, Drawings, and Specifications may be examined at the offices of the Owner, Architect and the following locations:

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- Syracuse Builders Exchange, 6563 Ridings Rd., Syracuse, NY 13206
- Northern New York Builders Exchange, 22074 Fabco Rd., Watertown, NY 13607
- Eastern Contractor Association, 6 Airline Dr., Albany, NY 12205
- Mohawk Valley Builders Exchange, 10 Main Street, Suite 202, Whitesboro, NY 13492
- Works in Progress, 20 Farrell Street, South Burlington, VT 05403
- iSqFl, 30 Technology Pkwy S., Ste. 100, Norcross, GA 30092
- McGraw-Hill Construction, 3315 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71913, <https://www.construction.com>

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A Bid Bond or Certified Check made payable to the Owner in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid, subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders, must be deposited by each Bidder with his Bid as a guarantee that, in the case the contract is awarded to him, he will then, ten days thereafter, execute such contract and furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond, and the Bidder shall not withdraw his Bid for a period of forty-five days after the above date of Bid opening, and to guarantee the performance of all other obligations of the Bidders as set forth in Instructions to Bidders.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Qualification of HN MacArthur 41 Cross Street Hotel LLC. App. For Auth. filed Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/20/23. Office location: Columbia County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/11/23. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LLC, 1807 Ross Ave, Ste 440, Dallas, TX 75201. DE address of LLC: 800 North State St, Ste 304, Dover, DE 19901. Art of Org filed DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of TROUT BROOK FARM PARTNERS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-15. Office location: Columbia County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Trout Brook Farm Partners, LLC: 121 Trout Brook Road Copake NY 12516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

TOWN OF GALLATIN
The Public is hereby notified that the Town of Gallatin Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING** OCTOBER 10, 2023 at the Town Hall 6:30 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to review pending applications, supporting documentation and schedule a public hearing. The Public is invited to attend.
Richard Humphries
Town of Gallatin/ZBA Chairman

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice to Creditors and Claimants under Section 1607 of Business Corporation Law of the State of New York of the **DISSOLUTION OF THE CAMELOT PUBLISHING COMPANY, Inc., d/b/a PENDRAGON PRESS (a New York Corporation)** A Certificate of Dissolution of The Camelot Publishing Company, Inc., d/b/a Pendragon Press, was filed with the New York Department of State on August 31, 2023.

The Company is requiring all creditors and claimants, including any with unliquidated or contingent claims and any with whom the Company has unfulfilled contracts, to present their claims in writing and in detail to the President of the Company, Janet Lincoln, at the following address: Pendragon Press, PO Box 190, Hillsdale, NY 12529-0190. Claims must be filed no later than March 28, 2024, which is the date that is 6 months after the first publication of this notice. Any claims that are not timely filed may be barred in accordance with the provisions of Section 1007 of the New York Business Corporation Law. Robert Kessler, the Company's co-founder and former President, died in September 2021. The Company's debts greatly exceed its assets and there are not sufficient funds with which to pay creditors' and claimants' claims in full.

Date: September 28, 2023

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice to Bidders
The Board of Education of the Hudson City School District is accepting the submission of sealed bids for the following transportation contracts: 10 students attending the New Visions program. Transportation to Hudson High School and back home daily. Drop off time at school is 6:20 am Pick up time from school is approx. 3:30 pm

Bids must be received by 9 a.m. on October 10th, 2023, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. Please reply by mail to Hudson City School District, Transportation Bids, 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, New York 12534.

Please call (518) 828-4360 ext. 2100 for specifications and bid forms. The District/Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof.

Tabatha Biggane-Transportation Coordinator/CFO

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
BID NOTICE**

Notice to Bidders
The Board of Education of the Hudson City School District is accepting the submission of sealed bids for the following transportation contracts: 1 student attending Parsons School Albany - 60 Academy Rd Albany NY 12208. Drop off time at school is approx. 8:30 am Pick up time from school is approx. 2:45 pm

Bids must be received by 9 a.m. on October 10th, 2023, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. Please reply by mail to Hudson City School District, Transportation Bids, 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, New York 12534.

Please call (518) 828-4360 ext. 2100 for specifications and bid forms. The District/Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof.

Tabatha Biggane-Transportation Coordinator/CFO

**NOTICE OF FORMATION
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of formation of PINK MOON THERAPY LCSW PLLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/20/23. Office in Columbia County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the PLLC, 172 SUNNYSIDE RD KINDERHOOK, NY, 12108. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Elise Clean. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-10. Office location: Columbia County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Elise Clean: 4437 County Route 9 East Nassau NY 12062. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
NOTICE OF
PRELIMINARY BUDGET
HEARING**

Please take notice that the proposed 2024 budget of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District in the Town of Stuyvesant, NY will be presented at a Public Hearing by the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Stuyvesant Falls Firehouse, located at 9 Firehouse Lane in the Town of Stuyvesant (Stuyvesant Falls), NY. The hearing will allow members of the public to comment on the proposed 2024 Fire District budget, which is available to inspect during normal office hours at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Stuyvesant, NY; or by contacting the Secretary of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District at 518-610-8203 between the hours of Noon and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Furthermore, the October 2023 regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners has been postponed from October 10 and will be held on Tuesday, October 17 immediately following the public hearing for the 2024 budget.

By order of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, Timothy Trowbridge, Secretary

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**COLUMBIA COUNTY
NOTICE OF
PRELIMINARY BUDGET
HEARING**

Public Notice:
Gallatin Fire District Budget Meeting
A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00PM at the Gallatin Town Hall, 667 County Route 7, Gallatin, NY, in the Town of Gallatin, State of New York on the 19th day of October, 2023.

Pursuant to Town law §181.3 (a), the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.

The Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget at it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.

That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of Gallatin at 667 County Route 7, Gallatin, NY and where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

Board of Fire Commissioners
Gallatin Fire District
PO Box 67
Gallatin, NY 12502

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION
OF A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Afterglow Aesthetics NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-28. Office location: Columbia County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Meaghan Pinkowski: 999 Kinderhook Street Valatie NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
BID NOTICE**

Notice to Bidders
The Board of Education of the Hudson City School District is accepting the submission of sealed bids for the following transportation contracts: multiple students attending the Hudson City School program. Transportation to Hudson City School and back home daily. Drop off time at school is approx. 7:30 am Pick up time from school is approx. 2:30 pm

Bids must be received by 9 a.m. on October 18th, 2023, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. Please reply by mail to Hudson City School District, Transportation Bids, 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, New York 12534.

Please call (518) 828-4360 ext. 2100 for specifications and bid forms. The District/Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof.

Tabatha Biggane-Transportation Coordinator/CFO

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
BID NOTICE**

Notice to Bidders
The Board of Education of the Hudson City School District is accepting the submission of sealed bids for the following transportation contracts: 1 student attending the School at Northeast Program. Transportation to School at Northeast and back home daily. Drop off time at school is approx 8:30 am Pick up time from school is approx. 3:00 pm

Bids must be received by 9 a.m. on October 18th, 2023, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. Please reply by mail to Hudson City School District, Transportation Bids, 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, New York 12534.

Please call (518) 828-4360 ext. 2100 for specifications and bid forms. The District/Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof.

Tabatha Biggane-Transportation Coordinator/CFO

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Letters

 ELECTION 2023

Claverack Dem candidates have right skills

To the Editor:

Elected members of the Claverack Town Board manage the governmental responsibilities of our town, representing the interests of all our residents. Town council members should not only represent us but should also reflect our diversity. Claverack Census data shows we are white, black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American. The Board of Elections data shows more women than men are registered voters in Claverack.

I am excited that two dynamic women, committed to public service, are running for Claverack Town Board on the

Democratic slate. Tracy Hennige, a NYS Department of Health lawyer with years of experience in project management, understands how to find solutions to complex problems that are fiscally responsible. Tracy believes in doing the work to protect our economy, environment, and quality of life for generations to come.

Selha Graham, a small business owner, Hudson City School District board member, and co-founder of Rolling Grocer 19, is committed to thoughtful change that positively impacts the community to improve the lives of everyone. A naturalized citizen from

Jamaica, Selha believes public service is a call to action to protect our democracy.

Should the two Republican candidates prevail, our Town Board will have five white males and an appointed zoning board of five white males. I am voting for Selha and Tracy because they will tackle our pressing town issues of workforce housing, infrastructure, economic development and climate adaptation. They have the vision, values, skills and work ethic to represent us extraordinarily well and to reflect the diversity of our community.

Barbara Ullman
Claverack

Graham has skills Claverack Board needs

To the Editor:

Selha Graham is running for Claverack Town Board because she believes that good public service brings people together to spark thoughtful change that will have a positive impact on the community and the lives of all people. Selha was appointed to the Hudson City Tourism Board in 2020 and elected to the Hudson City School District School Board in 2021. As a small business owner, Selha has always focused on starting businesses that serve community needs. In 2017 she co-founded Rolling Grocer 19, a non-profit year-round grocery store using a tiered fair pricing system, providing healthy locally sourced food to all, regardless of income level.

Selha believes our town government should be applying for state and federal grants to reduce the burden on taxpayers

for infrastructure projects, a new town hall, housing options for younger workers to live in Claverack, and for seniors to stay in our community. Without housing, our economy cannot grow. When elected, she will help Claverack create a Tourism and Business Development Committee for new and existing businesses to keep revenue in our community.

As a naturalized citizen from Jamaica, Selha has lived in Columbia County for her entire adult life, and has been a Claverack resident for 17 years. Selha is guided by her belief that public service is a call to action for every American to participate in protecting our democracy. I am voting for Selha Graham because she has the vision, values and work ethic that our town needs.

Helen Freedman,
Claverack

Crawford has ability and courage to be judge

To the Editor:

With four candidates seeking two positions this November as Columbia County Judge, voters will certainly seek all available information concerning the qualifications of each individual.

I strongly endorse Joyce Crawford for one of the available openings. She is intelligent, experienced, principled, independent and well-versed in the law. She possesses both the ability and the courage to decide cases in harmony with both the specific provisions of applicable law and the spirit which animates it.

In endorsing her, I am confident that she will respect the distinctions which separate the

three branches of government and not stoop, as I perceive some judges are increasingly doing in the unsettled time we live in, to substitute personal ideology for a principled application of the law. Justice is not served, either short-term or in the long run, by eroding the functions and independence of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of government.

As some may recall, I was elected twice to the office of Columbia County Judge, both times on the Democratic line. I regarded and conducted myself as being independent of politics and, indeed, circulated independent nominating petitions in every election I have

ever been in.

It is with confidence that I state that Joyce Crawford deserves the support of everyone regardless of Party enrollment.

The voters of Columbia County and Joyce Crawford together can make history this November. She will be the first woman to be elected Columbia County Judge, an honor she deserves because she is an exceptionally qualified candidate who happens to be a woman.

John G. Leaman
Columbia County Judge
(ret.)
Stockbridge, MA

Columbia County needs Michael C. Howard for judge

To the Editor:

I worked with Michael C. Howard for over 20 years at the Public Defender's Office. I never encountered an attorney that cared as much about his clients or worked as hard as he did. Michael always fought for

his clients, advocated for treatment and job counseling.

Columbia County needs Michael C. Howard to be our County Court Judge.

Kathy Bruno
Stuyvesant

Ancram voter worries GOP might return

To the Editor:

When I moved to Ancram 20 years ago, the Town of Ancram seemed to be in The Columbia Paper every week for some kind of scandal—from the infamous town garage debacle to the nonsensical plan to put vinyl siding on the 10-year-old town hall when all it needed was a coat of paint. There were backroom deals, side hustles, volatile, ugly Town Board meetings and zero transparency. It was so bad two members resigned in disgust and the governor had to appoint a temporary board member to make a

quorum.

Finally, the voters had enough and Republican control ended. Democrat Art Bassin ushered in an era of unparalleled transparency, balanced budgets, diversity, an ethics board, comprehensive planning, sensible land stewardship, bipartisan consensus and overall civility. When Ancram is in your paper now it is almost always for positive things. This year's Democratic slate headed by Bonnie Hundt has pledged to continue the best of Art's legacy and move it forward.

The Republican slate wants

to take Ancram back. Their candidate for supervisor is the former Highway/Garage Supervisor during the garage scandal. We've seen what Republican control can do. This is no time to turn back. Support the Democrat slate and keep Ancram moving forward.

Bob Murphy
Ancram

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Seniors head to PA for last trip of year

VALATIE—The next meeting of the Tri-Village Seniors is the annual members' barbecue at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Route 9, Tuesday, October 10 at 1 p.m.

There are still a few seats available for the trip to Lancaster, PA. Trip payment has to be sent to Joyce by October 15. Her address is 3337 Hwy Rt. 9, Apt. #2, Valatie 12184. This is the group's final trip for the year. It is a three day, two night trip with a stay at the Hampton Inn Ephrata from November 14 to 16. The package includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two dinners including a smor-

gasbord dinner, performance of "Miracle of Christmas" at the Sight and Sound Theater, performance of "The First Noel" at the American Music Theater, guided tour of the Amish countryside, Amish Quilt and Craft Shop; taxes and meal gratuities included as well as transportation and tip for the driver. 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 518-610-9095. Make checks out to Tri-Village Seniors.

Keep an eye on the river during bird walk

CLERMONT—Grab your binoculars and field guides and join us for a fall walk around Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, with the Alan Devoe Bird Club, Saturday, October 7 at 8 a.m.

We'll keep our eyes and ears open as we look and listen for fall migrants and waterfowl, like geese and ducks, on the Hudson River. Egrets have even been



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Spot an egret on fall bird walk.

spotted on previous walks. Bird watchers will meet at 8 a.m. in the main parking lot. This pro-

gram is free of charge, but visitors must register in advance. Register at www.friendsofclermont.org/event-details/fall-bird-walk-with-the-alan-devoe-bird-club-3?

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Gaze skyward on autumn night

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, October 13 at 6 p.m.

Bring telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by association members. Register at least one day before. Must provide license plate number and make/model car, so park management and police have a record of who will be in park after hours. Visit <https://www.meetup.com/mhastro>, 518-851-3631. Rain dates are the Saturday immediately following the original date.

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Looking for love in all the wrong places?

A young bull moose was spotted last week near County Route 3 and Snyder Road in Ancramdale. According to the Department of Environmental Conservation website, moose breed from mid-September through mid-October. Normally a retiring animal that avoids human contact, the moose is unpredictable and can be dangerous. A cow with calves is irritable and fiercely protective, and rutting bulls are extremely unpredictable, sometimes charging people, farm animals and even cars. If you come across a moose, DEC recommends that you watch them from a distance. Moose are bigger and faster than any human and give little warning before attacking a perceived threat. Currently, DEC estimates that more than 200 moose live in New York State. Visit DEC's website at: www.dec.state.ny.us to find out more about moose.

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Library and Nature Institute team up

CHATHAM—The Chatham Public Library will partner with the Nature Institute to offer a nature writing workshop “Seeing—Reading—Writing: Can We Find a Living Language for Life?” on Saturday, October 14 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the library, 11 Woodbridge Avenue.

The Nature Institutes’ Ryan Shea will lead a short workshop that explores the ways in which a creative language practice can expand and intensify one’s immediate experience and even give “new possibilities of perceiving.” Participants will experiment with novel ways of reading and writing, and will move from word to world by meditatively reading poems by

Mary Oliver and Louise Glück along with a short passage from Robin Wall Kimmerer’s essay “Learning the Grammar of Animacy.” These texts will serve as windows into a new way of seeing. Participants will also move from world to word through writing exercises that leave behind ego-centered self-expression and strive to enter into conversation with the pulsating vitality of natural beings.

The aim will be to bring the mute natural beings participants encounter to expression, to find a disclosive way of speaking that does justice to them, that is a living language for life. Writing will become a practice of cultivating a “silence



Discover a living language for life through seeing, reading and writing with the Chatham Library and the Nature Institute.

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in which another voice may speak.”

Mr. Shea is an associate researcher and educator at The Nature Institute, which is located in Ghent. He is an eco-philosopher trained in the classical

liberal arts of reading and in the history and philosophy of science. Before coming to the institute, he was professor of philosophy and interdisciplinary humanities at Providence College for eight years, where

he taught courses on philosophy of science, environmental philosophy, and nature writing. His primary project is to inquire into the meaning of nature and what it might mean to read the “book of nature” in a participatory, contemplative, phenomenological, and poetic fashion.

Space is limited. To register email: merka@chatham.k12.ny.us. For more information about programs at the Chatham Public Library visit <https://chathampubliclibrary.org/>. For more information about the work of the Nature Institute visit <https://www.natureinstitute.org/>.

Library hosts weekend book sale

CLAVERRACK—The Claverack Free Library, 9 Route 9H, will hold its fall book sale on October 6, 7 and 8, rain or shine. Book lovers are invited to browse the region’s largest selection of gently used fiction and non-fiction titles and children’s books, organized by subject, beneath the outside tent and inside the library gallery. Proceeds from this sale contribute to the library’s operating budget and help the library provide vital free services to the community.

A special preview reception will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, October 6. For a \$15 entry fee, buyers can enjoy refreshments and have the first choice of all books offered for sale. The book sale runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. October 7 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. October 8.

A food tent will be set up to sell donated baked goods, coffee and cider as well during the sale. Book prices range from \$2 for hardcover books and large



Dad reading at book sale in 2022.

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paperbacks to \$1 for small paperbacks. Oversized coffee table books and other books of value are priced accordingly and can be purchased in the library community room. Bargain hunters can return on Sunday and purchase large reusable Claverack Library tote bags for \$15 and fill them with books for free (specially priced books excluded).

Book donations are being accepted until September 26, but volunteers are welcome (and needed) to come help sort under the tent during the week prior to the sale. There are volunteer sign-up sheets at the front desk. For information, contact info@claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120, or <https://claveracklibrary.org/friends/book-offerings/>

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