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State ok's latest round in solar site

By DIANE VALDEN

COPAKE—After encountering bumps in the road earlier, Hecate Energy's Shepherd's Run mega-sized solar project is moving ahead despite opponents' long-held objections.

The most recent step forward in the controversial proposal is the issuance of a draft permit by the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES). This draft permit "for a major renewable energy facility" in Craryville was conveyed October 24.

After ORES issued three prior Notices of Incomplete Application to Hecate since May 2022, Hecate's application was finally deemed complete August 25.

ORES has one year from the date it declared Hecate's application complete to decide whether to issue a final permit.

Hecate Energy, a Chicago-based developer of solar and wind facilities and energy storage projects, now has a draft permit to construct a 60-megawatt (MW) solar facility east of the Taconic Hills School District and north of

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David Lee

In Hudson it was a fact, Count Drac was back

It was a cold and rainy Sunday afternoon on October 29 for the annual Halloween parade in Hudson, but many costumed characters were not dissuaded. The parade started at the 7th Street Park, walked down Warren to Front Street and then on to Basilica Hudson for a party and costume contest. Loki Anthony (pictured) as Dracula was the Master of Ceremonies at the Basilica Halloween party.

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Youth Clubhouse looks for new home

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON—"A huge amount of youth find solace" at the Hudson Youth Clubhouse, said Tistrya Houghtling, supervisor of New Lebanon. The clubhouse has orders to vacate its quarters at 11 Warren Street by the end of November. Columbia County is about to purchase that Hudson building from Galvan, and county officials are helping the clubhouse try to find a new home. At its October 11 full board meeting, the County Supervisors—in a divided vote—authorized a budget transfer in prepa-

ration for buying 11 Warren and rejected a proposal to request delaying the closing until the clubhouse has found a new location, while at the October 17 Health and Human Services Supervisors

Director Kai Hillman. A WGXC Radio broadcast announcing the clubhouse's founding in 2017 depicted it as a supportive environment, free of alcohol and drugs. Some of its clients have "not

good home lives," said Supervisor Houghtling. "It's critical for their physical and mental health," said Maija Reed, Youth

Commissioner for the City of Hudson. If the clubhouse is evicted, "the lights will go off, and there'll be no place to go," said Supervisor Brenda Adams (Canaan).

The clubhouse has been at 11 Warren

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'The lights will go off, and there'll be no place to go.'

Brenda Adams
Canaan Town Supervisor

Committee meeting the Department of Social Services (DSS) reported continued efforts to find the clubhouse a new location.

"We are a safe space designed to be a drop in center," said the clubhouse's

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Zonta Club inducts two new members

HUDSON—The Zonta Club of the Upper Hudson Valley recently welcomed new members Courtney Hunt and Desiree Kelleher.

Ms. Hunt, an East Chatham resident, is an award winning filmmaker, nominated for an Oscar for her feature film “Frozen River” which she wrote and directed in 2009. She also directed “The Whole Truth” in 2016 and most recently directed for the limited series “Under the Banner of Heaven” on Hulu. Ms. Hunt was inspired to join Zonta because her grandmother was a Zontian back in the 1970’s in Memphis, TN, and she remembers tagging along to meetings as a little girl. “They were all business women who met for dinner monthly and raised money for good causes. They were smart and effective,” she said in a press release. After twenty-five years living in East



Photo contributed
Zonta President
Celeste Alexander,
Courtney Hunt and
Desiree Kelleher.

Chatham, Ms. Hunt wanted to find a nonpartisan way to contribute to the community and have an empowering impact on the lives of women and girls. She believes in the unique ability of women to get things done effectively and efficiently while having a great time -- like “Nanny” did.


Desiree Kelleher, a life-long

resident of Chatham Center, is the clerk for the Village of Chatham and a substitute bus driver for the Chatham Central School District. As a single mom of 14-year-old twin girls, she has supplemented her income by starting her own kitchen and bath design business and, when her kids were younger, her own gardening

business. “It helped me financially and it was a flexible schedule, so I could bring my kids. That’s a superpower,” she said, also in the release. She was first inspired to join Zonta when looking for ways to help her daughters have a voice in the community. She discovered Zonta’s Columbia County Z Club for high school students and became aware of Zonta’s mission and vision. Subsequently, Ms. Kelleher joined Zonta because she tends to “favor the underdog and


wants to find ways to help women who are struggling.”


Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. With nearly 27,000 members belonging to 1,133 clubs in 62 countries, Zontians volunteer their time, talents and support to local and international service projects focusing on achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls. Zonta Clubs also sponsor Z clubs for high school students to develop leadership skills, promote career exploration and encourage members to participate in school, community and international service projects. The Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley meets the second Tuesday of every month and welcomes new members. For more information, contact Jill Potter at zontauhv@gmail.com



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Local artist publishes graphic novel on Cassidy Hutchinson

By LORNA CHEROT LITTLEWAY

FROM HER ROOTS IN HARRISBURG, PA, Barbara Slate, a graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, made the “proverbial bus” trip to New York City in 1969 “to become an artist.” Before moving to Hudson 26 years ago, Ms. Slate made a detour through Sag Harbor and adopted a daughter, whom she named Samantha.

Slate’s journey to graphic novelist/illustrator of “Mirror Test: The Cassidy Hutchinson Story” included stints as a greeting cards creator, and comic book writer for DC, Marvel and the Archie series, which included “Betty and Veronica” and “Jughead.”

In an interview with The Columbia Paper, which runs Slate’s “Let’s Be Creative” cartoon, she explained the difference between comic book and graphic novel. Public opinion thought that comic books were “corrupting young minds” so the term graphic novel was adopted because it “sounds smarter.” She added that a graphic novel is longer than a comic book, “better bound and printed on better paper.”

“Mirror Test,” which was released in September by Hudson publisher Richard Minsky, is based solely on Cassidy Hutchinson’s testimony before the Select Committee To Investigate The January 6th Attack On The U.S. Capitol, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Hutchinson, a New Jersey native, was a White House intern from 2018 – 2020 and served as an assistant to Chief of Staff Mark Meadows. She was positioned a couple of hundred feet outside the Oval Office. She was 26 years old when she testified on television, June 28, 2022. When asked why she chose as her subject Hutchinson instead of the better known Congresswoman Liz Cheney, a Republican on the committee, Slate responded that Cassidy’s response to a Cheney question about being able to look herself in the mirror “really inspired me. She was a brave girl to break the code. She saw everything, that’s why she’s so important.”

Slate added, “Telling the truth is a universal theme. What would you do facing these powerful men?” The title of Slate’s book is taken from that passage in Hutchinson’s testimony. Slate revealed that since testifying Hutchinson has written and is promoting her own book, “Enough.”

“She lives in seclusion and is still protected. Her family members are Trumpys and QAnon believers. Her only contact is with her mother.”



Barbara Slate

When asked if there is any effort to ban “Mirror Test,” Slate said, “Not yet,” and laughingly noted that book bans “increase book sales!”

“Mirror Test” is not Slate’s first political graphic novel. In 2019 she wrote and illustrated “The Mueller Report”, a widely praised, easy-to-understand breakdown of the complex investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. Said Slate, “I can’t believe I read it!” She refers to the characters, including Michael Flynn, Roger Stone and former President Donald J. Trump, as a “gang of idiots.” Slate extols that comics make things easy to read and understand. “That’s why a 2 year old can read a comic.”

Other notable comic book and comic strip characters created by Slate include “Angel Love,” a New York City roller skating waitress who aspires to be a cartoonist; “Ms. Liz,” a feminist, who appeared on greeting cards and regularly in Cosmopolitan Magazine; and “Violet,” who was inspired by the OJ Simpson trial. “Violet” is a model, who shoots her boyfriend and “is too beautiful for police to arrest.”

Slate teaches kids to adults how to create graphic novels at schools, libraries, and art centers. She has taught at The Cooper Union in New York City and at Columbia-Greene Community College. The 76 year old author is currently teaching a virtual course at The Center for Book Arts in New York City. Slate calls teaching “a blessing.”

To the Town of Chatham Voters



John Wapner’s campaign for Town Board promises “just listening.” Does he listen? **Judge for yourself.**

- As School Board president, he supported a \$47 million capital project despite public opposition. Later reduced to \$35 million, it was defeated by a wide margin.

Did John listen?

- As a Town Board member, he was on record as promoting widespread zoning changes in the absence of supporting public opinion. **Will John listen next time?**



Chris Spencer, running for Supervisor, has limited experience in municipal government and minimal knowledge of municipal finance, raising concerns about his ability to manage the Town.

- Juggling a New York City business, Chatham School Board membership and local commitments raises questions about his ability to manage.

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Woman charged with making terror threat against school

By DIANE VALDEN

KINDERHOOK—Officials at the Ichabod Crane High School alerted School Resource Deputy Brian McSween that a threat was made against the school October 26 at 9:39 a.m., according to a press release from Columbia County Sheriff Donald Krapf.

High School Principal Craig Schull told Deputy McSween that a person, who identified herself as Lori Costanzo, had contacted the school by telephone and allegedly made threats against it.

As a precaution, all Ichabod Crane Schools went into a lock out procedure at 9:57 a.m. and additional deputies were ordered to go to the schools.

Investigators from the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Branch responded to the high school.

Ms. Costanzo was quickly located by Sheriff's Office personnel at her residence in the Town of Kinderhook. She was detained and taken to the Sheriff's Office for further investigation. The Ichabod Crane School lifted the lock out 10:58 a.m. and resumed a normal schedule.

Ms. Costanzo, 53, was arrested for the NYS Penal Law violation of making a terroristic threat (class D felony) and for aggravated harassment (class A misdemeanor). She was arraigned before Justice Barry Sack in Greenport Court and

was released on her own recognizance. She was due back in court at a later date. The Columbia County District Attorney's Office assisted with this investigation.

Greenport

Sheriff's deputies arrested Dave Christian, Jr., 26, of Greenport for possessing drugs, October 25 at 11:29 a.m., according to a press release from Sheriff Donald Krapf.

Deputies first encountered Mr. Christian on Joslen Boulevard when he was operating a green 2021 Dodge Charger that did not have a front license plate. When Deputy Kolby Clegg attempted to stop the vehicle that Mr. Christian was operating, Mr. Christian fled at

a high rate of speed. Deputies stopped the pursuit because Mr. Christian was driving south on Fairview Avenue at a high rate of speed and placing the public at risk.

Deputy Zachary Sohotra located the vehicle parked in the Columbia Plaza. Mr. Christian was located a short time later and taken into custody. He was found to be in possession of 40 Ecstasy pills and 49 Alprazolam (Xanax) pills.

He was charged with third degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class C felony; seventh degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A misdemeanor; unlawful fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle, a class A

misdemeanor and the following unclassified misdemeanors of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, third degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, reckless driving and many additional uniform traffic tickets.

He was arraigned before Greenport Town Justice John Porreca and was released on his recognizance, due to return to court November 6.

Investigators from the Sheriff's Office Drug Education and Enforcement Unit and the Criminal Investigations Branch assisted in the arrest.

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Pictured (l-r) are: Captain Patrick Delaney (program manager), Undersheriff Jackie Salvatore, Sheriff Donald J. Krapf, shop dog Sky, Owner Dave Clark (back), Shop Manager Vic Sparano and Service Writer Noah Kornbluh.

Sheriff rolls out 'Wheels of Justice' program

GREENPORT—Sheriff Donald J. Krapf announced a new Sheriff's Office program called "Wheels of Justice."

The new program will teach incarcerated individuals the fundamentals of bicycle maintenance, including how to change tires, brakes, chains and to make sure the bicycle is sound enough to be roadworthy.

Sheriff Krapf developed this program to give incarcerated individuals the chance to learn a new skill that they will be able to bring back to the community upon their release, according to a press release.

During the summer, the sheriff asked the community for donations of bicycles for this new program and the community responded in a substantial way. Bikes by the dozens have been delivered to the Sheriff's Office and are just

waiting to be fixed and then donated to those in need.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Berkshire Bike and Board on Healy Boulevard for this worthy cause. The shop has given their time to train a staff member of the Sheriff's Office so they in turn can teach the incarcerated individuals the basics of bicycle maintenance.

"Keep a look out; you might see a bicycle you donated enjoying a second life with someone who would've been without had it not been for your donation!" Sheriff Krapf said in the release. For more information on Berkshire Bike and Board visit www.berkshirebikeandboard.com

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Change clocks, check batteries

GHENT—As New Yorkers prepare to set their clocks back an hour for the end of Daylight Saving Time, the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) urges all New Yorkers to check the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Alarms with removable batteries should have their batteries replaced, those with alarms that have sealed-in batteries should ensure all alarms are functioning, and any detector over 10 years old should be replaced.

Working smoke alarms could make the difference between life and death in a home fire. According to the National Fire Prevention Association, the risk of dying in a home without working smoke detectors is 55% higher than in a home with fully-functioning alarms. Additionally, three of every five home fire deaths are in residences without working smoke alarms.

In 2019, New York State enacted legislation that required all new smoke detectors sold to contain 10-year, non-removable batteries that discourage tampering. If you're not sure when you last replaced the batteries or bought a smoke alarm, FASNY encourages purchasing a new one.

When New York State enacted the state's first smoke alarm laws in 1961, fire-related deaths fell by half. However, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, New York State currently leads the nation in residential fire deaths as we

head into the colder months. This time of year typically brings an uptick in home fires due to issues with home heating equipment, portable space heaters, cooking, smoking, unattended open flames, holiday decorations and winter storms. FASNY wants to remind New Yorkers to be vigilant and follow home safety advice to prevent accidents during this fall/winter season.

Smoke alarms provide critical minutes to escape the home in an emergency. Another vital tool is a carbon monoxide detector, which can warn of a silent but deadly gas build-up in the home. As the weather gets colder and snow begins to fall,

New Yorkers should conduct a home safety check to ensure that CO detectors are functioning.

Safety tips provided by FASNY and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for testing smoke alarms and replacing the batteries
- Vacuum or blow out any dust that might accumulate in the unit
- Never borrow a battery from an alarm to use somewhere else
- Never paint a smoke or CO alarm and practice a home fire escape plan.

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New Cannabis Growers' Showcase opens in Hudson

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce participated in the ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony for Hudson's first Cannabis Growers' Showcase, presented by Columbia County Chamber member Legacy Dispensary on October 24. The showcase features products from several local farms and will be operating at 810 Union Street through the end of 2023. Operating hours are Tuesday through Friday,

noon to 7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Membership Director Kira Proper said, "We love new business in Columbia County and are happy to welcome the CGS to the City of Hudson. We encourage anyone who has been traveling across state lines to shop for cannabis to come check out the businesses right in our backyard."

Stay on your feet and independent

COPAKE—The Office for the Aging in collaboration with Albany Medical Center and Tom Moran host a one-hour Fall Prevention Course.

The Albany Med Health System's Injury Prevention and Outreach Program provides an Adult Falls Prevention Program, free to the community, called On Your Feet and Independent at the Copake Park Community Building, 305 Mountain View Road, Thursday, November 9 from 11 a.m. to noon.

This program covers the following topics: falls background,

behavioral risk factors and mitigation, environmental risk factors and mitigation, physical risk factors and mitigation, physical conditioning/evidence-based falls prevention programs, factors for "after the fall," taking charge of your care/advance directives.

This program runs about 60 minutes, and each attendee receives a comprehensive package of educational materials including all of the current STEADI brochures.

RSVP to Kate West at 518-828-4258 or katharine.west@columbiacountyny.com

Mobile saunas come to Oakdale Beach

HUDSON—Big Towel Spa, a small sauna business, is launching on Oakdale Beach for the fall winter season. Two mobile saunas will be available to rent Friday to Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through March. No one will be turned away for lack of funds; as stated on their website "if funds are an issue please reach out to access the community sweat fund."

The two saunas are built on 6x12 utility trailers and are wood fired. Buckets of water and an outdoor shower are provided so you can cool off after going in the sauna, towels are also provided. While both saunas have ramps to them, one of them is completely ADA accessible in case a wheelchair needs to be accommodated. There

will also be a small changing room on a separate trailer so that visitors have a place to gear up and gear down.

Private 1 hour and 45 minute group sessions are available Friday to Sunday for \$140 for up to six people. Mondays are communal days, where you can buy a single pass for \$25 for a 1 hour and 45 minute time slot, you just may not know who you are sweating with.

Big Towel Spa is committed to offering a bathing spa experience that is accessible to the community.

Kelly Crimmins, the owner of Big Towel, said, in a press release, "I really wanted to bring the spa and sauna experience to Hudson in a way that would feel accessible, not only

with price, but also with location." The council passed the agreement for Ms. Crimmins unanimously, with one council member saying that it was "a great use of the space for the off-season."

As a local Hudson resident Ms. Crimmins is excited to be at Oakdale Beach for the winter. "I am a resident of the 5th ward and visit Oakdale almost every day. I feel extremely excited about bringing the sauna practice there, and hope it helps people's overall wellness through the winter months," she said.

Check out Big Towel's website for more information at www.bigtowelspa.com

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Jimmy Stewart hits the big time in this Frank Capra film.

Good guy fights corruption in D.C.

COPAKE—Copake Grange Classic Film Series presents “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington,” in the Grange theater, 628 Empire Road, Saturday, November 4, 3:30 p.m.

Starring in this 1939 Frank Capra film along with Jean Arthur, Jimmy Stewart plays a naive young leader who is appointed to fill a vacancy in the U.S. Senate. His idealistic plans promptly collide with

corruption at home and subterfuge from his hero in Washington, but he tries to forge ahead despite attacks on his character.

Grange Classic Film Series organizer, Lenny Barham, will provide commentary and insights about the film.

Movie admission is by donation. Stay after the movie for dinner—soup, salad and dessert for \$10. Learn more at www.copakegrange.org

Donations sought for cemetery restoration

NEW LEBANON—Cypress Hill is a neglected section of the Cemetery of the Evergreens.

Dating back over 200 years, it is the final resting place of numerous Revolutionary War veterans as well as veterans from more recent wars.

A much needed restoration of this portion of the cemetery is supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the NL Town Historian, the Floyd Carlton Post of the American Legion, The Cemetery of the Evergreens Board, as well as numerous others from the community. New Lebanon has the distinction of supporting the Revolution with 20 or more veterans lying on this hill as well as another 30 or more buried in numerous private cemeteries throughout the town.

Historical research of those interred there has been an exhaustive ongoing project by dedicated history buffs.

The Hudson Chapter of the



Photo contributed

Damaged stones in Cypress Hill section.

DAR is sponsoring an application for a matching \$10,000 grant to be submitted by the end 2023. Local donations recently started with a letter from the town historian distributed by the town clerk's office to all residents. The short time frame to raise the matching

funds has resulted in a direct appeal to benefactors to push the drive to or above the goal.

The DAR has established a working relationship with Christopher White of Albany to clean, repair and reset stones as needed to make this a fitting tribute to veterans as well as

possible expansion of the project to New Lebanon's founding fathers and ancestors.

A positive response would be a tribute and a lasting acknowledgment with the 250th anniversary of the Revolution on the horizon.

The Cemetery of the

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YOUTH CLUBHOUSE

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for a year and a half. It is the longest the clubhouse has been in any one location, said Supervisor Claire Cousin (Hudson First Ward).

The county sees 11 Warren as an opportunity to move some offices from pre-war to post-war buildings and to provide better storage for voting machines. This fall the county signed a contract to buy the building from Galvan for \$3,350,000. Before the signing, “we renegotiated the contract several times,” said Supervisor Robert Lagonia (Austerlitz). Bard Early College uses part of the building, and the contract allows them to stay until May 2024. But the contract does not recognize the clubhouse. A mil-

lion dollars for the purchase is to come from the American Rescue Plan. On October 11, the board voted to transfer the remaining \$2,350,000 from the county's general fund to its capital fund. This positions the county to close on the purchase immediately when Galvan resolves “building issues,” probably in November.

Supervisors noted that even if Galvan issues the eviction orders, people will blame the expulsion of the Youth Clubhouse from 11 Warren on the county government. “That's what we'll be remembered for,” said one.

At the October 11 meeting, three of the supervisors who voted against transferring

money to the ready-and-set-to-go position were Michael Chameides (Hudson, 3rd Ward), Ms. Cousin, and Ms. Houghtling.

The clubhouse is important for not only the youths it serves but for the entire county, said Mr. Chameides. It works as a “prevention and mental health service.” Without it, more people will do bad things, and “we'll spend more money on programs we don't want to spend money on.”

In addition, the county has “had a major dip in juvenile probation,” he reported and attributed this to youth services.

Ms. Cousin remarked that the building is in her ward and acknowledged that some of her constituents want the space for retail. “I think that youth programming is better than retail space,” she said. Furthermore,

“this program has been picked up and moved so many times,” and it is very hard to find space anywhere.

Ms. Houghtling called for a “path forward” that is “win-win” instead of either/or. “I was excited about the purchase of 11 Warren, but I voted for it with the understanding that the clubhouse would not be displaced.”

On the other hand, somebody said that not to close on the deal would be a breach of contract.

The Supervisors also voted down a proposal to request extending the closing until the Youth Clubhouse finds a new home. Supervisor Lagonia said, “This would just be kicking the can down the road.”

Board Chairman Matt Murell (Stockport) said he had already reached out to DSS and Youth Services to find a new

location for the clubhouse.

Supervisor Timothy Ooms (Kinderhook) suggested considering putting it in a school with declining enrollment.

At the October 18 meeting, Bob Gibson, commissioner of the DSS, announced he had put together a committee on the Youth Clubhouse. “We are going to make sure we...keep the program going,” he said.

Somebody said, “We want to make sure the next space is long term, and they won't have to move again next year.”

Director Hillman called having to move “a huge stress. Any support will be helpful.”

On October 30, Ms. Reed said she had no update on the clubhouse. Calls to other people were not returned by press time.

(In this report, quotations come from both meetings on October 11 and October 17.)

STATE OK'S

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Copake Lake in and around the Copake hamlet of Craryville. Nearly 200,000 solar panels will be erected on a total project footprint of about 267 acres of an 880-acre total facility site. Much of the acreage is prime agricultural land. A school district campus and residential areas border the property.

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

The draft permit, a 92-page document, available on the ORES website (ores.ny.gov), says that based on ORES's “comprehensive review of the record...the Office finds and determines that the proposed Solar Facility... avoids, minimizes, or mitigates, to the maximum extent practicable, potential significant adverse environmental impacts of the Facility.”

The permit lists such major project components as: photovoltaic (PV) modules and their rack/support systems; direct current collection lines and communications cables connecting the modules to the inverters; the inverters with their support platforms, control electronics, and step-up transformers; buried alternating current medium voltage collection lines; security fencing and gates around each array of PV modules; landscape plantings; gravel access roads; temporary laydown areas; a new collection substation; and interconnection into the existing 115 kilovolt

Craryville Substation.

In a statement provided to The Columbia Paper this week, proponents of the project, Friends of Columbia Solar (FOCS), say, “Now that the state has issued a draft permit for Shepherd's Run, FOCS is focused on the next steps in the process, which we hope will result in a solar farm that incorporates as many of the Working Group ideas as possible. This coalition solicited and received wide input from the public, and Hecate has already committed to some—but not all—of these steps. The draft permit specifies wildlife-friendly fencing, safeguards for water quality, extensive screening, and plans for combining solar with sheep-raising and apiaries, but we will advocate for inclusion of several other priorities, in particular the idea of incorporating public green space into the project. The Host Benefit Agreement stipulated in the permit will be an opportunity for commitment to all these ideas, one we hope both Hecate and the Town will take advantage of.”

A statement from Sensible Solar for Rural New York, a coalition of concerned citizens in strong opposition to the Shepherd's Run Solar Project, says, “Despite the multitude of issues with the project site which Sensible Solar has been talking about for years, ORES made the decision to issue a draft permit. Why? Because the 94-c process is flawed. ORES's sole purpose is to issue permits for renewable energy projects in order to meet the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act's (CLCPA) arbi-

trary greenhouse gas reduction goals according to an unreasonable timeline. The “community” effectively has no say in what happens. The regulations provide for “mitigants” to any issue raised which are essentially “feel good” measures that really don't mitigate any identified issues. In the meantime, the CLCPA will enrich developers, jeopardize the environment, permanently remove NY State's valuable farmland, impair electric grid reliability, result in higher costs for electricity, and, in Copake's case, also forever change the rural landscape and agricultural character of the Town, things we all cherish. To quote NY State Senators Hinchey and Harckham who had strongly urged ORES to work with Hecate to find a more suitable location for the project: “While we understand the necessity and support the practice of building renewable energy projects to meet the needs of our state, we cannot exchange an energy crisis for a food crisis, a water crisis, or a conservation crisis.” Bottom line, Sensible Solar believes that NY State's blind pursuit of the CLCPA's goals to the exclusion of all else, and flawed climate policy goals, will negatively impact NY residents forever.

Asked for comments on Copake's behalf, Deputy Town Supervisor Richard Wolf, the town's “point man” on all Shepherd's Run solar project matters, said by email, “We are very disappointed, but not at all surprised by NYS's decision to issue a draft permit...”

“From the beginning, the Copake Town Board has been united in its opposition to the size and location of the proposed Shepherd's Run Project, as has the vast majority of Copakeans, and our state legislators.

“We are not climate deniers; we are not NIMBY-ists. We support renewable energy and are prepared to do our part.

“But constructing a massive factory alongside a country road that is the gateway to the hamlet of Copake and Copake Lake makes no sense.”

By issuing a draft permit, Mr. Wolf wrote, “ORES has ignored our concerns and has decided to waive Copake's local laws protecting agriculture, wetlands, wildlife, and our community character. ORES has chosen to ignore Copake's long history as a conscientious steward of its land.”

Pointing to Copake's Comprehensive Plan (2011), Farmland Protection Plan (2014), Zoning Code, and solar energy laws, the deputy supervisor said all these measures “have been crafted to support protect valuable farmland, and to promote outdoor recreation tourism.

“New York is supposed to be a home rule state,” he continued, “in which local towns are supposed to be responsible for land use decisions. But ORES has decided our laws are ‘unduly burdensome’ and will be waived because complying with them would make the project more expensive or require that some of the components be moved.”

Town officials have tried to have a dialogue with Hecate. “But Hecate has refused to have serious discussions with us. Why? Because it knows it doesn't have to. The only dialogue it cares about is with ORES. That's because the regulations governing the siting process tilt the playing field heavily in favor of developers.

“If Hecate cared about being the community partner it claims to be, it would have worked with Copake to make the installation less unattractive,

and protect nearby homeowners from dramatic losses in the values of their homes. Hecate still can work with us.”

Referring to the ad hoc Working Group's proposal to create a 300-acre publicly accessible greenspace running alongside the length of the project, screening it, and creating bicycle paths and nature trails, Mr. Wolf said, “If Hecate was willing to spend a little money to make the greenspace a reality, it could turn Shepherd's Run from an eyesore into a tourist attraction.

“As to what's next... our attorney and environmental engineer are reviewing the draft permit. We await the results of their review, and their recommendations.”

In his October 12 report to the Town Board on ongoing Hecate matters, Mr. Wolf reported that Appellate Division Third Department justices denied the plaintiffs' request to re-argue the lawsuit brought by Copake, five other small upstate towns and seven non-profits which sought to overturn ORES regulations. The attorneys representing Copake and other upstate rural towns and non-profits are considering possible next steps.

An emailed request for comment on the draft permit from Hecate Energy Director of Development Matt Levine did not receive a response.

In the new year, ORES has scheduled public hearings on the project to take place at Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, January 9 and 10, 2024 at 1:30 and 6 p.m.

To contact Diane Valden email dvalden@columbiapaper.com

Olana receives funding for 'Access for All' program

HUDSON—The Olana Partnership (TOP) has received a three-year grant in the amount of \$240,000 from Art Bridges Foundation to provide Free Third Thursdays through the "Access for All" program. Free Third Thursdays will be introduced at Olana State Historic Site beginning in January 2024 and will offer free access to all, including expanded access to regional communities through free tours, free multi-lingual and intergenerational programming, specialty events and workshops, and extended tour hours during the summer season.



Starting in 2024, Olana will offer Free Third Thursdays.

Photo contributed

"The Olana Partnership is thrilled to have been selected as part of Art Bridges' national 'Access for All' program," said Sean Sawyer, Washburn and Susan Oberwager president, in a press release. "This major

grant will enable us to expand on our free community access and programs and make Free Third Thursdays a dynamic expression of our communities' diversity and creative richness."

In addition to monthly Free Third Thursday programming,

the "Access for All" grant will fund Spanish language tours and programming and marketing to the Hudson Valley's Spanish-speaking population. Additionally, "Access for All" will enable TOP to continue its program of free school visits for districts in Columbia and

Greene counties.

"This initiative will help The Olana Partnership continue to broaden access to Olana State Historic Site," said Carolyn Keogh, director of Education and Public Programs for TOP, also in the release. "Free Third Thursday's tours, multi-genera-

tional programming, and engagement opportunities for all will help Olana become a more accessible regional resource for everyone."

Art Bridges Foundation is providing \$40 million in grants to 64 museums, including the Whitney Museum of American Art, The Studio Museum in Harlem, The Olana Partnership and other national museums. The newly formed "Access for All" initiative's goal is to fund programs that attract new audiences. Alice Walton, the founder of Art Bridges Foundation, told NPR that "she believes all museums should be free" and that providing access in this way will "give museums the opportunity to focus on long-term sustainability."

For more, go to <https://www.olana.org/>

Taconic Hills 4th, 5th, and 6th graders tell stories at AOH

ANCRAM—Back for its fourth year, "Real People Real Stories Taconic Hills Edition," which features 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students from Taconic Hills Elementary School, will take the stage at Ancram Opera House, 1330 County Route 7, on Saturday, November 4 at 2 p.m. This community event is free and open to the public.

In 2020, in the midst of the pandemic's first year, Ancram Opera House director Paul Ricciardi began conducting sto-

rytelling workshops for 5th and 6th graders at Taconic Hills Elementary School. The project supports the school's literacy and writing pedagogies by utilizing live storytelling as a step towards composing personal narratives.

Because of the program's popularity, the workshops have been expanded to include 4th graders and now a team of AOH teaching artists leads more than 300 Taconic Hills students in the techniques of

storytelling. Using the same methods developed for "Real People Real Stories," AOH's popular adult storytelling event, students learn to identify the key components of a good story, how to tell it, and how to write about it.

The storytelling program has become an ongoing component of the middle school writing curriculum. By participating in the program in grade 4, and then repeating it in grades 5 and 6, students can

concretize valuable writing skills and enter junior high school as well-prepared writers.

"Real People Real Stories Taconic Hills Edition" is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Stewart's Shops, Berkshire Bank, and the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Fund for Columbia County.

For more information visit www.ancramoperahouse.org

Late autumn art classes offered at Art School of Columbia County

GHENT—Art School of Columbia County (ASCC) has announced new, late autumn art classes for adults, young adults and children beginning November 5. The line-up includes Open Figure Drawing Sketch class on Sunday afternoons; Expressive Arts with Charlotte Semmes; Abstract Painting with Mary Flinn; Egg Tempera Painting with Sandra Koponen; Drawing Upside Down and Other Ways of Seeing with Tia Maggio; A Women's Circle: Exploring the Creative Process; Linoleum Printmaking with David Lesako; Illustration with Clara



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A linoleum print by art teacher David Lesako.

Kirkpatrick; Creating Papers for Collage with Laurie Sussman and Exploring Mixed Media for Children with Laura Lawson and more.

The ASCC faculty are all teaching artists who are practicing, professional artists and experienced art teachers who have devoted their lives to creating art, exhibiting their artwork and engaging with community. Classes are open to varying levels of experience, all ages and abilities. ASCC welcomes anyone interested in exploring their creativity in a nurturing environment.

Art classes are offered once

a week and are scheduled to meet mornings, afternoons or evenings during the week or on the weekends. ASCC has been serving the greater communities for over ten years through art education for all ages and abilities.

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

Characters describe 'life after death' in theater piece

COPAKE FALLS—Near-death experiences are the focus of "Crossing the Veil," an ensemble theater piece being performed Sunday afternoon, November 5, at Our Lady of Hope Parish.

Playwright Richard Cornett, who works with terminally ill patients in a hospice program, became intrigued by diverse conceptions of an afterlife while studying world religions at Harvard Divinity School.

Years later, after hearing numerous stories of near death experiences, Cornett decided to put the subject into dramatic form and began reading case studies collected by respected research organizations such as the International Association of Near-Death Studies. He selected five cases to share.

In "Crossing the Veil," three men and two women recount their individual journeys from the moment when they were

declared clinically dead, through their crossing into another realm, and their return to physical life—with their questions of how can that fit in with all of this?

The event takes place Sunday, November 5, at 3 p.m., at Our Lady of Hope Parish, located at 8074 Route 22. Time for conversation and refreshments follows. Suggested donation \$15-\$30 (no one turned away for lack of funds).

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

FARMERS MARKETS

Saturdays

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

HUDSON, corner of 6th St & Columbia St, 9 am-1 pm. Over 30 vendors, food, live music. Through Nov 18. HUDSONnyfarmersmarket@gmail.com, 518 300-3496.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ongoing

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS for Meals on Wheels for Town of Kinderhook. Looking for drivers & substitute drivers for four routes that include Village of Valatie, Village of Kinderhook, Niverville, Kinderhook town. Sign up: 518 828-4258.

Through November 15

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS for grants for working artists. 9 artists receive \$1,000 by lottery. Awards announced Dec 1. Details, application: create-council.org/columbia-county-catalyst-grant.

Through November 17

SEEKING WREATH DONATIONS for annual Gallery of Wreaths at James Vanderpoel House of History. Wreaths will be on display Dec 1-3 & sold to benefit Columbia County Historical Society. Details & donation form: cch-sny.org/gallery-of-wreaths.

Through November 24

WREATH SALE, N Chatham Free Library, virtual event, \$40. Live holiday wreaths for purchase to benefit library. Orders: sherwoodfundraiser.com/NorthChathamFreeLibrary.

Through November 25

WINTER COAT DRIVE accepting donations of new or gently-used, clean coats in all sizes. Drop off in bins at Bank of Greene County, 160 Fairview Ave; Greylock Federal Credit Union, 464 Fairview Ave; Trustco Bank, 507 Warren St, or The Second Show, 519 Warren St, Hudson where coats will be available on first-come, first-served basis while supplies last, to anyone who states their need. juliette.rotary@gmail.com.

Through December 1

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS for t-shirt design for Copake's Bicentennial in 2024. Send submissions to Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Rd, Copake, NY 12516 or to Copakebicentennial@gmail.com.

November 1

PET FOOD DRIVE, Bank of Greene County locations. Benefits Columbia-Greene Humane Society. Most needed items: dry cat and dog food, Nylabones and Kong for dogs, cat toys, treats for both dogs & cats. cghs.org.

November 4

COUNTRY FESTIVAL, Community United Methodist Church, 1669 Rt 7A, Copake, 9 am-2 pm. Homemade items, baked goods, gift baskets, book sale, free coffee & cookies, light lunch for purchase.

CRAFT & TAG SALE,

Spencertown Fire Co, 1005 Rt 203, 9 am-3 pm. sfcauxiliary@gmail.com, 518 755-8612.

FUNDRAISER CRAFT FAIR, Copake Community Building, 305 Mountain View Rd, 10 am-3 pm. Knitted, crocheted, quilted items for family & home. Raffles. Benefits local food pantry, Community Christmas Baskets, Taconic Hills Backpack Program. glo-riak7881@gmail.com.

RABIES CLINIC, Kinderhook Town Hall, 3211 Church St, 2-3 pm for cats & ferrets, 3-4 pm for dogs. All animals must be at least three months old. Dogs must be on leash, cats and ferrets in carriers.

November 5

FALL TURKEY SHOOT, Kalicoontie Rod & Gun Club, 333 Schneider Rd, Livingston, 10 am-2 pm, \$3 entry. Competitions in bird-shot, slug, .22cal rifle, .22cal pistol, and center-fire rifle. Raffles, prizes, more. kalicoontie.com.

November 8

BLOOD DRIVE, CMH Support Services Bldg, 65 Prospect Ave, 10 am-3 pm. Appointments: Red Cross Blood Donor App, redcross-blood.org, 800 733-2767.

November 9

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

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.

November 3

HOT SUB SALE, Ghent Firehouse, 2230 Rt 66, 11 am-6 pm, \$8. Menu: pepperoni; meatball; and sausage, pepper & onion subs. Baked goods available for purchase. Heidilea1123@gmail.com.

November 4

CHICKEN BBQ, Spencertown Fire Co, 1005 Rt 203, 1-4 pm. Takeout. sfcauxiliary@gmail.com, 518 755-8612.

SOUP, SALAD, DESSERT DINNER after "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, movie by donation at 3:30 p.m. dinner follows \$10. Learn more at www.copakegrange.org

November 7

BAKE SALE, Church of the Immaculate Conception, 732 Rt 20, New Lebanon, 8 am-sold out. Homemade cakes, cookies, breads pies, fudge, more. Benefits Lore Squier Memorial Scholarship Fund to support New Lebanon High School students. michelecoy429@gmail.com.

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON, Ancram Firehouse, 1306 CR 7, 11 am-2 pm or sold out, \$15. Take out. Menu: Oven Roasted Turkey, Homemade Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Cranberry Sauce. Apple or Pumpkin Pie, \$3 per slice. Questions: cmac0038@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY POT ROAST

DINNER, St Peter's Presbyterian Church, 4-7 pm, \$22 adults, \$14 children 5-12, children 4 & under free. Menu: pot roast with gravy, potatoes, sweet and sour red cabbage, carrots with butter, roll, coffee, tea, homemade desserts. Reservations: 518 392-3386.

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. 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. No story time Nov 15. 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 kids, parents 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.

SPANISH STORY HOUR

(Hora de Cuentos), Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3 pm. With Senora Sonia. Bilingual stories, songs, rhymes in Spanish and English. For ages 3-5. Chathampubliclibrary.org.

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MOVEMENT & MUSIC, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 4-5 pm, free. Dance, sing, read with Abby Lapenn. Through Dec 19. hudsonarealibrary.org.

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

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

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

Fridays
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. No story hour Nov 10 or 24. 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.

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.

Through December 6
STORYTELLING THROUGH MOVEMENT, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 4-5 pm, free. For ages 8-12. Instructors Nkoula Badila & Angel Lau invite students to reimagine stories of natural world through movement, yoga & dance. Register: hudsonhall.org.

November 4
CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 11 am, free. For whole family. Learn elements of story, identify tools to engage readers. Registration: 518 851-7120, info@claveracklibrary.org.

November 7
BLOCK PARTY, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 2 pm, free. Lego building for school-aged children.

YUMMY BUG HUNT, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 4 pm, free. Read book & go on edible "insect" hunt. Registration: programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

November 7, 21
LAWN GAMES AT THE LIBRARY, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3-4 pm. Jumbo Checkers, Jenga & Yard Pong in the Community Room. All ages welcome. chathampubliclibrary.org.

November 11
PUPPET PARTY WORKSHOP, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 4-5 pm, free. For ages 6-10. Lou Smith & Ruby Jackson lead creation of puppets with recycled & found materials. Materials provided. Registration recommended: hudsonhall.org.

November 13
YOUNG READERS' DAY, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 4 pm. Discussion of The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. chathampubliclibrary.org.

November 14
CHESS CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3-4 pm. practice game, improve skills, challenge peers. Bring a chess board if you have one. For ages 5 & up. chathampubliclibrary.org.

CRAFTERNOON KIDS, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 4:30 pm, free. Make festive no-sew turkey. For ages 5 & up. All materials provided. newlebanonlibrary.org.

November 18
WHERE THE WILD THINGS DANCE: A Kids Silent Disco, FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson, 10:30 am-noon, free. Celebration of 50 years of hip hop. DJ ShattyBlacks & DJ Sample Ama. fasnyfiremuseum.com.

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

November 19
TURKEY TALES STORY HOUR, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, 1 pm, free. Stories about giving thanks. Registration: bookeo.com/clermont.

AT THE MOVIES

November 3
MR SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd, 3:30 pm, donation. Classic film series. Soup, salad, dessert to follow, \$10. copakegrange.org.

November 4-5
THREE MOVIES STARRING JEAN MOREAU, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, times vary, \$10 each. Schedule: timeandspace.org.

November 5
THE BOY WHO HARNESSED THE WIND, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 1 pm, free. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

MAKING MUSIC

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

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

Sundays
ARMEN DONELIAN, Isaan Thai Star Restaurant, 41 N 7th St, Hudson, 6-9 pm. Jazz. Through December. armen-donelian.com.

November 3
THE YALE SPIZZWINKS(?), Chatham High School, 50 Woodbridge Ave, 6 pm, \$5 adults, \$10 family. A cappella singing group & Chatham's student a cappella group The McDozen. 518 410-3795.

November 4
EXODUS: JEWISH COMPOSERS IN EXILE, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annadale, 7 pm, \$15-\$35. A Carnegie Hall preview concert. Alexandre Tansman, Josef Tal, Walter Kaufmann, Marcel Rubin. Tickets: ton.bard.edu.

MIRIAM ELHAJLI WITH TENDAI MUPARUTSA, Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, 7 pm, \$10. Advanced registration required: clarkart.edu/events.

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.

November 5
EXODUS: JEWISH COMPOSERS IN EXILE, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annadale, 2 pm, \$15-\$35. A Carnegie Hall preview concert. Alexandre Tansman, Josef Tal, Walter Kaufmann, Marcel Rubin. Tickets: ton.bard.edu.

VIRTUE & VIRTUOSITY, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St, Great Barrington, 4-6 pm, \$15-\$52. High Wire Performances on Violin, Cello, Piano. Tickets: cewm.org.

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.

November 2
MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC MEETING, Taghkanic Fire Co #1, 631 Old Rt 82, 6-7:30 pm. OPRHP staff provide overview of Lake Taghkanic State Park master planning process. Open discussion to follow. Questions, comments: LakeTaghkanic.Plan@parks.ny.gov.

LIVING IN THE PRESENT: Practices for Being In and With Nature, The Nature Institute, 20 May Hill Rd, Ghent, 7 pm, free. Ryan Shea explores ways to receive this capacity directly from nature. natureinstitute.org

November 4
GARDENING FOR POLLINATORS, Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd, 10:30 am, free. Presentation by Tim Kennelly for Germantown Garden Club. Public welcome. 518 537-4868.

November 4-5
MASTODONS, MOHINCANS & MORE, Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Dr, Sat 4 pm, Sun 2 pm, \$10. Gregg Berninger leads illustrated talk about Ghent's pre-1818 years. Proceeds benefit exterior restoration of the playhouse. Tickets at door or ghentplayhouse.simplix.com.

November 5
STILL HERE: A SURVIVAL STORY of Indigenous People, Spencertown Academy, 790 Rt 203, 2 pm, free. Talk by Heather Bruegl. Advance registration requested: spencertown-academy.org.

1962 BERLIN EXPLOSION, Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Road, 2 pm. Stephentown Historian Pat Flint tells about explosion & fires that killed/injured many people, destroyed homes & First Baptist Church. Free, open to public.

November 6
HISTORY & CULTURE OF THE STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE Band of Mohican: Past & Present, Columbia County Library Association, virtual event, 6 pm, free. Shawn Stevens (Red Eagle) will present on history & culture of Stockbridge-Munsee Indians. Registration: merka@chatham.k12.ny.us.

November 9
ON YOUR FEET & INDEPENDENT, Copake Recreation Center, 305 Mountain View Rd, 11 am-2 pm, free. Adult fall prevention program. RSVP: 518 828-4258, katharine.west@columbiacounty.com.

AN AFTERNOON OF POETRY, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 1:30 pm, free. Open mic style poetry event with Poetry Caravan of Columbia County. Bring poetry to share or just listen. chathampubliclibrary.org.

THE 128TH REGIMENT IN THE CIVIL WAR, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 6 pm, free. Carl Whitbeck speaks about volunteer regiment from Columbia & Dutchess Counties. hudsonarealibrary.org.

ON STAGE

November 3-4
FROM BEING WHERE YOU WERE, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, Fri 7 pm, Sat 3 pm, \$10-\$35. Pauline Oliveros' Intensity 2015: Grace Chase for flute & Winsome Brown's "This is Mary Brown." Tickets: ps21chatham.org.

November 4
TACONIC HILLS: REAL PEOPLE, REAL STORIES, Ancram Opera House, 1330 CR 7, 2 pm, free. 4th-6th graders share stories. Tickets: ancramoperahouse.org.

November 5
CROSSING THE VEIL, Our Lady of Hope Parish, 8074 Rt 22, Copake Falls, 3 pm, \$15-\$30. Ensemble theater piece focusing on near-death experiences. Conversation, refreshments to follow. 518 821-0859.

November 10
HAPPINESS IN THE SPOTLIGHT, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 6 pm, free. Camphill Hudson Players. Live filming of show, be part of audience & help bring live action theater to movie screen. Reservations: hudsonhall.org.

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SPECIAL SECTION ELECTION 2023



What's on your ballot in 2023?

GHENT—This year, on all the ballots in the county, there will be races for state Supreme Court Justices and two statewide propositions. There are also county races for District Attorney, Judge, Treasurer and Coroner.

Each town has local candidates and some have propositions of their own. Shown on these pages are all the state and county wide races and the local races for your town. On Page 1 of our sample ballot all Columbia County ballots are the same until column 8.

Page 2 (or the other side of the ballot) contains the two statewide propositions having to do with small city school districts and sewer project debt limits. Proposition one asks voters to decide on the “removal of small city school districts from special constitutional debt limitation.” According to the state Board of Elections, this constitutional amendment removes the special debt limit for small city school districts. A small city is a city with less than 125,000 people. The State Constitution limits how much debt a small city school district can incur. Other school districts are not subject to a constitutional debt restriction, but have a different debt limit provided by state law. If this Constitutional Amendment passes, small city school districts would be eligible to have the same debt limit as other school districts enacted via legislative action.

Proposition two is asking voters about “extending sewage project debt exclusion from debt limit.” The state Constitution limits the debt counties, cities, towns and villages can incur. This debt limit does not include debt for sewerage treatment and disposal construction projects. The sewer debt exception expires on January 1, 2024. This amendment extends the sewer debt exception for ten more years until January 1, 2034.

Canaan, Chatham, Greenport, Kinderhook and Stuyvesant also have local propositions that we print here.

The general election is Tuesday, November 7. Polls are open from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. Early voting started October 28 and runs through November 5.

OFFICE	State Supreme Court Justice (3rd Judicial District) (Vote for up to three)	District Attorney (Vote for one)	County Judge (Vote for up to two)	County Treasurer (Vote for one)	County Coroner (Vote for one)
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> Richard Rivers	<input type="radio"/> Daniel G. Lynch	<input type="radio"/> Brent J. Brooks-Martin	<input type="radio"/> Christopher Libenat-Corant	<input type="radio"/> Brian Joseph Herman
Republican	<input type="radio"/> Dana Seizer		<input type="radio"/> Ryan M. Carly	<input type="radio"/> Robert "Bob" Gibson	<input type="radio"/> Joyce Crawford
Conservative	<input type="radio"/> Dana Seizer		<input type="radio"/> Ryan M. Carly	<input type="radio"/> Robert "Bob" Gibson	<input type="radio"/> Joyce Crawford
Working Families	<input type="radio"/> Richard Rivers	<input type="radio"/> Daniel G. Lynch	<input type="radio"/> Brent J. Brooks-Martin	<input type="radio"/> Brian Joseph Herman	<input type="radio"/> Michael C. Howard
Write-in	Write-in	Write-in	Write-in	Write-in	Write-in

Proposal one, an amendment

Removal of Small City School Districts From Special Constitutional Debt Limitation

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 4 of the Constitution removes the special constitutional debt limitation now placed on small city school districts, so they will be treated the same as all other school districts. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Yes No

Proposal two, an amendment

Extending Sewerage Project Debt Exclusion From Debt Limit

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution extends for ten years the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to remove from their constitutional debt limits debt for the construction of sewerage facilities. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Yes No

ANCRAM

OFFICE	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Clerk/ Tax Collector (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	Town Highway Superintendent (Vote for one)
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> Bonnie J. Handt		<input type="radio"/> Colleen M. Lutz	<input type="radio"/> Bob Roche
Republican	<input type="radio"/> James E. MacArthur	<input type="radio"/> Monica R. Cleveland	<input type="radio"/> John R. Ingram	<input type="radio"/> David Bolze
Conservative		<input type="radio"/> Monica R. Cleveland		<input type="radio"/> James P. Miller
Working Families				
Ancram United	<input type="radio"/> Will Wales			<input type="radio"/> Bob Roche

AUSTERLITZ

OFFICE	Town Council (Vote for up to two)
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> Ken Kaplan
Republican	<input type="radio"/> Cara Humphrey
Conservative	
Working Families	

CANAAN

OFFICE	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	Town Justice (Vote for up to two)	Town Highway Superintendent (Vote for one)
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> Brenda Adams	<input type="radio"/> Virginia Nightingale	<input type="radio"/> Brian Libero	<input type="radio"/> Katherine E. Ambrosio
Republican	<input type="radio"/> Brenda Adams		<input type="radio"/> Katherine E. Ambrosio	<input type="radio"/> Dolana M. Schaefer
Conservative			<input type="radio"/> Katherine E. Ambrosio	<input type="radio"/> Dolana M. Schaefer
Working Families			<input type="radio"/> Katherine E. Ambrosio	<input type="radio"/> Dolana M. Schaefer

Proposal three, a question

Pursuant to Resolution 71-2023, shall the term of office of the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Canaan be increased from two (2) years to four (4) years?

Yes No

Proposal four, a question

Pursuant to Resolution 79-2023, shall the Office of Town of Canaan Tax Collector be re-established as an independent office?

Yes No

Proposal five, a question

Pursuant to Resolution 77-2023, shall the annual salary for the 2024 calendar year for the Office of Town of Canaan Clerk be reduced from \$35,255 to \$29,057?

Yes No

CHATHAM

OFFICE	1	2	3	4
Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)		Town Justice (Vote for one)	
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> 01 Christopher W. Spencer	<input type="radio"/> 02 John Wagner	<input type="radio"/> 03 Angus Eaton	<input type="radio"/> 04 Michael A. Hart
Republican	<input type="radio"/> 05 Donald Collins	<input type="radio"/> 06 Vance Piskin	<input type="radio"/> 07 Tim Madansir	<input type="radio"/> 08 Michael A. Hart
Conservative				
Working Families				
Chatham Neighbors	<input type="radio"/> 09 Christopher W. Spencer	<input type="radio"/> 10 John Wagner	<input type="radio"/> 11 Angus Eaton	
Chatham For All	<input type="radio"/> 12 Donald Collins	<input type="radio"/> 13 Vance Piskin	<input type="radio"/> 14 Tim Madansir	

Proposal three, a proposition

Shall local law 3 (proposed) of 2023, a local law to preserve working farms; protect farmland; preserve and establish parks and recreational areas; and protect historic resources and natural areas; protect the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, including the Kinderhook Creek and Storykill River; and protect the water quality of Chatham's drinking water by creating a one and one-half percent real estate transfer tax on the conveyance of interests in real property in the Town, with revenues from this tax to be deposited in the Town of Chatham Community Preservation fund, which may be matched by state and federal funding and which will require full public disclosure of all spending, be approved?

Yes No

CLAVERACK

OFFICE	1	2
Town Council (Vote for up to two)		
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> 01 Selma Graham	<input type="radio"/> 02 Tracy Hennige
Republican	<input type="radio"/> 03 George E. Duntz, Jr.	<input type="radio"/> 04 Gene Hallenbeck, Jr.
Conservative	<input type="radio"/> 05 George E. Duntz, Jr.	
Working Families		

CLERMONT

OFFICE	1	2	3
Town Council (Vote for up to two)			Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> 01 Dawn Brownson	<input type="radio"/> 02 Lisa Lindsey	<input type="radio"/> 03 Richard Christensen
Republican			
Conservative			
Working Families			

COPAKE

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5
Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Clerk/Tax Collector (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	Town Justice (Vote for one)	Town Highway Superintendent (Vote for one)	
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> 01 Richard Wolf	<input type="radio"/> 02 Lynn M. Connolly		<input type="radio"/> 03 William H. Gregory	
Republican		<input type="radio"/> 04 Lynn M. Connolly	<input type="radio"/> 05 Dush Gansowski	<input type="radio"/> 06 Bob Haight	<input type="radio"/> 07 William H. Gregory
Conservative					
Working Families	<input type="radio"/> 08 Richard Wolf				

GALLATIN

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5
Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Clerk/Tax Collector (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	Town Justice (Vote for one)		
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> 01 John C. Reilly	<input type="radio"/> 02 Lisa DeLeuzer	<input type="radio"/> 03 Jeff Jorve	<input type="radio"/> 04 Sara McGhee	<input type="radio"/> 05 Eric Motenson
Republican					
Conservative					
Working Families					

GREENPORT

OFFICE	1	2	3	4
Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	Town Justice (Vote for one)	Town Highway Superintendent (Vote for one)	
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> 01 Kathleen P. Elbridge	<input type="radio"/> 02 Francis "Frank" Seidner	<input type="radio"/> 03 Guy Ajroff	<input type="radio"/> 04 Barry Beck
Republican	<input type="radio"/> 05 Kathleen P. Elbridge	<input type="radio"/> 06 Francis "Frank" Seidner	<input type="radio"/> 07 Guy Ajroff	<input type="radio"/> 08 Barry Beck
Conservative	<input type="radio"/> 09 Kathleen P. Elbridge	<input type="radio"/> 10 Francis "Frank" Seidner	<input type="radio"/> 11 Guy Ajroff	<input type="radio"/> 12 Barry Beck
Working Families				<input type="radio"/> 13 John P. Mousil, Sr.

Proposal three, a proposition

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Greenport for the operating budget of the Hudson Area Association Library be \$85,000 annually?

Yes No

GERMANTOWN

OFFICE	1	2
Town Council (Vote for up to two)		
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> 01 Sarah Suarez	<input type="radio"/> 02 Keene Christian
Republican		
Conservative		
Working Families		
Palatine's United	<input type="radio"/> 03 Zach Moore	
Unified Germantown	<input type="radio"/> 04 Genette Picked Collins	

GHENT

OFFICE	1	2	3
Town Council (Vote for up to two)			Town Justice (Vote for up to two)
Democratic			
Republican	<input type="radio"/> 01 Lynda Nielsen	<input type="radio"/> 02 Daniel R. Benfield	<input type="radio"/> 03 Mark Purin
Conservative	<input type="radio"/> 04 Lynda Nielsen		<input type="radio"/> 05 Michael N. Bruno
Working Families			
Connect Ghent	<input type="radio"/> 06 Daniel R. Benfield		

HILLSDALE

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Clerk (Vote for one)	Tax Collector (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)		Town Justice (Vote for up to two)		Town Highway Superintendent (Vote for one)
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> Mike Dvorcak	<input type="radio"/> Rob Ward	<input type="radio"/> Via Joseph Hanselman, Jr.	<input type="radio"/> Lisa Jaffe	<input type="radio"/> Erin Field	<input type="radio"/> Robert Warner	<input type="radio"/> Mike Rube	<input type="radio"/> Richard Briggs
Republican								
Conservative								
Working Families								

HUDSON 3

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5
	Mayor (Vote for one)	City Treasurer (Vote for one)	Common Council President (Vote for one)	Supervisor, 3rd Ward (Vote for one)	Councilmember, 3rd Ward (Vote for up to two)
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> David Johnson	<input type="radio"/> Heather S. Campbell	<input type="radio"/> Thomas M. DeFazio	<input type="radio"/> Michael Chenevise	<input type="radio"/> Matthew Wilson
Republican					
Conservative					
Working Families				<input type="radio"/> Michael Chenevise	
Fiscal Responsibility					<input type="radio"/> Bill Rosen

HUDSON 1

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5
	Mayor (Vote for one)	City Treasurer (Vote for one)	Common Council President (Vote for one)	Supervisor, 1st Ward (Vote for one)	Councilmember, 1st Ward (Vote for up to two)
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> David Johnson	<input type="radio"/> Heather S. Campbell	<input type="radio"/> Thomas M. DeFazio	<input type="radio"/> Chris Couser	<input type="radio"/> Margaret Morris
Republican					<input type="radio"/> Gary Farnham
Conservative					
Working Families					

HUDSON 4

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5
	Mayor (Vote for one)	City Treasurer (Vote for one)	Common Council President (Vote for one)	Supervisor, 4th Ward (Vote for one)	Councilmember, 4th Ward (Vote for up to two)
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> David Johnson	<input type="radio"/> Heather S. Campbell	<input type="radio"/> Thomas M. DeFazio	<input type="radio"/> John L. Mearns	<input type="radio"/> Jennifer Rubin
Republican					<input type="radio"/> Rick Trone
Conservative					
Working Families					

HUDSON 2

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Mayor (Vote for one)	City Treasurer (Vote for one)	Common Council President (Vote for one)	Supervisor, 2nd Ward (Vote for one)	Councilmember, 2nd Ward (Vote for up to two)	
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> David Johnson	<input type="radio"/> Heather S. Campbell	<input type="radio"/> Thomas M. DeFazio	<input type="radio"/> Mike West	<input type="radio"/> Owen A. Senn	<input type="radio"/> Christopher M. Hony
Republican						
Conservative					<input type="radio"/> Owen A. Senn	
Working Families						

HUDSON 5

OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5
	Mayor (Vote for one)	City Treasurer (Vote for one)	Common Council President (Vote for one)	Supervisor, 5th Ward (Vote for one)	Councilmember, 5th Ward (Vote for up to two)
Democratic	<input type="radio"/> David Johnson	<input type="radio"/> Heather S. Campbell	<input type="radio"/> Thomas M. DeFazio	<input type="radio"/> Michael Foster	<input type="radio"/> Wally DeBenedictis
Republican					<input type="radio"/> Owen A. Senn
Conservative					
Working Families					

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KINDERHOOK

OFFICE	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Clerk/Tax Collector (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)		Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> Terry Ours	<input type="radio"/> Holly D. Jones	<input type="radio"/> Phil Bickerton	<input type="radio"/> Sully Nemerow	<input type="radio"/> Pam Gidley
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> Terry Ours	<input type="radio"/> April S. Pitrowell	<input type="radio"/> Phil Bickerton	<input type="radio"/> George J. Gathers	<input type="radio"/> David W. Kutz
Conservative C	<input type="radio"/> Terry Ours	<input type="radio"/> April S. Pitrowell	<input type="radio"/> Phil Bickerton	<input type="radio"/> George J. Gathers	
Working Families D					
Kinderhook Community Party E		<input type="radio"/> Holly D. Jones		<input type="radio"/> Sully Nemerow	

Proposal three, a proposition

Shall the Town of Kinderhook increase its annual contribution for the operating budget of the Kinderhook Memorial Library by five percent (5%) or twelve thousand eight hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$12,887.00) to the sum of two hundred seventy thousand three hundred thirty-one dollars (\$270,331.00)?

Yes No

LIVINGSTON

OFFICE	Town Council (Vote for up to two)		Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> William "Bill" Bender	<input type="radio"/> William "Will" Yankle	<input type="radio"/> Harold G. "Sonny" Weaver, Jr.
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> William "Bill" Bender	<input type="radio"/> William "Will" Yankle	<input type="radio"/> Harold G. "Sonny" Weaver, Jr.
Conservative C			
Working Families D			

NEW LEBANON

OFFICE	Town Clerk (Vote for one)	Tax Collector (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)		Town Council, Unexpired term (Vote for one)	Town Justice (Vote for one)	Town Highway Superintendent (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> Ashley Seivane	<input type="radio"/> Tamara Darcy	<input type="radio"/> Josh Young	<input type="radio"/> Steve Powers	<input type="radio"/> Monte Wash	<input type="radio"/> Lonnie Wechter	<input type="radio"/> Peter McCagg
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> Monte Robertson	<input type="radio"/> Tamara Darcy	<input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Ellen Krobath	<input type="radio"/> Kevin C. Smith, Sr.	<input type="radio"/> Cody James Skelton	<input type="radio"/> John "Jack" News	<input type="radio"/> Peter McCagg
Conservative C	<input type="radio"/> Monte Robertson		<input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Ellen Krobath	<input type="radio"/> Kevin C. Smith, Sr.	<input type="radio"/> Cody James Skelton		<input type="radio"/> Jeffrey Woodcock
Working Families D							
New Lebanon First E	<input type="radio"/> Ashley Seivane		<input type="radio"/> Josh Young	<input type="radio"/> Steve Powers	<input type="radio"/> Monte Wash	<input type="radio"/> Lonnie Wechter	

STOCKPORT

OFFICE	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	
Democratic A			
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> Matt B. Murel	<input type="radio"/> John R. Leone	<input type="radio"/> Charles Florio
Conservative C	<input type="radio"/> Matt B. Murel	<input type="radio"/> John R. Leone	<input type="radio"/> Charles Florio
Working Families D			

STUYVESANT

OFFICE	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)		Town Highway Superintendent, Unexpired term (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> Lee Jenkins	<input type="radio"/> Henry Stoll	<input type="radio"/> Cole White	
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> Ben Kroll	<input type="radio"/> Charles Stiller	<input type="radio"/> Wiley Wilson	<input type="radio"/> Joseph Serice
Conservative C	<input type="radio"/> Ben Kroll	<input type="radio"/> Charles Stiller	<input type="radio"/> Wiley Wilson	<input type="radio"/> Joseph Serice
Working Families D				

Proposal three, a proposition

Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Stuyvesant for the operating budget of the Kinderhook Memorial Library be increased by one thousand, eight hundred nineteen dollars (\$1,819.00) to the sum of thirty-eight thousand, two hundred five dollars (\$38,205.00)?

Yes No

TAGHKANIC

OFFICE	Town Clerk/Tax Collector (Vote for one)	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	
Democratic A		<input type="radio"/> Douglas Craig	<input type="radio"/> Perry Acker
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> Cheryl E. Rogien	<input type="radio"/> Joshua Paine	
Conservative C	<input type="radio"/> Cheryl E. Rogien	<input type="radio"/> Joshua Paine	
Working Families D			



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EVENTS *Calendar*

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November 10-12, 17-19
BLITHE SPIRIT, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd, Fri/Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 3 pm, \$15-\$20. Comic play presented by The Two of Us Productions.

Group rates available. Tickets: TheTwoOfUsProductions.org.

ON VIEW

ART OMI, 1405 CR 22, Ghent. Dion "TYGAPAW" McKenzie: 3WI, up Nov 18-Feb 17, 2024. Benenson Center open daily 9 am-4 pm. artomi.org, 518 392-4747.

ART SCHOOL of Columbia County, 1198 Rt 21C, Ghent. Pastels: Land & Sky. Mon, Tue,

Thurs, Sun noon-3 pm. 518 672-7140. Artschoolofcolumbia county.org.

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 through 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 through Nov 26. Daily 11 am-5 pm, Tue by appt only. 518 828-1915. Carriehaddadgallery.com.

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.

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.

DAVIS ORTON Gallery, 114 Warren St, Hudson. Counterpoints: Four Hudson Valley photographers: Karen Davis, Carla Shapiro, Ruth Wetzel & Kay Kenny. Sat-Sun 11 am-5:30 pm, by appointment. davisortongallery.com. 518 567-4056.

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.

FLOW CHART SPACE, 348 Warren St, Hudson. Of the Sign: Art of Marjorie Welish, opening reception Nov 4, 3-5 pm. Second & fourths Sats, 11 am-5 pm. flowchartfoundation.org/exhibitions.

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.

HUDSON AREA LIBRARY, 51 N 5th St. Photography Show: Here and Back Again, up through Dec 31. Open library hours. hudsonarealibrary.org.

HUDSON HALL, 327 Warren St. Houses & the Night Sky: The Art of Donna Dennis, 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.

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

KINDERHOOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 18 Hudson St. Jean Mackay: Exploring Home-Watercolor Sketches Through the Seasons in Columbia County, opening reception Nov 5, 2-4:30 pm; up through Nov 30. Open during library hours. kinderhooklibrary.org.

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. Pop Up Show: Reimagining The Discarded, up Nov 3-5. Fri 3-7, Sat-Sun 12-6 pm. By appointment 917 330-6262. lightform-artcenter.com

LIMNER Gallery, 123 Warren St, Hudson. A Show of Heads, up through Nov 4. 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, stigmafreesart.com. 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.

American
MOSAIC
CARL GUTOWSKI & YALIN CHI IN CONCERT

The Columbia County Historical Society presents American Mosaic, music for Flute and Piano featuring American composers MacDowell, Foote, Beach, Copland, Barber, and Gershwin. Flautist Carl Gutowski and Pianist Yalin Chi in Concert.

A wine reception will be held for all attendees at the James Vanderpoel House, 16 Broad Street, Kinderhook following the concert.

All proceeds benefit the Columbia County Historical Society.

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 3:00p
Kinderhook Village Hall

COLUMBIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Tickets available at cchsny.org

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Bonnie Hundt (DEM) running for Town Supervisor
Colleen Lutz (REP) running for Town Council

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VOTE LINE "A" ALL THE WAY

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EVENTS *Calendar*

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OLANA State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport. Frederic Church: Spectacle & the Business of Art, opens Nov 19, tickets for reception: olana.org/spectacle; up through Mar

31, 2024. 518 828-0135. Olana.org. PS21, 2980 Rt 66, Chatham. James Casebere: Solo Pavilion for Two or Three. 518 392-6121. PS21chatham.org.

SEPTEMBER Gallery, 4 Hudson St #3, Kinderhook. Of Waves: Jane Bustin & Anne Lindberg, up through Dec 17. Kristen@septembergallery.com.

SUSAN ELEY FINE ART, 433 Warren St, Hudson. Black & White Show, up through Dec 10. 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 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.

TSL Gallery, 434 Columbia St, Hudson. Thirty Years of Chronogram Covers, up through Nov 12. Fri-Sun, tours by advanced registration. 518 822-8448. Timeandspace.org.



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Vote for our Columbia County Candidates Chris Liberati-Conant for District Attorney, and Brian Herman and Michael C. Howard for County Judge.

Vote for our NYS Supreme Court Candidates Richard Rivera, Daniel Lynch, and Sherri Brooks-Morton.

VOTE EARLY NOW - NOV. 5

Vote early at either location:
Columbia County Office Building
401 State Street, Hudson, NY 12534
Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building
3211 Church Street, Valatie, NY 12184

Early voting dates / times:

- Nov. 2 9am - 5pm
- Nov. 3 9am - 5pm
- Nov. 4 9am - 5pm
- Nov. 5 9am - 5pm

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ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 7

POLLS OPEN 6AM - 9PM

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I have been honored to serve the people of Columbia County for over 40 years as Judge, Public Defender and for 19 years as District Attorney. In those roles and having tried criminal cases in seven surrounding counties, if I've learned anything, I've learned what it takes to be District Attorney. Without any hesitation or reservation, I am confident that Ryan Carty will not only become a competent DA, but a great one.

Because of what I've learned in these past few months about Ryan's opponent's competence and character, it is incumbent upon me to disclose that, **not only is Mr. Liberati-Conant not sufficiently competent to hold the highest law enforcement position in our county, his less than honest claims in this campaign disqualify him from any position of trust.**

Mr. Liberati-Conant has never prosecuted a criminal case or even represented a criminal defendant. His false attacks on Ryan Carty show that he lacks even minimal knowledge of the state's criminal law.

In expensive and misleading mailings to voters, Liberati-Conant makes many false claims. For instance, the COVID-19 pandemic did, indeed, cause a backlog throughout the nation of ALL cases, criminal and civil, for at least a year. Further, radical discovery and bail "reforms" in New York State, slowed the whole system down. However, **thanks to the efforts of judges, defense attorneys, police officers, probation officers and, most importantly, Deputy Chief ADA Carty, Columbia County's backlogs have long been resolved.**

Mr. Liberati-Conant also misfires on the Veterans Treatment Court. We have had a Veterans Treatment Court in Columbia County for more than a decade, in large part due to the efforts of Command Sgt. Major Gary Flaherty, who has dedicated his professional life to assisting veterans.

Mr. Liberati-Conant also misleads the voters about his professional history. He falsely claims to have been a "public defender". His limited experience handling civil matters in the office of the state Attorney General is irrelevant to being District Attorney.

As former United States Attorney General, Supreme Court Justice and Chief Nuremberg prosecutor Robert H. Jackson taught us, *"The prosecutor has more control over life, liberty, and reputation than any other person in America."* Should we entrust such control to a candidate to whom truth means so little?

Most disturbing is Liberati-Conant's boast that he "knows how to win." Had he the slightest understanding of a prosecutor's duty, he'd know that our goal is not to win, but to do justice. His focus on "winning" indicates an alarming misunderstanding of a prosecutor's job.

It is of critical importance that the ultimate result of the DA's work is a humane and responsible society wherein everyone can exercise the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution.

One may recall US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's Senate confirmation hearing, in which she stated: *"The job of a prosecutor is to do justice. And justice is served when a guilty man is convicted, and when an innocent man is not."*

I implore all voters to elect Ryan Carty District Attorney on November 7. Ryan is an experienced prosecutor who will continue to do justice for all citizens of Columbia County.

PAUL CZAJKA
COLUMBIA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY



ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
EARLY VOTING CONTINUES THROUGH NOVEMBER 5

PAID FOR BY FRIENDS OF RYAN CARTY



All lit up

Three pumpkins with glowing faces wait on a doorstep Halloween night to greet any trick-or-treaters who come their way.

Diane Valden

Community briefs

Eat Election Day pot roast, it's tradition

SPENCERTOWN—St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, 5219 County Route 7, will once again offer a Community Pot Roast Dinner, Election Day, Tuesday, November 7. The menu includes pot roast with gravy, potatoes, sweet and sour red cabbage, carrots with butter, roll, coffee, tea, and homemade desserts, all for \$22. The price for children ages 5 to 12 is \$14; there is no charge for children 4 and under. A 50/50 raffle will be offered.

Dinners will be served at the church from 4 to 7 p.m. with take-out meals available.

The church is handicapped accessible. Call the church office at 518-392-3386 to make a reservation; leave a message if no one answers, including name, phone number, and the order (number of adults dinners, number of dinners for children ages 5 to-12, number of dinners for children younger than 5). Walk-ins are welcome.

Offering a dinner on Election Day is a longstanding tradition for St. Peter's Church, which is situated near the Austerlitz Town Hall where local voting takes place. Go vote, then come to the church for a meal—all are welcome!



Photo contributed
St. Peter's Presbyterian Church.

Have some turkey, pie after you vote

ANCRAM—St. John's Lutheran Church hosts a take-out Election Day Luncheon at the Ancram Firehouse, 1306 County Route 7, November 7, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. or until the food is sold out, no reservations. On the menu is oven-roasted turkey, homemade dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn and cranberry sauce. Meals are \$15 each, take-out only. Florence Merrifield's homemade apple or pumpkin pie will be offered at \$3 per slice.

Herbs can keep you healthy in winter

EAST GREENBUSH—Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County presents a "Herbs for Winter Health and Holiday Gifts Workshop," Saturday, November 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants can learn about the benefits of herbs and make samples of elderberry syrup, herbal oil and herbal vinegar during this hands-on event. This workshop will take place at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, Rensselaer County Office Building, 99 Troy Road. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For program fee and registration information, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 518-272-4210 or mmp74@cornell.edu

Sale and barbecue held at firehouse

SPENCERTOWN—The Auxiliary of the Spencertown Fire Company, 1005 State Route 203, puts on a Craft and Tag Sale and a take-out chicken barbecue, November 4. The sale is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The barbecue is from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information email sfcauxiliary@gmail.com

Methodists are in a Fall Fest mood

COPAKE—The Community United Methodist Church, 1669 County Route 7A, hosts its annual Country Fall Festival, Saturday, November 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees will find homemade items, baked goods, gift baskets, book sale, free coffee, cookies and light lunch at a reasonable price.

Put plants that pollinators like in garden

GERMANTOWN—Tim Kennelty speaks about Gardening for Pollinators at the next meeting of the Germantown Garden Club at the Hover Room at the Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Road, Saturday, November 4 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Kennelty is a Master Gardener and Master Naturalist volunteer through the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties.

Pollinators including bees, butterflies, moths, flies and beetles provide an ecological service essential to the environment's health. Yet, with habitat loss, climate change, and the increase of invasive species, the threat to pollinators has never been greater. This talk will provide an introduction to the basics of pollinators, as well as the plants that can be incorporated into a garden to support them.

This Saturday meeting is open to the public and is an opportunity to attend for people interested in garden clubs who usually can't attend weekday meetings. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Fran Bufi at 518-537-4868.

Baked goods sale supports scholarship

NEW LEBANON—The Lebanon Valley Woman's Club will have a bake sale at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 732 US 20, Tuesday, November 7, (Election Day) from 8 a.m. until sold out. There will be an assortment of homemade baked goods: cakes, cookies, breads, pies, fudge and many other items. The proceeds will go to the Lore Squier Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship and the awards will go to New Lebanon High School students. The club also supports many other charities.

What to know about nursing/rehab facilities

CLAVERACK—Aislinn Smith, administrator of Pine Haven Nursing and Rehab, will discuss things to know about nursing and rehab facilities at the next meeting of the Claverack Seniors at the Reformed Dutch Church, 88 State Route 9H, Friday, November 10 at 1 p.m.

Providing refreshments are Susan Harmon and Norma Barnard.

The seniors' December 8 meeting will be a Christmas Party at the Reformed Dutch Church at noon. Attendees are required to bring a covered dish in order to attend. Contact Debbie Grau to sign up at 518-610-1766.

Rotary collects winter coats until Nov. 25

HUDSON—Hudson Rotary Club announces a winter coat and accessory collection in partnership with The Second Show, a community thrift shop benefiting Columbia Memorial Hospital, its Auxiliary, and Operation Unite, NY. Now until November 25, Second Show at 519 Warren Street will accept donations of new or gently-used, clean coats in all sizes, from infant and youth to adult. All coat donations should be clean and ready to be worn, without stains, holes or broken zippers.

Coats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last, to anyone who states their need. Organizations and agencies may also refer individuals or families directly to Second Show to shop for coats.

In addition, Hudson Rotary Club has collection boxes for warm winter items at the following locations: Bank of Greene County, 160 Fairview Avenue; Greyllock Federal Credit Union 464 Fairview Avenue; and Trustco Bank 507 Warren Street.

Learn more about Hudson Rotary Club at www.facebook.com/rotary.hudson.ny

Second Show Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Metered street parking. Donate, or refer a neighbor to come and receive warm winter gear through November 25.

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Mastodons, Mohicans subject of talk

GHENT—Ghent Town Historian Gregg Berninger brings to life Ghent's pre-1818 years (12,000 BC—1790 AD), before Ghent was even Ghent, during a talk at the Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, Saturday, November 4 at 4 p.m., and Sunday, November 5 at 2 p.m.

In this one-hour illustrated talk, he will answer three big questions: What became of the mastodons and the Mohicans? How did European settlement evolve? How common was slavery in 18th century pre-Ghent?

The talk will benefit the exterior restoration of the Ghent Playhouse, Ghent's first town hall. Acting Ghent Playhouse President Lisa Murawski said in a press release, "We're very excited to have Gregg talking about Ghent history on our stage. We appreciate his help in raising money for the restoration of our historic building's exterior. Many people don't know it was Ghent's first town hall." Mr. Berninger is well-known for his public presentations and YouTube videos. Locally and internationally acclaimed photographer Richard Beaven has called him a "fantastic, engaging, interesting bloke," and Ghent Town Supervisor Craig Simmons has declared himself Gregg's "biggest fan." Don't miss this rare opportunity to learn history while preserving history. Tickets for this talk are \$10 with all proceeds going to the exterior restoration of the Ghent Playhouse. Tickets will be available at the door or for reservations visit: <https://ghentplayhouse.simplenetix.com/>

Flint speaks on 1962 Berlin Explosion

STEPHENTOWN— Just over 60 years ago, a disaster struck the town of Berlin, New York, on a July day when a propane tanker truck ran off Plank Road and crashed. Stephentown Town Historian Pat Flint will tell about the resulting explosion and fires that killed or injured many people and destroyed homes and the First Baptist Church. The town and surrounding communities worked together on the difficult rescue and recovery work following the tragedy. The program will be held Sunday, November 5 at 2 p.m. at the Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Road. It is free and open to the public.

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

THE FOLLOWING STATEWIDE QUESTIONS AND PROPOSITIONS ARE TO BE VOTED ON AT THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

Qualified voters may vote on the below questions at their designated polling place on Election Day, at any Early Voting location, or, if eligible, by absentee ballot.

Proposal one, an amendment Removal of Small City School Districts From Special Constitutional Debt Limitation

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 4 of the Constitution removes the special constitutional debt limitation now placed on small city school districts, so they will be treated the same as all other school districts. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Proposal two, an amendment Extending Sewage Project Debt Exclusion From Debt Limit

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution extends for ten years the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to remove from their constitutional debt limits debt for the construction of sewage facilities. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND PROPOSITIONS ARE TO BE VOTED ON BY QUALIFIED VOTERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF EACH TOWN LISTED BELOW

TOWN OF CANAAN

Proposal three, a question
Pursuant to Resolution 71-2023, shall the term of office of the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Canaan be increased from two (2) years to four (4) years?

Proposal four, a question
Pursuant to Resolution 76-2023, shall the Office of Town of Canaan Tax Collector be re-established as an independent office?

Proposal five, a question
Pursuant to Resolution 77-2023, shall the annual salary for the 2024 calendar year for the Office of Town of Canaan Clerk be reduced from \$35,255 to \$29,055?

TOWN OF CHATHAM

Proposal three, a proposition
Shall local law 3 (proposed) of 2023, a local law to preserve working farms; protect farmland; preserve and establish parks and recreational areas; and protect historic resources and natural areas; protect the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, including the Kinderhook Creek and Stonykill River; and protect the water quality of Chatham's drinking water by creating a one and one half percent real estate transfer tax on the conveyance of interests in real property in the Town, with revenues from this tax to be deposited in the Town of Chatham Community Preservation fund, which may be matched by state and federal funding and which will require full public disclosure of all spending, be approved?

TOWN OF GREENPORT

Proposal three, a proposition
Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Greenport for the operating budget of the Hudson Area Association Library be \$85,000 annually?

TOWN OF KINDERHOOK

Proposal three, a proposition
Shall the Town of Kinderhook increase its annual contribution for the operating budget of the Kinderhook Memorial Library by five percent (5%) or twelve thousand eight hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$12,887.00) to the sum of two hundred seventy thousand three hundred thirty-one dollars (\$270,331.00)?

TOWN OF STUYVESANT

Proposal three, a proposition
Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Stuyvesant for the operating budget of the Kinderhook Memorial Library be increased by one thousand, eight hundred nineteen dollars (\$1,819.00) to the sum of thirty-eight thousand, two hundred five dollars (\$38,205.00)?

Abstracts and further information about these proposals may be found on the website of the Columbia County Board of Elections: www.columbiacountyny.com/elections

Columbia County Board of Elections
Kelly A. Miller-Simmons and Erin E. Stamper,
Commissioners of Elections
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 4-120 of the New York State Election Law that a

GENERAL ELECTION

will be held on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

State of New York, County of Columbia Office of the Board of Elections for the purpose of electing candidates to public office and for voting on any proposals to be put before the voters.

Polls Open 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM

POLLING PLACES

Election District	Polling Place and Address
Ancram 1,2	Ancram Town Hall, 1416 Cty Rte 7, Ancram
Austerlitz 1,2	Austerlitz Town Hall, 816 Route 203, Spencerstown
Canaan 1,2	Canaan Town Hall, 1647 Cty Rte 5, Canaan
Chatham 1	Chatham Town Hall, 488 State Rte 295, Chatham
Chatham 2,5	ME Dardess Elem Sch, 50 Woodbridge Ave, Chatham
Chatham 3,4,6	Tri Village Fire Dept, 111 Cty Rte 13, Old Chatham
Claverack 1,2	AB Shaw Fire House, 67 State Rte 23, Claverack
Claverack 3,4	Philmont Village Hall, 124 Main St, Philmont
Claverack 5	Churchtown Fire House, 2219 Cty Rte 27, Hudson
Clermont 1,2	Clermont Town Hall, 1795 US Hwy 9, Germantown
Copake 1,3	Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Rd, Copake
Copake 2,4	Copake Rec Ctr, 305 Mountain View Rd, Copake
Gallatin 1,2	Gallatin Town Hall, 667 Cty Rte 7, Gallatin
Germantown 1,2	Comm/Youth Bldg, 54 Palatine Park Rd, Germantown
Ghent 1	ME Dardess Elem Sch, 50 Woodbridge Ave, Chatham
Ghent 2	Ghent Town Hall, 2306 State Rte 66, Ghent
Ghent 3,5	West Ghent Community Ctr, 1041 Cty Rte 22, Ghent
Ghent 4	VPV Post 5933, 2237 Route 66, Ghent
Greenport 1,3,4	Greenport Town Hall, 600 Town Hall Dr, Hudson
Greenport 2	Becraft Pumper No 2, 257 Cty Rte 14, Hudson
Hillsdale 1,2	Hillsdale Fire House, 9387 State Rte 22, Hillsdale
Hudson 1,2,3	St Mary's Academy Bldg, 301 Allen St, Hudson
Hudson 4	Columbia County Office Bldg, 401 State St, Hudson
Hudson 5	Hudson Central Fire Station, 77 N 7th St, Hudson
Kinderhook 1,2	McNary Ctr, 6 Sylvester St, Kinderhook
Kinderhook 3,4,5	Martin H Glynn Municipal Bldg, 3211 Church St, Valatie
Kinderhook 6,7,8	Ichabod Crane Central Sch, 2910 US Rte 9, Valatie
Livingston 1,3	Livingston Town Hall, 119 Cty Rte 19, Livingston
Livingston 2,4	Elizaville Fire House, 1575 Cty Rte 18, Elizaville
New Lebanon 1,2	Church of Immaculate Conception, 732 US Route 20, New Lebanon
Stockport 1,2	American Legion Post 184, 107 Cty Rte 25, Hudson
Stuyvesant 1,2	Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Dr, Stuyvesant
Taghkanic 1	Taghkanic Town Hall, 909 State Rte 82, Ancram

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting is available from Saturday, October 28 through Sunday, November 5

Saturday, October 28	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday, October 29	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Monday, October 30	Noon – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, October 31	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, November 1	Noon – 8:00 pm
Thursday, November 2	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, November 3	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, November 4	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday, November 5	9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Two Early Voting Locations:

Columbia County Office Building
401 State Street, Hudson, NY 12534

Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building
3211 Church Street, Valatie, NY 12184

Eligible voters in Columbia County can vote early at either early voting location, no matter where in the County the voter resides

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OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 State of New York, County of Columbia Office of the Board of Elections: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 4-120 and 4-122 of the New York State Election Law that a General Election will be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM for the purpose of electing candidates to public office and for voting on any proposals to be put before the voters.			
DEM - Democratic	CGH - Connect Ghent	Copake	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)
REP - Republican	HFR - Fiscal Responsibility	DEM, WOR	Richard Wolf
CON - Conservative	KCP - Kinderhook Community	DEM, REP	Town Clerk/Tax Coll'r (Vote for one)
WOR - Working Families	Partv	REP	Lynn M. Connolly
ANU - Ancram United	NLF - New Lebanon First	REP	Town Council (Vote for up to two)
CFA - Chatham For All	PU - Palatine's United	REP	Stosh Gansowski
CN - Chatham Neighbors	UGT - Unified Germantown	REP	Bob Haight
		REP	Town Justice (Vote for one)
		REP	Hilaine L. Thomas
		DEM, REP	Town Highway Supt (Vote for one)
		DEM, REP	William H. Gregory
		Gallatin	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)
		DEM	John C. Reilly
		DEM	Town Clerk/Tax Coll'r (Vote for one)
		DEM	Lisa DeLeeuw
		DEM	Town Council (Vote for up to two)
		DEM	Jeff Jove
		DEM	Sara McGhee
		DEM	Town Justice (Vote for one)
		DEM	Eric Mortenson
3rd Judicial District	State Supreme Court Justice	Germantown	Town Council (Vote for up to two)
	(Vote for up to three)	DEM	Sarah Suarez
DEM, WOR	Richard Rivera	DEM	Kaare Christian
DEM, WOR	Daniel C. Lynch	PU	Zach Moore
DEM, WOR	Sheri J. Brooks-Morton	UGT	Genette Piccoli Oehlke
REP, CON	Dana Salazar		
County	District Attorney (Vote for one)	Ghent	Town Council (Vote for up to two)
DEM	Christopher Liberali-Conant	REP, CON, CGH	Lynda Nielsen
REP, CON	Ryan M. Carly	REP, CGH	Daniel R. Barufaldi
County	County Judge (Vote for up to two)	REP	Town Justice (Vote for up to two)
DEM, WOR	Brian Joseph Herman	REP, CGH	Mark Portin
DEM, WOR	Michael C. Howard		Michael N. Bruno
REP, CON	Robert "Bob" Gibson		
REP, CON	Joyce Crawford	Greenport	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)
County	County Treasurer (Vote for one)	DEM, REP, CON	Kathleen P. Eldridge
REP, CON	Paul "PJ" Keeler		Town Council (Vote for up to two)
County	County Coroner (Vote for one)	DEM, REP, CON	Francis "Frank" Iaccino
DEM	Russell M. Gonzales	DEM, REP, CON	Guy Apicella
REP, CON	Kevin Marchetto		Town Justice (Vote for one)
City of Hudson	Mayor (Vote for one)	DEM, REP, CON	Barry Sack
DEM	Kamal Johnson		Town Highway Supt (Vote for one)
	City Treasurer (Vote for one)	DEM, REP, CON	John P. Mausolf, Sr.
	Heather S. Campbell	Hillsdale	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)
	Common Council President	DEM	Mike Dvorchak
	(Vote for one)	DEM	Town Clerk (Vote for one)
DEM	Thomas M. DePietro	DEM	Robina Ward
Hudson, 1st Ward	Supervisor (Vote for one)	DEM	Tax Collector (Vote for one)
DEM	Claire Cousin	DEM	Joseph Hanselman, Jr.
	Councilmember (Vote for up to two)	DEM	Town Council (Vote for up to two)
DEM	Margaret Morris	DEM	Jamie Carano Nordenstrom
DEM	Gary Purnhagen	DEM	Inwin Feld
Hudson, 2nd Ward	Supervisor (Vote for one)	DEM	Town Justice (Vote for up to two)
DEM	Abdus Miah	DEM	Robert Werner
	Councilmember (Vote for up to two)	DEM	Russ Immangeon
DEM, CON	Devan A. Sarovar	DEM	Town Highway Supt (Vote for one)
DEM	Mohammed M. Rony	DEM	Richard Briggs
Hudson, 3rd Ward	Supervisor (Vote for one)	Kinderhook	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)
DEM, WOR	Michael Chameides	DEM, REP, CON	Timothy Coos
	Councilmember (Vote for up to two)	DEM, KCP	Town Clerk/Tax Coll'r (Vote for one)
DEM	Shershah Mizan	REP, CON	Nataly D. Jones
DEM	Lola Roberts		April S. Pinkowski
HFR	Bill Huston	DEM, REP, CON	Town Council (Vote for up to two)
Hudson, 4th Ward	Supervisor (Vote for one)	DEM, KCP	Philip Bickerton
DEM	Linda L. Mussmann	REP, CON	Sally Naramore
	Councilmember (Vote for up to two)	DEM	George J. Graham
DEM	Jennifer Belton	DEM	Town Justice (Vote for one)
DEM	Rich "Trixie" Volo	REP	Ken Golden
Hudson, 5th Ward	Supervisor (Vote for one)	REP	David W. Kolb
DEM	Richard Scalera	Livingston	Town Council (Vote for up to two)
	Councilmember (Vote for up to two)	DEM, REP	William "Bill" Bender
DEM	Vicki Daskaloudi	DEM, REP	William "Will" Yandik
DEM	Dominic Merante	DEM, REP	Town Justice (Vote for one)
Ancram	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	DEM, REP	Harold G. "Sonny" Weaver, Jr.
DEM	Bonnie J. Hundl	New Lebanon	Town Clerk (Vote for one)
REP	James E. MacArthur	DEM, NLF	Ashley Saviano
ANU	Will Weiss	REP, CON	Marcie Robertson
	Town Clerk/Tax Coll'r (Vote for one)	DEM, REP	Tax Collector (Vote for one)
REP, CON, ANU	Monica R. Cleveland	DEM, REP	Tammie Darcy
	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	DEM, NLF	Town Council (Vote for up to two)
DEM	Colleen M. Lutz	DEM, NLF	Josh Young
DEM, ANU	Bob Roche	REP, CON	Steve Powers
REP	John R. Ingram	REP, CON	Elizabeth Ellen Kroboth
REP	David Boice	REP, CON	Kevin C. Smith, Sr.
	Town Highway Supt (Vote for one)		Town Council, Unexpired term
REP, CON, ANU	James P. Miller		(Vote for one)
Austerlitz	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	DEM, NLF	Monte Wasch
DEM	Ken Kaplan	REP, CON	Craig James Skeris
DEM	Cara Humphrey	DEM, NLF	Town Justice (Vote for one)
Canaan	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	REP	Lorrie Wechter
DEM, REP	Brenda Adams		John "Jack" Nevers
	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	DEM, REP, NLF	Town Highway Supt (Vote for one)
DEM	Virginia Nightingale	CON	Peter McCagg
DEM	Brian Litsec		Jeffrey Winestock
	Town Justice (Vote for up to two)	Stockport	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)
DEM, REP	Katherine E. Ambrosio	REP, CON	Matt B. Murell
DEM, REP	Delena M. Schaefer		Town Council (Vote for up to two)
	Town Highway Supt (Vote for one)	REP, CON	John R. Leone
DEM, REP	Stephen VanTassel	REP, CON	Charles Floro
Chatham	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)	Stuyvesant	Town Supervisor (Vote for one)
DEM, CN	Christopher W. Spencer	DEM	Lee Jamison
REP, CFA	Donal Collins	REP, CON	Ron Knott
	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	DEM	Town Council (Vote for up to two)
DEM, CN	John Wagner	DEM	Wendy Bopp
DEM, CN	Angus Eaton	DEM	Cal Waits
REP, CFA	Vance Pitkin	REP, CON	Charles Stiffler
REP, CFA	Tim Mackener	REP, CON	Kelley Williams
	Town Justice (Vote for one)		Town Highway Supt, Unexpired term
DEM, REP, CFA	Michael A. Hart		(Vote for one)
Claverack	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	REP, CON	Joseph Scrum
DEM	Seiha Graham	Taghkanic	Town Clerk/Tax Coll'r (Vote for one)
DEM	Tracy Hennige	REP, CON	Cheryl E. Rogers
REP, CON	George E. Duntz, Jr.		Town Council (Vote for up to two)
REP	Gene Hallenbeck, Jr.	DEM	Douglas Craig
Clermont	Town Council (Vote for up to two)	DEM	Perry Ascher
DEM	Dawn Brownson	REP, CON	Joshua Plass
DEM	Lindsey Lusher Shute		
	Town Justice (Vote for one)		
REP	Richard Christensen		

Turkey shoot coming up at Kalicoontie

LIVINGSTON—Kalicoontie Rod and Gun Club, 333 Schneider Road, will hold its Fall Turkey shoot, Sunday, November 5. The shoot starts at 10 a.m. and runs till about 2 p.m. Competitions use .12g and .20g birdshot, slugs, center fire rifle, .22cal rim fire pistol, and .22cal rim fire rifle. The entry fee is \$3. Frozen hams, turkeys, and pork loins are awarded as first prize; second prize is kielbasa.

There are also prize tables filled with sports-related gear to choose from, as well as raffles. The club supplies .12g, .20g, and .22cal ammo. Participants must bring their own slugs and center fire ammo. Kalicoontie is one of the only clubs to offer a choice of three different first prizes as well as tables filled with sports gear. Competitions are held in five different categories: birdshot, slug, .22cal rifle, .22cal pistol, and center-fire rifle. It is a friendly family-atmosphere with many instructors and range safety officers on hand to help. Raffle tickets for a chance to win one of five prizes will be available at \$3 each with the drawing to be held immediately following the shoot. Breakfast sandwiches and lunch are available. For more info or to purchase raffle tickets call Scott at 845-757-2552 (day) or Joe 518-537-3997. No turkeys will be harmed at this event, they are frozen prizes. Visit kalicoontie.com for upcoming events.

See stars in autumn sky

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, Friday, November 10 at 4:30 p.m. Bring telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by association members. Registration is required at least one day beforehand. Attendees will be asked to provide their license plate number and make/model car, so park management and police have a record of who will be in park after hours. More information at <https://www.meetup.com/mhastro>, 518-851-3631.

Rain dates are the Saturday immediately following the original date.

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Obituaries

PHILMONT—Helen R. Shallo, 90, of Hudson passed away peacefully Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Pine Haven Nursing and Rehab Center. Born December 23, 1932 in Hudson, she was the daughter of the late John and Helen



Helen Shallo

Helen R. Shallo (1932 - 2023)

(Kazakevich) Malonis. She was a nursing supervisor for Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson until her retirement. She was the widow of the late Philip A. Shallo, who died in 2022. She is survived by: her daughters, Diane, Laurie and

Maryann; grandchildren, Kerri, Sierra, Michael, Collin and Jenna, as well as great-grandchildren, Jackson and Reagan.

Calling hours will be held Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall

Drive, Greenport. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Fr. Anthony Barratt officiating. Burial follows in Cedar Park Cemetery. To leave online condolences visit www.saccofuneralhome.com

COPAKE FALLS—Diane Marie Campbell, 72, died at her home in Copake Falls, Thursday, October 26, 2023 after a battle with cancer. She was born in Brooklyn, May 16, 1951, the only daughter of Rudolpho and Anne La Macchia. She graduated from John Bowne High School in New York City and



Diane Campbell

Diane M. Campbell (1951 - 2023)

She trained at New York University and the Bolshoi School in Maryland. She was a qualified teacher of the Vaganova syllabus as taught at the Vaganova Institute of St. Petersburg, Russia.

The other great passion in her life was her family and children. She is survived by: her

son and daughters, Peter, Melissa and Kiran Dufault; two brothers, John and Tom La Macchia and five grandchildren. Her husband of 30 years, James Campbell, is bereaved by her death.

She was loving and kind and devoted to the idea that love and art make life perfect.

Those touched by her are invited to join the family in celebrating her life, Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m. from the Church of St. John in the Wilderness, 261 NY-344, Copake Falls. Arrangements were with the Peck and Peck Funeral Home.

became a classical ballet dancer and teacher for 40 years.

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THROUGH THE WOODS

By Nancy Jane Kern

Pb

Pb IS THE SYMBOL FOR LEAD and is a dense, toxic metal in the same group as mercury. John Wayne, a cowboy hero of my childhood movies, talked about eating lead as a euphemism for getting shot. Growing up on our farms, shooting was a way of life, and no one thought about the lead in bullets. When we butchered a deer, we always cut out the areas damaged by bullets and dumped the discarded parts out in a field for the scavengers to eat.

Hunting seasons around our state have begun and smart walkers and joggers are wearing bright orange to be visible and safer. I attended a program at a bird conference a few years ago and heard a presentation on lead shot in ammunition and the harm it does to eagles and us. A “new study is the first to show population-level consequences from lead poisoning to these majestic species at such a wide scale,” Anne Kinsinger, associate director for ecosystems at the U.S. Geological Survey, said in a statement. Of the live birds sampled, 9% of golden eagles and 28% of bald eagles had concentrations of lead in their blood high enough to cause death.

Lead accumulates over time in bones, so more frequent chronic lead poisoning was found in older eagles. Because eagles aren't the only ones eating these remnants, scientists suspect lead poisoning is more widespread among animals than we



Bald eagle and deer

Nancy Kern

may know.

We may get lead poisoning too. When we shot pheasants or rabbits on the farm my grandmother taught us how to remove the lead shot from the meat. I always thought it was to avoid breaking a tooth. For venison, it was for that and aesthetics. Shot meat looks “yucky.” Now we know that deer rifles shoot bullets faster and harder and break apart on impact making a quick kill. These lead bullets may also spread fragments into the meat as seen from X-ray studies of deer carcasses.

According to Jim Heffelfinger in a National Rifle Association article, “Studies show that those of us who butcher our own meat have less lead in our venison and that most of the problem is with burger and not whole cuts.”

Obviously the more often you eat game the higher the risk of poisoning.

Less toxic types of bullets are being studied and copper bullets show promise. The problem is the increased costs for hunters and many people have stocks of lead bullets. Target practicing in an environmentally safe way is a good use for them. Giving copper ammunition or money toward it to hunters for birthdays and Christmas gifts is an idea. It would help everyone including the birds.

Academy presents ‘Survival Story of Indigenous People’

SPENCERTOWN—The Spencertown Academy Arts Center, 790 State Route 203, presents “Still Here: A Survival Story of Indigenous People” with public historian, activist, and decolonization education consultant Heather Bruegl, Sunday, November 5 at 2 p.m. While admission is free, advance reservations are requested via www.spencertownacademy.org.

“We invite our community to learn about the people who loved the land we now live upon. We're honored to present Heather Bruegl at the Academy. Her presentation is sure to be illuminating,”



Heather Bruegl

Madaline Sparks, Academy board member, said in a press release.

Ms. Bruegl is an Oneida Nation of Wisconsin citizen and first-line descendent Stockbridge Munsee. She is a graduate of Madonna University in Michigan and holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in U.S. History. Her research comprises numerous topics related to American history, legacies of colonization, and Indigeneity, including the Dakota War of 1862, the history of American Boarding Schools, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. She has presented her work at

academic institutions, including the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bard College, Vassar College, and Brooklyn Law School.

She consults for various museums and universities and is a frequent lecturer at conferences on topics ranging from intergenerational racism and trauma to the fight for clean water in the Native community. She has been invited to share her research on Native American history, including policy and activism, museum equity, and land back initiatives for such institutions as the Tate and the Brooklyn Public

Library. She opened and spoke at the Women's March Anniversary in Lansing, MI, January 2018, and at the first-ever Indigenous Peoples March in Washington, D.C., January 2019. In 2019, 2020, and 2021, she spoke at the Crazy Horse Memorial and Museum in Custer, SD, for its Talking Circle Series. She is currently a doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where she studies First Nations Education, focusing on creating inclusive historical narratives for teaching. For more information contact info@spencertownacademy.org

Obituaries

Donald E. O'Connor (1939 - 2023)

CHATHAM — Donald E. O'Connor passed away peacefully October 28, 2023, at the age of 84.

He was born the sixth child of David and Catherine O'Connor in Yonkers. His father died when he was in fifth grade, and his mother eventually settled in Chatham, which he always considered his home. He graduated from Chatham High School in 1957 and was well-known as an outstanding basketball and football athlete. Shortly after high school he began a long and proud career as an electrical lineman with New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) and then worked



**Don
O'Connor**

as a union electrician and foreman (IBEW Local 1249) for various contractors in upstate New York.

In retirement, he enjoyed travel and meeting up with friends for lunch and a few beers. He enjoyed his private time, reading, and staying current with the news, but true to his Irish bloodline he loved hearing and telling stories ...

and the bigger the better, and especially when there was belly-lauging at the end. Watching football, basketball, baseball, and golf were also things he enjoyed.

Mr. O'Connor is survived by: his children, David (Leslie) O'Connor, Donald (Susan) O'Connor, Darrin O'Connor, and Mary (Scott Geel) O'Connor; and by his stepchildren, Lori (John) Sims and Kris Sprague. Along with his parents and five siblings, he was predeceased by his beloved wife, Carol "Nan" (Swift) O'Connor.

Funeral services will be private. Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblas.com

Merwin Stilson, Jr. (1940 - 2023)

CHATHAM—Merwin Stilson, Jr., fondly known as "Sonny", went home to be with Jesus at the age of 83, October 20, 2023.

He was born to Merwin and Esther, August 2, 1940 in Bridgeport, CT. He married and raised his family in Monroe, CT, before retiring in New York.

He was a long-distance cyclist, an exercise enthusiast and avid motorcyclist who loved the freedom experienced "getting in the wind."

His career began as a typewriter repairman, joining his father in the family business before technology made typewriters obsolete. He then obtained his CDL license and became a truck driver. He made runs from Connecticut to Philadelphia through the night for 16 years before retiring from Old Dominion Freight Lines.



**Sonny
Stilson**

A resident of Edgewood Acres in Chatham, he enjoyed helping neighbors when they were in need. He was a friend of Bill W. and celebrated 39 years of sobriety in February.

Mr. Stilson is survived by: his three children, sons, Bret and Bob; daughter, Debbie; his beloved cat, Dayzee; three sisters, Leslie, Sharon and Jill; two brothers, David and Terry; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces nephews, and great friends.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblas.com

Bernard J. McGrenaghan, Sr. (1940 - 2023)

RHINEBECK—Bernard J. McGrenaghan, Sr., 83, a current resident of Germantown passed away Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the Northern Dutchess Hospital.

Born June 12, 1940 in Mount Vernon, he was the son of the late Philip and Sarah McGrenaghan.

He served his country in 1958 and 1959 in the United States Army.

He was the owner of a taxi cab company for a number of years. In his 50s, he studied and became a certified LPN/LVN caring for seniors in facilities providing assistance to the elderly.

He married Theresa "Teri" McGrenaghan.

He also lived in Tampa, FL; Springfield, MA, and Las Vegas NV. In 2020, he departed Las Vegas (after residing seven years near sons, Sean and



**Ben
McGrenaghan,
Sr.**

Bernie) to complete his life cycle, living closer to his siblings and daughters in New York and to witness the change of seasons once again.

He is survived by: his wife, Teri, McGrenaghan of Germantown; his sons, Bernard McGrenaghan, Jr., and Sean McGrenaghan, both of Las Vegas NV, Sean's twin brother, Scott; his daughter, Debra (Peter) Downs, of Mount Vernon; his grandchildren, Evan and Ava Downs; his sister, Joan (Michael) Bo of Red Hook; his brothers, John McGrenaghan of Alcove, and Phil of Bella Vista, AR. He also

played a role in the lives of his wife's two daughters, Wendy Zinkel of Weston, CT, and Robin Austin of Tampa, FL.

His sense of humor will long be remembered. He was a champion of the underdog. A hard-working man, he would exit the front door of his home each cold Christmas Day to tip the milkman, mailperson and sanitation workers. He was a loyal dog owner and lover. His love for family was clear. His final wish to be near family was fulfilled. "Fly free Dad. Be at peace. You served us, your family well. You expressed love, displayed honor and never surrendered your dignity even when in pain. All has been lifted. We shall, and will, see you againour beloved Ben".

Arrangements were under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 South Broadway, Red Hook.

Mandy L. Lilley (1975 - 2023)

ANCRAM—Mandy Lee Lilley, 48, of Ancram passed away suddenly October 28. She was born September 1, 1975 in Great Barrington, MA, the devoted only daughter of Thomas Lilley and the late Bonnie (Kilmer) Lilley.

She is survived by: her husband, Christopher Hough; three children, Kirsten (Cory) Gaylord, Christopher (Alexandra) Hough and Brett Hough; grandchildren, Aleah and Jameson Hough; her brother, Scott Lilley; cousins that were like sisters, Michelle Pilch, Tina Lilley-Gaylord, Shannon Lilley-Wabst and many others.

She spent her life taking care of others. She dedicated her work to caring for the elderly. She went above and beyond to



**Mandy
Lilley**

help anyone she could—family, friends or even a stranger. Anyone who knew her loved her for her giant heart. She loved traveling, especially to the coast. Her favorite view was one with a beach. She was a special person whose absence will be felt by many.

A celebration of life will be held in her honor at the Ancram Firehouse, Saturday, November 4 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Arrangements were with the Peck and Peck Funeral Home.

Elizabeth C. Klingler (1931 - 2023)

HUDSON—Elizabeth "Betsy" Cox Klingler died October 7, 2023. Born in 1931 to Edmund and Helen (Rose) Cox, she grew up in Pleasantville with her sisters, Sue and Gail. She attended schools in Pleasantville, then went on to major in Latin at Barnard College, where she played on their basketball team, graduating in 1953.

She was employed as a social worker by Westchester County until she married Richard Klingler in 1956. They split their time between Pleasantville and East Chatham from 1956 to 1960 while adding two sons to their family. In 1960 they purchased their farm in East Chatham which has been their home ever since. In 1962 their third son was born, followed by a daughter in 1968.

Besides her duties as a farmer's wife and mother, she worked part-time for Columbia County Social Services while



**Betsy
Klingler**

volunteering as a member of the East Chatham Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary. In November 1975 she took a full-time position with Columbia County Social Services as a caseworker handling both foster care and adoptions before her promotion to supervisor of Children's Services until she retired in 1995. Not one to sit idle, she began volunteering as a literacy tutor, teaching adults to read while continuing to raise vegetables for the Whistlestop Farm Stand with her husband.

Mrs. Klingler was an avid Siena Basketball fan who could frequently be heard yelling at

the TV, radio or from the stands. She also enjoyed watching tennis and golf on TV.

Her sharp wit and sense of humor will be greatly missed. She will be remembered for being kind, hard-working and generous.

She is survived by: her husband, Richard; children, Edmund (Trang), James, Richard (Jennifer) and Abigail (Robert Horn); nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a great-granddaughter, Emslie.

Her family thanks the staff of the FASNY Firefighter's Home in Hudson for their compassion, understanding and outstanding care throughout her stay.

A memorial service is being planned for Spring 2024. Arrangements were with Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson.

Linda M. Chernewsky (1958 -2023)

CRARYVILLE—Linda M. Chernewsky, 64, of Craryville passed away Wednesday, October 4, 2023 after a valiant 12-year battle with cancer.

Born December 17, 1958 in Hudson, she was the daughter of Willis and Judith (Mugford) Van Alphen.

She was a self-employed architect and proprietor of LMC Design. With over 50 property designs and architectural seals to her credit, she was affectionately known as the "Queen of Copake." She loved golf, softball, and cheering for the Seattle Seahawks.

She will be forever loved and remembered by: her husband, Andy Chernewsky; son, Nathan (Gretchen); brother, Rich (Jill); sister, Sue; sisters-in-law, Theresa (Bob), Sharon



**Linda
Chernewsky**

(Ned), and Nancy (Billy); along with nieces and nephews, Alyssa, Jessica, Jennifer, Jenna, Jamie, Vincent, Billy John and Tricia.

Visitation was held at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson, October 9. Funeral services were private. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Peter's Community Hospice, 315 South Manning Boulevard, Albany 12208.

Obituaries

Vera Boswell (1931 - 2023)

GHENT—Vera Boswell of Hudson died October 25, 2023 at the Ghent Nursing Home. Born May 7, 1931, she was the daughter of Charles Barton and Maude (Finch) Barton. She graduated from Chatham High School in 1950 and went on to graduate from Austin Beauty School thereafter. She married Richard Boswell in 1954, they were married for 65 years. She operated a beauty shop in her home for 56 years. She loved her customers, and they were like family to her. She worked well up into her 80s.

Mrs. Boswell was a lifetime member of the First Reformed Church in Chatham. She served on the Consistory and was a deacon for 20 years. She enjoyed putting on church dinners and



Vera
Boswell

church bazaars as well as teaching Sunday school for 48 years to several generations of children. Everyone who knew her, loved her. Her beloved church was first and foremost in her heart. She also loved going on trips to Maine with her daughter and eating lobster by the ocean.

She is survived by: her daughter, Jill Delaney and husband Joseph; her granddaughter, Molly Delaney, who was her pride and joy. Her husband,

Richard Boswell, predeceased her in 2019. She was predeceased by: an infant sister, Florence Barton; eight stepsisters/stepbrothers and her beloved dog, Precious. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held October 28, 2023 at the First Reformed Church of Chatham. Interment was in the Churchtown Cemetery. The family thanks staff at the Ghent Nursing Home who cared for her so lovingly. Contributions may be made to the First Reformed Church of Chatham, 23 Kinderhook Street, Chatham 12037. For online condolences visit wenkfuneralhome.com

Kelly J.L. Director (1965 - 2023)

PORTLAND, OR—Kelly Jean (Laing) Director passed away October 17, her 58th birthday, after battling a rare and aggressive sarcoma for nine years—both astounding her medical team and greatly contributing to its research in the process. She was preceded in death by her father, Major Frederick Williams Laing, Jr. USAF and is survived by mother Sally Jo (Nicolaisen) Laing of Hillsdale; beloved husband of 32 years, Richard Director; son, Jack (Jesse) Director of Salt Lake City, UT; son, Joseph Director of Denver, CO; daughter, Charlotte Director of Denver, CO; brothers, William (Beth) Laing of Atlanta, GA, and Michael (Roxana) Laing of Kensington, MD, as well as many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

She was born at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO, and grew up on numerous U.S. bases, including Okinawa, Japan and Ankara, Turkey. Her teenage years were spent in Hillsdale on White Oak Farm where her family has deep roots. She graduated Taconic Hills High School in



Kelly
Director

1984 and Denver University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts in English, the same year she met the love of her life, Rich. They married in 1991 and raised their family outside Denver until moving to Portland in 2017. She enjoyed skiing all over the West with family and loved hiking and outdoor adventures. She and Rich visited more than 20 national parks, starting with their honeymoon in Acadia. Most of her professional career was spent in wealth management for Northwestern Mutual, TIAA, and Fidelity. She also turned her eye for design toward the creation of a hand-woven hot pads company, TooHot. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and lived the principles of philanthropy and volunteerism. She served in the Junior League of Denver for many years, including as presi-

dent from 2004-2005. She also served as chair at Newborn Hope, volunteered and chaired various committees at the Multnomah Athletic Club, and was a Precinct Committee Person for the Washington County Republican Party in 2022. She made quick friends of everyone, and her exploits in Trivial Pursuit were legendary. She spoiled family and friends with wonderfully curated meals and thoughtful gifts, and she had a flair for elevating everything she put her hands to. "She was beloved in myriad ways that will live in our memories and teach us to accept life's challenges with humor and grace."

A memorial service will be held November 11, 11 a.m. at St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church, Copake Falls, followed by a private interment. In lieu of flowers, consider making a gift in her memory to the National Parks Conservation Association at www.support.npca.org or by mail to "NPCA," 777 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, ATTN: Membership Department/Memorial Gifts.

David L. Provencher (1930 - 2023)

PHILMONT—David L. Provencher, 93, of Ghent died peacefully Thursday, October 26, 2023 at Pine Haven Nursing and Rehab Center in the company of his loving family. Born at home January 25, 1930 in Addison, VT, he was the son of the late Louis and Gertrude (Cole/Goodale) Provencher. He was a dairy farm worker for many years with the Street Farm in Ghent and the VanDam Bros. Dairy Farm in Walden. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Edith (Merritt) Provencher, March 28 of this year. He is survived by his loving family including: son, Dale (Shirley) Sheak; daughters,



David
Provencher

Cynthia (Louis) Lattrell, Donna Sheak, Lynn Winters, Trudette (Bob) Crimi, Kimberley (Howard) Steele; brothers, Eugene, James and Jack Provencher; sister, Edith Greene as well as, his grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He is remembered by his family as the most devoted, loving, strong, kind, patient,

hardworking man with room in his heart for each member of his large family.

In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by two brothers, Harry and Arthur Provencher; his sister, Delores Lattrell; three sons, Daniel Provencher, Gregory Provencher and Luther Sheak. Graveside services will be held Friday, November 3, 2023, 2 p.m. at Mellenville Union Cemetery in Philmont with Howard Montague officiating. Arrangements are with the Sacco Funeral Home, Greenport.

Grace K. Kimmerle (1923 - 2023)

PHILMONT—Grace K. Kimmerle, 99, of Copake passed away peacefully October 25, 2023 at Pine Haven Nursing Home. She was born December 17, 1923 in Copake, the daughter of Stanley and Beulah (Palmer) Simpson.

She worked for 26 years as secretary to the commissioner of the Columbia County Department of Social Services. She enjoyed her many cats over the years and going out with the Lunch Bunch. She was a lifetime member of the West Copake Reformed Church. Having taught Sunday school for a good number of those years. She also played the organ and sang in the choir.

She is survived by: her daughter and son-in-law, Kenda and John Cunningham; her other children, Kenneth Coons and Victoria Parsons; her niece,



Grace
Kimmerle

Patrica Thomas and extended family.

She was predeceased by: her husband, Edward H. Kimmerle, and her stepsons, Edward F. and Robert Kimmerle.

Funeral services were held October 31, 2023 from the West Copake Reformed Church, 2692 County Route 7, West Copake. Rev. Dr. Warren Seibert officiated. Interment followed in the W. Copake Cemetery. Memorial donations in may be made to the Columbia Greene Humane Society, 111 Humane Society Road, Hudson 12534.

Frederic J. Meier (1926 - 2023)

CANAAN—Frederic Julius Meier was born in St. Louis, MO, July 10, 1926, to parents Vivian (Spindler) Meier and Percy "Pete" Meier. He died of old age in Canaan, October 24, 2023, at the age of 97. He grew up in Clayton, MO, where his mother started and ran the public library. He was the middle of three boys. During the Depression his father ran a bridge club and the family lived at the club.

He had an unconventional education. He preferred learning by reading, conversing and doing, rather than attending school. He used to say that he went to the school of hard knocks. Although he skipped two grades in elementary school and was accepted into a graduate program at the University of Chicago, he never stayed long enough to receive a degree.

As a young adult he became involved with the socialist movement where he met and married Deborah Willen. In the 1970s the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) was formed in their living room. DSOC eventually merged and became the Democratic Socialists of America.

The couple had three children: Becky, Nick and Roger. The family moved from Chicago to Philadelphia and finally to a brownstone in NYC.

Mr. Meier learned to use the very first computers in the 1950s and worked professionally with data management all his life, mostly for universities, until finally starting his own data processing business, setting up a "machine shop" in the basement.

He was an avid and accom-



Fred
Meier

plished bridge player and bowler, as well as enjoying pool, ping pong and pinball. He loved to bicycle around New York City. He enjoyed being social, and telling stories about his adventurous youth. He loved to invite strangers into the house for a meal, to play the piano or just to chat. He kept a pool/ping-pong table, a pinball machine and a tub of ice-cream ready for any guests that might arrive.

Late in life he moved to Columbia County. He spent his final years living with his daughter in Canaan, where he was devotedly cared for by a group of dedicated and loving caregivers. He gracefully accepted his increasing dementia and continually expressed his gratitude for the care he received.

He was predeceased by: his parents and his brothers, Henry and Richard Meier. He is survived by: his wife, Deborah Meier; his three children, Becky, Nick and Roger Meier; four grandchildren, Sarah Meier-Zimmler, Ezra Zimmler, Lilli Meier, and Daniel Meier; and two great-grandchildren, Lucas and Noah, as well as nieces and nephews. The family will have a private service, no flowers. To honor Mr. Meier, don't be afraid of strangers, instead reach out and connect with them.

Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblas.com

Letters



Collins praised for work on the County Board

To the Editor:
I write to ask that Town of Chatham voters on November 7 cast their ballot for incumbent Town Supervisor Donal Collins. In the nearly four years that I have known and worked with Donal, he has consistently proven to be a diligent, thoughtful and level-headed member

of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors.
Donal's wisdom is a valued part of the county board. As a member of the county board, Donal serves as chair of the Health and Human Services Committee and serves on the Negotiations and Public Works committees as well as having

participated in a number of search committees for different county departments. He also serves as a board representative to the Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District.
In my experience as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, working with

Donal has been a thoroughly positive experience. I believe Donal Collins has earned your vote for a second term as Chatham Town Supervisor.
Matt B. Murell
Stockport

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Crossfirehomicanedreamtea LLC. Filed 8/8/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 9508 State Rte 22, Hillsdale, NY 12529. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Notice of annual meeting for the Red Rock Rural Cemetery Association will be held at the Red Rock Fire House on November 18, 2023 at 10:30 AM. The officers and trustees encourage any member (a plot owner) to attend.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of 1231 Ancram LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2012-01-01. 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 Philip Peeples: 32 Pine Knoll Road Lenox MA 01240. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY BIDS
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 Vanderhyden at 614 Cooper Hill Road, Wynantskill, NY 12198
Bids must be received by 9 a.m. on November 7, 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

Scale closed at Hudson's Solid Waste Station

HUDSON—The scale located at the Columbia County Solid Waste Station on 51 Newman Road will be closed on Wednesday, November 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. due to scheduled scale service.

If you need to utilize the scale on this date, contact the Administrative Office at 518 828-2737 to confirm that it has reopened.



Photo Club shows work at Hudson Area Library

The Hudson Area Library and Columbia County Photo Club present "Here and Back Again." The show will be up during the entire months of November and December. "Here and Back Again" is about the journey a photographer goes through. A camera can record, create, and make something special. The photographs will be small work at 8x10 in 12x12 frame or canvas. All work will be priced \$50 dollars or less and proceeds of all sales will support the Hudson Area Library. Information is at <https://hudsonarealibrary.org/2023/10/photoclubexhibit/>

Photo contributed

Free screening of 'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind'

COPAQUE—The Columbia County Libraries Association (CCLA) is excited to welcome patrons and community members to a free screening of "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" at the Crandell Theatre in Chatham on Sunday, November 5 at 1 p.m. to celebrate the conclusion of this year's first-ever countywide community read program. The film was written and directed by and stars Oscar nominee Chiwetel Ejiofor.

Drinks and popcorn will be available to purchase at the screening.
"The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" is a true story of a young boy who helped a village in Malawi facing extreme drought by constructing a windmill to generate electricity and pump water after seeing an example in a book in his local library. The CCLA's goal is to spark conversations about issues of importance to mem-

bers of our community – on education, on climate change, and on our connection to the larger world and our shared humanity, and on how individuals can make a difference.
The Crandell Theatre is located at 48 Main Street in the Village of Chatham. For more information about hours, regular programming and special events, call 518 392-3445 or visit the theater's website at crandelltheatre.org.

The Columbia County Libraries Association (CCLA), incorporated as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization by the State of New York and designated a 501c3 organization by the IRS in 2022, supports the 11 public, association, and school district libraries in Columbia County by facilitating cooperation between libraries to better serve all the residents of Columbia County.

NCFL seeks talented and enthusiastic volunteers

NORTH CHATHAM—With a commitment to grow, develop and enhance services, as well as expand hours, the North Chatham Free Library (NCFL) turns to its most valuable resource for help: the community.
To ensure the library's success, they are looking for a variety of individuals from all work experiences and skill sets

who are willing to volunteer. The library is a welcoming environment with a number of roles you would enjoy filling. Most people don't think of planting flowers as a job their library needs, but it is. Help out with a fundraiser. Lend a hand with simple building maintenance. Join a committee. Or the classic, work the front desk. These are just a few of the

many opportunities.
It's quick and easy to check off your skills and interests on the Volunteer Form. Either go there directly at <https://forms.gle/9jyiXpF62jPhybpu8> or click on "Volunteer" at the top of the library's website at <https://chathampubliclibrary.org/>.
The NCFL has been a beacon for the community, provid-

ing resources, entertainment, education, arts and culture, and a gathering place since it was started by local resident Bessie Peck in 1886. The essence of the library as a touchstone for the community is made possible because of the volunteers who work together. Come join the fun and make NCFL's newest growth endeavor a success.

Waterfront Revitalization planning meeting held in Valatie

VALATIE—There will be a public meeting at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building, 3211 Church Street, on November 15 that is part of the joint Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan process that the villages of Kinderhook and

Valatie are facilitating. It's an opportunity to share thoughts on what types of projects the villages should prioritize for natural resource management, accessibility, economic development and conservation along the Kinderhook Creek.

This is a public input session that will inform long-term planning documents and potential funding opportunities. The public is invited to share thoughts on what types of projects and priorities would be important. Because it's an open

house format, people can drop by whenever during the event, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. It's not required to stay for the whole thing or show up right when it starts.



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Public Notices

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Birch Hill NY, LLC. Filed 10/12/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1053 Fordham Ln, Woodmere, NY 11598. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
109 CROCK RD LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/27/2023. Office loc: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3 Bluestone Lane, South Salem, NY 10590. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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 kemphome: 501 route 20 2-106 New Lebanon NY 12125. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of NEW VISION QUALITY CONSTRUCTION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-01-19. 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 JAVED IQBAL: 10 GLENWOOD BLVD. HUDSON NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of CRESTOBAL PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/26/2023. Office Location: COLUMBIA County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served against LLC to: THE LLC, 85 MIDDLE ROAD #1012, HUDSON, NY, 12534, USA. Reg Ag.: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY, 11228, USA. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Red Chimneys LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 17, 2023. New York office location: 151 Route 23, Town of Claverack, 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: Red Chimneys LLC; 26 Fairview Avenue, Tarrytown, New York 10591. 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.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Elisee 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 Elisee Clean: 4437 County Route 9 East Nassau NY 12062. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Jack Moon Contracting, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-06-23. 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 Jackson Moon: 23 Joselyn Pl Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of 1257 Jackson Corners LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-21. 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 Methea Baker: 1257 Jackson Corners Rd Red Hook NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of 9190 ROUTE 22, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-18. 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 9190 ROUTE 22, LLC: 105 Old Route 22 Hilldale NY 12529. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
THIS IS METHOD LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 9/14/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Daniel Ayzenberg Esq/CPA 184 Miller Rd #1 Hudson, NY 12534 General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Ark Street Properties LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/26/2023. City: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 19 S 6th St., Hudson, NY 12534. General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
VAGRANT BEE CO. LLC. Filed 9/19/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Raine Owens, 322 Lincoln Blvd, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
CONSCIOUS COLOR LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 8/30/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Hannah Ross 87 Sheldon Ln Crarryville, NY 12521 General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
PIXEL BREATH LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 8/25/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Juan Galindo 296 Ft Washington Ave #45 New York, NY 10032 General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Cottlio Arts. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-29. 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 James P. Bruno: PO Box 434 Kinderhook NY 12106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Lovdahl Farm, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-18. 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 Ann Singleton: 241 Millbrook Rd Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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: 309 Water Street Road Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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: 309 Water Street Road Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of CUSTOMIZED CARE SOLUTIONS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-07-04. 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 SSNY: 70 Kilbar Road Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
MB TULIP HOUSE LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 1/11/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
GOOSE STUDIO LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 9/20/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

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.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Soros Excavating LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/23/2021. City: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 144 County Rte. 5, Austerlitz, NY 12017. General Purpose

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 8/20/23. 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 PINK MOON THERAPY LCSW PLLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y 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, 12106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
Town of Copake
Help Wanted - Town of Copake - Full Time Truck Driver/Heavy Equipment Operator/Mechanic
Must have class B CDL license and submit to pre-employment & random drug and alcohol tests.
Experience in road maintenance, snow plowing and mechanics a significant advantage.
Applications are available for download on the Town Website
http://townofcopake.org.
Please call Highway Superintendent Bill Gregory at (518) 325-4222 with any questions.
Position will be filled when suitable.
William Gregory
Highway Superintendent
Dated October 17, 2023

COLUMBIA COUNTY SUMMONS

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Columbia Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: E012023020595 KeyBank, NA, S/B/M First Niagara Bank, NA Plaintiff, vs Gretchen A. Keeler Aka Gretchen A. Meicht Individually And As Heir To The Estate Of Thomas J Keeler, Thomas J Keeler, Jr. As Heir To The Estate Of Thomas Jay Keeler, Michelle Keeler As Heir To The Estate Of Thomas Jay Keeler, Unknown Heirs Of Thomas Jay Keeler If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS, LR Credit 18, LLC, New York State Department Of Taxation And Finance - John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 533 Clinton Street Hudson, NY 12534 To The Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Columbia. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs Of Thomas Jay Keeler Defendant In This Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Richard L. Mott of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Thirteenth day of October, 2023 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Columbia, in the City of Hudson. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated June 24, 2015, executed by Gretchen A. Keeler AKA Gretchen A. Meicht to secure the sum of \$100,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Book 809, Page 1667 in the Office of the Columbia County Clerk on July 29, 2015. The mortgage was subsequently modified on August 3, 2018; The property in question is described as follows: 533 Clinton Street, Hudson, NY 12534 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-289-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE 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. DATED: October 19, 2023 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 78337

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Letters



A Democrat backs Collins to lead Chatham Town Board

To the Editor:

I am and have always been a proud Democrat.

In the last election for the supervisor of the Town of Chatham I decided to support Donal Collins despite his not being endorsed by the Democrats. I had reservations about his opposition and decided to get to know Donal to see

if I could support him. After many conversations I was convinced that Donal would make an excellent supervisor. In fact, after four years I am fully prepared to energetically support his candidacy for re-election.

He shares my values of transparency, inclusion and fairness in government. He has shown to be a tireless public

servant both for the town and as a member of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors. He has shown his competence. To name a few of his accomplishments: the Town is in solid financial shape, he has supported forming a housing committee to begin to address our short term and long term housing issues, he has encouraged

and welcomed public comments on all areas of town business and has helped the town through a difficult pandemic. Donal has a huge heart and truly cares about all of our citizens, regardless of political party. Along with the long hours he puts in as supervisor, Donal has spent countless hours volunteering his time,

labor and equipment to help better Crellin Park, and in my opinion he has not skipped a beat.

Please vote for Donal Collins for Chatham Supervisor on November 7.

Karen Malina
Chatham

County would make history by electing Crawford judge

To the Editor:

I would like to start out by saying that it is very important to be heard. Please, all registered voters get out and vote early or on November 7.

Now I would like to draw attention to an extraordinary person that is running for Columbia County judge. Her name is Joyce Crawford.

A definition for judge is a person chosen to decide a con-

test or competition. She has four children. Anyone with kids knows that it will put her skills to work from that experience alone. She is fair, compassionate, patient and dedicated to the community. All this is what we need in a judge to bring justice to all swiftly and efficiently.

She attained her lawyer's degree and took the NY and NJ bar exams. She has worked

as a legislative aide as well as advised and trained pharmaceutical and medical device companies on federal and international law to make them compliant and consumer safe.

She currently works as a top assistant district attorney handling thousands of cases, managing hearings, trials and motions for that office. She has worked on several cases involving physical and sexual abuse

of children and domestic violence. She works closely with substance abuse and mental health professionals as well as Social Services trying to find alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders. This includes job training, GED or continued education and community service to help get back on the straight and narrow.

We could also be making history by voting in Joyce as the

first Columbia County female judge.

She has extensive courtroom experience, but we need to put her on the other side of the bench. Please help elect her as one of our next Columbia County Judges.

Robin Crosby
Canaan

Liberati-Conant can take over as DA on day one

To the Editor:

Election Day is soon upon us, and for the first time in a long time, the Columbia County District Attorney's election is between two candidates who would be new to the position. Chris Liberati-Conant has the experience and vision to reform

the DA's office which makes him ready to take on the job from day one.

Chris has an impressive track record. He has served as Assistant Solicitor General, Assistant Attorney General, and has clerked for the highest court in New York State. As a

former judge, I feel confident in his ability to lead a district attorney's office successfully. He has the breadth of legal and trial experience to guide him in upholding justice and fairness.

Furthermore, I am supporting Chris because he has made a commitment to hire staff and

operate the office based on merit, not politics. This pledge shows how committed Chris is to efficiency and the welfare of the community above all else.

Columbia County deserves a DA we can trust to keep us safe. For that reason as well as his superior qualifications, I'll

be putting my trust in Chris Liberati-Conant on November 7.

Helen Freedman,
Retired Associate Justice
Appellate Division
Claverack Resident

New Leb voter explains how county funds help town

To the Editor:

Like other towns in Columbia County, New Lebanon has a local election on November 7, along with the races for DA, State Supreme Court, and county judge and coroner.

I have heard that some of my fellow town residents are voting Republican in order to reduce spending by the current

town board, all of whom are Democrats. But if they did a little research, they would realize how little of their property taxes is discretionary. Starting with 100%, or 100 cents in a dollar, here is how it breaks down:

59% to the New Lebanon Central School district (which holds a separate election and

often has as few as 150 voters) 24% to Columbia County 9% to the highway department 2% to the library 2% to Fire protection 3% to general town funds

Those general town funds—three cents on the dollar—pay for everything else that keeps New Lebanon running; the salaries of the supervisor, the

town clerk, the deputy town clerk, the building department, the court, the assessor, the tax collector.

General funds also cover all boards and committees, which may have expenses for town events but are fully staffed by hardworking volunteers.

There may valid differences among voters—that's democra-

cy at work—but the myth of overspending by town government is not a valid one.

Adelia Moore
New Lebanon voter
(Canaan mailing address)

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Let's Follow The Golden Rule in Ancram

To the editor:

I've known Bonnie Hundt and Colleen Lutz and Bob Roche for many years. They are great public servants and we can trust them to do the research, communicate with respect, and do the right thing.

Serving on the Ancram

Housing Committee with Bonnie for the past year, I see someone who shows up to work, listen, learn, and look for ways to deal with the lack of affordable housing that is such a problem here in Ancram, and worldwide. Bonnie and Colleen and Bob will work hard, with

honesty, decency, humility, good humor, and friendliness. I know that because that is how they are as human beings. Let's elect them and please, let's treat each other the way you would like to be treated.

B. Docktor
Ancram

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Pets need food and toys.

Humane Society needs pet food

CLAVELACK — The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA provides free pet food to families in need. Each year CGHS/SPCA gives away 50,000 lbs. of free food to local pet-owning families, and the organization needs help.

The Bank of Greene County has teamed up with CGHS/

SPCA to help feed hungry pets. All Bank of Greene County locations will be collecting pet food and toys to support the free CGHS/SPCA Pet Food Bank for November. Items most needed include: dry cat and dog food, Nylabones and Kongs for dogs, cat toys, and treats for both dogs and cats.

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Ghostly Gallop raises funds for Hudson Library

This year's 23rd annual Ghostly Gallop took place on Sunday, October 29 in front of the Hudson Jr/Sr High School. Families gathered to support the Hudson Area Library through the 5K road race and Kids One-Mile Fun Run (pictured). Even the rain couldn't keep them away.

Lance Wheeler



THE TOWN OF HILLSDALE SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR 3 OPEN POSITIONS

WASTEWATER/SEWER OPERATOR

Applicants are sought for a licensed Wastewater/Sewer Operator to perform a variety of skilled tasks associated with the treatment operation, and ongoing maintenance of Hillsdale's sewer district. The position is part-time, 10 to 20 hours a week, and requires on-call and weekends. The employee must hold, or be willing to obtain, a Grade 1 Wastewater Operator certificate.

High School diploma or equivalency diploma is required. Must hold a valid NYS driver's license throughout employment and reside in or near the Town of Hillsdale per NYS DEC requirements.

TOWN CUSTODIAN

Applicants are sought for an experienced maintenance person to perform a variety of tasks at 3 locations in the town: Town Hall: Painting and light carpentry, minimal handyman duties. Plumbing and electrical knowledge is a plus. Roe Jan Park: Grass cutting. Sewer Assistant: Daily checking of numbers and monitoring of sewer plant. The position is part time, 15-20 hours a week. The employee must hold a valid NYS driver's license and reside in or near the town of Hillsdale.

PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

Applicants are sought for a Planning Board Secretary to perform a variety of clerical tasks for the Hillsdale Planning Board. Duties include attending a monthly meeting of the Planning Board and taking minutes, keeping track of applications, assuring that applicants have necessary documents in order to meet with the board, creating a monthly agenda, and collecting fees. Training on pertinent software will be provided. This position requires about 20 hours per month, most of which can be completed from home.

To apply for any of these positions, please send letter of interest including a brief bio and 3 references to the Town Clerk: townclerkhdale@fairpoint.net or PO Box 305, Hillsdale, NY 12529.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

To place a classified, email ads@columbiapaper.com or call 518 392-1122

Help wanted

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE to snowplow my driveway on Schmeichel Rd. off Dawson Rd. In Hillsdale. Call 917-331-7032.

LOOKING FOR PART TIME DRIVER for disabled residents to take to appointments, shopping, errands and misc. Have a clean driving record and current eye exam within the last year. Columbia County, NY area. Call or text (518)567-6002.

Items wanted

COLUMBIA COUNTY HABITAT ReStore is looking for donations. Are you doing home improvements? Do you have appliances, building materials, bathroom fixtures or kitchen cabinets that you are pulling out of your home or building site? Please email donations@hudsonre-store.org with pictures of items to be donated.



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