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New Leb gets \$500k park grant

By DOUG LA ROCQUE

NEW LEBANON – As most municipalities know, there is grant money to be had from the federal and state governments as well as a few private sources. Chasing it down and actually qualifying for a grant is another story. It takes a significant amount of work, such as research and planning, and of course writing the application. All too often, for naught.

For the town of New Lebanon in 2023, everything fell in place, and in a big way. According to Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling, she was recently informed by the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation (OPRHP) that the town's application for a \$500,000 grant to create a new playground and walking trail at Shatford Park has been approved. Ms. Houghtling says she believes this is the largest grant the town has ever received.

Normally, this is a 50-50 matching grant, but because New Lebanon falls

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David Lee

The Jolly Old Elf will see you now

It was a big turnout for the 27th annual Winter Walk on Warren Street and surrounding areas of Hudson on Saturday, December 2. Stores and restaurants were open with festive window decorations (see Page 2 for the winners of the window decorating contest). Vendors were out on the street with food and treats. Performers were also along Warren Street and inside shop windows including carolers, jugglers, dancers, musicians and more. At City Hall, Santa met and took gift requests from kids. Pictured are Neymar Henry and Tyrese Robinson preparing for a photo opportunity.

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Round 3: The Woods project in Philmont

By DEBORAH E. LANS

PHILMONT – This paper has followed the “progress” of the Woods housing proposal in Philmont since 2022 (stories ran on November 17, 2022 and April 27, 2023). That progress can best be described as circular, and the planning process itself is indicative of the challenges facing developers of all kinds in New York’s “home rule” environment.

The Woods project is for 16 market-rate homes to be built on a 22-acre site in Philmont, near Summit Lake. The parcel sits on a wooded hillside, across Summit Lake from the village, and is bounded on one side by an 11-acre conservation area that abuts the lake and on the other, uphill side by a large development called Summit Heights.

Before the Woods project was pro-

posed by two local builders (through Clover Reach Partners), the town had approved proposals for a 140-unit development and a 72-unit project on the site. Both of those projects had been abandoned. The current zoning for the site would permit construction of some 44 one- or two-family homes, each on ½ acre lots.

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CHS student tapped for NYS Band Directors Association Honor Band

CHATHAM – Brianna Reyome, a Chatham High School junior and principal clarinetist of the CHS band, has been selected for the prestigious New York State Band Directors Association (NYSBDA) Honor Band.

The NYSBDA Honor Band, scheduled to take place in March of 2024 at the NYSBDA symposium in Syracuse, brings together some of the most accomplished young musicians from across the state. Brianna scored highly on her NYSSMA All-State clarinet solo last year and underwent a competitive selection process to earn a spot in this esteemed ensemble.

Brianna, a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, is



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Brianna Reyome

a well-rounded musician who not only plays in her school's band, but also participates in its jazz ensemble and chorus, and has been seen on stage in many of CHS's musicals, most recently as Rosie in "Mamma

Mia!" and Sandy in Columbia County Youth Theatre's production of "Spongebob Squarepants The Musical." This year and last year she was also selected to be in the Zone 10 Area All-State band.

Winners of the Winter Walk window decorating contest announced



Photo contributed

"Reindeer Games in Retirement" winner at Little Rico's

HUDSON – The downtown businesses in Hudson were getting into the spirit and gearing up for the December 2nd celebration of the 27th Hudson Hall Winter Walk.

This year, the Hudson Gallery Alliance anonymously judged the Winter Walk Window Decorating Contest. A small group of gallerists descended on Warren Street and beyond to take in the creative, colorful, quirky, glamorous, and spectacularly delightful window decorations to choose the stand-out winners. There are a few wonderful dis-

plays off the beaten track that are worth a walk.

**Here are the winners:
The Five Golden Rings:**

"5th Ave Spectacular" Award – Finch, 427 Warren Street; "Met Gala Poinsettias" Award – The Rosery, 128 Green Street; "A Scrumptious Wonderland" Award – Nine Cakes, 748 Warren Street; "Reindeer Games in Retirement" Award – Little Rico's, 437 Warren Street; "The Woman in Gold" Award – Five and Diamond, 502 Columbia Street.

The Pear Tree Award (Judge's Choice):

The Holiday Huts in Santa's Village, 7th Street Park

12 Drummers Awards:

"Christmas Menagerie" Award – Stair, 549 Warren; "Stuffed Stocking" Award – Hudsontricity, 428 Warren Street; "Childhood Treasures" Award – White Whale, 410 Warren Street; "A Christmas Nightmare" Award – Bones Barber Co., 540 Warren Street; "Over the River and Through the Woods" Award – 510 Warren St. Gallery, 510 Warren Street; "Peace on Earth" Award – Shana Lee Jewelry, 315 Warren Street; "I Need Fabulous" Award – Favreaulous Factory, 521 Warren Street; "Home Alone" Award – Red Chair, 606 Warren Street; "Evergreen Christmas" Award – Lili and Loo, 259 Warren Street; "Corrugated Christmas" Award – Rebus 337, Warren Street; "Home Sweet Home" Award – Supernatural Coffee 527 Warren Street; "Something For Everyone" Award-- Hudson Clothier, 443 Warren Street.

Students of the Month at CMS named

Chatham Middle School announces its October students of the month. They are (pictured l to r) Adeline Ward (7th grade), Miles Bates (8th grade), Ben Artist (7th grade), Michael Ashline (6th grade), Isla Stack (8th grade) and Stella Mlynarczyk (6th grade).



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Seven votes clinch Kinderhook board seat for Dems

By EMILIA TEASDALE

VALATIE—After the County Board of Elections completed a manual recount of the ballots for the Kinderhook Town Board, it was confirmed that Sally Naramore was the winner of that very close race. With over 3,000 votes cast, Ms. Naramore edged out current board member George Jason Graham by 7 votes.

According to a press release from the Kinderhook Democratic Committee, this is the first time a Democrat has

been elected to the Kinderhook Town Board (either supervisor or Town Board seat) in 16 years.

The final results for the 2023 general election held on November 7 were posted on the Board of Elections website (www.columbiacountyny.com) on December 1.

Ms. Naramore ran on the Democratic and the Kinderhook Community Party ballot lines. She is a registered Democrat, who lives in the Village of Kinderhook, and is a retired social studies teacher/

department chair from Hudson High School.

Mr. Graham ran on the Republican and Conservative lines. He was appointed to the board to finish the term of current Supervisor Tim Ooms, when he was first elected supervisor in 2021. Mr. Graham then ran for the board unopposed in 2022, winning a one year term. Before joining the board, Mr. Graham was a member and chair of the town Planning Board.

At their regular board meeting Monday, December 4, the

last meeting of 2023, board member Debbie Devine said she was “sad to see Jason go” and that he’s been “easy to work with.” She praised Mr. Graham for the time he’s given to the town on the Town Board and the Planning Board.

Ms. Devine also welcomed Ms. Naramore to the board. Newly reelected board member Phil Bickerton, who was endorsed by both the Democratic Committee and the Republicans, also congratulated Ms. Naramore.

Supervisor Ooms was also

on the ballot, running unopposed for a second term. And Town Clerk April Pinkowski was elected after being appointed to the position in early 2023.

David Kolb was elected Town Justice.

The board will hold its organizational meeting and first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Martin H. Glynn Building. Most board meetings are the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

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High Low Farm protected with conservation easement

CHATHAM – On September 15, a significant milestone was reached as the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) successfully completed a New York State Farmland Protection Implementation Grant project to protect High Low Farm with a permanent conservation easement, preventing future development on the land.

High Low Farm, a dairy farm passed down through three generations and located on the scenic western slopes of the Taconic Mountains in

Copake, is now protected as part of a significant area of conserved land.

The preservation of High Low Farm is a key addition to an impressive network of protected areas. This network includes more than 1,100 acres of privately-owned lands, the inviting Harlem Valley Rail Trail, and Taconic State Park in New York. It also neighbors the scenic Bash Bish Falls State Park and the serene Mt. Washington State Forest in Massachusetts. The impact of this conservation effort ripples

far beyond the farm’s borders.

President of CLC Troy Weldy said, in a press release, “I know this land very well, as I surveyed a rattlesnake den many years ago that is located just off this property. Without this project, the family may have needed to sell the property. This project has literally saved a family farm, and I’m very proud of the team for this work.”

The land purchase was funded by a state Dairy Transitions Grant that helped secure the rights to the 307-acre property. Landowner Gwynne Pierson

played a vital role by contributing a generous portion of the land’s total value to support the conservation efforts.

Ms. Pierson worked closely with CLC staff for several years leading up to the initial application to the Department of Agriculture and Markets and throughout the grant process.

“I was so thrilled and grateful to work with CLC. My in-laws came to Copake in 1951 bringing their only child with them and they struggled to create a place that I consider mag-

nificent. Having these funds will allow us to move forward with plans we’ve created to bring the farm back to a functional business while allowing future generations a chance to enjoy what was created here. To me, a farm is a precious thing where I always wanted to live, so to have everyone focused on its restoration, makes me proud,” said Ms. Pierson also in the release.

To learn more about this and other conservation news, visit CLC’s website at ColumbiaLand.org/News.

NEW LEBANON GRANT

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below the poverty level, the town must only match 25 percent, or \$125,000. Supervisor Houghtling says because they had received positive feedback on their application, the Town Board already budgeted the \$125,000 in the recently approved 2024 budget.

These grants are not a given and there is always a lot of competition. New Lebanon applied for the grant in 2022 but was ultimately denied. Ms. Houghtling says that was because their application lacked some detail, such as how much each portion of the project would cost. The town had not gone out to bid yet, so their cost estimates were just that, estimates. OPRHP wanted to see some hard numbers. In their second application, New Lebanon had those hard numbers ready.

There are two key components to the plan, a walking trail around the perimeter of the park and a new playground. The walking trail or loop, as it is being called, will have sections that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). There will be strategically placed benches to allow a rest, in some cases under newly planted shade trees. There



Doug LaRocque

New Lebanon Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling stands in the grassy area in front of the Weisbuch Pavilion, where the new playground will be constructed.

will also be accessible connecting pathways to new and existing park amenities.

The town has already put this part of the park project out to bid, with Darcy Construction of New Lebanon awarded the job at a cost of \$195,112. Supervisor Houghtling says she has a meeting with the state in the very near future, where she is



Doug LaRocque

The current playground in Shatford Park, which might be removed once the new playground is in place and turned into much needed extra parking.

optimistic of obtaining the go ahead to start construction. Weather dependent, she is hopeful the work can begin before the year ends.

That leaves \$429,888 for the new playground, which will be located on the grassy area in front of the Weisbuch Pavilion. The playground will also be mostly ADA compliant with sensory stations included in some areas. Ms. Houghtling says these sensory stations became part of the design following significant public input as to what a new park should look like. She said several parents of children with conditions such as autism explained it is nearly impossible for their

child to be comfortable in a typical playground set up. When the Town Board hired the engineering firm of Barton & Loguidice to design the park and complete the grant application, they insisted these sensory stations be included.

The parking situation at Shatford Park is currently a bit constricted, with parking on grassy areas often the norm for special events. Ms. Houghtling is hopeful once the new playground is operational, the current playground can be removed and the space turned into a stone parking area.

New York State is notorious for sitting on grant monies, sometimes for two or three

years. Just ask the Town of Grafton which waited three years for the release of the funds earmarked for the purchase of a new ambulance, and the Town of Hoosick which has been waiting a year or more for a State and Municipal facilities (SAM) grant to be released.

New Lebanon Supervisor Houghtling says the town is well aware of the state’s track record and is hopeful this won’t be the case. If it is, she says they have some action plans in place, such as the possibility of floating a short, low interest bond to pay the contractors, which would be satisfied by the town when the grant is received.

Fatal accident claims Stockport woman

By DIANE VALDEN

KINDERHOOK — A Stockport woman was killed in a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of State Route 9H and County Route 25, December 4.

Sheriff's Office Investigator Thomas Merante discovered the serious automobile crash at about 7:52 a.m. that day, according to a

press release from Columbia County Sheriff Donald J. Krapf. Sheriff's deputies along with additional investigators responded to the scene. One of the vehicles was a 2004 Honda Odyssey, operated by Sophia Perez-Martinez, 48, of Stockport. The second vehicle was a 2015 Ford utility van operated by Joshua Bradt, 28, of Colonie. The investigation

revealed that the Honda was attempting to make a left turn onto State Route 9H from County Route 25 and pulled into the path of the Ford van which was traveling southbound on State Route 9H. It does not appear that drugs or alcohol were contributing factors to the crash, the release said.

The Valatie Rescue Squad took Ms. Perez-Martinez to

Columbia Memorial Hospital where she was later pronounced dead. The squad also took an 8-year-old passenger in her vehicle to Albany Medical Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Mr. Bradt was evaluated at the scene and said he was not injured.

Assisting the Sheriff's Office on the scene were the Stuyvesant

Falls, Stuyvesant and Kinderhook Fire Departments, Valatie Rescue Squad and State Police.

State Route 9H was closed down during the investigation from 8:02 to 10:46 a.m. Firefighters were back in service at 10:50 a.m.

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EMT recovering after horse and wagon accident

By DIANE VALDEN

HILLSDALE—A local paramedic/emergency medical technician was seriously hurt when she was involved in an accident involving horses and a wagon on Harlemville Road near the TenBroeck Road intersection, November 21 at 4:39 p.m.

Columbia County 911 dispatched Philmont firefighters, the Greenport Rescue Squad and State Police to the scene.

State Police Public Information Officer Trooper Aaron Hicks told The Columbia Paper, Ayere McAlice, 28, of Ghent was hitching her draft horses to a wagon, when they became spooked and took off. Ms. McAlice was hit and knocked down by the wagon in the commotion, he said.

Initial reports from the scene to 911 indicated she was struck by the horses and had a "serious head injury." The Greenport Squad took Ms. McAlice to the Albany Medical Center for treatment.

According to a November 22 Columbia County Fire-Rescue Incidents Facebook post, "Yesterday Philmont Fire



Ayere McAlice aboard her horse-drawn wagon.

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and Greenport Rescue handled an accident that hit close to home. As responders converged to the scene they came to the realization that it was one of our own! Ayere McAlice is a paramedic for Greenport Rescue and NDP EMS serving Columbia County and surrounding areas for the past 10 years. Ayere received extensive

injuries after being run over by her horse. Ayere is currently in Albany Medical Center awaiting surgery for her injuries."

The post describes Ms. McAlice as "one of the nicest and most genuine human-being[s]."

Because Ms. McAlice will be out of work for some time, a GoFundme was established to

help her with expenses resulting from this accident.

The gofundme.com entry says, "Ayere ended up being stepped on by one of her horses, leaving her unconscious. Luckily she was found by her neighbors who called 911." She was brought to Albany Medical Center for emergency surgery for a back injury. "She has

dedicated her life to helping her friends and neighbors in their time of need. Ayere will most likely be out of work for some time, and as we all know medical bills are far from affordable. We are asking the community that Ayere has helped for all these years to show her a little help in her time of need."

Ms. McAlice wrote an update November 30 saying, "There are not enough words to voice how very grateful and touched I am by all of your kind thoughts and generous donations. I am truly blown away."

She reported that her back was broken and dislocated and she was advised by doctors that "surgery was the best option for a full recovery.

"The surgery went well and I was able to go home a few days ago. Amazingly enough I am able to walk and feel every part of me, and with a few more months of rehab and strengthening, I will be back to causing trouble."

She went on to thank all her rescuers and the medical personnel at Albany Med.

To donate, go to www.gofundme.com/f/ayere-mcalice

Robbers will spend years in state prison

HUDSON—Two men were sentenced in Columbia County Court, November 30 upon their conviction by plea to a violent robbery in Hudson, according to a press release from the Columbia County District Attorney's Office.

Cain Carothers, 23, and Eugene Cobbins, 43, both of Hudson, were convicted October 17 of first degree robbery, a class B violent felony; second degree robbery, a class C violent felony; two counts of fourth degree grand larceny, a class E felony; third degree assault, a class A misdemeanor; and petit larceny, a class A misdemeanor.

Mr. Carothers also pleaded guilty to third degree criminal

possession of a weapon with a previous conviction, a class D violent felony. Columbia County Court had convicted Mr. Carothers of second degree burglary and fourth degree grand larceny, October 22, 2018.

Visiting Judge Danielle Jose-Decker sentenced Mr. Carothers to 12 years in state prison and 5 years post-release supervision on the top charge. Mr. Cobbins received 10 years in state prison and 5 years post-release supervision on his top charge.

Hudson Police Department officers arrested Mr. Carothers September 8, 2022 and Mr. Cobbins September 10, 2022. Through their investigation, police determined

that the men forced their victim to hand over his wallet, including his credit cards and telephone on North Seventh Street September 8, 2022. Mr. Carothers brandished a knife at the victim until he complied with the defendants' demands.

Executive ADA Krista Kline prosecuted the case.

"I want to thank the Hudson Police Department and the victim for their cooperation in this case. The sentence reflects the significance of the defendants' actions and the victim's terrifying ordeal," ADA Kline said in a press release.

William Galvin represents Mr. Cobbins and Dennis McEvoy represents Mr. Carothers.

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Bank of Greene County holds ribbon cutting

CATSKILL -- Donald Gibson, president and CEO of the Bank of Greene County, announced the ribbon cutting and official opening of the Bank's new Wealth Management Center, located in the old Tanners Bank Building at 345 Main Street.

"It is my distinct pleasure to announce another major investment in both our bank and our community. This building was added to the Greene County Historic Register, and joins our other four historic office buildings on Main Street in Catskill," Mr. Gibson said, in a press release.

The Bank of Greene County is celebrating its 135th Anniversary on January 22, having originally been founded as the Building and Loan Association of Catskill. Coming full-circle, the original office for the Building and Loan Association of Catskill was located in the basement of 345 Main Street, with the headquarters for the Tanners National Bank upstairs. When the building originally became available, Mr.



Photo contributed

Pictured is the Bank of Greene County's new Wealth Management Center in the historic Tanners Building, at right, next door to the Bank of Greene County's Lending Center (building at l)

Gibson and the Bank of Greene County couldn't pass up the opportunity it presented to get back to their roots and original location.

The renovated Tanners Building was built in 1910, replacing the original structure that first

housed the precursor to the Bank of Greene County in the basement. Mr. Gibson said, "This building is a true architectural and community treasure. I'm honored we had the opportunity to renovate it and preserve this piece of history."

Attending the ribbon cutting were local dignitaries representing state, Greene County, and the Town and Village of Catskill, in addition to the Greene and Columbia County Chambers of Commerce, as well as community members

and business owners from the area.

Departments located in the new Wealth Management Center will be Greene Investment Services, Greene Private Bank, Corporate Cash Management, and Finance.

Committee ends 2023 with a party

HILLSDALE—The Hillsdale Safe at Home (SAH) Committee concludes its 2023 monthly coffee hours with a holiday party at a special time and place, Wednesday, December 13 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the historic Mount Washington House, 2627 Main Street, Route 23.

Kelly Fox Sweet, owner of the Mount Washington House and longtime Hillsdale resident, hosts this celebration for Hillsdale's older friends and neighbors. This festive gathering will have coffee, pastries, fruits and gifts for all.

The Mount Washington House was built in 1881 and is part of the Hillsdale Hamlet Historic District, gaining recognition on the National Register



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The Mount Washington House

of Historic Places in 2010. After more than 70 years of continuous operation, the pandemic caused the closure of the tavern and restaurant in 2020. Today, the house offers guest rooms

and unique event spaces.

Christina Dellea, passionate singer and a one-woman band will provide holiday music with full-band sound on keyboard and hand percussion.

Both Ms. Sweet and Ms. Dellea have a longtime commitment to the Hillsdale community, including its seniors. They have been supportive of the SAH overall goal of providing information and socialization so seniors can remain safely at home.

Join the Safe at Home Committee to celebrate 2023 and talk about ideas for 2024. As always, there will be lots of time for conversation and camaraderie. Need a ride or have questions? Call Natalie at 518-265-2113.

Beagin signs books in Kinderhook

KINDERHOOK – The Chatham Bookstore and The Kinderhook Knitting Mill present a reading with local author Jen Beagin on Thursday, December 7 at 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Ms. Beagin will read from "Big Swiss," her latest novel, at Morningbird Cafe, 4 Hudson Street. Set in Hudson, where Ms. Beagin currently resides, "Big Swiss" was an immediate bestseller. It follows a transcriptionist who, while working for a sex therapist, falls in love with a married client by listening to her recorded therapy

sessions. After finally meeting in real life, the two embark upon a fraught, enlightening, and consistently hilarious affair.

To celebrate the book's continued success, Ms. Beagin will read from the novel, answer questions from the audience, and sign copies, which will be available for sale courtesy of the Chatham Bookstore. Attendees are encouraged to follow the reading with drinks and dinner at The Aviary Kinderhook, the adjoining restaurant that is also located in the Kinderhook Knitting Mill space. Reservations are available through resy.com.

Chamber hosts ribbon cutting for Big Towel Spa

Columbia County Chamber of Commerce member Big Towel Spa recently celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting facilitated by the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber staff, board members and membership ambassadors attended, along with a representative from Senator Michelle Hinchey's (D-41st) office. Big Towel Spa is a small sauna/spa pop up located in the Hudson Valley. They are stationed on Oakdale Beach in Hudson this fall/winter season, through March 2024. Big Towel offers private group sessions and public community hours. To learn more or book a session visit them at BigTowelSpa.com.



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Ribbon cutting for Big Towel in Hudson

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Continued partnership brings Automotive Course to IC High School

KINDERHOOK — This September, Ichabod Crane High School added a new Columbia-Greene Community College course to its roster of technology courses offered in the district's new STEAM Wing.

The new course, Introduction to Automotive Repair, AU 128, is taught by Joseph Zink, a technology teacher at Ichabod Crane. Upon successful completion, ICC students will earn four credits through CGCC's College in the High School Program (CIHS). This course is one of several available to ICC High School students through the CIHS program.

"This multi-year, collaborative project would not be possible without the strong support received from the school district and Columbia-Greene's Automotive Technology department," said Christy Ward, director of Columbia-Greene's CIHS Program, in a press release. "The college deeply val-

ues this unique opportunity to offer a technical education course at one of the local high schools. The experience will help students solidify their interest in the field of automotive technology by introducing them to many exciting career opportunities that are in high demand."

Ichabod's STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics) Wing was a key project in the district's multi-phase Capital Project, completed in September 2022. It provided the necessary infrastructure to introduce new courses, such as AU 128.

"It continues to be amazing to see the STEAM Wing come to life. I am so grateful to the team at Columbia-Greene who worked tirelessly with us to make AU 128 a reality," Ichabod Crane High School Principal Craig Shull said, also in the release. "Since the STEAM Wing's inception, we have added new courses and created



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IC High School's Introduction to Automotive Repair class.

new collaborations that have benefited our students greatly as they approach their final years at Ichabod Crane."

The course introduces students to the field of automotive technology, helping them develop the skills, knowledge, and professional ethics necessary to begin as an entry-level techni-

cian. In a recent Introduction to Automotive Repair class, for example, the Ichabod Crane students were introduced to tire machines. Mr. Zink guided the students as they removed the tires from the vehicle, which was suspended in the air on lift.

Ichabod Crane High School senior Scott Bertram values the

opportunity to learn more about automotive repair, a topic that interests him, before college. If he does decide to pursue the field, he will have the advantage of four college credits upon successful completion of the course. "I really like the course," he said. "It is very interactive and hands-on."

Mollie Zucker appointed Bluehawk Academy associate principal

HUDSON -- The Hudson City School District Board of Education, at its November 14 meeting, appointed Mollie Zucker, an individual with over 18 years of experience in education, to the position of Bluehawk Academy associate principal effective November 23.

In her transition from health and physical education teacher, Ms. Zucker will now oversee the progress of students in the Bluehawk Academy, a secondary program launched by the district in February to provide innovative educational opportunities to students.

Ms. Zucker will be working directly with the Bluehawk Academy staff consisting of Megan Amendola, a career guidance counselor, Michelle



Photo contributed

Mollie Zucker

Donnelly, a dedicated expert in social work, Larry Walker, a professional focused in restor-

ative justice, and Darnell Harris, a passionate driver and monitor for the program.

"On behalf of the Hudson City School District, I am excited to welcome Mollie Zucker into the field of administration," Superintendent of Schools Juliette Pennyman said in a press release. "Mrs. Zucker has proved herself as a friendly face with a passion for the educational experience in Hudson and supporting students and staff alike."

Ms. Zucker received her bachelor's in Biblical Studies, Health and Physical Education from Cairn University, her master's in Adventure Education from Prescott College and her certification for her Advanced Graduate degree in Educational Leadership from Stony Brook University is pending.

Ms. Zucker holds an extensive background in education. Serving in roles internationally, nationally and in New York State. Introduced to the field as a physical education teacher at the American Academy for Girls in Kuwait and EduVenture, a college study abroad program, serving as an adventure leader and instructor at the Fiji and Papua Indonesia campuses.

From there, Ms. Zucker served as the master guide for the wilderness therapy program at Adirondack Leadership Expeditions in Saranac Lake. At Prescott College in Arizona, she was a graduate assistant for expeditionary learning and history of adventure education. For the last 11 years, Ms. Zucker has embraced Bluehawk pride at Hudson City Schools as a teach-

ing assistant at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School and a health and physical education teacher at Hudson Junior High School.

"It is truly an honor and uplifting feeling to be trusted as an associate principal at the Bluehawk Academy," Ms. Zucker said, also in the release. "I'm excited to continue my work with the amazing students and staff at Hudson Junior/Senior High School and provide support and preparation for students in the Bluehawk Academy in their pursuit of life after high school."

In her free time, Ms. Zucker can be found enjoying time outdoors with her three children, often building forts, camping, hiking and celebrating adventures with ice cream.

Simmons participates in annual Backpacks to Briefcases Program

ONEONTA -- Morgan Simmons, of Ghent, was one of 28 SUNY Oneonta students from the School of Economics and Business who participated in the annual Backpacks to Briefcases event, where students travel to New York City to visit with alumni in the business and financial industries. Alumni host the students in their place of employment, and this year, the Backpacks to Briefcases program featured two alumni hosts per visiting group.

Backpacks to Briefcases is a long-standing program at SUNY Oneonta that began in 2006 and is designed to help students start building their professional network before graduating. It is one of five Campus to Careers programs that offer students the opportunity to ask alumni questions about their journey from student to their current title. Its success paved the way for other programs across different majors at SUNY Oneonta like Mixing Board to Management

(music industry), Goodrich to Broadway (theater), Campus to Capital (political science) and Academics to Agencies (communication and media studies).

"The value of the networking experience for students lies in the meaningful connections forged through interactions with alumni during Backpacks to Briefcases," said Laura Lincoln, executive director of the Office of Alumni Engagement, in a press release. "These connections serve as bridges between academics and

real-world applications."

The 2023 Backpacks to Briefcases program featured the following alumni hosts: Marco Ammirati '20 (Arrow Search Partners), Seth Crystall '80 (ION Group), Shawn Dacey '13 (Brookfield Properties), John Doherty '87 (Ernst & Young), Stiven Espinosa-Hunter '17 (ABM Industries), Dave Gaber '09 (Arrow Search Partners), Jason Konopolsky '09 (Brookfield Properties), Lyndee McCallum '07 (JP Morgan), Larry Pestana

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Backpacks to Briefcases is funded by the Oneonta Student Association and the SUNY Oneonta Alumni Association through charitable gifts to the Fund for Oneonta. Learn more at <https://suny.oneonta.edu/>

PHILMONT WOODS

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Before the current owners bought the site, it had been on the market for more than seven years. Many Philmont residents walk the site on a trail that mistakenly was built through it by a Boy Scout.

A vocal group of homeowners and renters (Summit Lake Conservation Group), who mainly live on the village side of Summit Lake and would face the Woods, has vigorously opposed the project. The group's concerns include damage to a site that may be a fly-over area for eagles (the group has not found any nests) and hosts other wildlife, diminished biodiversity, harm to their views and those of other town residents (even though the developers have provided renderings showing minimal effect on the viewshed) and a devaluation of neighboring properties (even though the homes to-be-built would sell at prices higher than most in Philmont).

Many village residents also express a kind of inverse NIMBYism, worrying that the project would alter the character of the community by bringing in wealthy homeowners (likely from "downstate"), diluting the scruffy nature of the village, albeit the project would also increase the tax base and bring in substantial other revenue.

Under New York's home rule approach, approval for the project lies with the Village of Philmont or, more specifically and primarily, its Planning Board. State and local laws spell out the process for approval of a project like the Woods, the documents required to be submitted and the issues to

be addressed, including environmental impacts that largely surface through review of the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) form which an applicant must file.

Generally, a large subdivision undergoes a two-step review process, with a preliminary plan presented for planning board approval, following which a project is developed and receives a final approval, certifying compliance with the preliminary plans. Review entails examining engineering issues such as water runoff to flow from the construction, detailed engineering drawings, site plans for the homes, driveway and roadway details, clearing that will be done, and environmental impacts.

In late 2022, the Woods project received preliminary approval from the Philmont Planning Board. The opponents filed a petition for review with the state Supreme Court. Petitions for review typically entail detailed legal submissions by the parties. After the filing, one of the developers lamented that the monies expended by both sides and the village might better have been spent on efforts to rehabilitate suboptimal Summit Lake conditions.

On January 13, Judge Richard Mott sent the matter back to the Philmont Planning Board, on the basis that the public hearing it held (a public hearing is required for subdivision proposals) improperly occurred prior to the time that the application for the project was complete.

Although Judge Mott did not then invalidate the SEQRA find-

ing the board had made – stating that the project raised no significant environmental issues – he did require a new public hearing on a complete application. He also pointed out that the board had failed to articulate the basis on which it was varying (as might be permitted) from requirements concerning access road width – a safety issue in the event of a fire or like circumstance.

On March 20, the Planning Board held the required public hearing. Among the opposition's complaints was that the developers had barely amended their proposal, notwithstanding the many environmental concerns they had raised. Opponents demanded that the board conduct a new SEQRA review to address those issues.

After the hearing, the Planning Board met on April 17 and summarily approved the proposal by a 4-1 vote. The board did not articulate the basis for its acceptance of the narrower access road – a requirement flagged by Judge Mott's decision – and it did not require a new SEQRA submission or conduct any further environmental review.

Unsurprisingly, another petition for review was filed before Judge Mott. Legal expenses mounted on both sides, as well as for the village itself. The project meanwhile was in limbo.

On October 13 Judge Mott rendered another decision. Again, he sent the project back to the Planning Board. He found that the changes – the minor nature of which was a complaint of opponents at the last public hearing – were nevertheless sufficiently substantive as to require a new SEQRA review prior to a public hearing. Judge Mott also found that the board could not waive

certain access road width requirements. Other objections to the project were deferred until after the necessary follow-up environmental review and hearing process at the Planning Board.

The Summit Lake Conservation Group was "euphoric" that its concerns about the safety of the access road were validated by Judge Mott, according to member Karen Schoemer. The group hopes that – whether or not required by Philmont's laws – the developers will now negotiate the details of the project with them, giving greater consideration to alternate plans, like clustered housing, which might lessen concerns about the environmental impacts of the project, the potential for damaging runoff, the degree of tree-clearing, the possibilities of harm to the ecosystem of the lake and the woods in which the project will be built.

The developers in turn are considering their options. Their goal continues to be – "In the midst of a climate crisis" – to build energy efficient homes in an environmentally-sensitive manner in a county that is experiencing a housing crisis, according to partner Jock Winch. Andrew Personette, a Philmont resident and another of the developers, says he is dismayed that "development" is viewed as a four-letter word.

Although the Philmont code would permit the building of nearly triple the number of homes as the project envisions, he and his partners have chosen to keep the project smaller. Although the Philmont code would not prohibit them from clear-cutting the trees, they have created a design that preserves more than 65% of mature trees in the project area.

They have also promised permanently to dedicate about 20% of the site to conservation.

Last, the developers are quizzical about the fact that the opposition, which has dubbed itself a "conservation group," is forcing the construction of an access road that will require substantially additional tree clearing and potential for runoff.

Affordable housing advocates point to the complexities of New York's legal structure as one factor impeding the construction of more housing. Regulations start at the state level and affect many environmental and safety issues, as the Woods case shows. In addition, local laws may implement and amplify the rules and vary from town to town. Finally, the application and administration of the laws happens at the most local level.

Planning and Zoning Board members are required to undertake four hours of annual training on the law and their responsibilities under it. Compliance with the training requirement varies from town to town. The four hours can include a wide array of topics, and most are covered only superficially.

As a result, often (as was true in Philmont) when a significant project is proposed, a town's attorney may sit in on the board meetings to advise and in hopes of avoiding costly missteps.

While the Woods is not an affordable housing project, its still-unfolding tortuous history illustrates why many believe that the state's legal requirements and permitting procedures must be revisited, simplified and made uniform if the state is to see housing built to the degree it so dearly needs.

Disclosure: The author is the chair of the Austerlitz Planning Board.

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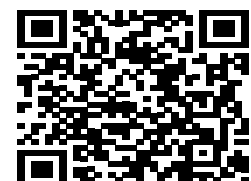
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Moviehouse screens a collection of film shorts

MILLERTON – On Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m., The Moviehouse, 48 Main Street, will present a collection of 7 short films, all of which, with one exception, are recipients of the top awards from the South by Southwest (SXSW), Tribeca, Berlinale, Palm Springs, and AFI film festivals which qualifies them for Academy Award submission.

The collection has been curated by Moviehouse Assistant Manager Liam LoPinto. A graduate of NYU's Tisch School and The California Institute of the Arts School of Film and Video, LoPinto's own short film "The Old Young Crow" won Best of Festival at Palm Springs earlier this year and is included in this showcase. [http://www.liamlopinto.com/].

After the films, Moviehouse General Manager Jeremy Boviard will talk with LoPinto about the films and their filmmakers, and take questions from the audience.

Short films are a genre that can often be overlooked by anyone other than filmmakers and film students, which is unfortunate as they present a wonderful and creative way to tell visual stories that are a delight for audiences, in much the same way as the literary short story thrives in contrast to the novel. This is why we are always delighted to have the opportunity to showcase shorts at The Moviehouse and give our audiences the chance to enjoy them.



Photo contributed

"The Old Young Crow" is showing at The Moviehouse.

The event is free and open to anyone wishing to attend. Tickets are required and are available through The Moviehouse website at www.themoviehouse.net

The run time is 1hr 31minutes, followed by the talkback.

The films being presented are (in running order):

**"The Old Young Crow" (Japan, USA 2023) 12min. Directed by Liam Lopinto. An Iranian boy befriends an old Japanese woman at a graveyard in Tokyo. Winner of the Palm Springs Best of Festival

**"Our Males and Our Females" (Jordan, 2023) 11min. Directed by Ahmad Alyaseer. A father and mother are faced with the painful task of washing and shrouding their deceased transgender daughter. Winner of the Nashville Best

Narrative Short

**"Yellow" (UK, 2023) 12min. Directed by Elham Ehsas. In Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, a woman walks into a chadari store in Kabul to buy her first full-body veil and face an uncertain future. Winner of the Urbanworld Best Narrative Short

**"Closing Dynasty" (USA, 2023) 17min. Directed by Lloyd Lee Choi. On a school day, a precocious seven-year-old girl, Queenie, hustles and schemes ways to make money on the streets of New York City. Winner of the AFI Fest & Berlinale Grand Jury Prize

**"Nai Nai & Wai Po (Grandma and Grandma)" (USA, 2023) 16min. Directed by Sean Wang. A personal love letter from director Sean Wang to his Nai Nai and Wai Po, a

grandma super team that dances, stretches, and farts their sorrows away. Winner of the AFI Fest & SXSW Grand Jury Prize

**"Starling" (USA, 2023) 9min. Directed by Mitra Shahidi. A little girl shoots down from the heavens to spend her birthday with her family. Winner of the Tribeca Best Animated Short

Special Presentation:

**"Death and Ramen" (USA, 2023) 14min. Directed by Tiger Ji. On his final night alive, a ramen chef goes on an unintended late-night odyssey with the Grim Reaper. They share a bowl of noodles and discover what it means to be human. Bobby Lee and Matt Jones ("Breaking Bad") star in this closing film in celebration of its online release.

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Chamber Musicians to perform winter holiday concert at library

CHATHAM – The Friends of the Chatham Public Library announce the second event in their Music Concert Series, a winter holiday concert at the library with the Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians on Monday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians is a professional woodwind quintet

consisting of flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn, and bassoon. Founded in 2020, the group has performed at various venues such as libraries, wineries, sculpture gardens and more.

The program for the evening will consist of familiar holiday-themed music (including Christmas and Hanukkah songs). Enjoy an

evening of music by traditional composers such as Mozart, Richard Strauss and Tchaikovsky. The concert is free of charge and all are welcome. The Chatham Public Library is at 11 Woodbridge Avenue in the Village of Chatham.



Photo contributed Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians

Financial Aid for 2024 Camp Omi and Artgarten is available



GHENT – Applications for financial aid for 2024 sessions of Camp Omi and Artgarten are now open. Art Omi: Education's Scholarship Fund provides need-based financial aid for families to participate in these programs. To serve as many local families as possible, assistance covers 50% of the tuition costs for Artgarten and Camp Omi, and is offered for

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MUSIC REVIEW

Roots & Shoots concerts series presents "Blues Women of the Capital Region II"

By LORNA CHEROT
LITTLEWAY

IT WAS HOT BLUES on a chilly autumn night at the Spencertown Academy on Saturday, November 25. In partnership with the Capital Region Blues Network (CRBN), a triple-header concert, "Blues Women of the Capital Region II" was presented to a standing room only audience.

Leslie Barkman opened the program with a 10-song set that included original compositions, and songs written or made famous by Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday and Willie Dixon. Barkman wore a long, black, sheath dress with embroidered short sleeves that she said belonged to her grandmother 100 years ago. She accompanied herself on a Yamaha keyboard.

Barkman's voice is clear and sweet, almost angelic. Yet she regaled the audience with some naughty tunes.

*I woke up this morning
All my tires were flat*

*I need a new mechanic
To check my tires and its rotation*

*I found a new mechanic
He's under my hood
He lubes my chassis
Keeps me running smooth
It's pretty hot in here
Roll down the windows*

*Woke up this morning
All my tires were flat
My new mechanic
Took care of that.*

Barkman was followed by Robin O'Herin and Friend with Mitch Roth, an unassuming, big dude on fretless base guitar. They played an 11-song set. O'Herin, dressed head-to-toe in black with gold jewelry accents, is a guitar virtuoso. She played electric side, resonator and slack key guitars.

She opened with a blues-gospel mix, "Operator, Information Get Jesus on the Line" admitting that she "can't separate" the two. O'Herin explained that the resonator guitar is a "loud" instrument that "added another voice" and was very popular with "Mississippi Delta back porch



Lorna Cherot Littleway

Tap dancer Stephanie Webber (far l) performs with Robin O'Herin and Friend.

musicians." She called the slack key guitar a "tranquil" instrument and played "Aloha Baby" on it. It conjured images of gentle waves, sandy beaches and light blue skies.

The set included an instrumental "Silent Night," Robert Johnson's "Cross Roads" and her own composition, "Redemption Road," which was inspired by Blind Willie Jones. For the last two numbers, "Find Somebody Else" and "Muddy Water," O'Herin and Friend were joined onstage by tap dancer, Stephanie Webber, a novel addition. Webber tapped on a small, fold-up tabletop floor that measured about 4x4, and she was sensational.

Gina Coleman, lead singer, and founder of Misty Blues, a Berkshire County band, closed

the evening. She, too, was dressed head-to-toe in black, topped with a grey fedora. Coleman was accompanied by two Misty Blues band members, guitarists Diego Mongue (her son) and Seth Fleischman, who added inspired and passionate solos to the songs.

Coleman is a tall imposing woman, physically, with very expressive face and body. She possesses a smooth, rich contralto voice, reminiscent of a young Big Mama Thornton.

She opened with "What Am I Supposed To Do," playing a cigar box guitar dubbed Big Red. She confessed to having eight such guitars.

The next number mixed blues and scat a la Ella Fitzgerald.

Coleman said that she is often asked what inspires her

music choices and if they are personal. She said that mostly she sings and writes about "human conditions." She finds it "harder to write about myself." But the 6th number "I Got Things To Do" is "1000% about me."

Coleman closed out her too short set with a tribute to Odetta, whom she acknowledged as the queen of American Folk and voice of the Civil Rights Movement. Coleman encouraged the audience to join in singing "This Little Light of Mine." Coleman and the Misty Blues Band rate an evening of their own. The band is that tight.

"Blues Women of the Capital Region II" is a continuation of the Spencertown Academy's Roots & Shoots concerts series.

EVENTS Calendar

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

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

AREA ATTRACTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OLD AUSTERLITZ, 11550 Rt 22. oldausterlitz.org.

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

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

ROELIFF JANSEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM, 8 Miles Rd, Copake Falls. Sat & Sun 2-4 pm. roeliffjansens.org. 518 329-0652. Holiday Exhibit celebrating the bicentennial of classic holiday poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Sat -Sun, Dec 9/10 and Dec 16/17, 2-4 PM. Free. More info: www.roeliffjansens.org.

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

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

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Through December 9

50-50 RAFFLE, Friends of Roe Jan Community Library Bookshop, 9091 Rt 22, Copake. \$1/ticket, \$6 for 5 tickets. Purchase in cash or check at bookshop. Benefits the library. roejanlibrary.org/friends-of-the-roe-jan-library.

Through December 15

GIFT DONATION PROGRAM for New Lebanon children, need for volunteers to "adopt" a child or donations of unwrapped gifts at New Lebanon Post Office, Maverick's, New Lebanon Town Hall. To sign up, call Town Supervisor at 518 505-1535 or stop by Town Hall.

Through December 21

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.

Through December 31

ADOPTION FEES WAIVED for cats, dogs & pocket pets at Columbia-Greene Humane Society, 111 Humane Society Rd, Hudson. Application: cghs.org.

December 8

CANDLELIGHT NIGHT, Village of Kinderhook, 5-8 pm, free. Live music at James Vanderpoel House, wreaths for sale at Kinderhook Memorial Library, dance performance, more.

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY POTLUCK & CONCERT, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6-8 pm, free. Food, music, crafts for kids. Bring treat or covered treat to share. Donations for musicians appreciated. newlebanonlibrary.org.

December 8-9

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SALE, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 11 am-3 pm. Cookies, books, soup, tag sale. Eat in or take out. Benefits library. Roejanlibrary.org.

December 9

WINTER GLOW, Town of Germantown, 10 am-4:30 pm. Farmers Holiday Market, 10 am-2 pm; visit Santa, raffles, music, children's activities at Kellner Community Activities Building, 2:30-4:30 pm; Holiday Lights Tour, caroling, gingerbread contest, more. Snow date: Dec 10. Full schedule: germantownpc.org/events.

COMMUNITY CARES CLINIC, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 11 am-2 pm, free. Monarda Community Care offers drop-in care clinic; includes ear acupuncture, acupressure, variety of herbal medicines, more. Arrive before 1:30 for acupuncture. First come, first served. hudsonarealibrary.org.

WINTERFEST, Village of Chatham, 11 am-5 pm. Cookie decorating contest, Santa, caroling, dance performances, hay wagon rides, arts walk, holiday raffle, more. visitchathamny.com/winterfest.

WINTERFEST, Ancram Town Hall, 1416 CR 7, 2-5 pm, free. Sing-a-long, local vendors & artisans, prize raffle, cookie workshop for kids, refreshments, visit from Santa at 4:30 pm. Volunteers needed: solyha@msn.com.

WINTER WALK & Winter Parade, Village of Valatie, 5-9 pm, free. Vendors, scavenger hunt for kids, tree lighting, open house at First Presbyterian Church, more. valatievillage.com.

COPAKE HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE, parade starts 5:30 pm from Copake Firehouse, 390 Center Hill Rd, proceeds through hamlet to Copake Memorial Park for visit with Santa, bonfire & refreshments. Put on by Copake Park Commission. Entry forms: townofcopake.org.

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December 10

HEALTH & WELLNESS DAY, Lebanon Valley Firehouse, 523 Rt 20, New Lebanon, 11 am-3 pm, free. Vendors in the wellness field welcome: newlebevents@gmail.com.

CHANUKAH, Congregation Anshe Emeth, 240 Joslen Blvd, Hudson, 2-3:30 pm. Traditional Chanukah activities and foods. For all ages. juliegoldweitz@gmail.com.

MARTIN VAN BUREN'S 241ST BIRTHDAY, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson Ave, 2-4 pm, \$30-\$50. Lecture by Meghan O'Malley, children's activities. Tastings of historic libations at Kinderhook Bottle Shop & birthday cake at Dyad. Raffle baskets for \$5/1 or \$20/5. Registration: friendsofindenwald.org/events.

PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING, Hudson Town Square, 700 Warren Street, Hudson, 4:30 p.m. Hosted by Chabad Jewish Center of Columbia County, features giant Menorah, fire performer, gelt drop. For more information visit www.jewishcolumbiacounty.com.

December 13

HOLIDAY SENIOR COFFEE HOUR, Mount Washington House, 2627 Rt 23, Hillsdale, 10-11:30 am, free. Music, coffee, pastries, gifts, good cheer. 518 265-2113.

December 14

GREENPORT SENIORS, Wunderbar, 744 Warren St, Hudson, 1 pm. Christmas party for members & their guests. Meet at Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Dr, at 12:30 pm for ride share. Inhanett@gmail.com.

OCTAGON CLUB, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 1 pm, free. Conversation with fellow seniors. Roejanlibrary.org.

December 15

PARENTS NIGHT OUT, Kinderhook Reformed Church, 21 Broad St, 5-8 pm, free. Free child care for kids ages 3 & up. Dinner provided. Crafts, storytime, and movie. Space limited, preregistration required: 518 758-6401.

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 others from community. All welcome.

December 16

PANCAKE DINNER & HOT CHOCOLATE BAR, Chatham Firehouse, 10 Hoffman Ave, 4-8 pm, free. Hosted by Santa & Mrs Claus. Gifts for all children. villageofchatham.com.

FOR KIDS Continuing

Mondays

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

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.

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.

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.

HOMESCHOOL

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays

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

Wednesdays, Saturdays

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

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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.

HORA DE CUENTOS (Spanish Story Hour), 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.

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. 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, \$20/child or \$36/two siblings. For ages 5-11. 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 December 23

APPLICATIONS OPEN for financial aid for Camp Omi & Artgarten at Art Omi, 1405 CR 22, Ghent. Assistance for up to 50% of summer camp fee available. Application: artomi.org/event/camp-omi.

December 8

TALK, READ, SING TRAVELLING STORYTIME, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. Read A Snowy Day, create fake snow. For ages 3-5. chathampubliclibrary.org.

December 9

CRAFTY KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, 11 am- 1 pm, \$5/child. Reading of "A Visit from St Nicholas," visit with Belsnickel, take home some sweet treats. Space limited, registration: bookeo.com/clermont.

December 12

CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3-4 pm, free. Improve skills, challenge peers. Bring chess board if you have one. For ages 5 & up. chathampubliclibrary.org.

MAKE YOUR OWN SNOW, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 4-5 pm, free. Read The Snowy Day & make fake snow. Space limited, registration: programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

AT THE MOVIES

December 7-14

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

December 9

THE GRINCH, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 1 pm, free. Benedict Cumberbatch version. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

HIGH NOON'S HIDDEN BACKSTORY, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, \$20. Documentary short before feature, Q&A with screenwriter's daughter & historian Dr. Amanda Foreman to follow. Benefits theater's restoration. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

December 9,17

FLORENCIA EN EL AMAZONAS, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 12:55 pm, \$35. Met Opera Live in HD. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

December 10

PRISCILLA, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 4 pm, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

December 12

IMMEDIATE FAMILY, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 7 pm, \$12. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

SMOKE SAUNA SISTERHOOD, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 7:30 pm, \$12. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

December 13

CONTENDERS, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, 7 pm, free. 7 short films eligible for Academy Award submission. bit.ly/TMH-Shorts-Contenders.

December 15-17, 21

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

MAKING MUSIC

First Friday

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

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

Saturdays

MELTING POT SING-A-LONG, First Presbyterian Church of Hudson, 369 Warren St, noon-3 pm, \$20 donation. Musical journey of shanties, spirituals, hymns, folk tunes led by musician & songwriter Phil Roebuck. Homemade soup available. firstpreshudson.org.

Sundays

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

December 9

TRIFORM BELL CHOIR, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 6 pm, free. Akiko Suesada directs winter concert. Reservations requested: info@claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

LILA BLUE, PHILIP ROEBUCK & SASKIA LANE, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 7 pm, \$30. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

ROE JAN BLUEGRASS BAND, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd, 7-9 pm, \$15 adults or pay what you can. Tickets at the door. copakegrange.org.

December 10

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Germantown Reformed Church, 20 Church Ave, 4 pm, free. Southern Columbia Community Choir presents. musicdd42@gmail.com, 518 537-6405.

December 11

WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 6:30 pm, free. Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians. Works by Mozart, Richard Strauss, Tchaikovsky. chathampubliclibrary.org.

December 15

WINTER CONCERT, Basilica Hudson, 110 S Front St, Hudson, 7 pm, by donation. Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School's student choir & ensembles perform seasonal pieces. Benefits the school's Music Scholarship Program. school.hawthornevalley.org/events/winter-concert.

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 December 20

APPLICATIONS OPEN for Bobby Previte's Music 360 Improv Workshop that runs Jan 13-15 via Zoom, free. Details, application: bobbyprevite.com/teaching.

December 7

RESOLUTIONS: A NEW YOU OR A BETTER YOU? Fairview Hospital, 29 Lewis Ave, Great Barrington, 4-5 pm, free. Part of Hope, Health & Healing program series. Registration accepted but not required: 413 854-9609.

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JEN BEAGIN, Morningbird Cafe, 4 Hudson St, Kinderhook, 6 pm, free. Author reads from Big Swiss. Q&A, book signing to follow. chathambookstore.indielite.org.
NIAGARA FALLS, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 7 pm, \$15. Evening of performers who write & writers who perform. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

HILMA AF KLINT: The Infinite & the Divine, Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School, 330 CR21C, Ghent, 7 pm, free. Book launch & presentation about groundbreaking artist. school.hawthornevalley.org/events/hilma-af-klint-book-launch.

December 10
HOLIDAY TABLE ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 1-3 pm, free. Linda Levitt leads workshop. Materials provided but bring your own special items to include. Space limited, registration required: director@roejanlibrary.org.

A NEW WASTE LAND, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 7 pm, \$20. Staged reading with music & dance, with thanks to TS Eliot. Tickets: timeand-space.org.

December 13
MAUREEN MCNEIL, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 5:30 pm, free. Local author reads from new novel Anna Magdalena. Zoom option available, email for link: director@roejanlibrary.org.

COUNTY LEGION MEETING, Chatham American Legion Post 42, 34 Woodbridge Ave, 7:30 pm. Directions, details on membership: 518 672-4757.

December 14
COPING WITH CANCER DURING THE HOLIDAYS, Fairview Hospital, 29 Lewis Ave, Great Barrington, 2-3 pm, free. Part of Hope, Health & Healing program series. Registration accepted but not required: 413 854-9609.

DANCE

December 8-9
DANCE PROGRAM, Bard College at Simon's Rock, 84 Alford Rd, Great Barrington, 7 pm, free. Choreographed by students & faculty. Open to the public. First-come, first-serve seating. simons-rock.edu/events/index.php?eID=7712.

ON STAGE

Through December 23
A CHRISTMAS MEMORY & THE THANKSGIVING VISITOR, Park Theater Hudson, 723 Warren St, Hudson, Wed-Sun, 7:30 pm, Sat & Sun, 3 pm, \$39-\$49. Tickets: brownpapertickets.com/event/6159649.

December 8-10
THE ANNUAL PANTO, Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Pl, Fri & Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 2 pm, \$12-\$28. Beauty & the Beast: Ugly is as Ugly Does. Tickets: ghent-playhouse.org.

December 14
SAID & DONE, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 7 pm, \$15. New performance work by Linda Mussmann in collaboration with Claudia Bruce & Charlotte Stickles. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

ON VIEW

ART OMI, 1405 CR 22, Ghent. Dion "TYGAPAW" McKenzie: 3WI, up through 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. Artschoolofcolumbiacounty.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, up through Dec 17. Fri-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 518 828-7087, jay@caldwellgalleryhudson.com.

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

CARRIE HADDAD Gallery, 622 Warren St, Hudson. Vanishing Point, up through Jan 28. Daily 11 am-5 pm, Tue by appt only. 518 828-1915. Carriehaddadgallery.com.

CCS BARD Galleries, Hessel Museum of Art, 33 Garden Rd, Annandale. Timed entry only, tickets ccs.bard.edu/visit/reservations. Sun noon-5 pm.

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

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

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.

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

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

FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson, admission. Then, Now & Always: Firefighting from the Cradle of Rome through the 1900s. Wed-Sun 10 am-4:30 pm. 518 822-1875 fasnyfiremuseum.com.
510 WARREN STREET Gallery, 510 Warren St, Hudson. Waxing Poetic: New Works by H David Stein. Fri & Sat, noon-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 518 822-0510. 510warrenstreetgallery.com.

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

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

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

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

GALLERY@CREATE, 398 Main St, Catskill. Revisiting our Landmarks, up through Dec 31. Fri 4-7 pm, Sat & Sun 11 am-6 pm. createcouncil.org.

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

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. Tue-Fri, 9 am-5 pm, Sat & Sun, noon-5 pm. 518 822-1438. hudsonhall.org.

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

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

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

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

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

LABspace, 2642 Rt 23, Hillsdale. Holiday Show, up through Feb 11. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm, no appt necessary. julielab-space@gmail.com. 917 749-2857.

LIGHTFORMS Art Center, 743 Columbia St, Hudson. Stars & Objects: Group Exhibit & Small Works Show. Fri 3-7, Sat-Sun 12-6 pm. By appointment 917 330-6262. lightformsartcenter.com

LIMNER Gallery, 123 Warren St, Hudson. Small Works: Holiday Show & Sale. 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. Between Worlds: The Art & Design of Leo Lionni, up through May 27, 2024. Mon-Tues/Thurs-Fri 10 am-4 pm, Sat-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Private tours available Wed. Admission. nrm.org.

OLANA State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport. Frederic Church: Spectacle & the Business of Art, up through Mar 31, 2024. 518 828-0135. Olana.org.

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

PRIVATE PUBLIC GALLERY, 530 Warren St, Hudson. The Thin Film of Living, opens Dec 9, 2-5 pm. 212 286-0075, privatepublicgallery@gmail.com.

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

ROE JAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY, 9091 Rt 22, Copake. Camilla Mathlein, up through December. Open library hours. roejanlibrary.org.

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

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

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

SPENCERTOWN Academy Arts Ctr, 790 Rt 203. Members' Art Show, up through Dec 10. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm. Spencertownacademy.org. 518 392-3693.

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

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

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

THOMAS COLE NAT'L HISTORIC SITE, 218 Spring St, Catskill. Virtual gallery, explorethomascole.org/gallery. Grounds open daily. thomas-cole.org.

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

TSL Gallery, 434 Columbia St, Hudson. Fri-Sun, tours by advanced registration. 518 822-8448. Timeandspace.org.

TURLEY GALLERY, 98 Green St, Ste 2, Hudson. Care & indignity. Fri-Sun noon-5 pm, by appointment. turley.gallery.

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CLERMONT—A Crafty Kids Holiday Party takes place at the Clermont State Historic Site Visitor Center, 1 Clermont Avenue, Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Create a variety of holiday crafts, enjoy hot chocolate and a snack.

This is the last Crafty Kids Day of the year. Join in for holiday crafts, a hot chocolate bar, wintertime treats, and a festive atmosphere. Light instruction is offered, creativity is encouraged. The cost of the event is \$5 per person.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Space is extremely limited. Visitors must register in advance on Bookeo: <https://bookeo.com/Clermont>

Winterfest promises heartwarming fun

ANCRAM—Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit at Ancram's Winterfest, a heartwarming event that promises to bring joy to the community.

On Saturday, December 9 from 2 to 5 p.m., the Ancram Town Hall, 1416 County Route 7, will be transformed into a winter wonderland.

The Winterfest market has doubled in size and an outdoor tent has been added to accommodate all of the local artisans and makers. There will be free hot dogs

hamburgers, chili and cocoa to keep visitors warm while they peruse the tables and sing along with Mark Rust. There will be a prize raffle, a visit from Santa at 4:30 p.m., cookie workshop for kids and refreshments. For any questions or additional information contact Steve Olyha at solyha@msn.com.

Holiday parade lights up the night

COPAKE—Copake's Holiday Light Parade takes place December 9. The parade steps off at 5:30 p.m. near the Copake firehouse, 390 Center Hill Road, proceeds through the hamlet and ends at Copake Memorial Park.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. A bonfire will blaze out in the parking lot and Santa will arrive. Parade entry forms may be found at townofcopake.org

Have soup, a sandwich and meet a friend

VALATIE—Free Soup and Sandwich Saturdays take place the second Saturday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Valatie, 3212 Church Street. The next meal will be held December 9. On the menu is potato soup and ham and cheese sandwiches. The event is an opportunity to meet and visit with others in the community. All are encouraged to attend.

Luminaries light the way

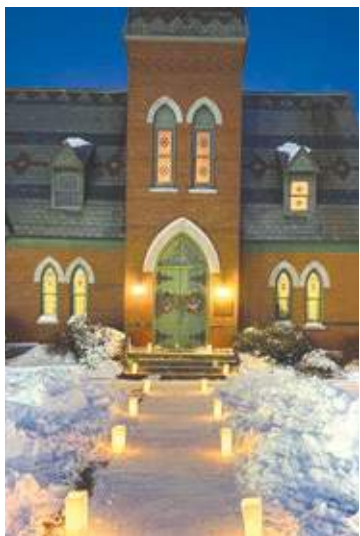


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The First Presbyterian Church of Valatie, 3212 Church Street, will participate in Valatie's Winter Walk, December 9, 5 to 9 p.m. The public will be welcomed to the historically unique sanctuary; the carillon will be heard hourly throughout the village, playing carols. Friends and visitors will be able to learn of the history of the building and enjoy holiday music.

Pastor Levering and the congregation welcome the public, friends, and families Sunday, December 24 at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Bluegrass Band enlivens Copake Grange Hall



Photo contributed

The Roe Jan Bluegrass Band.

COPAKE—The Roe Jan Bluegrass Band brings its brand of classic bluegrass, country and old-time fiddle tunes to the Copake Grange Theater stage, 628 Empire Road, December 9 at 7 to 9 p.m.

The band features accomplished pickers, grinders and singers on guitar, dobro, banjo, mandolin, bass and fiddle who've been entertain-

ing local audiences for more than a decade. The band is known for having a great time playing and audiences have a great time listening and dancing.

This evening of spirited down home music is brought to you by the Grange's Program Committee. The music is suitable for everyone. The show runs from 7 to 9

p.m. with a 15 minute intermission. Tickets are \$15 each or what one can pay. Advance reservations are not required and tickets may be purchased at the door. The event is supported in part by Stewart's Shops and Ackerman Foundation. Get more information by emailing copakegrange@gmail.com or visit www.copakegrange.com



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Roe Jan Writers Series hosts McNeil on December 13

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library will host local author Maureen McNeil for the next installment of the Roe Jan Writers Series, on December 13, both in person and on Zoom. Ms. McNeil will read from and discuss her new book, “Anna Magdalena,” the first of a trilogy of novels that takes place in Columbia County and New York City.

In the novel, performance artist Anna Magdalena plays her audience open and leaves them begging for more. By redefining family, history, myth, time and identity, she prompts readers to take action and forge a life of extraordinary beauty. “Anna Magdalena” is a contemporary novel about the power of art, love, and imagination in its many forms.

Ms. McNeil is an author,

artist, and activist from the Pacific Northwest, based in Brooklyn and the Hudson Valley. She was a finalist for the 2021 Tiferet Fiction Prize and won second place for the 2021 Barry Lopez Nonfiction Prize. Her books include “Red Hook Stories” (2008), about the Brooklyn neighborhood in the 1980s, “Dear Red: The Lost Diary of Marilyn Monroe” (2017), “Wild

Blueberries” (2022), a collection of short stories, and “Anna Magdalena” (2022). She has lectured, as well as designed and taught writing workshops in partnership with arts and cultural organizations such as Anne Frank Center USA, PEN America Prison Program, Prison Public Memory Project, Yad Vashem, the Morgan Library, Skidmore College, and the Woodstock

Day School, among others.

This program will be presented in person and online. For login information, email director@roejanlibrary.org.

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

Sale of one-of-a-kind wearable art for nature lovers

CLAVERRACK — On Saturday December 16, from 4 to 6 p.m., the Claverack Free Library will host a festive holiday sale and silent auction of 25 national park-themed hand knitted hats. Each of these pieces of wearable art was hand-knitted in colorful wool

by Sarah Brennan, a member of the library's fiber arts group, with patterns by Nancy Bates. Each one-of-a-kind design represents a different national park.

Attendees can enjoy small plates, prosecco and live music by Mickey Knull while short-

ening a holiday shopping list for a favorite nature lover. And we'll be joined by national parks ranger Dawn Olsen.

All proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of a new generator to ensure that the library's open hours and services won't be interrupted

by our increasingly frequent weather-related emergencies.

Library Director Thea Schoep said, in a press release, “This event is not only a celebration of the natural beauty of our country, but it will help to keep the library open as a safe haven for all our patrons

during emergencies that could otherwise close our doors.”

An admission donation of \$25 is requested and reservations are encouraged by calling 518-851-7120 or emailing info@claveracklibrary.org. The library is at 629 NY-23B.

Valatie welcomes winter and Santa

VALATIE—The Valatie Economic Redevelopment Association (VERA), the Village of Valatie, and the Valatie Santa Claus Club, and Valatie Now sponsor the Annual WinterWalk and Winter Parade in and along Main Street, Saturday, December 9 from 5 until 9 p.m.

The Winter Parade will be populated by firetrucks and rescue vehicles from 18 area fire departments, as well as performers from Dance Diversity and carolers from regional organizations. The highlight of Valatie's Winter Parade is Santa Claus riding on his sleigh.

Following the annual Winter Parade on historic Main Street, Santa will receive visitors and listen to requests at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building on Church Street. Jesters, elves and face-painting will add to the fun.

Narrative sanctuary tours, with Q&A will be offered at



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Santa has special place in winter parade.

Valatie's iconic landmark Presbyterian Church.

Main Street merchants and businesses present their “Winter Windows,” and a

variety of live musical performances will include Marty McDermott, Josh Greenberg, Gentlemen Caller, and The Cat's Asss and Solo Harp

music by Dawn Danis.

Kids of all ages will enjoy John Farrell | Hope River Music's special holiday production held this year inside

the historic Valatie Community Theatre.

Hay rides are back to carry WinterWalkers to various venues, with holiday vendors along the way. Carolers stroll the historic village Main Street, and a kid's Scavenger Hunt challenges and delights.

Along with the festivities, village shops are open teeming with homemade cookies, chocolates, and other holiday goodies. Holiday treats will be available along Main Street and Route 9—or stay in the village for dinner at a local café, grill or restaurant. And don't forget the live music after-party at Valatie Bar and Grill.

Snap some pictures with Santa and winter-time views of the iconic waterfalls and Main Street Winter Windows, and do some holiday shopping at the eclectic mix of stores and boutiques in this charming and historic village.

Germantown will glow this Saturday

GERMANTOWN—The Germantown Park Commission invites everyone to join them for this year's: Germantown Holiday Glow, Saturday, December 9, rain date Sunday, December 10.

Events include: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Germantown Farmers Holiday Market; 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. celebrate at Kellner Community Activities Building, win a Christmas tree in raffle, meet Santa Claus 3 to 4:15 p.m., refreshments,

face painting, story hour and crafts, live acoustic music, wreath-making demonstration 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., bonfire.

After Dark: Holiday lights tour, Walk along the glowing path of luminaries, Take a festive wagon ride from Palatine Park to the hamlet, 4:15 p.m. Caroling with GCS Drama Club and A Capella Group, tree lighting in the hamlet at 5:30 p.m., Gingerbread house contest at Germantown Firehouse.

Historians host holiday exhibit

COPAKE FALLS—The Roeliff Jansen Historical Society Museum, 8 Miles Road, hosts its annual holiday exhibition Saturdays and Sundays, December 9, 10 and 16, 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. In

celebration of the bicentennial of the classic Christmas poem, “Twas the Night Before Christmas,” the Society is exhibiting 150 editions of the poem, including several historically significant

examples, and hundreds of vintage Santa Claus objects and memorabilia. RJHS holiday cards are for sale.

Admission is free. Get more information at www.roeliff-jansens.org.

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Party for Marty: Celebrate Van Buren's 241st birthday in Kinderhook

KINDERHOOK—The Friends of Lindenwald celebrate the birthday of hometown President Sunday, December 10 from 2 to 4. The celebration includes a lecture by Meghan O'Malley, superintendent of the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, a tasting of historic libations at the Kinderhook Bottle Shop and of course a birthday cake at Dyad.

Ms. O'Malley gives an illustrated talk on the new orchard project at the historic site. This is a new initiative which will add to the historic interpretation of the site while showcasing the use of new archaeological techniques. There will also be free activities for children including holiday crafts. The children's activities and lecture will be in the Kinderhook Memorial Library. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$30 for individuals and \$50 per couple and free for children.



Friends of Lindenwald have created several "baskets" of gifts with varying themes. Photo contributed

In addition to all these fun and games, the Friends of Lindenwald have created several gift baskets with appropriate themes to the night's events. One basket is apple themed, another basket includes gift certificates for Kinderhook experiences, another basket includes a handmade blanket, a bottle and a candle and the fourth basket includes a handmade blanket, champagne, two champagne glasses and a candle. Raffle tickets for the baskets are \$5 for one or 5 for \$20. Tickets can be purchased during Candlelight Night in Kinderhook December 8 at the Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate Office and during the Party for Marty. The raffle will be drawn at 4 p.m. Baskets are on display at the Kinderhook Memorial Library and Berkshire Hathaway.

All adoptions free for December

Meet two animals currently available for adoption at the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA): Sterling the cat and Mary Kate the rabbit. A longtime friend of the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA), 111 Humane Society Road, Claverack, who wishes to remain anonymous has generously offered to sponsor all adoption fees for the month of December, so all adoption fees at will be waived. The goal during this time is to empty the shelter for the holidays. The sponsored adoption fees cover cats, dogs, and pocket pets such as rabbits and guinea pigs.



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Chanukah party is for young and old

GREENPORT—A Chanukah Party takes place at Congregation Anshe Emeth, 240 Joslen Boulevard, December 10, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Enjoy traditional Chanukah activities and foods: spin a

dreidel, sing songs, eat latkes (potato pancakes) and doughnuts or just partake in the conviviality and experience something new. For children ages 0-100.

Legionnaires gather at Chatham post

CHATHAM—The Columbia County American Legion meets at Chatham American Legion Post 42, 34 Woodbridge Avenue,

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30pm. For directions or to become a member of the American Legion, contact Jeff at 518-672-4757

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Share a ride to Christmas party

HUDSON—The Greenport Seniors are having a Christmas Party for members and guests at Wunderbar in Hudson, December 14 at 1 p.m. Meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Greenport Community Center on Town Hall Drive for rideshare.

Parents can leave kids at church

KINDERHOOK—Kinderhook Reformed Church, 21 Broad Street, hosts Parents Night Out, December 15, 5 to 8 p.m. The event offers free child care for kids 3 and older with dinner provided. It's a fun evening of age appropriate crafts, story-time and movie in a safe and nurturing environment. Due to limited space pre-registration is required. For information and to register call 518-758-6401.

300 expected at Menorah lighting

HUDSON—In celebration of Chanukah, the Jewish festival of lights, Rabbi Mendel and Rochie Kremer, founders of the newly-established Chabad Jewish Center of Columbia County, invite the community to join the county's public Menorah Lighting at Hudson Town Square, 700 Warren Street, December 10 at 4:30 p.m.

The celebration will feature a giant Menorah, a fire performer, and a unique "gelt drop" in collaboration with the local fire department. Mayor Kamal Johnson and other Hudson public officials join the festivities. For more information about the public Menorah lighting or the Chabad of Columbia County visit www.jewishcolumbiacounty.com.

President Van Buren honored on his 241st birthday

By DAVID LEE

KINDERHOOK – The annual observation of the birthday of the 8th President of the United States Martin Van Buren was conducted on Tuesday morning, December 5 in the Kinderhook Cemetery, on County Route 21, where he was buried. President Van Buren was born in Kinderhook on December 5, 1782.

Extending dignity to the event were honor guards from the New York Army National Guard and the Palmer Engine and Hose Company. Other dignitaries included NY State Assemblyman Scott Bendett (R-107th) and the representatives of other state lawmakers Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106th), Congressman Marc Molinaro (R-19) and state Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-41st). Several wreaths were installed at the foot of the marker by representatives of the Friends of Lindenwald, the Martin Van Buren Historic Site, Kinderhook Supervisor Tim



David Lee

ICC student Ella Bickerton read to the gathering at the cemetery in the Village of Kinderhook what she had discovered about President Van Buren.

Ooms on behalf of the County Board of Supervisors and representatives of the Kinderhook Garden Club. A wreath was

placed by Valatie Mayor Frank Bevens and Kinderhook Mayor Mike Abrams who also acted as the Master of Ceremonies.



David Lee

Major General Michael Natali (l) and Command Sergeant Major Edwin Bendett placed the wreath on behalf of President Biden.

A wreath was placed on behalf of the President of the United States by National Guard Major General Michael Natali with Guard Command Sergeant Major Edwin Garris after which "taps" was played. Major General Natali also provided remarks covering the history of President Van Buren.

According to the National Guard media relations, it has

been since the Johnson Administration that military officers have laid a wreath from the sitting president at the graves of former presidents on their birthdays.

Highest respect was reserved for the Ichabod Crane Central School District's 4th grade dignitaries who recited highlights of President Van Buren's life and sang "Happy Birthday."

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Obituaries

Bernadette M. Campion (1940 - 2023)

VALATIE—Bernadette “Bernie” Marie Campion, 83, of Valatie passed away November 28, 2023 at home with her family by her side.

Born February 12, 1940 in Clydebank, Scotland, she was the daughter of the late Elizabeth (Robb) and John McCauley.

She moved to the U.S. in 1949. She subsequently married the love of her life, Thomas E. Campion, January 25, 1958. She was a longtime resident of Columbia County.

She was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church, Valatie and later at Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls. She



Bernadette Campion

loved her family, her faith and music.

Besides her husband, Thomas, she is survived by: her children, Kevin (Christine), Sean (Jackie), Anne Marie (Billy), Elizabeth (Chris), Donna (Wes) and Christine (Mark); her grandchildren, Derrick, Michael (Sandy), Stephen, Spencer, Maegan, Elise, Sean, Thomas, Christian,

Paige, Austin, Olivia, Sophia, Mason, Trey, Riley, Alex; eight great-grandchildren; her brothers, John and Tony as well as many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Anne Smith.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted December 2 at the Church of St. Joseph, Route 9, Stuyvesant Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Community Hospice of Columbia/Greene, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill 12414. Arrangements were with the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, 1015 Kinderhook Street, Route 9, Valatie 12184.

Kathleen R.D. Stever (1949 - 2023)

HUDSON—Kathleen Ruth (Dalton) Stever, 74, of Valatie passed away November 28, 2023 at Columbia Memorial Hospital. She was born on Long Island to Thomas and Doris Dalton, August 21, 1949.

“Kate” attended Massapequa High School and graduated in 1967. She married Dennis Quigley and became a mother in 1969 to her son, Shannon Dennis Quigley.

She worked on an apple farm and then became a bus driver for Ichabod Central School in Valatie.

She is survived by: her husband, Neil Stever of Valatie; her children, Shannon (Machele) Quigley, Robin Stever



Kate Stever

(Brian McDonald), Michelle Stever (Scott McDonald), Shaun Stever (Jessica Longley); her grandchildren, Matthew, Mckenna, Danielle, Dylan, Billy, Victoriana, Jake, Brady and Zeke; her great-grandchild, Aurora; her niece, Jennifer Pierce and her children, Nathan Lee and Emily Jo; niece, Jessica Poorman; nephew, Kenny Poorman and her cousins, Fran and Judy.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Doreen Patricia, Maryann, Eileen, Maureen Veronica; her brothers, Kevin Richard, Dennis Michael, Thomas Jr. and her cousins, Lynn, Patrick and Jeff.

The funeral service was held at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, 1015 Kinderhook Street, Valatie, December 6, 2023 with the Reverend Steve Matthews officiating. Burial followed at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Route 203 in Valatie. Following the cemetery service, a Celebration of Life was held at Four Brothers, Valatie.

Lynn F. Main, Sr. (1945 - 2023)

COPAKE FALLS—Lynn “Ken” F. Main, Sr., 78, of Copake Falls died peacefully with his family by his side, November 27, 2023. Son of the late Calvin and Ruth Main, he was born in 1945 in Baldwinsville.

He was the first dairyman to put grooves in concrete in free-stall barns. His passion was dairy cows, and he started Berkshire Valley Holsteins in 1977. He had always dreamed of having a small Brown Swiss herd. That dream came true in 2002 when his partnership with Peter Vail began. Mr. Vail said, “Ken was a breeder and marketer extraordinaire.”

Elite Dairy became known nationwide for breeding, selecting and promoting an “Elite” herd. He continued his passion in 2019 when he partnered with Dr. Kenny Jo Manion to establish Edge View Genetics at Elite Dairy II, where they con-



Ken Main, Sr.

tinued to grow high-quality Brown Swiss. Mr. Main significantly influenced the Brown Swiss industry; Elite has earned numerous Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder honors and many All-Americans and Champions nationwide. He was the recipient of the Brown Swiss Historical Association Master Breeder Award. He was also a member of the NY and National Brown Swiss Associations. He was a great supporter of the local 4H group, Barn Buddies.

He enjoyed his time at shows and looking for the next best cow with his beloved fiancée, Marian. She has been by his

side for 10-plus years. He was the beloved father to his son, Lynn, Jr. (Heidi), and daughters, Michelle and Donna (Peter); cherished “Poppy” to his three grandchildren, Mikey (Kayla), Kyle (Kenzie) and Ella. He was predeceased by his wife of 46 years, Charlene.

Friends and family joined the Main family in celebrating his life at the Pond Restaurant, 711 County Route 3, Ancramdale, Saturday, December 2. At the convenience of the family, per his request, his ashes will be spread over the farm, where we all know he would want to be. His family, friends and cows will truly miss him. In lieu of the flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the New York State Brown Swiss Association, NYSBSA 1048 Floodman Road, Palmyra, NY 14522. Express condolences at www.peckandpeck.net.

Erik T. Chuley (1997 - 2023)

VALATIE—Erik T. Chuley, 26, passed unexpectedly November 29, 2023.

He was born in Amarillo, Texas, August 20, 1997 to Christina (Walker) Chuley and John T. Chuley, and raised by John Chuley, Christine Chuley and Jenny Lee Vreeland. He graduated from Schenectady High School in 2015. He honorably followed his father's footsteps by joining the United States military. In 2017, he earned his Eagle, Globe and Anchor [EGA] at Parris Island, South Carolina, in the United States Marine Corps.

After his time in the Marine Corps, he followed his passion in construction and worked in many trades to give customers comfort, happiness, and pride in their homes. Outside of working, he lived for his sister and family, his friends, snowboarding, playing Axes and Allies with his father, dancing, singing, sky-diving, and camping. He strove to make memories full of comfort and laughter with everyone near him.

His legacy will continue through: his sister, Kirsten Chuley sister; father, John T.



Erik Chuley

Chuley; stepmother, Christine M. Chuley and “Mom” Jenny Lee Vreeland; grandparents, Raymond T. Chuley, Beverly J. Ringwood, Mary S. Walker, and Tore Stenqvist. He was an amazing uncle to Jacob, Jace, Dietrich, LeeLoo, Reese, Penelope, Greyson, Nicholas, Zander, Zephyr, Zedric, and Kaiden. He was honored by so many as a son, brother, uncle, family member, and friend.

He was predeceased by his mother, Christina (Walker) Chuley; grandfathers, James Walker and Edward Ringwood and grandmother, Shirley Chuley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation.

Calling hours will be held at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, 1015 Kinderhook Street, Valatie, Thursday, December 7, 2023 5 to 7 p.m.

Thomas Anuska (1975 - 2023)

GREENPORT—Thomas Anuska, 48, of Greenport passed away November 27, 2023. Born March 9, 1975 in Hudson, he was the son of Elfriede (Zahn) Anuska and the late Mecius Anuska.

He was a graduate of Hudson High School, where he excelled in football.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by: his son, Thomas M. Anuska; sisters, Debra Anuska and Linda Bechard; brother, Michael Anuska; aunt, Mary Anuska and several nieces and nephews. Visit www.batesanderson.com to leave condolences.

Robert M. Osterhoudt (1956 - 2023)

HUDSON—Robert Mathew Osterhoudt, 67, passed away at his home in Hudson, Tuesday, November 21, 2023. His loving wife, of 21 years, Teresa (Chamberlin) Osterhoudt was at his side.

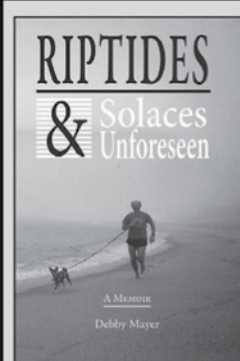
He was born in Mount Kisco, Westchester County, July 3, 1956. He was the son of the late Reginald Osterhoudt, Jr. and Joanne P. (Papas) Osterhoudt.

He was employed for many years as a warehouse manager and production supervisor for L & B Furniture in Hudson.

Besides his wife, he leaves behind to mourn his loss: three children; two step-children and three beloved grandchildren.

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

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John R. Crellin (1948 - 2023)

RIVERDALE—John R. Crellin, 75, died peacefully at the Hebrew Home in Riverdale, November 25, 2023, of complications from Alzheimer’s disease.



John Crellin

He was born May 24, 1948 in Pittsfield, MA, the son of Jack and Cate (Summerfield) Crellin. He spent his childhood in Spencertown and on Queechy Lake in Canaan. He attended the Spencertown Academy, followed by Chatham High School. He earned a history degree from Colgate University (Class of 1970) and an architecture degree from Pratt Institute.

He practiced architecture with a number of firms in New York City, including Kohn Pederson Fox, Hardy Holtzman Pfeiffer Associates, Agrest & Gandelsonas, Costas Kondylis, Stephen Lepp Associates and Kapell and Kostow. Among his many projects, he contributed to the design of the Melrose Community Center in the Bronx and the renovations of the Plaza Hotel and the Brooklyn Tabernacle.

He was a longtime resident of the East Village in New York City. He was on the board of the Howl Festival and enjoyed the local community and culture.

Equal parts architect and artist, he was a lifelong creator and inventor. He loved building homemade double-decker motorized rafts (“Queechy Queens”), photographing “memories of old buildings” and cracked pavers, and creat-

ing shrines and 3D photographs.

He was an intrepid traveler who loved fine dining in France as well as exploring ruins in Guatemala and Mexico and churches in Rome.

In addition to his wife, Wendy (Silverstein) Crellin, he is survived by: his daughters, Madeleine Hoog-Crellin of Canaan, Juliette Crellin of Pittsburgh and Lillian Crellin of New York City; his twin sister, Mary Crellin of Chatham; and his granddaughters, Josephine and Caroline Crawford of Canaan.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Cathy Crellin.

A memorial service was held at Chatham Rural Cemetery November 27. Arrangements are under the care of the French, Gifford, Preiter & Blas Funeral Home.

A full obituary can be found at www.forevermissed.com/john-crellin; share tributes and photos there.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (ADRC) at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai at www.giving.mountsinai.org.

Robert F. Lyons (1934 - 2023)

HUDSON—Robert “Shorty” Fred Lyons, Sr., age 89, of Hudson passed away November 30, 2023. He was born July 1, 1934 in Hudson to the late Fred and Helen Lyons.

“Shorty,” as he was affectionately known, proudly served his country as a Navy veteran and a dedicated and active member of the firehouse. He also participated in many trials to help find a cure for Huntington’s disease.

He is survived by: his loving daughter, Suzanne; his grandchildren, Krista, Jennifer, Jessica and Nick. He was also blessed with two great-grandchildren, Eli and Robert. He will be

deeply missed by his family, including several nieces.

He was predeceased by: his parents, Fred and Helen Lyons; his brothers, David and Donald Lyons; his son, Robert Lyons II, and his daughter, Mary Sacca. Their memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who loved them.

Funeral prayers were said December 6, 2023 at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home, 110 Green Street, Hudson.

Interment was in the West Taghkanic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Huntington’s Disease Society of America.

Mary B. Osborn (1945 - 2023)

PHILMONT—Mary “Pat” (Brown) Osborn, 78, of Philmont passed away Saturday, December 2, 2023. Born May 22, 1945 in Hudson, she was the daughter of Anna Elizabeth (McKee) and William Gustav Brown. Affectionately known as “Pat” or “Patsy,” she attended the West Taghkanic one-room school house for elementary, and graduated from Hudson High School.



Pat Osborn

She worked at Columbia Auto Parts as a secretary. That’s where she met Richard “Ozzie” Osborn. He became the one and only love of her life. They married in 1970 and moved to the Churchtown Reservoir house to raise their five children: Patty Osborn, Shannon Osborn, William Osborn and Mr. Osborn’s two children

from a previous marriage, Ricky Osborn and Anita (Osborn) Bridgham.

In their Churchtown home, friends and family enjoyed cookouts and the ultimate in country living, “still revered by all to be the ‘best of life’ memories.”

At 17 years old, she received a cake decorating kit sent overseas from her only sibling, Kenneth William Brown, who was serving in the United States Marine Corps at the time. This became the catalyst for a cake-

making hobby that evolved into a lifelong side career.

Mrs. Osborn created her children’s Halloween costumes as well as the 1976 Hudson Bicentennial outfits. She loved and adored her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and most recently becoming a great-great-grandmother, resulting in five living generations. She will be remembered for her kindness, warmth and selflessness, often putting many others needs in front of her own.

Visitation at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home was held December 6. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date to be held at the Churchtown Firehouse where she was a member for the past 20 years.

Robert E. Houseman (1948 -2023)

NEWARK—Robert E. Housman, age 75, of Hudson passed away peacefully Sunday, November 12, 2023 at the DeMay Living Center. He was born in Brooklyn, March 23, 1948, the son of the late Charles Frederick Housman and the late Margaret Housman. He was a graduate of Stony Brook University and went on

to work for the United States Postal Service for 30 years, delivering mail to residents in Catskill, retiring at the age of 56.

He enjoyed time with his family and friends, often visiting and always present on the holidays. He was fond of the outdoors, going to the race-track, watching sports, and

photography. He is survived by: his brother, Charles Housman, and nephews, Chuck, Christopher and Michael Housman. Family and friends will gather for a memorial service Friday, December 8, 2023, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Crowd turns out to learn about Harlem Valley Rail Trail expansion

GHENT – More than 120 people turned out for a public gathering on October 15 to learn about plans to expand the Harlem Valley Rail Trail from Philmont through Ghent to Chatham.

The meeting at the Ghent VFW Hall attracted longtime supporters of the trail as well as newcomers and officials from a number of towns in the region. They heard from leaders of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association, the nonprofit group that helps oversee the trail's growth and maintenance, as well as the landscape architectural firm creating a construction-ready plan for the 8-mile addition, MKM Landscape Architecture of New York.

Mark Morrison, principal of the firm, displayed maps and photos of the proposed route and Phil Meeks, chair of the HVRTA board, gave a slide show about the history of the rail trail as well as a glimpse of a five-year strategic plan for its future expansion. An extensive question and answer period followed their presentations.

"We're thrilled by the number of people who came out to hear



Recent meeting about the expansion of the HVRT.

about the rail trail's expansion plans and the enthusiasm they expressed toward the project," said Mr. Meeks in a press release. "Their support will be a vital factor in moving the work forward."

Mr. Morrison's firm is creating a shovel-ready engineering and construction plan for the new trail section, which will link the Village of Philmont to the town of Ghent and Village of

Chatham. MKM Landscape Architecture has extensive experience in designing trails, including 2.5 miles of earlier extensions of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. The new, fully paved section

will dramatically increase the trail's range and bring it to central and northern Columbia County for the first time. It will travel through farmland, fields and woods and run atop a stone-arch railroad bridge in Ghent from the 1800s. The trail will end in the village of Chatham near the planned new Shaker Museum.

Funding for the \$500,000 construction design plan comes from a state grant and local funds to be raised by the rail trail association, in cooperation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Construction of the new section, whose cost hasn't been determined, will require additional government and local funding.

The Harlem Valley Rail Trail currently consists of 25 paved miles that link the Metro-North Railroad station in Wassaic to Copake, which includes a separate section traveling 1.5 miles southeast from Hillsdale's Hamlet. The association's ultimate goal is a 46-mile continuous trail from Wassaic to Chatham following the route of the one-time New York and Harlem Railroad.

Photo contributed

SOFT PAWS

By Guest Columnist Aaron Clause

Grateful Paws: A heartfelt thank-you to our amazing supporters

THIS IS THE SEASON OF JOY, gratitude and giving back. At the Columbia-Greene Humane Society facility, our hearts are overflowing with appreciation for the incredible support we have received from our dedicated staff, generous board members, and the warmhearted community that surrounds our nonprofit animal shelter.

As we reflect on another year of tireless efforts, selfless compassion, and countless lives touched, we are reminded that our accomplishments are made possible only through the collective spirit of our beloved team. To our caring staff members, we extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment to the well-being of every furry resident that finds solace within our walls. Your dedication and hard work, day in and day out, often go unnoticed, but the impact you have on the lives of these vulnerable animals is immeasurable. Your kindness knows no bounds, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

To our esteemed board members, we express our heartfelt appreciation for your steadfast guidance and invaluable contributions. Your leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering belief in our mission have paved the way for us to continue making a lasting difference in the lives of countless animals. With your wisdom and passion, you have helped shape CGHS/SPCA into the sanctuary it is today, and we are privileged to have you by our side in our journey towards a more compassionate world.

But our gratitude stretches far beyond our shelter's walls, encompassing the extended family that is our local community. To the compassionate individuals who have rallied behind us, donating their time, resources and love, we are profoundly grateful. Your unwavering support has enabled us to rescue, house and find loving forever homes for so many deserving animals. From the small acts of volunteering to the generous donations that sustain our operations, each contribution has made a tangible difference in the lives of these voiceless creatures. Your kindness knows no bounds, and it is an inspiration to us all.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the local businesses and organizations that have lent a helping hand. Your partnerships, sponsorships and fundraisers have enabled us to expand our reach, raise awareness, and provide even more comprehensive care to the animals in our charge. Whether through events, promotions, or providing supplies, your unwavering support has made a significant impact in our community, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

As we enter the holiday season, a time of warmth and togetherness, let us remem-



Photo contributed
Pictured with CGHS/SPCA Kennel Supervisor Alexa Caunitz is Sadie, a 2-year-old Shepherd mix. She was surrendered to us due to landlord issues. She's a very spunky and playful girl who loves toys and playing with her favorite human more than anything else. Sadie is good with dogs but isn't good with cats. We believe older or sturdy kids are best for her because of her energy level. Sadie is very smart and quick to learn and is searching for the perfect home to give her the training and love she needs.

ber that our collective efforts have brought light into the lives of countless animals. The wag of a tail, the purr of contentment, and the lasting bond between a pet and their human companion—these are the heartwarming moments we cherish because of your support.

May the spirit of gratitude and compassion be felt by all, reminding us of the power of collective care and inspiring us

to continue making a difference in the lives of our four-legged friends. We are honored to have you as part of the CGHS/SPCA family, and with your continued support, we look forward to bringing hope, healing, and forever homes to even more animals in need. From the bottom of our hearts, we extend our warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year. Thank you for being the driving force behind CGHS/SPCA, and for proving that together, we can create a brighter future for every precious life that comes through our doors!

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To reach Aaron Clause, an administrative assistant at the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA Board of Directors, email cghsaaron@gmail.com

Public Notices

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Elkie Industries, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/1/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 13 Fairview Ave, Chatham, NY 12037. General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Crossfirehurricanedreamtea LLC. Filed 8/6/23. 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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of formation of FOUR FRIENDS NY LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/23. Office in Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 70 SW COLONY RD HILLSDALE, NY, 12529. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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 Craryville Farms LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 15, 2023. New York office location: 21 North Seventh Street, City of Hudson, County of Columbia and the State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: c/o Guterma, Shallo & Alford, PLLC, 21 North Seventh Street, Hudson, New York 12534. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

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
 C7 BACKING LLC. Filed 10/30/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 247 Reed Rd, P.o. Box 331, Spencertown, NY 12165. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 CARROLL STREET ADVENTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/23. Office: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 224 Union Street, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING STUYVESANT FALLS FIRE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §466-A

WHEREAS, a new Real Property Tax Law §466-a now permits enrolled volunteer firefighters throughout New York State to be eligible to qualify for a partial real property tax exemption on their residential real property subject to approvals by local counties, towns, cities, villages, fire districts, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §466-a requires that local government entities wishing to confer the benefits of said statute on enrolled volunteer firefighters serving within their boundaries hold a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District wishes to consider conferring the partial real property tax exemption benefits of Real Property Tax Law §466-a upon the enrolled volunteer firefighters of the Stuyvesant Falls Volunteer Fire Company #2, Inc.;

NOW, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District will hold a public hearing in order to hear public comment on whether or not it should confer the partial real property tax exemption benefits of Real Property Tax Law §466-a upon the enrolled volunteer firefighters of the Stuyvesant Falls Volunteer Fire Company #2, Inc. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Stuyvesant Falls Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Lane, Stuyvesant (Stuyvesant Falls), New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the aforesaid matter will be presented to the residents and taxpayers of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District and the Board of Fire Commissioners for public comment to the Board of Fire Commissioners so that all persons interested in the subject can be heard at such time and place.

By order of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, P.O. Box 72, Stuyvesant Falls, NY 12174. Timothy Trowbridge, Secretary.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Hawkeye Resilience Advisors LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-18. 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 Hawkeye Resilience Advisors LLC: 193 Crestview Drive Valatie NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Iron Star Farms LLC. Filed 10/25/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Stacey Shurgin, 215 W 83rd St, #1e, NY, NY 10024 - 4919. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Jonathan Bush Design, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/19/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Jonathan D. Bush, 15 Riverview Blvd, Hudson, NY 12534. General Purpose

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 WILLOW LODGE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-13. 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 WILLOW LODGE, LLC: 26 Crestview Drive Valatie NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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 The Abbott House Kinderhook LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-08. 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 Jeff Pinkowski: Post Office Box 304 Valatie NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Dryas Productions, LLC. Art of Org filed 10-26-23. Office: Columbia Co. Secretary of State of NY designated as agent for process & shall mail to Jessica and Michael Muadin: 207 Cty Rt 34 East Chatham NY 12060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, VILLAGE OF CHATHAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.
 Take notice that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Chatham, New York, will hold a public hearing on an application by **Scott Gabriel, Application #2023-147: Tax Map #66.10-3-15; 15-17 School Street, Chatham, NY. Zoning Code Ch. 110, Attachment #2, Density Control Schedule**, seeking Area variance to convert a 4-unit dwelling into a 6-unit dwelling, on an undersized lot. **Adding two additional dwelling units in the empty oversized attic.** Such hearing will be held on **Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Tracy Memorial Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Chatham, NY 12037.** All interested persons shall be given the opportunity to speak at such hearing. Please contact the Village Clerk at 518-392-5821 ext.5921, or dkelleher@villageofchatham.org for information. Desiree Kelleher Chatham Village Clerk

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Mountain Tee Shirts, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-21. 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 Mountain Tee Shirts, LLC: 111 Fairview Ave Ste 2 Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Braley Restoration LLC.. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-11. 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: 18 Braeburn Lane Chatham NY 12037. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Cage Heat. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-09. 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 David Ames: 300 Fairview Ave Door 10 Box 6 Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of C.T. Adee Construction Management LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-08. 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 Clinton Adee: Post Office Box 234 Kinderhook NY 12106. 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
 FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is Fit by Kay, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on October 31, 2023. THIRD: The Company within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Columbia County. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 3672 State Route 203, Valatie, NY 12184. FIFTH: The Company is organized for all lawful purposes. DATED: October 31, 2023 GUTERMAN SHALLO & ALFORD, PLLC 21 North Seventh Street Hudson, New York 12534 (518) 828-5400

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of ANCRAM LOT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-28. 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 ANCRAM LOT LLC: 39 Brothers Road Ancram NY 12502. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of 39 BROTHERS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-28. 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 39 BROTHERS LLC: 4220 24th Street, Apt. 22D Long Island City NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Iron Star Farms LLC. Filed 10/25/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Stacey Shurgin, 215 W 83rd St, #1e, NY, NY 10024 - 4919. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 VJ Farms LLC. Filed 10/2/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Stacey Shurgin, c/o Vj Farms Llc, 215 W 83rd St, NY, NY 10024. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Dew East Farm Winery. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-08-10. 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 Charles Miller: 4514 State Route 9G Germantown NY 12526. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of MIKE COTTINI CARPENTRY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-27. 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 MIKE COTTINI CARPENTRY, LLC: 586 Collins Street Hillsdale NY 12529. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Round Clay Studio & Designs, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-25. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 2 Main Street Suite 3 Chatham NY 12037. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 MOHAWK VALLEY ACQUISITION & RENTAL LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/30/2023. 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, 443 Frisbee Street, East Chatham, NY 12060. Reg Agent: Lynn Van Allen, 443 Frisbee Street, East Chatham, NY 12060. 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: 18 GLENWOOD BLVD. HUDSON NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 American House-Coxsackie, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/2023. Office: Greene County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: American House-Coxsackie, LLC, 1 Reed Street, Coxsackie, NY 12051. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Editorial

Why does a newspaper look like that?

KELLY YOUNG, ANOTHER of our long-term colleagues at The Columbia Paper, has decided to go her own way. Anyone who has seen this newspaper has probably seen her work although they might not know it. She designed our front page and inside pages.

The front page of any newspaper is, or should be, a newspaper's signature. It calls out to readers as to what the staff considers the most important stories in the current issue and it alerts you to stories or features you might otherwise miss. Add a couple of dozen photo options and other graphic elements and even our small publication sat to watch with respect as Kelly worked with Managing Editor/Deputy Publisher Emilia Teasdale to shape the

pieces into 24 to 28 page papers week in and week out. And now Kelly has gone. Gulp!

There are likely to be differences in the look of the paper with Kelly's departure, but we don't yet know what they will be or how long the changes will last. We've been told that the paper may be laid out by a company in another country and then sent by email (or some other digital means) to our printer in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, before it lands in our hands.

Kelly will be painting portraits in Columbia County. We wish her the best.

Her departure reminds us that change remains constant and this planet is one we must share.

Letters

We must remember this... or maybe not

To the Editor:
 What a farce! The New York Republican Congressional delegation's hissy fit demand for the ouster of undeniably loyal Republican Congressman George Santos reminds me of a scene in the movie "Casablanca." On orders from the Nazis, Captain Renault

orders the closing of Rick's Café American. When Rick asks him why, Renault answers: "I'm shocked, Shocked to learn there is gambling going on!" At that moment a croupier hands Capt. Renault a big wad of cash. "Your winnings, sir." Compared to New York's Republican delegation, Santos'

crimes are just small potatoes. Meanwhile, our sleazier-than-Santos New York Republican finger pointers have sworn fealty to the shyster rent collector from Queens and his Big Lie. I'm shocked, Shocked!

*Ansi Vallens
 Austerlitz*

Eugenio, Reichardt to perform in "Melodies of Christmas"

Chatham High School is excited to have two of its choral students, Josiah Eugenio and Alexis Reichardt, singing in the "Melodies of Christmas Chorale" this season. They auditioned in September and have been rehearsing weekly to prepare for this regional holiday event that occurs live at Proctors Theatre December 14 to 17 and is televised on CBS6 on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Josiah and Alexis have been audience members for years and are thrilled to have moved onto the stage. Tickets for this family event can be purchased at <https://www.proctors.org/event/cbs-6-melodies-of-christmas/> with all proceeds benefiting the Melodies Center



Photo contributed

Josiah Eugenio (l) and Alexis Reichardt

at the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.

Cousin kicks off run for Assembly 106th District

ELECTION 2024

HUDSON – On Saturday, November 18 at 2 p.m., the Claire Cousin for Assembly campaign hosted a Hudson kickoff event that attracted over 40 attendees and canvassers.

Attendees then dispersed to knock on almost five hundred Hudson doors, speaking with over a hundred people. The campaign will continue to knock on doors in Hudson and across Assembly District 106 every week until the June 2024 Democratic primary.

Speakers included For the Many Political Coordinator Daniel Atonna, Hudson/Catskill Housing Coalition Collective Campaign Coordinator Luke

Forbes, and Capital District Working Families Party Secretary Andy Kaier.

Since August, Ms. Cousin has raised approximately \$50,000 from 600 donations. The campaign estimates that they will receive an additional \$162,000 from the state under its new matching funds program. The campaign is not accepting any money from corporations, lobbying firms, the real estate industry, or the fossil fuel industry.

Ms. Cousin is a third-generation Hudson resident, mom of three kids, co-founder of the Hudson/Catskill Housing Coalition, and the first Black woman elected to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors. She's running to fight for working families like hers.



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Claire Cousin (center) with supporters kicks off her run for the state Assembly.

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Let's Be Creative!

If you think you can't draw, **DOODLE!** Just as a runner doesn't run without first stretching, an artist doesn't draw without first doodling. Doodling is exercising your hand—keeping it limber—so that when it's time to draw, your hand will be ready... set...go!



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THROUGH THE WOODS

By Nancy Jane Kern

Things we take for granted

THIS PAST SUMMER there were frequent power outages. No worry, it was warm, and the automatic generator was there. One night, the lights went out, several seconds passed waiting for the generator to start, and nothing happened. It was serviced and there was plenty of propane for it. Four hours later the power came back on after the camp lantern, extra batteries, extra flashlights, a battery-powered radio, and a book to read had been found. A cell phone was used to report the power outage to New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG). The phone could be charged from the car battery, and the car's gas tank was kept full.

The next day the serviceman came and found that all the generator needed was a new battery.

NYSEG has a list of how to prepare for the loss of power which was a reminder to have backups to the backups. Our neighborhood had complained for years about losing power and finally a pole was replaced. Then, in October, the fiber optic line came through and it was discovered that a nearby power pole they needed to use had rotted off at the bottom and was wobbly in the hole drilled in the rock 70+ years ago.

That old pole was replaced and got extra support. On a recent Saturday night the outside temperature was dropping, the house was cold, there was no hot water and no sound of the furnace running. The on-call service number for the oil company was called. They said it was \$205 per hour on weekends, the "premium service contract" wouldn't cover it and a man would come from Troy in an hour. A kind relative came and checked the basement and furnace and found the oil tank empty!

This is the first time this has happened in 18 years with this company and with an automated delivery schedule and usual usage. At this point the service tech would bring oil to last until Monday, and the only charge would be for the 20 gallons of fuel oil. An additive was used to break up the possible sludge in the bottom of the basement oil tank.

Part of the normal winter prep is a talk with the snowplow man. He was waiting for a part for his plow truck due to this fall's auto strike and related manufacturing delays. For now there is a new hot water bottle on order, water can be heated on the old gas stove and the warm cat likes to snuggle when it's cold.

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November 7, 2023

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor
State of New York
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

I am incredibly concerned with the Office of Renewable Energy Sitting's (ORES) decision to grant a draft permit to Hecate Energy to build a massive 255-acre solar farm in the middle of the Town of Copake in Columbia County.

While I support an all-of-the-above energy approach, including solar energy, everything about this proposed energy project is wrong. The project includes the deforestation of 40 acres, the elimination of over 200 acres of usable farmland, is located on a FEMA mapped 100-year flood plain without a mitigation plan, would affect the watershed for the city of Hudson, would completely alter the rural landscape of the Town of Copake, affect resident's home values, and would produce little direct benefits to the community it's built in.

As a former Mayor, State Assemblyman, and County Executive, I know firsthand the importance of home rule and coordinating any development with local communities. The fact that despite near unanimous opposition to this project from local residents and government officials, your administration continued to grant a draft permit suggests disregard for home rule and the clear prioritization of private interests over the public's concerns.

The next step of the ORES permit process is a 60-day public comment period. If your administration truly listens to the public's comments, then you will ensure ORES decides against granting approval of this project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please send a response to my office by November 20, 2023.

Sincerely,



Marcus J. Molinaro

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