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Teams are not yet merging at HCSD and CCSD

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON – High schools have been merging sports teams across districts, while for younger grades, the head of Columbia County’s Youth Bureau recommends reviving Pop Warner football.

Combining teams across school districts “seems like the wave of the future,” Dan Grandinetti, the Youth Bureau Executive Director told the meeting of the County Board of Supervisors Health and Human Services Committee meeting January 23. Merged high school teams include within a county, across counties, and even public school/private school combinations.

The Ichabod Crane Central School District (ICC) and the Hudson City School District (HCSD) share a combined varsity swim team, confirmed Austin Crosier, the communications specialist for the HCSD, on January 24. ICC also shares its lacrosse team with

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David Lee

Copake’s full of beans if you’re lucky enough to get there in time

The second annual Copake Grange Chili Cookoff, which had originally been scheduled for January 20, was held on its Saturday, January 27 snow date. About 60 people attended to taste a dozen variations on the traditional wintry weather comfort dish. The chili was sold out by 7 p.m. Voting was done by public acclamation. The winning recipe was a black bean and sweet potato chili from the kitchen of Peggy Lewis. Second place was Tim’s “Saved the Copake Garden” chili whose list of ingredients included “marmota monax” also known as groundhog. And third place was the “No-bean Hockey Fight” chili by Stephanie Rabin. Pictured are grange members Paulette Bonanno and Marcia Becker as they tend to the crockpots.

Plastic soup: Is mixing water and plastic a good idea?

Part 4

By DEBORAH E. LANS

GHENT – Those of a certain age will remember that in the movie “The Graduate,” Benjamin received the advice of an elder that the future was, in a word, “plastics.” That has proven true, in its way.

Two-thirds of all clothing contains plastic, according to Matt Simon’s book “A Poison Like No Other.” Plastic can be found in carpets, tires, construction products, eyeliner, lipstick, fleece, tea-bags, and take-out coffee cups not to mention the 44% of all plastic that is in obvious places like soda and water bot-

tlers, containers for thousands of products, bags and food packaging.

When clothes are washed, millions of plastic threads are produced (the more so if hot water is used) and then drain off into water systems. Every year in the U.S. 3 billion pounds of plastic fibers are shed by car tires and then, via runoff, enter the waterways. Globally, 800 billion pounds of plastic are produced every year and production is increasing. America produces more plastic than any other nation and generates more plastic waste than any other – 500 pounds per person every year.

According to the Plastic Soup

Foundation, of the 9.2 billion tons of plastic produced before 2017, only one-quarter is still in use, only 600 million tons has been recycled and the rest is to be found in landfills and the environment. Plastic does not degrade but instead fragments into smaller and smaller particles.

Not surprisingly, plastic particles have been found everywhere. At 29,000 feet above sea level on Mount Everest. At 36,000 feet below sea level in the Mariana Trench. On land, in the air and in rivers and oceans. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is now estimated to cover 600,000 square miles of the

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Rotary offers Lane scholarship at CGCC

GREENPORT – The Catskill Rotary Club recently approved establishing The Catskill Rotary Roger Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Columbia-Greene Community College Foundation. Preserving the legacy of the late Roger Lane, one of the 100-year-old club's longest-serving members, the endowment will support students pursuing a career in nursing.

Rotary Club Secretary Mark Fingar presented a \$15,000 check to Columbia-Greene's President Carlee Drummer and commented, "The Catskill Rotary could not be more pleased to honor the man who devoted more than 50 years of his life to serving the Club and improving the lives of so many in our community."

LouElla Denniston Lane, Roger's wife of 47 years, expressed her deep appreciation to the Catskill Rotary for



Photo contributed

Rotarians gather with the Lane Family to announce the Catskill Rotary Roger Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund at Columbia-Greene Community College.

establishing this memorial, noting, "Roger had enormous respect for every nurse who

took care of him over the years. He would be so honored to know that the Catskill Rotary

established a nursing scholarship in his name at Columbia-Greene."

Accepting the check, President Drummer, who is a member of the Catskill Rotary, extended her thanks to the club for establishing an endowment that not only honors Roger Lane but also will provide financial support in perpetuity for Columbia-Greene students pursuing a nursing degree. She stated, "At every Rotary Club meeting, Roger Lane praised the care he received from nurses who completed their training at Columbia-Greene."

Mr. Lane, who served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Ticonderoga from 1968 to 1972, worked at The Catskill Savings Bank for 35 years and then spent two decades as a substitute teacher for the Catskill Central School District. Long involved with The Town of Catskill Cemetery, he also served on the Catskill Village Board of Trustees as president in the 1970s.

Shaker Museum elects new trustees

CHATHAM – Shaker Museum has announced the appointment of Carl Fischer, John Frishkopf, James Kocis, Phil Meeks and Jeremy Stynes to its Board of Trustees. The new members all have strong ties to the local community and collectively bring a wealth of expertise in cultural institution innovation, financial planning and growth, as well as operations and marketing.

"These trustees bring valuable experiences and insights to our organization at a pivotal time in our growth and development. I am excited to work with them all to chart a dynamic future for the Shaker Museum," said Paul Cassidy, board chair, in a press release.

Mr. Fischer is the Global Head of Marketing for Bloomberg Connects, a free app providing cultural organizations a platform to broaden access to their collections. Supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, Bloomberg Connects has more than 2.8 million users and fea-

tures multimedia guides to hundreds of cultural spaces around the world. His passion for the arts was kindled by childhood visits to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. He holds a B.A. from Hobart College and splits his time between Austerlitz and Brooklyn.

Mr. Frishkopf is the founder and CEO of Klocke Estate, an earth-to-glass destination brandy distillery in Claverack. He is also an advisory/operating partner of several investment funds, serves on the board of directors of two companies, and was a founder of NewStar Financial where he was the treasurer and head of asset management. He received his bachelor's degree from MIT and his master's in management science from MIT Sloan.

Mr. Kocis is the founder and former CEO of Burgiss, a data and analytics financial technologies company recently acquired by MSCI. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from the New Jersey Institute of

Technology and has a life-long commitment to open space and public works, having begun his career in environmental conservation and planning in the New Jersey Meadowlands. He resides in Hoboken, NJ, and Chatham.

Mr. Meeks recently retired as the EVP/President at Spectrum Enterprise and was formerly at Time Warner Cable, Cox Business, MCI, and AT&T. He is board chair for the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and on the board of advisors for the New York State Trust for Public Land. He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing/journalism at the University of

Georgia and currently resides in Ghent and New York City.

Mr. Stynes is the managing director of innovation at BDO USA, driving new revenue across the forensics practice through partnerships and technology transformation. He has worked for Fortune 100 companies, consulting firms, nonprofits, and academic institutions. He holds two bachelor's degrees from Emory University in art history and French and a master's degree from Harvard in technology. Interests include AI, architecture, Hudson Valley historic preservation, and LGBTQ+ philanthropy.

The Shaker Museum stewards the most comprehensive collection of Shaker material culture and archives. Its permanent new facility in Chatham, designed by Selldorf Architects is estimated for completion in 2025. The museum also stewards the historic site in New Lebanon and has a campus in Old Chatham, which is open year-round by appointment, where the administrative offices, collections, library, and archives are housed. The museum's collection can be viewed online <http://shaker-museum.us>.

Correction

Due to a production error the credit on the photo from Sr. Sgt. Christopher Filli's funeral that appeared on the blotter page last week January 25 was wrong. Credit should have been given to Lance Wheeler.

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Darrow School raises \$5.7M to stay open

By DOUG LAROCQUE

NEW LEBANON – It was brought out at the January New Lebanon Town Board meeting that the Darrow School was in financial trouble and may well close at the end of this academic year. There was a stunned silence in the room, as the iconic private school near the Massachusetts border has been part of the town for 92 years. It was announced at that meeting there was a concerted effort underway to raise \$5 million in a very short time so the school could operate for the 2024-25 school year.

Fast forward to the end of January and the school has announced the news is much brighter. The fundraising effort was a success, thanks to the work of the alumni, parents and faculty and the New Lebanon community. Head of School Andrew (Andy) Vadnais is ecstatic they won't be hanging out the closed sign, after \$5.7 million was collected in such a short time, but he tells The Columbia Paper it's just one bump in the road to preserving the school for the long term. Their challenge now is to revamp their business model to ensure the doors stay open for more than just one more year.

That revamp will have several components. One, of course, is reducing expenses. He said the 16 historic Shaker buildings on site are a very important part of the campus, not only because of the history they depict about the Shaker society, but also because they are an impor-

tant part of the academic culture and an integral part of New Lebanon's legacy. They however frequently present unanticipated costs, noting the foundation on the 1834 tavern started to crumble last year and repairs ran around \$300,000. Their viability is just one of the considerations the Board of Trustees will have to consider.

With an annual budget of \$6 million plus, relying on tuition entirely is not an option, particularly with an enrollment of just 100 students. Mr. Vadnais said, "We have to change our culture and become much more competitive in attracting new enrollees." He describes the competition among the nation's private schools as "cutthroat." He made it clear that Darrow needs to make itself more viable and attractive. "It's not as simple as just running a series of advertisements," said Mr. Vadnais. "We need to explore many more avenues." The Head of School bemoaned the school's lack of identity, noting a recent informal survey of residents in nearby Pittsfield, MA, showed that many had never even heard of the school. Mr. Vadnais says "that has to change." He is asking the school's alumni – who include such people as Charles "Pete" Conrad, Jr., Apollo 12 commander and just the third person to walk on the moon; Christopher Lloyd, movie and television actor; as well as Chris "Mad Dog" Russo, noted sports commentator – to talk up their school.

Sports is another road Mr.

Vadnais wants to go down. He would like to build up Darrow's sports program and make it competitive on a national prep school level. Mr. Vadnais says it gets the word out, sort of like, it's cool to go to Darrow. He cites some of the success the Hoosac School in Hoosick has had in attracting new students because of their high levels of sports competition. Mr. Vadnais indicates that effort is underway, with the recent stepping up in class of their basketball program.

Mr. Vadnais said they have a few international students currently enrolled at the school, but it is imperative they find ways to attract more. "It's important we increase our worldwide recruitment efforts." Mr. Vadnais adds, it's a resource not only for the school financially, but also enhances their students cultural experience.

This is another avenue where sports can come into play. Young adolescents from other countries often seek to play at a higher level than is available back home and look to schools in the United States to fulfill that desire. Schools like Darrow, Mr. Vadnais hopes.

There are many reasons parents choose to send their offspring to private schools. Mr. Vadnais points out that education is still the prime driver in their consideration. Darrow, like many such non-public schools, prides itself on its learning environment. With an average teacher to student ratio of 4 to 1, its noted and learned faculty with the ability to offer instruction in ways schools

with much larger teacher to student ratios just cannot duplicate, and just the family atmosphere itself, all come into play. Mr. Vadnais said Darrow's students are just like any other young adults, they love to socialize with other students on and off campus, party (the school makes sure it is in a responsible way), play games, and, when not in class, have their cellphones constantly in hand. Mr. Vadnais points out education is still primary, but it's also about helping these children build a good understanding of life.

Mr. Vadnais said he is frequently asked why don't you apply for state or federal grants? The reason is that funding available for public school systems just does not exist for private schools. When it does, Mr. Vadnais said, "It comes with many strings attached." Strings he feels sometimes compromise the educational standard Darrow prides itself on.

While Darrow does depend on tuition for a significant part of its revenue chain, Mr. Vadnais points out that anyone can apply. The school does have a financial aid program for those that qualify. Currently, 45% of the school's student population is part of this program.

The administration and faculty and the New Lebanon community were all concerned about the potential closing, but it wore heavily on the minds of Darrow's students. One such student is Z Assi. He tells The Columbia Paper, "as a junior at Darrow, I believe Darrow is an extremely important place.

Your teenage years are some of the most vulnerable and malleable moments in your life, and actually having a structure and community in place to help you grow and flourish is deeply important. Darrow is that for many, many children.

"As someone who will now be able to spend all four of my high school years at Darrow, I am brimming, no, overflowing with thanks for the people who spent hours raising the millions of dollars needed to keep Darrow alive. Thank you." (Z spoke with his parent's knowledge and permission, and has also written a column for The Columbia Paper.)

The school on the mountainside, as Darrow often refers to itself as, is frequently hidden from view as you travel U.S. Route 20 east toward the state line. Often, the only way you would even know the school is there, is to see its sign. The next time you pass by, Mr. Vadnais invites you to turn down Darrow Road and see for yourself what Darrow is all about.

For more information about Darrow, go to info@darrowschool.org or call 517 704-2760.



Austerlitz Board starts the year looking at audits

By PETER FLIERL

AUSTERLITZ – Town Supervisor Robert Lagonia and Town Clerk Susan Haag run a tight ship at town meetings along with Deputy Town Supervisor Greg Vogler, and board members Christopher Schobt, Cara Humphrey, and Ken Kaplan. At the January 18 meeting the board went over audits and financial schedules.

Highway Superintendent Peter Fitzpatrick reported on cleanup and tree trimming brought about by recent storms. His crew of 5 is responsible for all 61.7 miles of town roads, which include 50 unpaved, dirt roads, typical of rural communities. The Highway Fund is \$2,315,000.

Supervisor Lagonia high-



Peter Flierl

Supervisor Robert Lagonia and Town Clerk Susan Haag at the town's January meeting.

lighted ongoing issues of connectivity with both

Verizon and AT&T cell phone service and towers,

and its impact on emergency medical services and fire ser-

vice. Mr. Lagonia has one of each service, one personal and one town. Verizon has been adding towers, while AT&T has used existing water towers. Route 66 is a problem area.

The board discussed extension of a 9-month moratorium on special use permits. Plans will be made in February with a public hearing in March. Both the tax audit and town supervisor audit for 2023 should be completed in February.

During the period for public comment, Debbie Oleynek reported on regulation of camps and sports programs, including having AED (Automated External Defibrillator) equipment. Funds are needed to cover lifeguards next summer, approximately \$500 to \$700.

Suffering dog left by the roadside

By DIANE VALDEN

CRARYVILLE – A dog in distress was deserted by the side of Route 23 in the hamlet, the evening of Thursday, January 25.

The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA) and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office seek the public's help in locating the owner of the dog, a Cane Corso, subsequently named Barney by authorities.

The American Kennel Club describes this large working dog breed as "intelligent, affectionate and majestic."

A passerby spotted Barney and stopped to help him. The rescuer's first thought was that Barney had been hit by a car because he could not bear weight on one of his front legs. After closer observation it was found that his leg was swollen and causing him tremendous pain. Copake's Dog Control Officer Kyle Miller was called, and Barney was rushed to a veterinarian. After numerous xrays it was discovered that



Photo contributed
Barney the Cane Corso was abandoned in his time of need.

Barney was suffering from an advanced stage of osteosarcoma (bone cancer).

According to a CGHS/SPCA press release, osteosarcoma is one of the most painful conditions to have and without proper pain management it causes excruciating pain.

It is the opinion of investigators that Barney's owner knew about the dog's condition and did not want to seek prop-

er medical attention or reach out for assistance, and so, ditched Barney by the roadside.

"This is one of the most shameful, cowardly acts of cruelty one can do to an animal. In their most desperate time of need, to abandon an animal on the side of the road—in Barney's case, knowing the painful condition that he was suffering from—is unconscionable and shows depraved indifference to this dog," said Ron Perez, president/investigator of the CGHS/SPCA.

After careful consideration and consultation with the CGHS/SPCA medical team, it was determined that Barney was suffering excessively from his irreversible and painful condition, and he was humanely euthanized.

Anyone with information pertaining to Barney is asked to contact the Columbia County Sheriff's Office at 518-828-0601.

To contact Diane Valden email dvalden@columbiapaper.com

Car and snow plow crash at crossroads

No injuries were reported when a car and a Columbia County snow plow collided at the intersection of State Route 295 and County Route 5 in Canaan, January 28 at 7:41 p.m. Columbia County NY 911 dispatched Canaan firefighters to assist with traffic control at the property damage accident scene in stormy conditions. State Police investigated. Firefighters were back in service at 7:58 p.m.



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Bad weather is good time for ice rescue practice

When most of us were snug at home with snow and sleet falling the morning of Sunday, January 28, members of the Copake Fire Company conducted Cold Water/Ice Rescue Operations drills at the Taconic State Park ore pit in Copake Falls. Conditions were perfect for simulating challenging ice conditions for rescue. Firefighters on the ice and in the water broke trail to imaginary victims and swam in their immersion suits. Rescuers were pushed to the limits of exhaustion—swimming and pushing through the ice. "Big credit" goes to the anchor teams who worked at managing and hauling tether and haul lines, according to information posted on the company's Facebook site.



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Winter weather intensifies emergency blood shortage

CHATHAM – The American Red Cross continues to experience an emergency blood shortage as severe winter weather has further impacted the ability to rebuild the blood supply. Blood and platelet donors are urged to give now to help ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed.

The national blood supply remains at critically low levels. Blood drives have been canceled in nearly every state where the Red Cross collects blood. As a result, nearly 15,000 blood and platelet donations have gone uncollected this month alone. In addition to dangerous road conditions, many Americans have dealt with flight and shipping delays, and the Red Cross is no different. Snow, ice and extreme temperatures have made it tougher to move vital blood products across the Red Cross network, affecting deliveries to hospitals in some locations.

As much of the country warms up this week, individuals are urged to make an appointment now to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you, all those who come to give in February will receive a \$20 amazon.com gift card by email. Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Heart for details.

The nation is currently facing the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. When fewer people donate

blood, any disruption to blood donations—like recent weather systems—can have a huge effect on the availability of blood products and dramatic consequences for those in need of emergency blood transfusion. Generous blood donors are vital to ensuring those in need of transfusions have access to lifesaving care.

Since announcing an emergency blood shortage earlier this month, thousands of donors across the country have answered the call to help. In appreciation for all those who take the time to help save lives, the Red Cross has launched an all-new Blood Donor Rewards program. This program offers a new way for the Red Cross to say thank-you for the generous donations that are critical to patients counting on lifesaving care. All donors will now earn points for their donations that accumulate each time they roll up a sleeve to give. Donors automatically started earning points on January 1 and they can redeem points any time of year to receive e-gift cards or save them to redeem and claim an exclusive Red Cross merchandise item in the next calendar year. For more information, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Rewards.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities are:

- February 13, noon to 6 p.m., Chatham Firehouse, 10 Hoffman Street
- February 13, 1 to 6 p.m., Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787, 201 Harry Howard Avenue.



Photo contributed

The Bank of Greene County team in front of Nasdaq in Times Square.

Bank of Greene County execs ring closing bell at Nasdaq

NEW YORK – Executives and staff of Greene County Bancorp, Inc. (GCBC) rang the bell to close the Nasdaq stock exchange on January 22 in New York City's Times Square.

The closing ceremony celebrated the bank's 135th anniversary and its 25th year as a publicly traded company on Nasdaq.

"During those 135 years, our nation has experienced the hardships of war, and the blessings of peace. There have been booms and busts...and many challenges for a business to overcome," said bank President and CEO Donald Gibson in a press release. "Without having access to the names of all the companies that opened their doors for the first time in 1889, I would hazard a guess that few of them remain today."

"The company's watershed

moment came in 1999, when the newly named Bank of Greene County went public, forming a holding company and listing its stock on Nasdaq," said David Wicks, vice president of listings for the exchange, also in the release. "At the time, the primarily retail bank had just four branches and \$151 million in assets. Today—only 25 years later—Greene County Bancorp operates 18 branches in New York's Hudson Valley and Capital Region, and has over \$2.6 billion in assets."

"Whenever I'm asked how our community bank has managed to maintain a leadership position for all these years, my answer is always the same: we've had the best people," said Mr. Gibson.

Some of the bank's accomplishments since listing its stock on Nasdaq 25 years ago:

launching commercial and municipal lines of business; adding Investment Services and Private Banking divisions; and posting 15 consecutive years of record net income through fiscal 2023.

"It's especially noteworthy that the company achieved all of this while safeguarding its community-banking ethos," said Mr. Wicks. "No mergers or acquisitions...just hard-fought, grass roots, organic growth. GCBC truly is one of our Nasdaq success stories, and we love telling it."

Bank of Greene County is the primary banking subsidiary of GCBC, with headquarters in Catskill. The bank was founded in Catskill on January 22, 1889.

About 75 bank officers, directors and guests attended the bell-ringing ceremony in New York City.

American Legion state commander visits High & Mighty

GHENT – American Legion State Commander Tim Collmer made a stop at High & Mighty Therapeutic Riding and Driving Center during his tour of Columbia County, January 15. Commander Collmer and his entourage were on hand to learn about the High & Mighty Veterans Program, meet some therapeutic horses, and see a demonstration of the full body lift that High & Mighty uses to assist people who use a wheelchair to mount or dismount a horse. The lift provides a safer way to mount or dismount a horse for the rider, instructor, and volunteer, while also preserving the dignity of the rider.

High & Mighty Therapeutic Riding and Driving Center, 71 County Route 21C, is a not-for-profit organization that offers equine-assisted services such as

riding, driving, and ground-work to those of all abilities with the goal of enhancing physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Benefits of equine-assisted services include, but are not limited to, building muscle tone, strength, and control; increasing range of motion, endurance, balance, and sensory integration; increasing self esteem, problem-solving ability, and com-

munications skills (including non-verbal); and reducing anxiety. In 2023 High & Mighty provided equine-assisted services to about 100 participants a week including individuals with emotional, physical, and cognitive disabilities; veterans and their families; school groups from Hudson, and Taconic Hills school districts; elder residences; and underserved youth.

Exercise for a better life

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Hudson Junior High School hires associate principal

HUDSON – The Hudson City School District Board of Education, at its January 23 meeting, appointed Kenneth Behr, an educator with over 15 years of experience, to the position of Hudson Junior High School Associate Principal.

Mr. Behr joins the Hudson City School District with experience in leadership and education in school districts of various sizes. He most recently served as an associate principal for the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District following four-and-a-half years at the middle school level for the Poughkeepsie City School District.

“On behalf of the Hudson City School District, I am excited to welcome Kenneth Behr to the district,” Superintendent of Schools Juliette Pennyman said in a press release. “Mr.



Photo contributed
Kenneth Behr, Hudson Junior High School associate principal.

Behr impressed me with his passion for supporting students and staff alike.”

Mr. Behr replaces Carolyn Miller who left the district for a new opportunity. He will work directly with Hudson Junior High School Principal Rhode

Cooper. He holds a New York state certification in Physical Education K-12, as well as a School Building Leader Professional certification. In addition to having degrees from CUNY York and CUNY Lehman, Mr. Behr attended West Virginia University and SUNY Cortland.

“I am very excited to interact with the students, staff and families of Hudson Junior High School,” Associate Principal Behr said also in the release. “I truly feel that my skill sets are a great match for working in a Junior High School and I look forward to collaborating with everyone.”

In his free time, Mr. Behr enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters, grilling and attending football games as a season ticket holder of the New York Jets.

District agrees on three-year contract with Teachers Association

HUDSON – The Hudson City School District reached a three-year contract with the Hudson Teachers Association. The contract is retroactive to July 1, 2023 and runs through June 30, 2026.

The school district methodically negotiated to deliver a fair agreement that’s financially responsible for taxpayers and maintains the school district’s comprehensive educational programming and services.

“The Board of Education is thrilled that we reached consensus with the Hudson Teachers Association and crafted this agreement,” said Hudson Board of Education President Willette Jones in a

press release. “Our dedicated faculty is incredibly valued, and the board knows our teachers work tirelessly every day to provide Hudson students with the academic, social and emotional support they deserve. This agreement deeply reflects the spirit of #HudsonTogetherWeCan and positions us to move forward collaboratively.”

The agreement includes raises of 2.75% in the first year, 2.5% in the second year and 2.25% in the third year.

The agreement has been officially ratified by Hudson Teachers Association members and was approved by the Board of Education at its January 23 meeting.

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Academic Honors

Isaac Shipman named to fall 2023 honor roll

IRVING, TX – Isaac Shipman, Claverack, was named to the University of Dallas fall 2023 honor roll for earning a semester GPA of 3.0-3.49. Isaac is a freshman undeclared major.

Undergraduate students at the University of Dallas must complete two years of fundamental coursework in the humanities, sciences, politics, mathematics and fine arts. Students must also complete coursework in Ancient Greek, French, German, Italian, Latin or Spanish.

Dean’s List:

University of Rhode Island

KINGSTON, RI – The University of Rhode Island has announced the fall 2023 dean’s list. Students named to the dean’s list represent nearly all of Rhode Island’s cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

They include:

Hannah Braley, Chatham; Hannah Frances, Valatie; Sam Kubow, Valatie.

To be included on the dean’s list, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Parttime students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Siena College

LOUDONVILLE – Siena College names students to the dean’s list for the fall 2023 semester.

Local students include:

Nole Atwood, Hillsdale; Avery Clickman, Kinderhook; Mariah Kratt, Stuyvesant; Danielle McDonald, Hudson; and Clayton Meriam, Ancram.

Regis College

WESTON, MA – Regis College has announced that Anna Miles, Chatham, was named to the university’s fall 2023 dean’s list recognizing their outstanding academic achievements.

To earn a spot on the dean’s list, Regis sophomores, juniors, seniors, and professional studies students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher; first-year students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Russell Sage College

TROY – Russell Sage College announced that more than 400 students were named to the fall 2023 dean’s list.

The following local students made the list:

Kathryn Bathrick, Germantown; Bryan Bathrick, Germantown; Victoria Burger, Copake; Zakhariah Chowdhury, Hudson; Kylie Cruz, Ghent; Sarah Dugan, Valatie; Emma Hanley, Ghent; Emma Heartquist, Stuyvesant; Brianna Lee, Old Chatham; Samantha Marrish, Hudson; Carlo Rossi Occeno, Hudson; Adeline Potter, Chatham; Skylar Rowe, Ghent; Hethar Scutt, Ancramdale; Jake Siter, Kinderhook; and Daniel Warner, Kinderhook.

To be placed on the dean’s list for the semester, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while carrying a minimum of 12 credits in courses graded A-F, with no grades of Incomplete.

MTSU

MURFREESBORO, TN – Gabriella Two-Axe, Valatie, was named to Middle Tennessee State University’s dean’s list for the fall 2023 semester. Gabriella is majoring in Recording Industry.

To qualify for this distinction, an undergraduate student must maintain a current semester grade-point average of 3.5 or above and earn at least 12 semester hours.

Seton Hall University

SOUTH ORANGE – Seton Hall University has announced that Megan Dunn, Elizaville, has qualified for the fall 2023 dean’s list.

After the close of every semester, undergraduate students completing all courses with a GPA of 3.4, with no grades lower than “C”, qualify for the dean’s list.

President’s List:

Siena College

LOUDONVILLE – Siena College names students to the president’s list for the fall 2023 semester. The president’s list requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

Local students include:

Brooke Aierstok, Germantown; Grace Cammarata, Valatie; Madeline Feltman, Valatie; Sasha George, Stuyvesant; Hannah Kelly, East Chatham; Gabriella Popow, Hudson.

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HCSO AND CCSD

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the Maple Hill school district in Schodack, reported Mr. Grandinetti. The New Lebanon Central School District has merged its sports teams with those of the Berlin schools in Rensselaer County. Taconic Hills has had Hawthorne Valley students on its soccer teams. Several high school football teams have merged in other counties (but in the same league) reported Shawn Briscoe, the HCSD's Athletic Director, at an informational meeting January 11.

This January, the HCSD and the Chatham Central School District seriously considered merging their football teams. For the last two seasons Hudson High School canceled its varsity football season due to not enough qualified play-

ers, but it has a strong Junior Varsity team. Chatham High School's pre-varsity football teams have "light" participation, but its varsity team is "strong." Therefore, Mr. Briscoe and Chatham's Athletic Director John Brantley "saw a potential opportunity to merge [their] football programs," reported Mr. Crosier. The goal was to have 30 varsity players from both schools combined, and a sufficient number of players in the non-varsity teams so that people play against others of their own size, Mr. Briscoe told the about 60 students and parents who attended the informational meeting.

The HCSD Board of Education approved the football merge. But then on January

30, HCSD announced that Chatham "has withdrawn from...discussions" about merging the football teams for 2024-25 but "is interested in considering future merger options. The HCSD Board of Education...continues to thoughtfully consider next steps."

However, the merged Hudson/Ichabod Crane swim team is in its second year. This year, of its 13 members, 31% are from Hudson, Mr. Crosier reported. In addition to assuring sufficient members, a merged team exposes players from each school to the demographics of the other. This was one factor motivating the merger of the Hudson and ICC swim teams. (See the article "Hudson, ICC teams have deal to share Hudson pool," September 8, 2022).

Another option for youth sports are teams open to interested qualified players regardless of school district.

Mr. Grandinetti advocated "reviving the Pop Warner program. Maybe it will help school athletics."

Pop Warner Little Scholars, a nonprofit organization, "is the leading youth football, cheerleading and dance organization, with programs and participants across the United States," according to www.pop-warner.com.

Mr. Grandinetti said, on January 25, that the kids he envisions playing on Pop Warner teams would be elementary and junior high school age, but he hopes the program will "create a love/enjoyment" that will motivate the youths "to live within eligibility requirements in order to continue playing" in high school on high school teams. These requirements include academic standards. Hopefully, the youths would want to play so much that they are willing to do their schoolwork, and even "excel academically."

Columbia County last had Pop Warner teams in 2011, Mr. Grandinetti said. He added that, "like little leagues and soccer programs, Pop Warner football programs serve several purposes: 1. keeping kids engaged in a positive way; 2. learning social/soft skills; 3. friendships; 4. discipline and commitment; 5. physical fitness/exercise; 6. teamwork; 7. being accountable to others and having others count on you; 8. development of a set of skills...Ultimately, I see programs like Pop Warner having a residual effect that has positive impacts on behavior and graduation rates."

"Athletics and academics go hand and hand. For many youth, athletics is what increases their academic focus/success," Mr. Grandinetti said.

"Scholastic sports are a valuable component of students' educational experience," the HCSD's January 30 statement added.

WATER

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Pacific Ocean and contain 1.8 trillion plastic shards.

Closer to home, in November 2023 state Attorney General Letitia James sued PepsiCo and its affiliate Frito-Lay for creating a public nuisance and engaging in unfair business practices connected to their production of single-use plastic bottles and packaging that litter and contaminate the Buffalo River and area public water supplies. Studies of waste around the river showed that PepsiCo/Frito-Lay products were the number one branded producer. (In fact, according to the complaint filed in the case, PepsiCo was found to be either the number one or number two producer of branded plastic waste collected across the country. Globally, the Plastic Soup Foundation says that distinction belongs to Coca-Cola.)

Even closer to home, a 2019 sweep of the Hudson River by Riverkeeper volunteers found abundant plastic bottles, bottle caps, food wrappers and plastic bags along the shoreline. Hudson River water, unsurprisingly, contains microplastic shards.

As the Attorney General's lawsuit explains, plastics are

not only found "out there" in the environment but inside of fish, plants, and, of course, the human body: in lungs, the digestive tract, the blood stream and even placentas and breast milk.

Ninety-nine percent of plastic is made from chemicals sourced from fossil fuels. As the Conservation Law Foundation explains, fossil fuels and plastics are simply two sides of the same coin, and the world's top seven plastic producers are fossil fuel companies. Put another way, plastic production accounts for 12% of oil consumption. The production of plastic expels greenhouse gases.

So, plastics contain a host of chemicals, including the PFAS that were the subject of last week's article, and (like PFAS) as it breaks down plastic generates not only a "forever" residue of pollutants but it also emits carbon and other greenhouse gases.

While estimates vary, recycling does not account for the disposition of most plastics. First, only around 12% of plastics are recycled, and only two types of plastics (Nos. 1 and 2) are recyclable, with 17% incinerated and the balance to be

found in landfills and the environment.

Second, plastic fibers degrade on recycling and therefore can only be reused a limited number of times before the components are no longer usable to form, for example, a bottle.

As concerns water pollution, the aging and fragmentation of plastics is at the heart of the problem. Plastics constantly shed on contact. Physical abrasion and mechanical action – even the opening of a bottle or of packaging – causes minute pieces to break off. Exposure to heat and the elements furthers the process. (So, preparing infant formula in a heated plastic bottle has been likened to cooking up a plastic soup and cutting vegetables on a plastic cutting board will generate a plastic-infused side dish.)

Over time, plastics break down into "microplastics," meaning particles smaller than 5 millimeters and as small as 1 micrometer (1/25,000th of an inch) and "nanoplastics," meaning particles smaller than one micrometer. For reference, the width of a human hair is 70 micrometers.

Nanoplastics are so tiny that they can pass through human intestines and lungs and into the bloodstream and organs. Moreover, other toxins and pathogens are known to "hitch" onto plastics and therefore enter humans, and others.

The effects on humans of plastic consumption are largely unstudied as yet. It is known that fish and mammals that ingest plastics may starve to death (they reduce their nutritional intake as their bellies are filled with plastic), may see disruption of their hormone systems leading to early puberty and reduced fertility, and may suffer diabetes, obesity and increased rates of certain cancers as well as liver dysfunction. As nanoplastics can cross the blood-brain barrier, it is suspected that brain development may also be affected. Researchers believe the same effects will be found in humans.

Given that recycling cannot provide an answer to plastic pollution, the question naturally arises: what are we to do? The answer, in general, is to reduce the production of plastics in the first place by minimizing usage.

Both that goal, and concerns about the safety of drinking water, in turn flow naturally to the issue of bottled water.

According to Consumer Reports, American consume 15 billion gallons of bottled water each year, both for reasons of convenience and out of a belief that it is safer than tap water. The amount of plastic bottle waste is enormous.

Bottled water is either spring water or tap water. It is subject to Federal Food and Drug

Administration testing rules, which are similar to those applied to public water supplies, but of course testing occurs only once and pre-bottling.

Recently, a number of studies have looked at the safety of bottled water, and have found it wanting. In January 2024 the National Academy of Science published a study by Columbia University scientists using a newly-developed technology. The scientists found that a liter of bottled water (33.8 ounces) contains some 240,000 detectable particles of plastic (mostly nanoplastics), likely the result of the bottles themselves shedding fragments.

Of course, reusing a plastic bottle or allowing it to heat in the sun exacerbates the shedding and therefore will worsen the situation.

Plastic contents aside, a 2023 study published by Environment International found that of the bottled spring waters sampled, 67% contained arsenic, 17% contained lead, and 57% contained uranium. The study concluded that bottled water is not of "systemically higher purity than public tap water."

In sum, drinking plastic-bottled water is not only no guarantee of better quality water, but also, because it generates plastic waste, the practice worsens the overflow of plastics that already surround us.



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Group captures big but mellow range at the Grange

By LORNA CHEROT
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COPAKE – The Copake Grange presents the Copake Quintet, who will perform a 2-set program of Jazz, Latin and bossa nova tunes as well as soft classic rock and selections from the American Songbook, Saturday, February 3, 7 to 9 p.m.

The program's repertoire will include Stevie Wonder's "Sir Duke"; Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing" and

"Mood Indigo"; "I Can't Give You Anything But Love" from the American Songbook; Horace Silver's "Song For My Father"; and several songs by Antonio Carlos Jobim including "Desafinado." The Copake Quintet has been making music together since 2014.

The ensemble members are: Stephen Sanborn, music director and woodwinds; Constance Lopez, vocalist; Debbie Contini, keyboard; Jeffrey Wurster, bass; Nikolas Vanderhoof, trombone and

Steve Turowski, drums. All are residents of the Hudson Valley.

Sanborn, who has played in the orchestras of several musical theaters and is co-founder of Two of Us Productions, is a proponent of a "small group sound" that allows "individual musicians to be featured and play solos," he said. Another benefit is "regular and better pay."

Sanborn took up the clarinet in 5th grade and added the saxophone in high school. Through a non-major music

program at Widener College, where Sanborn was studying engineering, he connected with John Vanore, a composer/trumpeter who played with Woody Herman. Sanborn received a 4-year scholarship and added the baritone sax to his woodwind versatility.

Vocalist Lopez said, "There's a photo of me playing the piano at 1½ year old," adding that she "has been studying my whole life." Lopez has studied at the NY Conservatory for the Arts in Woodstock, dance at

Alvin Ailey and with Rodney Douglas in Poughkeepsie.

Sanborn works regularly with a core group of 15-18 musicians whom he has met through his work with musical theater orchestras. He noted that high school grads, local actors and musicians "don't have much available." The Copake Quintet and Two of Us Productions help fill the void.

Tickets are \$15. No reservation required. Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road in Copake.

Shaker Museum exhibit opens in Kinderhook

KINDERHOOK – Shaker Museum announces its first 2024 exhibition, Palm to Poplar: Devotional Labor, coming to the pop-up gallery at the Kinderhook Knitting Mill, 8 Hudson Street. This exhibition, featuring the work of artist and educator Caitlin MacBride, will run from Saturday, February 3, through Sunday, April 29.

MacBride is known for work that explores the connection between art and everyday life, engaging material culture and artifacts in an examination of labor and desire. In Palm to Poplar, Shaker Museum will showcase MacBride's paintings of Shaker objects, providing visitors with a fresh perspective on these common, yet historically significant items. Her



Photos contributed
Caitlin MacBride

work will be displayed alongside pieces from Shaker

Museum's archive that have inspired her, creating a dialogue between the past and the present, the material and the ephemeral.

MacBride has been interested in the Shakers since 2017, when she began reading about and researching Shaker furniture in The Metropolitan Museum of Art's collection. "I was initially struck by how many artists had collected Shaker objects and began looking into the influence the Shakers had on American modernism. Yet, as I looked deeper, I found a connection to my own personal history. Growing up in rural working-class New England my love of art began as a love of making things with my hands – learning to invent and create

objects that felt useful and beautiful. Learning about the Shakers helped fill in a gap I felt like I'd missed in art history. Specifically American history, where utopian ideals and progressive experiments could coexist beside outsider spirituality and immaculate craftsmanship. Art is always most interesting to me when it embodies what others might see as contradictions. I felt like I'd found my artistic lineage when I found the Shakers," she said in a press release

Shaker Museum Executive Director Lacy Schutz said, also in the release, "We are thrilled to have Caitlin MacBride as co-curator for this exhibition. Caitlin has coupled her keen eye for the Shakers' remarkable

history and culture with her striking paintings. Palm to Poplar is an auspicious start to 2024 and Shaker Museum's exhibitions."

Palm to Poplar: Devotional Labor will have an opening event Saturday, February 3, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Kinderhook Knitting Mill.

The hours of the gallery are Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No tickets or advance reservations are required. For more information on the exhibition visit shakermuseum.us. For more information on the Kinderhook Knitting Mill visit kinderhookknittingmill.com. For additional information about MacBride please visit caitlinmacbride.com.

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.

CONTINUING EVENTS

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

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

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

First Mondays
EXERCISE FOR SENIORS: Live a physically safe, vibrant and functional life, Malden Bridge Community Center, 1087 Albany Turnpike, 10 to 11 am with Ihor Evanick. Get more info at nncc1info@gmail.com.

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

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

Mondays, Tuesdays
OPEN ACCESS HOURS, Columbia County Mental Health Center, 325 Columbia St, Hudson, 8:30-10:30 am. columbiacountymhc.com.

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

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

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

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

Mondays, Thursdays
EXERCISE: BALANCE, CARDIO AND SOCIAL TIME 9-10 am, Hall of Church of Immaculate Conception, 732 Rt 20, New Lebanon. Silver Seniors Program. Free, all are welcome. 518-794-7617.

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

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QUIGONG/TAI CHI, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 10-11 am, free. Learn various Qigong sets, work on traditional Tai Chi Form. No registration required for in-person sessions. To access Zoom stream: programs@hudsonarealibrary.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Second Tuesdays
TRI-VILLAGE SENIORS, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1010 Kinderhook St, Valatie, 11 am. \$5 dues collected at February meeting, pizza will be served, \$2/2 slices. climatheke@nycap.rr.com.

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

Last Tuesdays
SENIOR COFFEE HOUR, Hillsdale House, 1 Anthony St, 10-11:30 am. Coffee, donuts, conversation. John Farrell speaks & sings at January coffee hour. Presented by Hillsdale Safe at Home Committee. jslapenn@gmail.com.

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
NEW LEBANON FREE STORE, New Lebanon Community Center, 523 Rt 20, Tue 6-8 pm, Thur 5-8 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. Clothing, footwear, children's items, more to help reduce, reuse, recycle. Donations accepted at Town Hall. 518 794-8888, townclerk@townofnewlebanon.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHATHAM/GHENT SENIORS, West Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 CR 22, 1 pm. Refreshments, guest speaker. ghentny@hotmail.com.

BEAUTIFUL RACKET, First Presbyterian Church of Hudson, 369 Warren St, 5-6:30 pm, free. Beginner master class series of sound healing in collaboration with master sound medicine practitioner Sister Redhawk. beautifulrackethudson@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Third Wednesdays
LA LECHE LEAGUE, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 4-5:30 pm, free. Meet up & support for nursing families. hudsonarealibrary.org.

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

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

Wednesdays, Saturdays
YOGA WITH REGINA, Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd, Wed 5:15 pm, Sat 9 am, \$10/class. Bring mat & towel. Germantownlibrary.org, 518 537-5800.

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

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

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

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

KNIT CLUB OF THE HUDSON VALLEY, Copake Memorial Park Building, 305 Mountain View Rd, 1-3 pm, \$2 donation. Starting Feb 8. For all generations & crafters; bring current project to work on in company. Questions: 518 929-7682.

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

RECOVERY CAFE, The Mental Health Awareness and Creative Arts Gallery, 717 Columbia St, Hudson, 3-4 pm, free. Weekly art/recovery classes based on the eight dimensions of wellness. Art supplies & coffee provided. stigmafreesart.

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

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

WATER AEROBICS, New Lebanon Junior/Senior High School, 14665 Rt 20, 5:45-6:45 pm, \$40/8 week session plus one \$10 pool facilities fee. Led by Joe Ogilvie. newlebanoncsd.org/nlcommunityeducation/home.

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

First Thursdays
CHATHAM ROOTS GENEALOGY, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 2 pm, free. Michelle LeClair leads beginners & experts in search for family. Space limited, registration michelle@leclairdesign.com.

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

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

BOARD MEETING, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6 pm. Public welcome. Agenda & materials on website week ahead of time. No February meeting. 518 794-8844. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

Third Thursdays
COMMUNITY DAY, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport, 11 am-3:15 pm, free. Monthly tours & programs; Dos visitas guiadas en español se ofrecen durante este día. olana.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TECH TUTOR, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3-4 pm, free. High School student teaches adults basic computer skills or how to better use device. Sign up at library or: chathampubliclibrary@chatham.k12.ny.us.

TECH HELP, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, by appt. Use library laptop or bring your own. Appointments: 518 794-8844.

EVENTS

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First Fridays

BOOK CLUB, Livingston Free Library, 90 CR 19, 11:30 am, free. New members welcome. 518 851-2270, livingstonlibrary105@gmail.com.

First & Third Fridays

LEBANON VALLEY SENIORS, New Lebanon Firehouse, 523 Rt 20, 1 pm. No meeting Feb 2. On Feb 16, speaker shares experience with domestic violence; lunch provided. Sign up for Mar 15 St Patrick's Day lunch. For ages 55 & up. New members welcome. 518 733-0009, lebanonseiniorscitizens@gmail.com.

Second Fridays

CLAVERRACK SENIORS, Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Rt 9H, Claverack, 1 pm. 518 610-1766.

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

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

Saturdays

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

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

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

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

MAHJONG, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am-1 pm, free. For all skill levels. RSVP librarydirector@newlebanonlibrary.org.

First Saturdays

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

COMMUNITY GIVING, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd, 10 am-noon. Healthy nonperishable foods; personal hygiene products; nutritional snacks (individual packets); winter hats, gloves, sox, boots. copakegrange.org

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

Second Saturdays

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

Third Saturdays

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

Fourth Saturdays

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

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

First Sundays

BOOK GROUP, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, 25 Main St., Chatham, 2-4 pm, at Roots Holistic Wellness. Circle dances and songs from diverse spiritual traditions. Each dance taught, no experience needed, all ages and abilities welcome. By donation for space rental. malikaliz13@gmail.com, 802-999-8142; or farid@taconic.net ; 518-860-3108.

First & Third Sundays

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

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

Second & Fourth Sundays

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

Third Sunday

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ongoing

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT DRIVE organized by Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley. Bring donations of feminine hygiene products to libraries of Kinderhook, Chatham, Valatie, Claverack & Hudson or send monetary donations to Zonta Club of UHV, 2354 Rt 66, PO Box 34, Ghent, NY 12075.

Through February 1

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS for Wave Farm Residency & Fellowships. Details & Application for Residency: wavefarm.org/ta/residency-program/info-apply. Details & Application for Fellowships: wavefarm.org/ta/fellowship-program/info-apply.

Through April 1

BARE ROOT TREE SALE now open for orders. Details, forms: ccswd.org. Pick up Apr 26-27 at Columbia Co Soil & Water Conservation District, 1024 Rt 66, Ghent. Supplies limited, order early for best selection.

February 2

A FOND FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE, N Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rt 203, 3-6 pm, free. Retirement gathering for former directors Vicki Wills & Vicki Kurashige. Meet incoming director Shea Wert. 518 331-0136, northchathamlibrary.org.

February 3

COPAKE OUTDOORS CLUB, Ooms Conservation Area, 480 Rock City Rd, Chatham, 9:30 am, free. After walk, option to drive to Borden's Conservation Area, 1628 Rt 203, Chatham, to walk there. RSVP requested: plewispok@gmail.com, roberta.roll@gmail.com.

WHAT'S COOKING

First Tuesdays

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

Second & Fourth

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

Second 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, fish fry sub, fish fry dinner with fries & coleslaw. Eat in, take out. Delivery available. Pre-orders: 518 610-1766, 821-0170 through Apr 12.

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.

February 11

VALENTINE'S PANCAKE BRUNCH, North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Route 203, 11 am-2 pm. Jazz music while you eat & bake sale. Free will donations. All welcome. 518-766-3535 or northchathammethodistchurch.org.

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. No story hour Feb 12 or 19. 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.

LEGO CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 4 pm, free. No club Feb 19. 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 homeschoolers & their families. Through end of school year. Roejanlibrary.org.

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

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

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays

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

Wednesdays, Saturdays

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

Thursdays

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

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

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. No story hour Feb 22. For ages 3-5. Chathampubliclibrary.org.

MOVEMENT & MUSIC STORYTIME, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 4 pm, free. Songs, stories, fun moves led by Abby Lappen. Through Mar 28. Registration appreciated: youth@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792 x101.

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

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

Third Thursdays

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

Fridays

MUSICAL STORY TIME, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 10 am, free. With Abby Lapenn. Suggested for ages up to 5. Claveracklibrary.org.

STORY HOUR, Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd, 10-11 am, free. germantownlibrary.org.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. Ms. Becky leads stories, songs, take-home craft. For ages 3-5. No story hour Feb 9 or 16. 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.

First & Third Sundays

MAKERS SPACE OPEN HOUSE, Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd, 2-4 pm, free. Follow theme for day or do your own thing. Germantownlibrary.org, 518 537-5800.

Through February 9

BOOKMARK MAKING CONTEST, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St. Categories for ages 6-12, 13-17, 18 & over. Pick up entry forms/bookmark templates at library. Winners & awards announced on Feb 10. kinderhooklibrary.org.

TAG LEGO CONTEST, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, free. Grab a baseplate from library, return with creative build for judging by Tween Advisory Group. Details: kinderhooklibrary.org, 518 758-6192.

Through February 14

VALENTINE HEARTS, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St. Stop by during library hours, create heart celebrating what you love about the library to add to decorations. kinderhooklibrary.org/friends-of-the-library.

Through June 1

REGISTRATION OPEN for Panorama Summer Art & Nature Program at Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport. Sessions run from July-August for ages 6-11. Early bird discount before Feb 29. Registration: olana.org.

Through July 1

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP with Columbia County Youth Theatre. Sessions in July for ages 3-18 with public performance at end of each session. Registration: ccyt.org/programs.

February 2

GLOW IN THE DARK BINGO, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 5-7 pm, free. For grades 7-12; wear best black light attire. Kinderhooklibrary.org, 518 758-6192.

February 3

BLACK HISTORY MONTH STORY HOUR, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, 1 pm, free. Stories of Black men & women who played important part in history. Reservations requested: bookeo.com/clermont.

February 4

FIRST SUNDAY TEA (PARTY!), Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, 1-4 pm, free. Tea-based activities to suit all tastes. clarkart.edu/events.

February 7

POP-UP VALENTINE'S CARDS, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3-4 pm, free. Learn how to make pop-up cards for Valentine's Day with Roberta Nelson. For ages 5 & up. chathampubliclibrary.org.

February 9

TALK! READ! SING! STORY HOUR, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30-11:30 am, free. Story & Valentine's Day STEAM project with Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood. chathampubliclibrary.org.

AT THE MOVIES

February 1
POOR THINGS, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

FORCE OF EVIL, Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, 6 pm, free. New Restorations Film Series. clarkart.edu/events.

February 2-8

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

February 4

GEORGES BIZET'S CARMEN, TSL, 424 Columbia St, 12:55 pm, \$32.50 members, \$25 students, \$35 general public. Met Opera Live in HD. Tickets: timeandspace.org

MAKING MUSIC

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

First Friday

LINDA WORSTER, New Lebanon Library, 6:30 pm, free. 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.

Friday

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

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. first-preshudson.org.

February 3

THE RIVER TRIO, Claverack Free Library, 629 Route 23B, 3 pm, \$15 donation suggested. The Cyndy Hall Memorial Concert. Reserve seats email: info@claveracklibrary.org or call 518 851-7120. claveracklibrary.org

COPAKE QUINTET, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd, 7 pm, \$15 or pay what you can. Tunes from American Songbook, Latin, bossa nova tunes, classic rock. copakegrange.org.

February 3,4

STEPHANIE BLYTHE SINGS BRAHMS, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annadale, Sat 7 pm, Sun 3 pm, \$15-\$35. All Brahms program. Tickets: ton.bard.edu.

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.

February 3

MASTODONS, MOHICANS & MORE, Van Buren Hall, 6 Chatham St, Kinderhook, 3 pm, \$20. Illustrated talk by Gregg Beminger. Tickets through eventbrite or at door.

February 4

KNICKERBOCKER MANSION, Stephentown Historical Society, Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Road, 2 pm. Leslie Allen speaks about history & restoration of Rensselaer County's historic Knickerbocker Mansion. Free & open to public. 518-339-6485.



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You may also submit a video presentation for your nomination. Please email a .mov or .mpg to wdewsjr@gmail.com. If you have any questions please contact Warren Dewes Jr. at 413-212-0130.

Nominations will be accepted through Feb. 29, 2024.
Winners will receive an award and an invitation to a dinner ceremony in their honor in March.

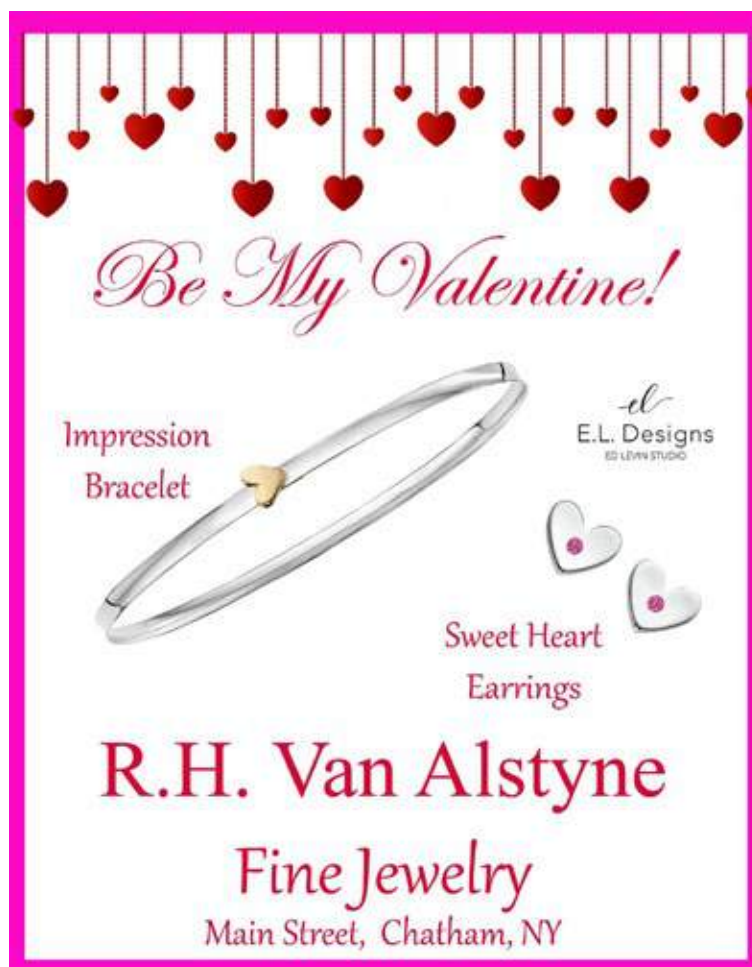
*We are looking for nominations among people who live, work or were raised in our services areas of southern Albany County, Columbia County and Greene County.

Communities where nominations can come from in Albany County include Ravena, Coeymans, Coeymans Hollow, Selkirk, Medusa, Rensselaerville, Westerlo, Bethlehem, Delmar and Glenmont.

In Greene County, individuals and businesses can be nominated from Greenville, Cairo, Durham, New Baltimore, Coxsackie and Athens.

In Columbia County individuals and businesses can be nominated from all of Columbia County.

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What became of mastodons and Mohicans?

KINDERHOOK – The Columbia County Historical Society (CCHS) presents “Mastodons, Mohicans, and More! 12,000 BC – 1790 AD,” an illustrated talk at Van Buren Hall, 6 Chatham Street Second Floor, Saturday, February 3, 3 to 4 p.m.

Go on a captivating and visual journey through Ghent's history, with Ghent Town Historian Gregg Berninger, who will bring to life Columbia County's pre-1818 years, before Ghent was even Ghent. In this one-hour illustrated talk he will answer three big questions: What became of the mastodons and the Mohicans? How

did European settlement evolve? How common was slavery in 18th century pre-Ghent?

“We'll explore early Claverack and Kinderhook, Ghent's parents, revealing similarities and differences. It'll take some imagination, but we're going to get as close as we can to those who came before us,” Mr. Berninger said in a press release.

He is well-known for his provocative public presentations and YouTube videos. Locally and internationally acclaimed photographer Richard Beaven has called him a “fantastic, engaging, interest-

ing bloke” and Ghent Town Supervisor Craig Simmons has declared himself Mr. Berninger's “biggest fan,” according to the release.

This talk in particular has been lauded not only for including all the people of early Ghent, but also for connecting their lives during this distant time to contemporary lives.

The price is \$10 for CCHS members; \$20 for non-members. Pay at the door in advance at www.eventbrite.com/e/mastodons-mohicans-and-more-12000-bc-1790-ad-an-illustrated-talk-tickets-796070677827?aff=ebdssbdest search

Hear stories about those who have played a role in history

CLERMONT – In honor of Black History Month, come to the Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, for Black History Story Hour at the Visitor Center and listen to stories about Black men and women who have played an

important role in history, Saturday, February 3 at 1 p.m.

This is a children's event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This event is free. Make reservations in advance on Bookeo: <https://bookeo.com/clermont>.

Can conservation and hunting co-exist?

CHATHAM – In February the Columbia Land Conservancy's Community Conversations deals with Hunting and conservation, featuring Brandon Dale of Hunters of Color, February 6, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

Community Conversations is an opportunity to join local experts and community members virtually. This program series addresses important issues, from affordable housing to food insecurity, and their connection to conservation. One-hour Zoom sessions will include brief presentations, time for questions and answers, and the opportunity to connect with others.

The conversation this month explores the following question: can conservation practices and hunting co-exist?

Register to join the conversation at <https://columbialand.org/event/community-conversations-hunting-and-conservation/>

Participation in “Community Conversations” is free, and all are welcome to attend. To stay updated on future conversations, visit ColumbiaLand.org/Events and register.

For more information about the Community Conversations series, contact Mallory Schultz at Mallory.Schultz@ColumbiaLand.org.

Underground Railroad was complex, extensive

CLAVERACK – The program topic at the next meeting of the Claverack Seniors is the Underground Railroad Revisited. The meeting takes place at the Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Route 9H, Friday, February 9 at 1 p.m.

The program is open to the general public. Paul and Mary Liz Stewart, independent researchers and co-founders of Underground Railroad Education Center are the presenters. They will share a new interpretation of an old story and explain the various initiatives in which the Underground Railroad Education Center is engaged as it works to connect the public with this empowering

local history and its relevance for today.

The Underground Railroad, often remembered as being characterized by tunnels, dark of night escapes, coded language and hidey-holes, was far more extensive and complex than these ideas have led people to believe. In the midst of significant pro-slavery sentiment, New York State was home to many abolitionists working to abolish the institution of enslavement in the state and nation and was visited by many who had escaped enslavement and sought a life of freedom.

Barbara Winfield and Ellie Esselstyn are on the refreshment committee.

Brave the cold, see stars

GALLATIN – Join the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association at its monthly Star Party at Lake Taghkanic State Park, West Beach parking lot, 1528 State Route 82, February 9, 5 p.m. Bring telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by association members. Registration is required at least one day beforehand. Attendees

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

Rain/snow dates are the Saturday immediately following the original date.

New Greenport Seniors officers take oath

At the January meeting of the Greenport Seniors group, Town Clerk Sharon Zempko administered the oath of office to Treasurer Mary Anuska and President Louis Hannett. Missing from the photo are Vice President Guy Apicella and Secretary Georgeann Miller. The group's next meeting is February 22, 1 p.m. at the Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive.



Photo contributed

Tour guide tells mansion's story

STEPHENTOWN – The Stephentown Historical Society presents a program on Knickerbocker Mansion, Sunday, February 4 at 2 p.m.

Leslie Allen speaks about the history and restoration of Rensselaer County's historic Knickerbocker Mansion. Ms. Allen will share knowledge gained during her 35 years of guiding tours at the mansion. The program takes place at the Stephentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Road. It is free and

open to the public. For information or directions, phone 518-339-6485.

The Schaghticoke property was occupied by the Knickerbocker family for nearly 250 years, from about 1707 until 1946. The mansion was built by Johannes Knickerbocker III around 1770. After falling into near ruin, it was acquired by the Knickerbocker Historical Society in 1964 and is operated as a local history muse-

um. The Knickerbocker Historical Society has almost entirely restored the mansion.

Ms. Allen is a retired commissioner of the Washington County Board of Elections and has also been a long-time teachers' aide. Over the years she has applied her interest in history and researched the influential Knickerbocker/Knickerbocker family and this property. She is vice-president of the Knickerbocker Historical Society.

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Sub night adds new items for Lent

PHILMONT – The Philmont Fire Company hosts Vernon Higgins Sub Night at the firehouse, 1 Maple Avenue, the second Friday of every month—February 9 through April 12.

Sub night features these new items for Lent: fish fry dinner with fries and coleslaw \$10, fish fry sub \$10, still offering hot subs—pepperoni, meatball, sausage and

peppers all \$10 each.

Watch for new items in upcoming months. Also stop by the bake sale for dessert. To order ahead or for local delivery call 518-610-1766.

Library hosts Cyndy Hall Memorial Concert

CLAVERACK – The Claverack Free Library presents The Cyndy Hall Memorial Concert by The River Trio, Kathryn Aldous violin, Michelle Stewart violin and Jay Shulman cello. The concert honors Cyndy Hall, beloved neighbor, music teacher and benefactor who bequeathed her piano to the library in 2018.

The concert will be held Saturday, February 3 at 3 p.m. (Snow date is February 10.)

English violinist Kathryn Aldous was educated at Cambridge University and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. She has been a member of English String Orchestra and RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra in Ireland. Ms. Aldous moved to the Hudson Valley in 2010, and plays with the Vermont Symphony, Albany Symphony, American Symphony Orchestra, and teaches and plays at Bard College.

Award-winning violinist Michelle Stewart studied at Juilliard, Mannes and Manhattan Schools. She has toured and recorded extensively and played with the Hudson Valley Philharmonic, Albany Symphony, Glens Falls Symphony and Newburgh Symphony. Her experience



Carol Anderson

includes Broadway and Irish fiddling.

Cellist Jay Shulman was born to a musical family in New York and attended Syracuse University and Colby College's Hungarian String Quartet summer seminar. He was a 36-year member of the Long Island Philharmonic, is active as a chamber music player, recitalist and teacher, and has produced 8 CD reissues of the music of his father, cellist,

arranger and composer Alan Shulman.

Tickets are pay-what-you-wish with a suggested donation of \$15. Reservations are recommended as seating is limited. To reserve seats email: info@claveracklibrary.org or call 518 851-7120.

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

Library hosts talk on water source protection plan

NEW LEBANON – The New Lebanon Conservation Advisory Council and New York Rural Water Association will hold an information session at the New Lebanon Library on Saturday, February 10 at 1 p.m.

Presenters Mary-Theresa Julien, source water protection

specialist with the New York Rural Water Association and members of the New Lebanon CAC will discuss and answer questions about the goal of the Water Protection Plan, New Lebanon's aquifers and other water sources, and well maintenance. Attendees will also learn about the importance of test-

ing their own wells, and how to access free water testing for residents.

This event is free and open to the public. The event will take place at the New Lebanon Library, 550 State Route 20. Please email nlcac.munves@gmail.com for more information.



Image contributed NCFL's "Chase the Chill" logo.

NCFL announces "Chase the Chill" on February 16

NORTH CHATHAM – Escape the frigid cold of winter and join the North Chatham Free Library (NCFL) for warm and pleasant conversation enhanced by a bountiful selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a curated bar for the "Chase the Chill" event on Friday, February 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

This event, to benefit the NCFL, is hosted at a local home on Depot Street, just around the corner from the library at 4287 NY-203.

The cost is \$50 per person with reservations available from now until Monday, February 12 at northchathamlibrary.org/event/chase-the-chill.

Obituaries

Elizabeth J. Keeler (1926 - 2024)



Betty Keeler

SCHODACK – Elizabeth J. Keeler, 97, passed away peacefully January 28, 2024 in Schodack. Born February 26, 1926 in Hudson, Elizabeth Marguerite "Betty" (Jennings) Keeler was the loving wife of her late husband, Francis E. Keeler. She was the daughter of the late Fred and Sophie (Spath) Jennings. She was also the sister of the late Arthur Jennings and the late Arlene (Jennings) Unson. She was a graduate of Hudson High School. She married Mr. Keeler, better known as "Fran," October 12, 1946. Together they raised six children. Trips between the Spook Rock Road farmhouse and Hudson were constant, particularly to Allen Street for the many Saint Mary's High School (as well as grade school) activities family members were involved in. High School basketball games were routinely attended.

In addition to meeting the daily needs at home she decided to take a job to help support the family. While her husband ran the family's Keeler dairy farm with his brothers, Mrs. Keeler became a familiar figure within the Columbia County agricultural community by way of her many years being employed at the Claverack Agway. In addition to her primary role as bookkeeper she was often at the counter assisting area farmers.

The Keelers were well-recognized for the many years they spent serving the Town of Greenport and Columbia County. She was always at her husband's side as he served multiple terms as town justice and town supervisor for Greenport. They were dedicated to and served both the Town of Greenport and Columbia County Democratic Party(s) for decades. In addition to her terms as a Greenport Democratic Committee member and her husband's role as the Columbia County's Democratic Party chairman, the couple spent days and hours organizing and carrying out party functions such as the annual Democratic Party banquets and annual summer picnics, and campaigning for the local Democratic Party candidates.

In later years, Mrs. Keeler readily accepted, additional local

public service roles and appointments consistent with her interest in Columbia County history. She was a life member of the Greenport Historical Society and served as a board member for the Olana State Historic Site.

Her fondness for antiques led her to numerous antique shops throughout Columbia County and beyond. She visited her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren on Cape Cod, MA, in VT, NJ, VA, NC, FL, and CA, as well as trips to the University of Notre Dame. She was an avid reader with her latest favorite book just an arm's length away. She was a former member of the Hudson Fortnightly Club.

She was a devout Catholic with lifelong active participation and support for St. Mary's Church in Hudson (now Holy Trinity Parish) and a member of the Catholic Daughters of America for more than 50 years. She was active with senior citizen groups in Columbia County.

She is survived by: her six children, David Keeler (Patricia Gaffney) of Randolph, NJ, Francis Keeler (Gail Gorsline) of Colchester, VT, Mark Keeler (Cathy Draffin) of Greenport, Mary Keeler Beaudoin (William Beaudoin) of Guilderland, Shaun Keeler of Colonie, and Betty Anne Keeler Whitbeck (Stephen Whitbeck) of Schodack; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours take place Sunday, February 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Bates and Anderson, Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green Street, Hudson. Funeral services are Monday, February 5, 10 a.m. at St. Mary's in Hudson. Interment will be in the Cedar Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Community Hospice, 310 South Manning Boulevard, Albany 12208. Donations may also be made to St. Mary's in Hudson.

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Obituaries

James W. Stackhouse (1947 - 2024)

ALBANY — James W. Stackhouse, 76, formerly of Livingston, passed away Monday, January 22, 2024 at the Stratton VAMC in Albany.

A Brooklyn native, he joined the Navy and served as a swift boat sailor in the Vietnam War. He grew to be an avid outdoorsman with an adventurous and independent spirit. He was the proud father of three daughters, Rachael, Caitlin and Leslie.

His unique sense of humor entertained many family and friends, especially the wonderful



Jim Stackhouse

CLC staff at the Albany VA, who cared for him so lovingly towards the end of his life.

In addition to his daughters, he leaves behind his beautiful granddaughter, Ayana; three sisters, Dot, Mary, Pat and brother, Tom.

A joint memorial for Mr. Stackhouse and his daughter, Rae, who sadly passed a month ago, is incomplete and will be announced. Caitlin and Leslie welcome all “infamous Jim stories” in memorial.

Memorial donations may be made to: Albany Stratton VAMC General Post Fund 1305, 113 Holland Avenue, Albany 12208 Volunteer Service. Arrangements are with the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport. To leave online condolences visit www.saccofuneralhome.com

Robert M. Davis (1931 - 2024)

SELLERSVILLE, PA — Robert Malcolm Davis, 92, entered into eternal rest January 23, 2024 at The Community at Rockhill in Sellersville, PA, after a brief illness. He was surrounded by his family.

“Bob” was born April 7, 1931 in Albany, the son of Howard and Lina Davis. He resided in Round Lake for 51 years with his wife, Marie, before moving to The Community at Rockhill after her death in 2021. They were married for 67 years.

He was a proud husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved woodworking, bowling and gardening, but his true passion was his family. He worked as a rural carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for more than 30 years. He was a dedicated volunteer for the North Chatham and the Round Lake baseball programs and spent many years in service as a volunteer EMT for the Malta Ambulance Corps. With his wife, he taught Sunday school and was a counselor for the United Methodist Youth Fellowship program at the North Chatham Methodist Church and then later at the Round Lake United Methodist Church. He served in the Navy as an aviation machinist's mate in Pensacola, FL, and San Diego, CA, and before that was an amateur boxer.

Mr. Davis is survived by: his four children, Debbie Ward and her husband Keith of Wilmington, NC, Bob Davis and his wife Shawn of Telford, PA, Curt Davis and his wife Alice of Spencer, MA, and Jeff Davis and his wife Sharon of



Bob Davis

Warwick; nine grandchildren, Cheri Ward (Adam Suchodolski), Kevin Ward (Claire), Jessica Davis (Eric Shea), Karstie Burgess (Chris), Katie Lemieux (Christian), Mark Davis (Samara), Laura Davis, Hannah Davis and Sarah Davis. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Kaiden, Lev, Ethan and Lilly; one sister, Carol Pinkowski and two brothers, Ron Davis and Charles Davis, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Gagnon Davis; his granddaughter, Stephanie Ward; his brothers, Paul and Martin Davis, and his sister, Jean Altomer.

Visitation will be held at the French, Gifford, Preiter & Blasl Funeral Home, 25 Railroad Avenue, Chatham, February 17, 2024 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a chapel service at the funeral home. A graveside prayer service and interment will take place immediately thereafter at the North Chatham Cemetery, Route 32 near the intersection of 203 in North Chatham. Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblasl.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations may be sent to the Malta-Stillwater EMS P.O. Box 2470, Malta 12020.

Corinne A. Summers (1948 - 2024)

CHATHAM — Corinne A. Summers, also known as, “Nana,” has been called home to be with the Lord. Surrounded by her family, she peacefully transitioned January 22, 2024.

She is survived by: her daughter, Naomi Pitts (Micheal Moore) and son, Jason (Shelly) Summers, Sr.; her three grandchildren, Jason Jr., Destynie and Noah; her two grand-dogs, Magic and Cooper; her sister, Janice Murray; brothers, Louis (Joanne) Van Alstyne, Sr., Kemo (Priscilla) Van Alstyne and Perry Van Alstyne.

She was the daughter of the late Mary Louise Van Alstyne-Grimes and King Johnson, Sr., and sister to Mary Ellen Travis, Arlene Glover, Patricia Bates, Jackie Payne, William Van Alstyne Sr., and Charles Van Alstyne, Sr., who all predeceased her.

Reverend Corinne Summers was born the eighth child of eleven and was raised in Chatham, where she attended the Chatham School District. After graduating in 1966, she attended the Albany Business



Corinne Summers

College for executive secretarial. She was an employee for the New York State system for more than 36 years and always made friends throughout all the various departments she worked in. She has a special knack with people, and she was always entertaining.

She was an active long-time member of Payne AME Church in Chatham. In 2000, Rev. Summers was ordained as a local elder and served on the ministerial staff at her church. She sang in the choir, was a Missionary Society member and an evangelist in the Albany/Kingston area and has served as the president of the Western New York Annual Conference for more than 20 years. Her spirit and love for the Lord was evident in all that

she did within the church and the community.

She attended her grandchildren's various games and was one of their best cheerleaders. When she went to the local grocery store, she spoke to everyone who worked there and gave them hugs.

Over the years, the Chatham Fire Department arranged with Rev. Summers for the Payne Church provide the food for the annual Old Timer's Luncheon. She attended interfaith services; sang with other community choir members and contributed her time to the “God Belongs in Columbia County” group to spread the good news.

Calling hours and the funeral were held January 28, 2024 at St. James Church, Chatham. Immediately following the service, all were invited to the Chatham Firehouse.

Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblasl.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Chatham Rescue Squad or the Chatham Fire Department.

Annette M. Sullivan (1940 - 2024)

PHILMONT — Annette Marie Sullivan, 83, of Copake passed away peacefully January 22, 2024 at Pine Haven Nursing Home with her loving husband by her side.

She was born July 31, 1940 in New Haven, CT, to the late Walter and Rose (Kowalski) Rzasa. She was raised on a dairy farm, where her love for horses developed. After high school, she graduated from St. Joseph's College in West Hartford before becoming a chemist at Brigham and Young in Boston. She then went to work at Yale New Haven Hospital. In 1973, she married William Sullivan and together they enjoyed 50 years of marriage.

Mrs. Sullivan enjoyed horseback riding, caring for her horses, gardening, sewing,



Annette Sullivan

loved Elvis and the Sound of Music. She enjoyed taking her grandchildren to Bash Bish Falls and always made sure to treat them to candy or ice cream. She was a devout Catholic, who taught religious education, attended weekly Mass and never missed a Holy Day of Obligation.

She is survived by: her devoted husband, William Sullivan; her two loving daughters, Teresa Ramia and her husband Matthew, and Ann Marie

Saxby and her fiancé, David Hilbert; her grandchildren, Matthew, Chelsea, Ethan, Julia, Melissa, Nicole, Evan and Hannah; one great-grandson, Landon; her sister, Rosalie (William) Kiernan.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Ronald Kiernan.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences was held January 27, 2024 at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 8063 Route 22, Copake. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated from Our Lady of Hope Parish, 8074 Route 22, Copake Falls. Interment followed in St. Bridget's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory are requested to Pine Haven Nursing Home, Activities Fund, 201 Main Street, Philmont 12565.

Donald Marshall (1944 - 2024)

GREENPORT — Donald Marshall, 79, of Greenport passed away Thursday, January 18, 2024. Born April 24, 1944 in Hudson, he was the son of Clinton and Christina (Powell) Marshall. He was a graduate of Hudson High School and Union College. He was a mechanical engineer at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford until his retirement.

He is survived by: his cous-

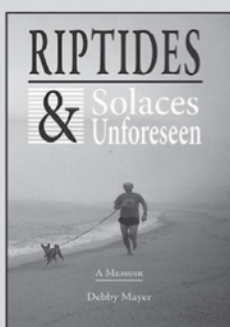
ins, David (Teresa) Fagan, Dennis Fagan, Diana Hartwell, Delores Plass, Darlene (John) Snyder, Doreen (Lorne) Vaughn and his close friends and neighbors, the Eger family.

Graveside services were January 29 at the Mount Pleasant Reformed Church Cemetery in Greenport. Visit www.batesanderson.com to leave condolences.

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Amy D. Pertgen (1975 - 2024)

NIVERVILLE – Amy Dioné Pertgen, 48, of Niverville passed away in her home Thursday, January 25, 2024.

She was born in Heidleberg, Germany, to Virginia and Stephen Pertgen in March 1975. She went to high school at Ichabod Crane and graduated in 1993. She went on to earn a bachelors of business administration from Siena College in 1997. After graduating from college, she began working as an auditor the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. She was the fiscal “gatekeeper” for GTSC and kept the multi-millions of grant-funded activities moving forward and in compliance. She was a dedicated, valued, and much-loved employee for more than 25 years.

She was the proud single mother of Audrey and Rebecca, who were the loves of her life.



Amy Pertgen

She made it her mission to be there for her children and she could often be found at their high school track meets, marching band parades, horse shows and wherever her children were. She was a cat lover and she doted on her two cats, Jasper and Artemis. She lived life to the fullest and enjoyed traveling to the beach whenever possible.

Ms. Pertgen was a dedicated Girl Scout. Having earned the Gold Award (the highest award in Girl Scouts), she wanted to make sure that her girls had the opportunity to experience

scouting. So, she became an active Girl Scout leader and “Cookie Mom.”

She is survived by: her beloved children, Audrey and Rebecca; her sister, Jennifer (Jason) Redman; four aunts, Cheryl Sweet, Donna Brandley, Gayle (Bruce) Bartels, and Paulette Pertgen; uncle, John Brandley; her nieces, Emma and Abby; her nephew, Julian; several cousins, Krystal (Josh) Sawicki, Bruce Bartels, Dave (Michelle) Sweet, Amanda Buchanon, Jason Brandley, John Pertgen, Diane Travers; her close friend, Claudia, and countless other friends that she loved and adored.

Celebrate her life at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie, Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 6 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to <https://gofund.me/06713541>.

William R. Anderson, Jr. (1946 - 2024)

HUDSON – William “Bill” Roy Anderson, Jr., passed away at home January 20, 2024. He was born in Danbury, CT, November 6, 1946 to William Roy, Sr. and Florence Anderson. He was a proud Marine sergeant and aerial door gunner from 1966 to 1970. He served two tours in Vietnam and was a recipient of a Purple Heart. He was an excellent marksman and a member of the Kalicoontie Rod and Gun Club. He participated in Project Appleseed events and taught others



Bill Anderson, Jr.

about the Civil War and how to properly use rifles. He also belonged to the American Legion.

He had a degree in electrical engineering and was a pilot mechanic at Sky Acres Airport. He had a love for guitars, fast

cars, airplanes and flying. He leaves behind: his wife, Barbara Zabik-Anderson; sister, April Anderson; daughter, Laurie Kravarik (Tim); son, William Anderson III (Kimberly); daughter, Melissa Silva (Dennis); six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his step-children, Adam and Amber Nolen.

Visitation at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home in Hudson, was held January 27, 2024. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Thomas W. Lilley (1952 - 2024)

ANCRAM – Thomas Walter Lilley, 71, of Ancram passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends, January 18, 2024.

He was born February 17, 1952 in Brewster to the late Arthur Lilley and Gertrude (Smith) Lilley.

“Tom” is survived by: his son, Scott Lilley; son-in-law, Christopher Hough; grandchildren, Kirsten (Cory) Gaylord, Christopher (Alexander) Hough and Brett Hough; great-grandchildren, Aleah Hough and Jameson Hough; nieces and nephews, Charles Lilley, Jr., Tina Lilley-Gaylord, Kurt Lilley, Michelle Pilch, Shannon Lilley-Wabst, Tracy Hall, Michael Lilley, Courtney Lilley, Brittany Lilley and Dylan Lilley; sister



Tom Lilley

and brother-in-law, Ralph (Sandy) Kilmer and Rose (Kenny) Boyles. He has also left behind his lifelong friends, Bill Hunt and Dan Dietter.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his loving wife of 53 years, Bonnie (Kilmer) Lilley; his only daughter, Mandy Lilley; siblings, Skipper (Chickie) Lilley, Debbie Lilley, Dale Lilley, Penny Lilley, Charles (Jean) Lilley and sister-in-law, Dawn Kilmer.

He was an electrician by trade and a self-proclaimed barbecue master. He was a member of the steel workers union and a pyrotechnician. He spent many Sundays over the BBQ pit hosting family and friends. He always had a new joke to tell.

In wake of the recent passing of his wife and daughter, his wishes were to be laid to rest peacefully next to his wife with no services in his honor.

Donations may be made to Community Hospice or the Ancram Food Pantry.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared with the Lilley Family at: SimpleChoicesCremation.com

Darrow L. McCleese (1963 - 2024)

HUDSON – Darrow Lee McCleese, 60, of Hudson passed away January 20, 2024.

The son of John Willie Thomas and the late Mary (McCleese) Caldwell, he was born May 25, 1963 in Salisbury, MD.

Mr. McCleese was formerly employed at the Ancram Paper Mill and Dinosaw, Inc.

His family will fondly remember him as being a “big family man” who loved his kids and always enjoyed time with loved ones.

In addition to his father, survivors include: his wife of nearly 34 years, Donna McCleese, whom he married July 14, 1990 in Hudson; his two children, Trey McCleese and Tenaya McCleese; his two granddaughters, Tavana McCleese and Jalissa McCleese; his sister, Lula Thomas; brother, John Thomas (Yasmine); his



Darrow McCleese

niece, Lula and nephew, John Thomas.

The McCleese Family thanks both Columbia Memorial Hospital ICU staff and Albany Medical Center ICU staff for their compassion and care.

Cremation has taken place through the care of Simple Choices, Inc. A Celebration of Life for Mr. McCleese will be held by his family at a later date.

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

Albert M. Lamarre, Sr. (1952 - 2024)

ALBANY – With deepest sorrow, his family announces the unexpected passing of Albert M. Lamarre, Sr., 71, of East Chatham at St. Peter’s Hospital, January 27, 2024, with his loving family by his side. He was born in Pittsfield, MA, to the late Lois and Lionel “Leo” Lamarre.

His passion for more than 60 years was riding his motorcycle. In his younger years he enjoyed hunting and fishing. After retirement from Mt. Greylock Regional School, his enjoyment became his passion for his two great-granddaughters and their time spent together. He also enjoyed his time spent at McDonald’s with his friends, who became his second family and going to casinos with his loving wife.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sibling, Roger Lamarre. He is survived by: his loving wife of 52 years, Charlotte Lamarre; son, Albert Jr. (Jodi); daughter, Terry (Paul);



Albert M. Lamarre

grandson, John (Kayla); two great-granddaughters, Lilly-Ann and Daisy-Mae; siblings, Edward (Kim), Lawrence (Nancy), Kathie; many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to call at the Thomas P. Mooney Funeral Home, 11 Elm Street, Nassau, Friday, February 2, 2024 from 4 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to the Baystate Health Foundation, Living Kidney Donor Program, 280 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199 or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284.

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 ACEPOPPERS LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 11/28/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of 172 West End Road LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/2024. 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 Downey, Haab & Murphy PLLC: 87 Main Street Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 S & J LAND AND LOTS, LLC App. for Auth. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/16/24. LLC was organized in FL on 10/17/22. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to 85 Middle Rd., #1026, Hudson, NY 12534. Required office: 4149 King Richard Dr., Sarasota, NY 34232. Cert of Org filed with: SS FL, The Centre of Tallahassee, 2415 N. Monroe St., FL 32303. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 SPECIALIST VENTURES LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 12/26/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Iron Will Maintenance Management, LLC. Filed 10/25/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: William J. Lutz, 16 Maple Ln, Ancramdale, NY 12503. Purpose: General

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 262 Pine Plains LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 12, 2023. New York office location: 483 State Route 217, 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: 262 Pine Plains LLC; 483 State Route 217, 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
 Notice of formation of HUDSON B. SOLUTIONS LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/08/23. 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, 106-39 DITMARS BLVD EAST ELMHURST, NY, 11369. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of Formation of BR Sporthorses LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 0023-04-03. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to the Limited Liability Company: 5 Decker Road Ancram NY 12502. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY BID NOTICE
 Notice to Bidders
 The Board of Education of the Hudson City School District is accepting the submission of sealed bids for the following 23-24 School Year Transportation Routes:

 Wheelchair bus for home to school and school to home run

Bids must be received by Monday February 5th, 2024 at 9 a.m. at which time all bids will be publicly opened in the district conference room of the Hudson City School District. Please reply by mail to Hudson City School District, Transportation Bids, 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, New York 12534.

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

 Tabatha Biggane-Transportation Coordinator/CFO

COLUMBIA COUNTY BID NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF COPAKE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA STATE OF NEW YORK
 Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Copake will be accepting sealed bids for Bank Run Gravel, Item # 4 Gravel, Screen Fill, Modified Item #4, Crusher Run Item # 4, #2 Drainage Stone, #3 Drainage Stone, #4 Drainage Stone, Tailings, Washed #1A Stone, Washed #1 Stone, Washed #2 Stone, Washed 1/4" Gravel Stone, Washed Road Sand, Gabions, Unwashed Road Sand, #1B stone and Blacktop for 2024. Bids will be accepted at the Office of the Town Clerk located at 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, New York 12516 until 11:00 am on the 6th day of February 2023. At which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

 Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and shall bear on the face thereof the name and address of the bidder. The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. William Gregory Supt. of Highways Dated: January 15, 2024

COLUMBIA COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS VILLAGE OF CHATHAM – 12" HDPE DIRECTIONAL PIPE BORING FOR HUDSON AVENUE Water Main Replacement, Phase 3.

Notice is hereby given, that the Village of Chatham will accept sealed bids for a 12" HDPE DIRECTIONAL PIPE BORING. Email inquiries to the DPW, Phil Genovese, at pgenovese@villageofchatham.com. **Bids must be returned to the office of the Village Clerk for the Village of Chatham at Tracy Memorial Hall, 77 Main Street, Chatham, NY, no later than 1:00 pm on Monday, February 12, 2024.** Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked:
 1. Enclosed is a sealed BID. 2. HDPE Pipe Boring. 3. REF-VOC-01B-24. 4. February 12, 2024; 1:00pm. 5. <Company name>. Bids will be opened at the Village Hall immediately following the deadline for submission of bids. Bidders are invited to attend. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and re-advertise. Desiree Kelleher, Village Clerk

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of John Fondas LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-12-27. 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 John Fondas LLC: 132 Oak Hill Road Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Onondaga, Cortland and Madison Counties, as Administrative Participant under the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services, which organizes a municipal cooperative pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law among municipal corporations ("Participants") on behalf of itself and the participating members, collectively as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC"), issues these Request for Bids (each a "RFB") for retail electricity and natural gas supply and other energy services, in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, for supply commencing May 1, 2024 through the negotiated contract period.

Name of Bids: NYSMEC – Electricity, RFB-224-43; and NYSMEC - Natural Gas RFB-224-44
Bid Opening: March 1, 2024, 1:30 P.M., at 110 Elwood Davis Road, Liverpool, NY 13088
Anticipated Date of Award: March 15, 2024
Contact for more information and to obtain bid documents: Steven Levine, Encap Development LLC, 1337 Massachusetts Ave., #133, Arlington, MA 02476, Phone: 978-844-4623, Email: slevine@encapdevelopment.com

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Qualification of S & J LAND LOTS, LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/16/2024 Office location: Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in on 10/17/2022. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to THE LLC: 85 Middle Rd, Hudson, NY 12534, USA Articles of Organization originally filed with Secretary of State (SOS). 4149 King Richard Dr, Sarasota, FL 34232, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of HERMAN AND MICELI, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/2024. 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: 160 State Route 217, Hudson, New York 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Green Zone Consulting Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2024-01-08. 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 Secretary of State, New York State, Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code: One Commerce Plaza 99 Washington Avenue Albany NY 12037. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS VILLAGE OF CHATHAM – PIPE AND FITTINGS for Phase 3 HUDSON AVENUE Water Main Replacement.
 Notice is hereby given, that the Village of Chatham will accept sealed bids for PIPE AND FITTINGS for Hudson Avenue Phase 3 Water Main Replacement. Email inquiries to the DPW, Phil Genovese, at pgenovese@villageofchatham.com. **Bids must be returned to the office of the Village Clerk for the Village of Chatham at Tracy Memorial Hall, 77 Main Street, Chatham, NY, no later than 1:00 pm on Monday, February 12, 2024.** Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked:
 1. Enclosed is a sealed BID. 2. Pipe and Fittings. 3. REF-VOC-01C-24. 4. February 12, 2024; 1:00pm. 5. <Company name>. Bids will be opened at the Village Hall immediately following the deadline for submission of bids. Bidders are invited to attend. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and re-advertise. Desiree Kelleher, Village Clerk

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of JJ's Pack and Ship LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-16. 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 JJ's Pack and Ship LLC: 266 County Route 7A, B Copake NY 12516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Allen Street 31 Realty LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-12-14. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, LLP: One Commerce Plaza Albany NY 12260. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of M.C. WOOD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-09-11. 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 The Limited Liability Company.: 674 Albany Turnpike Old Chatham NY 12136. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Real Property 1997, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/18/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Charles Lippert, 120 Church Rd, Hudson, NY 12534. General Purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS VILLAGE OF CHATHAM – One Medium Duty Truck.
 Notice is hereby given, that the Village of Chatham will accept sealed bids for the Acquisition of One Medium Duty Truck. The bid specifications may be obtained at www.villageofchatham.com, or by email request to Phil Genovese, DPW Foreman, pgenovese@villageofchatham.com. Bids must be returned to the Office of the Village Clerk, Tracy Memorial Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Chatham, NY, no later than 1:00 pm on February 12, 2024. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked: 1. Enclosed is a sealed BID. 2. Purchase of new Four-Wheel Drive Class 5/6 Truck. 3. REF-VOC-01A-24 4. February 12, 2024, 1:00pm. 5. <Company name>. Bids will be opened at the Village Hall immediately following the submission of bids. Bidders are invited to attend. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and re-advertise. Desiree Kelleher, Village Clerk

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COLUMBIA COUNTY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 This letter is to notify you that the New Lebanon Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a Public Hearing on behalf of Harry Hicks located at 1238 US Route 20, New Lebanon, NY. Harry Hicks is asking for an area variance on multiple items on his property. The Public Hearing will take place on February 6, 2024 at 7:00 at the New Lebanon Town Hall located at 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon. Anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to be heard. More information is available by contacting the PZ clerk at pzclerk@townofnewlebanon.com

 By: Samantha Long
 Planning/Zoning Clerk
 Town of New Lebanon, NY
 01/18/24

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COLUMBIA COUNTY SUMMONS
 Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF COLUMBIA Action to Foreclose a Mortgage INDEX #: E012023020785 KEYBANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs GRACE THERESA FRISS AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF GEORGE H. CLARKSON, DIANNA MAIN AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF GEORGE H. CLARKSON, SUSAN MONROE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF GEORGE H. CLARKSON, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE H. CLARKSON IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF. COLUMBIA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IR JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 45 Houseman Avenue Chatham, NY 12037 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Columbia. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGE H. CLARKSON Defendant In This Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Richard L. Mott of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Sixteenth day of January, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Columbia, in the City of Hudson. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by George H. Clarkson (who died on April 17, 2020, a resident of the county of Columbia, State of New York) dated the August 26, 2013, to secure the sum of \$30,000.00 and recorded at Book 772, Page 1551 in the Office of the Columbia County Clerk, on the September 10, 2013; The property in question is described as follows: 45 Houseman Avenue, Chatham, NY 12037 **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED:** January 19, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 79372


Public Notices

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 EMBODYPERIOD. LLC
 Arts of Org. filed SSNY 1/3/24, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Stone Arch Real Estate 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 the LLC: 405 Old Gale Hill Road East Chatham NY 12060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

CICHLID AQUATICS LLC.
 Filed 9/18/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Diego Diaz Angeriz, 102 Oak Leaf Dr, Stuyvesant, NY 12173. Purpose: General.
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 The name of the LLC is Casa San Angelo, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 16, 2024. New York office location: 14 Old Route 22, Town of Copake, County of Columbia and the State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: Casa San Angelo, LLC; P.O. Box 912, 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.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Overstory LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/16/2024. 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 Ryan Surrano: 104 S Gold Road, Elizaville, NY. 12523. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Equipment DR. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-11-29. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Jason D. Hapeman: 86 Karwacki Road Elizaville NY 12523. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of CNK Distributing LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-12. 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 Cameron Krager: 14 Paddock Place Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Higher Ground Property Management LLC. Filed 11/21/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Registered Agents Inc., 418 Broadway, Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of ELEVATED GATHERINGS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2024-01-09. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 12 Catskill View Road Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Becca Piastrelli, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/6/23. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 654 County Rte 9, Ghent, NY 12075. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 SPACEPOPPERS LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 11/28/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Chronic Life Media LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-12-08. 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 Joseph D Keenan: 18 Aitken Avenue Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of International Lightning LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-12-21. 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 Kristal Heinz, Esq.: 551 Warren Street Suite 3F Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of WWA WENDY WISBRUN ARCHITECT, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-12-21. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to THE LLC: P.O. BOX 211 HUDSON NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY BID NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF COPAKE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA STATE OF NEW YORK
 Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Copake will be accepting sealed bids for a fully insured Tree Contractor with the minimum specification of an aerial lift with a minimum working height of 75'. Tree contractor must be qualified to work around electric lines. Tree trimming and removal will be bid by both an hourly rate (on site) and a daily rate (our crews' hours). Bids will be both with and without a ground man. Bids will be accepted at the Office of the Town Clerk located at 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, New York 12516 until 11:00 am on the 6th day of February 2024. At which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes at the above address and shall bear on the face thereof the name and address of the bidder. The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. William Gregory Supt. of Highways Dated: January 15, 2024



NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Voncera LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-12-03. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to VONCERA LLC, ATTN: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: 810 Union Street Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Tamarack Lawn and Landscape LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2024-01-01. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Alexander Chamberlain: 29 Tamarac Rd Copake NY 12516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Black Birch Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2024-01-15. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Black Birch Holdings, LLC: 290 County Route 14 Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of InterCultural Connect, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-08-29. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agents: 418 Broadway, STE N Albany NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 NATIVE WILD RESTORATION FARMS LLC. Filed 9/18/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o, 397 Clermont Ave, Bklyn, NY 11238. Purpose: General

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 ALETIS HOUSE LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 1/4/24, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Two Silos LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 19, 2023. New York office location: 21 North Seventh Street, City of Hudson, County of Columbia and 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: Two Silos LLC; c/o Guterman, 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.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice ANNUAL AUDIT of COURT Town of New Lebanon County of Columbia State of New York

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of New Lebanon has scheduled the 2024 Annual Audit of the 2023 Court books, for Monday, February 5th 2024 at 5:00pm to be held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125. The New Lebanon Town Board will meet to conduct the annual audit of the 2023 books of the Justice Court.

By order of the New Lebanon Town Board, Marcie Robertson Town Clerk 1/26/2024

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Letters

Are facts lacking in solar farm objections?

To the Editor:

The Shepherd's Run project in Copake has sparked intense controversy over issues both large and small. One of the continuing controversies involves the handling of the permitting process by the state Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES). It may be helpful, at this point, to take a look at some of the criticisms of the process, and how well they stand up against a fact check.

One criticism is that ORES has "fast tracked" Hecate's

application for a Siting Permit for Shepherd's Run, preventing a thorough investigation of the issues. If anything, however ORES has "slow tracked" Hecate's application, sending three different revisions back and asking for further information before issuing a draft permit. Another criticism is that ORES did not consider the Town's objections to the project. But look at how ORES handled the issue of water quality, a key point for those opposing Shepherd's

Run. Over Hecate's objections, ORES required — and got — a detailed explanation of how Hecate would avoid damaging Taghkanic Creek, in this case giving the town just what it asked for.

Is ORES' job simply to "rubber stamp" renewables projects, as critics have claimed? While it's true that ORES has the power to "not apply" all or part of Town law if the application of the laws is "unduly burdensome" to the state's energy goals and environmen-

tal benefits of the facility, consider the facts. ORES denied 6 of Hecate's requests for "relief" from town law, reduced 2 other requests for full relief to partial relief and approved 11 requests by Hecate for partial relief. ORES denied or reduced almost half of Hecate's 19 requests for full, or partial, relief from the Town of Copake's Code.

Finally, there's the claim that ORES' sole purpose is to approve major energy facilities. But consider the

mission made explicit in the law that created ORES. The law says ORES must, in consultation with the DEC, consider environmental safeguards in the process of approving — or denying — a final permit. Shepherd's Run no doubt will continue to spark debate. But let's contain that debate within the structure of facts and evidence, evidence that's available in the public record.

*Steve Passage
Copake*

Student explains how community school has prevailed

To the Editor:

In November my school sent out an announcement stating that, within the next two months, Darrow needed 5 millions dollars to bridge a long growing gap to allow the school to carry on next year. Now, on January 30, I am secure knowing I will graduate from Darrow in June of 2025.

Darrow is about community, and that being the most impor-

tant feature of it, it was also what I feared loosing most. In the end, it was what kept Darrow afloat. Among the two months of waiting the community did its heavy lifting. I had talks with the college counselor about my future, with and without Darrow. I had teachers comfort me, saw students fretting to staff that could offer nothing but a listening ear,

because they didn't know what was to become of their home. No one did.

I had conversations among friends lasting nights of the hurt it would cause to be split for our senior year. There were parents spending hours contacting alumni. The amount of work it took to keep the community from crumbling during the two months of waiting is

remarkable, but even more so was the work put into getting the millions of dollars needed, and yet, it happened.

Darrow is the community, it's not the campus. Its not the courses. It's not the schedule. It's the people here. Its the people who spend hours and hours working towards a goal that seems unreachable. Yet here we are. We made it. We

reached that goal, and Darrow will stand to help and guide and grow another generation of students. And another. And another. Darrow has been around for many years, and due to the hard work and determination put into it, it will be around for many more.

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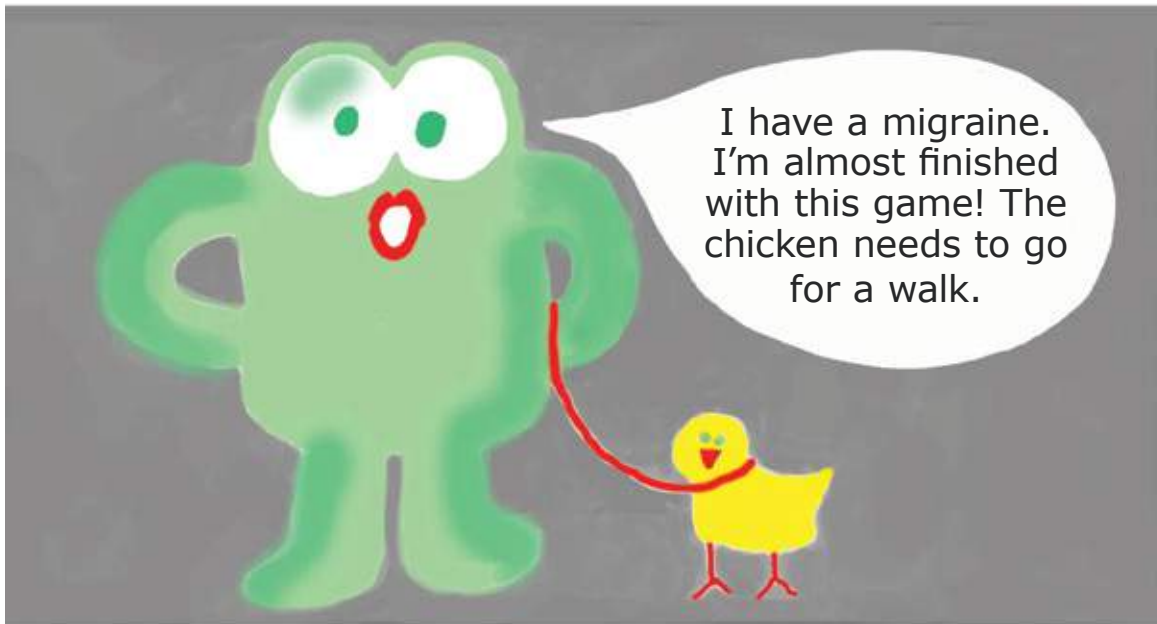




Barbara Slate

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HVRT Association receives \$125k Parks and Trails Partnership Grant

MILLERTON – The Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association has received a \$125,100 Parks and Trails New York Partnership Grant to boost its outreach and the trail's expansion by hiring a professional marketing, fundraising and communications firm.

The funds will aid the non-profit organization with creating promotional materials, overhauling its web and social media design, and devising a

multiyear plan to raise funds for the completion of the trail.

The Harlem Valley Rail Trail currently consists of 26 paved miles that link the Metro-North Railroad station in Wassaic to Copake, along with a second section traveling 1.5 miles southeast from the Hamlet of Hillsdale. The goal of the association, which helps oversee the trail's expansion and maintenance, is a 46-mile continuous trail from Wassaic to Chatham following

the path of the onetime New York and Harlem Railroad.

Governor Kathy Hochul last week announced \$1.8 million in grants, including the HVRTA's, to support 27 not-for-profit organizations involved with stewardship of state parks, trails, historic sites and other public lands. The grants support public-private partnerships that leverage private funds for new state park amenities, engage in state park and historic site maintenance

and beautification projects, and provide educational programming and special events.

"Our state parks, trails, forests and historic sites offer some of the best outdoor recreational and cultural opportunities found anywhere in the world," Gov. Hochul said in a press release. "Friends Groups are crucial to helping our state parks succeed, and these grants will help leverage their hard work to make our state park system even better for all."

The Parks and Trails Partnership Grant program is funded through the state Environmental Protection Fund. Grants are administered by Parks & Trails New York, in partnership with the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

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Help wanted

TOWN OF CANAAN HELP WANTED. The Town of Canaan is seeking applicants for the part time position of Planning Board Clerk at a starting salary of \$17.49 per hour. Applicants are asked to forward a letter of interest, and resume, to the Deputy Town Clerk, PO Box 459, Canaan, NY 12029 or by email to deputyclerk@canaannewyork.org. Please call 518-781-3144 ext. #3 with any inquiries. Town Residency is not required. By order of the Town Board, Joshua S. Weisbuch, Canaan Town Clerk

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SOFT PAWS

By Charlene Marchand

Puppy, it's cold outside

MANY ARTICLES ARE WRITTEN at this time of year on “winterizing” our dogs. The American Kennel Club puts out a nice resume of cold-weather maintenance suggestions for our north country canines. Of course, we’ll add some tips of our own to this master list:

- Provide plenty of fresh water. Use a rubber horse bucket for outdoor watering. The use of metal is dangerous—sticking tongues. Dogs cannot properly hydrate by licking snow. It is not a substitute for water. For outdoor dogs, put out really warm water in the morning, and check frequently. Check your Agway and Tractor Supply stores for in-bucket water heaters

- Provide plenty of food. Unless Fido is spending his days in front of the wood stove, a food increase is almost always necessary for dogs spending significant time outdoors

- Keep your dog’s paws dry. Salt used on sidewalks and roads can present your dog with cracked and bleeding/sore pads. Bag balm or petroleum jelly works wonders after rinsing feet

- Groom your dog regularly. It’s a given that dogs regulate temperature and insulate better if properly groomed. Dirty coats do not keep a dog warm. Give them a damp hot towel bath with a brisk brushing session. That undercoat needs to come out to prompt fresh and rapid regrowth

- Keep your dog warm, dry, and away from drafts. Outside shelters should be raised above the ground a few inches and should preferably be insulated. A rubber or burlap flap in front of the opening is desirable

- Though many prefer straw or wood shavings for bedding, a dog can develop skin infections if forced to live on damp material, so check and change bedding frequently

- With very few exceptions, all dogs should come in for the evening, at least if temperatures fall below 30°F. If you bring them into garages or unheated porches, make sure they have a blanket, rubber mat, or pad to get them off the cold floor. An overhead heat lamp is not only safe for garage use, it provides an excellent climate of warmth for your resting dog

- Watch out for winter hazards. Years ago, we rescued a stray dog with frostbite on the tips of his ears and on his front pads. He could hardly walk. This animal was a 105 full-coated German shepherd dog who supposedly could “take the cold.” I think not!



Photo contributed

Percy is a 9-year-old domestic shorthair mix, pictured with CGHS Animal Care Technician Amy Riedel. Percy is an extremely affectionate kitty who loves to be pet and will give you head-bumps for you to keep petting. He generally enjoys lounging around, and he likes to be held for shorter periods of time. He is the perfect companion for someone looking for an older man that just loves a good snuggle and a nap!

A Big “Don’t Forget” for our upcoming Canine Influenza Vaccine clinic to be held January 20 (first dose) and February 20 (booster). Open to the public, and \$39. Also, our free Food Bank is open year-round and in constant need of resupplying. Please consider swinging down with a bag of dry cat or dog food so we can keep hunger away from any of those pups and kitties who have struggling families! You can even order off of many online retailers—WalMart, Amazon, Chewy, Tractor Supply, etc. and have it shipped to us. We’ll do the rest!

Feel free to call us with any questions at (518) 828-6044

or visit our website at www.cghs.org. Our Food Bank is open to any from the public in need of pet food or for those wishing to donate food from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Spay/neuter clinics for cats are \$86 male or female, including a rabies vaccination and a 5-in-1 feline distemper combination vaccination. Nail clipping services are available every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the shelter for a donation of \$10 for cats and \$15 for dogs (currently pre-paid only).

To contact Charlene Marchand, chairperson of the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA Board of Directors, email cghsaaron@gmail.com.

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