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## Solid Waste station fees go up

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON – The Columbia County Board of Supervisors authorized steep fee increases for disposing specific items at Solid Waste stations, action plans on the newly-purchased 11 Warren Street, arrangements for moving patients between medical facilities, and the psychological evaluations of preschoolers, at its meeting March 13.

With the board’s authorization, the Solid Waste Department is set to raise the disposal fees for several items, effective April 1. Some fees are to double or more than double. (See chart for a list of changes.)

The purpose of the fee increases is “to offset the cost of contractual and fuel obligations.”

The supervisors also authorized spending up to \$2.5 million for “new buildings, equipment and paving” at Solid Waste Facilities and issuing \$2.5 million in bonds to cover the cost. Supervisor Ron Knott (Stuyvesant) thanked those doing the “hard work”

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David Lee

### The once-sleepy bunny is back in biz

*The Ghent Fire Company, on Route 66, held its annual breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the firehouse on Sunday morning, March 24. As of about 10 a.m. they had served about 60 adults and more than 100 children. For more on Easter events and egg hunts see our calendar starting on Page 9.*

## Hecate hosts community meetings on updated solar facility plans

By DIANE VALDEN

HILLSDALE – Hecate Energy has scheduled two community meetings April 3 to tell the public what its revised industrial-sized Shepherd’s Run Solar Project will look like.

A Chicago-based developer of solar and wind facilities and energy storage projects, Hecate Energy announced in a public notice that ran in the March 14 Columbia Paper, that it will file a revised application with the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) “on or about June 3.”

Back on February 6, ORES Executive Director Houtan Moaveni granted the Town of Copake’s legal motion to dismiss and denied Hecate Energy’s application for the controversial Shepherd’s Run Solar Project in Craryville.

Mr. Moaveni denied Hecate’s application to construct a 60-megawatt (MW) solar facility without prejudice to the applicant’s submission of a new application for a modified facility in accordance with regulations.

The application was denied because about 60 acres of farmland, formerly owned by Main Farm LLC, a parcel that was supposed to be an integral part of the Shepherd’s Run project, was sold to Craryville Farms LLC. The new property owner wants nothing to do with Hecate or its solar facility. The attorney for the town argued that the Shepherd’s Run solar project as proposed in Hecate’s initial application is no longer feasible. The loss of the property requires Hecate to redesign the project.

The town broke the news of the land sale in its January 2 motion to dismiss

the Shepherd’s Run application. Hecate Energy did not notify ORES or anyone else about losing the lease option on the land or the land sale.

Hecate proposes to locate its solar facility east of the Taconic Hills School District and north of Copake Lake in and around the Copake hamlet of Craryville. Much of the acreage is prime agricultural land. A school district campus and residential areas border the property.

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

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## Hudson's 2nd trimester Principal's Award recipients announced

HUDSON – The Hudson City School District has announced the recipients of the Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School Principal's Award for the 2nd trimester of the 2023-24 school year. The 1st trimester winners were treated to a special breakfast on March 20.

To receive the Principal's Award, students must exemplify the character traits that are focused on in school such as responsibility, citizenship, and kindness. Teachers nominate up to three students per class to receive this award each trimester.

Principal Mark Brenneman's Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School Principal's Award recipients:

Ashley Acencio Romero, Isabel Agueda Lopez, Nafisa Ahmed, Kevin Ajpacaja Chavaloc, Eren Ayan, Paxton Barrett, Josiah Batista, Toni Belly, Nery Berrios-Diaz, Jasmine Bradshaw, Deyton Briggs, Cooper Briscoe, Jace Brooks, Elliana Bucci, Jaxson Camarillo, Hannah Carius, Abdullah Chowdhury, Ashaql Chowdhury, Cosette Coyne, Brielle Crank, A'Rayah Daley, Arnoy Datta, Kevin deLeon, Violet Dobbins, King Duke, Jordyn Edmond, Ryan Edwards, Blake Elliott, Jade Ellithorpe, Jace Eschberger, Cameron Fix, Rhea Frederick, Amelia Garcia, Oliver Gomez-Hernandez, Stone Gowins, Jalisa Gray, Elliot Green, Kae'Lani Grove, Rosalie Gulielmetti, Max Hall, Riley Hardy, Isabella Higgins, Daniela Huerta-Trujillo, Jannath Islam, Saifan Islam, Fatheah Jannat, Elija Johnson, A'nyalese Jones, Evelyn Jones, Violet Larsen, Austin Laurange, Zaylin Lewis, Harper Lonsdale, Carter Maddox, Caroline Maresco, Brayden McGee, Aya McKenzie, Jacob Melino, Kollette Mesick, Adrian Miller, Jaliah Moore, Jaxtyn Moore, Arfa Nawab, Catalya Nixon, Sayjon Noytik, Ashly Ortega Quinde, Ramona Owens, Helena Panadis, Sebastian Park, Amilah Perry, Jaylen Perry, Sophia Phillips, Michael Platner, Harper Proper, Owen Race, Martaya Raymond, Amelia Rhriss, Amber Ringer, Abren Rowell, Tobin Rowell,



Photo contributed  
*The 2023-24 Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School 2nd Trimester Principal's Awards recipients were treated to a special breakfast in recognition of the students' attention to responsibility, citizenship and kindness.*

Vayla Ryan, Kent Sammons, Dowsha SanCarlos, Ciana Sancho, Carson Samperisi, Paislee Scalera, Louis Scoffier, Stephen Shook, Emily Shumsky, Peyton Sitter, Allison Smith, Micaela Solis Guerrero, Kara Speer, AJ Steils, Brynlee Stewart, Kehlani Stickle, Abigail Strattman, Hazel Tae, Arianna Trujillo, Elsa Umstead, Oona Waring, Carmella Watson, Kalista Watson, Nyana Watson, Sammona Watson, Jenna White, Sanaa Williams, Najat Yesmin, Arden Zapp and Wyatt Ziegenhagen.

## Historical Society names Diane Smook as trustee

KINDERHOOK – The Columbia County Historical Society announces the appointment of a new member to its Board of Trustees, Diane Smook.

“As a long time friend, supporter and advocate for the organization, Diane Smook will be a truly welcomed addition to the Board of Trustees,” said Lisa Weilbacker, executive director of the Columbia County Historical Society, in a press release. “Her continued support for our mission and passion for the cultural heritage of the area will help the organization grow in new ways,” she added.



Photo contributed  
*Diane Smook*

Ms. Smook is an award-winning photographer based in Kinderhook. She graduated from Tufts University and worked for many years in New York City as a producer in film and video for RCA VideoDiscs

and various independent production companies. She served as a trustee of the Art Creation Foundation for Children based in Jacmel, Haiti, where she held photography workshops for the groups' teenagers. Her publications include the books “Shaping a President: Sculpting for the Roosevelt Memorial” and “Love and War: The World War II Letters of Arthur Smook.”

Ms. Smook said, also in the release, “I am honored to become a trustee of this dynamic board and to contribute to its mission of preserving the rich history of the Hudson Valley and making it accessible to our community.”

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# CMH plans June reopening of Copake Rapid Care

By DIANE VALDEN

C O P A K E — C o l u m b i a Memorial Health has met the fundraising goal necessary for reopening the Copake Rapid Care Center. The center located at 283 Mountain View Road is tentatively scheduled to reopen in early June, according to a March 21 press release.

Columbia Memorial Health (CMH) calls the fundraising

goal achievement a “mile post” and “a critical step in re-establishing Rapid Care services at the facility later this year.”

Asked what the needed fundraising goal was, CMH Spokesman Bill VanSlyke said, “We are not releasing any dollar amounts at this time.”

Copake Rapid Care initially opened its doors in 2016 in one end of the Community Rescue Squad building. The communi-

ty contributed \$25,000 toward the installation cost of a new 100-foot-tall tower equipped with a microwave relay system to provide the needed xray transmission specifications; the Community Rescue Squad supported the project and gave CMH two years free rent. CMH came up with half of the needed \$700,000 project cost and then State Senator Kathleen Marchione (R-43rd) stepped in

to assist by securing \$350,000 as part of the 2015-16 State Budget to help with the initial cost of site renovation and equipment purchases.

CMH closed the facility down in December 2022 after having reduced and sporadic hours during the pandemic. CMH said at the time, the closure was due to lack of staffing, but it later came to light there were also financial issues.

“The planned reopening of CMH’s Copake Rapid Care Center is welcome news indeed. The Rapid Care Center will once again provide needed medical services to Copake and the Roe Jan area, where access to care is severely limited. Thank you, CMH, for listening to us, and for understanding the importance of reestablish-

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- **Delegates to the Democratic National Convention**  
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- **President of the United States**

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Ancram 1,2	Ancram Town Hall, 1416 Cty Rte 7, Ancram
Austerlitz 1,2	Austerlitz Town Hall, 816 Route 203, Spencertown
Canaan 1,2	Canaan Town Hall, 1647 Cty Rte 5, Canaan
Chatham 1	Chatham Town Hall, 488 State Rte 295, Chatham
Chatham 2,5	ME Dardess Elem Sch, 50 Woodbridge Ave, Chatham
Chatham 3,4,6	Tri Village Fire Dept, 111 Cty Rte 13, Old Chatham
Claverack 1,2	AB Shaw Fire House, 67 State Rte 23, Claverack
Claverack 3,4	Philmont Village Hall, 124 Main St, Philmont
Claverack 5	Churchtown Fire House, 2219 Cty Rte 27, Hudson
Clermont 1,2	Clermont Town Hall, 1795 US Hwy 9, Germantown
Copake 1,3	Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Rd, Copake
Copake 2,4	Copake Rec Ctr, 305 Mountain View Rd, Copake
Gallatin 1,2	Gallatin Town Hall, 667 Cty Rte 7, Gallatin
<b>Germantown 1,2</b>	<b>Please note temporary change due to construction: Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Rd, Germantown</b>
Ghent 1	ME Dardess Elem Sch, 50 Woodbridge Ave, Chatham
Ghent 2	Ghent Town Hall, 2306 State Rte 66, Ghent
Ghent 3,5	West Ghent Community Ctr, 1041 Cty Rte 22, Ghent
Ghent 4	VFW Post 5933, 2237 Route 66, Ghent
Greenport 1,3,4	Greenport Town Hall, 600 Town Hall Dr, Hudson
Greenport 2	Becraft Pumper No 2, 257 Cty Rte 14, Hudson
Hillsdale 1,2	Hillsdale Fire House, 9387 State Rte 22, Hillsdale
Hudson 1,2,3	St Mary's Academy Bldg, 301 Allen St, Hudson
Hudson 4	Columbia County Office Bldg, 401 State St, Hudson
Hudson 5	Hudson Central Fire Station, 77 N 7th St, Hudson
Kinderhook 1,2	McNary Ctr, 6 Sylvester St, Kinderhook
Kinderhook 3,4,5	Martin H Glynn Municipal Bldg, 3211 Church St, Valatie
Kinderhook 6,7,8	Ichabod Crane Central Sch, 2910 US Rte 9, Valatie
Livingston 1,3	Livingston Town Hall, 119 Cty Rte 19, Livingston
Livingston 2,4	Elizaville Fire House, 1575 Cty Rte 19, Elizaville
New Lebanon 1,2	Church of Immaculate Conception, 732 US Route 20, New Lebanon
Stockport 1,2	American Legion Post 184, 107 Cty Rte 25, Hudson
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# K'hook aims to update plan, but what about enforcement?

By EMILIA TEASDALE

VALATIE—The Town Board approved members to the newly formed Comprehensive Plan Update Committee at their regular meeting on March 4.

The town’s Comprehensive Plan is from 2000, though there is an updated Comprehensive Plan (called “Town of Kinderhook Draft Comprehensive Plan”) from 2013. Now that both versions are over a decade old, the board has decided to revisit the plan for the town with the largest population in the county.

Board members Sally Naramore and Sean Casey are co-chairs of the committee. Ms. Naramore brought the idea of the new committee to the board at their first meeting in January of this year. At the March meeting, the board appointed members of the town’s recreation committee and planning board to be on the update committee. The town was still looking for a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to join. Town resident and recreation committee member Mark Leinung was also appointed to the update committee since he served the committees for both the 2000 and 2013 plans.

Councilwoman Naramore stressed that this is an update to the Comprehensive Plan and there are grants available from the state for the process and for hiring a consultant.

For the Comprehensive Plan from 2000 the town used consultant Nan Stolzenburg from Community Planning & Environment Associates. For the 2013 draft, River Street Planning & Development, LLC is listed as planning consultant.

According to the state, a “comprehensive plan is the culmination of a planning process that establishes the official land use policy of a community and presents goals and a vision for the future that guides official decision-making.” A municipality’s comprehensive plan is used to create or update

zoning laws. “Having a comprehensive or well-considered plan ensures that forethought and planning precede zoning and zoning amendments,” the state Division of Local Government Services writes.

The town has run up against a few of those issues over the years. There was concern about changes to the conservation subdivision laws in 2013 and home occupation rules in 2014, which people felt went against the Comprehensive Plan. There have also been zoning laws created for solar panels, for installations on homes and solar farms. Solar panels are not part of the 2000 plan. New issues, like short-term rentals, have come up in the years since the plan and the update were adopted.

As reported by Deborah E. Lans in The Columbia Paper on March 14, State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli issued a report recently about housing issues in the state called “New Yorkers in Need: The Housing Insecurity Crisis.” Ms. Lans reported that “the report highlights that the ‘greatest and most important role played by local governments is through the governance of land use through zoning regulations or ordinances that designate permissible uses of space, including which types of housing may be created.’” She also pointed out that several local municipalities have updated their comprehensive plans.

Also at the Town Board meeting, Carol O’Donnell, a resident of Niverville, brought up issues with zoning laws not being followed or enforced in the hamlet. She said there are residents who put sofas, tires and cars in their front yards as well as issues with an abandoned property that poses a possible safety hazard. She told the board that the citations the homeowners receive from the town are “not working” because the issues do not get resolved. “We’ve got to do something,” she said, pointing out that the problems are “really frustrating.”

“The town has regulations,”

she said and asked the board why the town has these regulations if they are not going to do anything about the zoning issues.

Town Supervisor Tim Ooms said the town has tried to take property owners to court, but “they don’t show up.” He did say that the abandoned house was something the town needed to “look into.”

Ms. O’Donnell also has major concerns with the CSX underpass on Park Hall Road in Niverville. She brought that up briefly at the meeting with the board but also sent a letter to the editor to The Columbia Paper, calling it an “eyesore and possibly a looming safety hazard.” In the letter she said that CSX, the company that owns the tracks, told Supervisor Ooms that the bridge was safe but she points out, “It may be safe for trains passing overhead but not for the person or car when a chunk of concrete suddenly drops down.”

The letter goes on to say, “CSX needs to be a responsible corporate citizen and repair and paint the underpass. If not, the town should implement its blight ordinance and demand that the walls be repaired and painted.”

Also at the meeting:

- The board approved the purchase of “mower upgrades” at \$53,634 and a John Deere Zero Turn Mower at \$15,838.13

- The board discussed a basketball tournament fundraiser Volunteer Park and the long term repair of the courts at the town owned park

- The board also passed a motion acknowledging Women’s History Month with a statement from Town Historian William Better saying, “We celebrate women who advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion.”

The next board meeting will be Monday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building. For more information go to [www.kinderhook-ny.gov](http://www.kinderhook-ny.gov)

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# Hudson man arraigned on multiple felony domestic charges

By DIANE VALDEN

HUDSON – A Hudson man who police say choked and attempted to stab a former girlfriend was arraigned March 22 before Columbia County Circuit Court Judge Brian Herman on seven felony domestic charges.

Orlando Williams, 54, of Union Street faces charges of second degree attempted murder and second degree kidnapping for his involvement in an altercation last week on Short Street. In addition to these charges, both class B felonies, a Columbia County Grand Jury indicted Mr. Williams March 19 on first degree unlawful imprisonment, first degree criminal contempt, second degree strangulation, third degree criminal possession of a weapon and second degree assault.

Mr. Williams pleaded not guilty on the seven counts listed previously. A return appearance was set for May 17 and he was sent back to jail without bail, according to the Columbia

County District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Williams faces a maximum sentence of up to 25 years in state prison and five years post-release conviction, Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Botts said in a press release.

A 911 call was placed at about 10:30 p.m. March 14 alerting Hudson City Police that a man, later identified as Mr. Williams, had attacked his ex-girlfriend while she was outside, standing on a back porch. He is alleged to have grabbed the victim from behind, placed his hand over her mouth, ordered her to stay quiet and forced her off the porch. He proceeded to throw the victim against a car, drag her down a hill, hold her down and choke and attempted to stab her with a knife, police reports show.

Mr. Williams eventually fled the scene after being confronted by an acquaintance of the victim who went to check on her after seeing she was no longer on the porch, police

reports show. Mr. Williams was picked up by police in Greene County the next morning and arraigned that day in Hudson City Court. He was ordered held without bond by Judge Cheryl Roberts and sent to the Columbia County Jail.

The victim, who had an active order of protection in place against Mr. Williams, was in visible distress when police arrived, but declined medical treatment, reports show.

Ms. Botts will lead the prosecution for the state. Mr. Williams is represented by Kyle Patzwahl, a conflict defender.

"I thank the police for their work. The District Attorney's office stands with victims of domestic violence, and we will do everything in our power to deliver justice in this case," District Attorney Chris Liberati-Conant said in the release.

Hudson Police Department, Columbia County Sheriff's Department and New York State Police assisted in the investigation and capture of Mr. Williams.

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is a handgun  
used in  
a threatening  
Snapchat  
post.



## Police get to the bottom of gun threat to school

By DIANE VALDEN

HUDSON – Hudson Police quickly addressed a gun threat involving a local teenager.

March 25 at 9:39 p.m., Hudson Police received information regarding a school threat involving a firearm. The State Police Intelligence unit contacted Hudson Police to report the possible threat to the school community. Police and the FBI received information from Snapchat reporting a subject depicted in a photo brandishing what appeared to be a handgun. The photograph included text stating, "He said he was going to shoot up the school." This information was relayed to the HPD Detectives Division, who immediately responded to investigate this sensitive report.

Responding promptly to the gravity of the situation, the Hudson City School District was informed to ensure the safety of students. The origin of the Snapchat message was located within the City of Hudson. A person of interest was quickly located and detained by Hudson Police. The subject, a 19-year-old male (non-student), was interviewed by detectives at HPD, and the replica Glock pellet handgun was recovered. The subject admitted to taking the photo

of himself with the replica handgun but denied making any threats toward the school. The subject was taken by police to Columbia Memorial Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Chief Mishanda Franklin of the Hudson Police Department issued the following statement in a press release:

"We are deeply concerned by the recent threat involving violence toward the Hudson City School District. The safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our utmost priority. We commend the swift actions of the Hudson Police Department, New York State Police (Intelligence), FBI, and the cooperation of the Hudson City School District in responding to this incident. Our collective efforts have resulted in the swift detention of the individual involved."

This is the second reported threat involving violence to the Hudson City School District during the month of March. Hudson Police encourage anyone with additional information related to this incident or similar incidents to contact the Detective Division at 518-828-3388.

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# Columbia County boosts small businesses with CDBG microenterprise grants

HUDSON – Columbia County has been awarded \$300,000 in NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, intended to help provide entrepreneurial training and grants up to \$25,000 to microenterprises with 5 or fewer employees.

The program will cultivate new small businesses while also support existing ones looking to expand. Made possible through a grant from the state Homes and Community Renewal, the CDBG program focuses on entrepreneurship and job creation for low-to-moderate income individuals.

The county Board of Supervisors, in partnership with the Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) and the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce (CCCC), is boosting small business in the county with the Columbia Forward Microenterprise Development

Program as part of the county's Columbia Forward Initiative.

The Columbia Forward Initiative provides small businesses with support programs, including business loans and grants, technical assistance and training, in addition to assisting town government with economic development support.

There are more than 1,900 businesses in Columbia County, the majority of which are small businesses. They are vital to our community. The Columbia Forward Microenterprise Development Program is meant to support those businesses, create jobs, and spur economic growth at all levels of our economy.

"By providing them with a CDBG grant that can be used toward equipment, inventory or working capital, the Columbia Forward Microenterprise Development

Program is another way that we are working to help small businesses in Columbia County. Small businesses are the fastest growing sector of our economy and access to capital is key to helping them create jobs and thrive in our community," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Murell (Stockport) in a press release.

F. Michael Tucker, president and CEO of CEDC, said, also in the release, "Small business is the backbone of our economy, powering communities countywide and providing jobs to thousands of residents. The county, CEDC, and the chamber are teaming up to provide assistance where possible. We all succeed when small business succeeds and this program is available to microenterprises seeking ways to grow in Columbia County."

The Columbia Forward Microenterprise Development

Program will be administered by CEDC and will provide grants to start up and expanding businesses that have successfully completed the CEDC Entrepreneurial Training class.

The class schedule is:

- Session 1 April 9. Laying the Groundwork. Consideration of business legal structures including DBAs, partnerships, LLCs and corporations. Risk assessment and asset protection. General regulatory compliance matters. Introduction to common contracts and agreements. Legal issues in employment/human resources
- Session 2 April 16. Staying Within the Lines. Small business bookkeeping. Software for business planning, bookkeeping and inventory. Understanding the income statement and balance sheet. Sales tax, payroll taxes and self-employment taxes
- Session 3 April 23. Writing a Business Plan. Tell the world

about you and your business. Why a business plan is important. Learn how to write one that reflects your goals and sets deadlines for reaching them

- Session 4 April 30. Marketing 101. Learn the fundamentals of marketing your business including developing an effective digital marketing plan. Learn how to assess customer needs and utilize social media, search engine marketing, display advertising, content marketing, email marketing and more.

All classes held in the Board Room of the county Chamber of Commerce, 1 North Front Street, Tuesday, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Applications are available by calling 518 828-4718.

For more information on the Columbia Forward Microenterprise Development Program, visit: <https://columbiaedc.com/grow-here/microenterprise/>

## CMH PLANS

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ing essential medical services to Copake and the Roe Jan area. And to town leaders and residents who participated in efforts to bring back Copake Rapid Care, congratulations and thank you!" Town of Copake Supervisor Richard Wolf said in the release.

"This successful fundraising effort is credited in large part to the tremendous outpouring of support and generosity from the people of Copake and the broader Roe Jan community. It stands as a model of both community-based care and

community support. We are thankful to a great many caring, engaged and generous people for this accomplishment," Dorothy Urschel, CMH president and CEO, said in the release.

"Our priority is to make every effort possible to meet the health needs of the communities we serve. Very often that means we find partners who are willing to work with us to make things happen that would otherwise be impossible or unsustainable. I can think of few better examples of that

sense of partnership than what we've achieved in concert with the Roe Jan community," Kirk Kneller, chair of the CMH Board of Trustees, said in the release.

Following the closure of Copake Rapid Care, "numerous members of the surrounding community immediately engaged with CMH to identify solutions, which led to the establishment in 2023 of the Copake Rapid Care Fund. This fund was created solely for the purposes of re-establishing Rapid Care services in Copake and has now met the threshold necessary to do so," according to the release.

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## City announces availability of 2024 events funding

HUDSON – The City of Hudson Common Council Finance Committee has announced the availability of \$30,000 of total funding to support events and projects in the city for 2024 that encourage the promotion of Hudson as a destination for overnight and day-trip visitors.

Applications for awards are currently being accepted for events occurring between May and December 2024. All applications are due by Friday, April 12 at 5 p.m. The maximum request and award amount per project is \$5,000; requests for funds greater than this amount will not be considered.

New in 2024, all applications must be submitted via an online form.

Applications will be reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting on Monday, April 15, and final approval will be made by the Common Council on April 16.

For information regarding the Finance Committee and the selection process, contact Finance Committee member Rich Volo at [richvolo@cityof-hudson.org](mailto:richvolo@cityof-hudson.org). For technical assistance with the application form, contact Mayoral Aide Michael Hofmann at [mayoralaide@cityofhudson.org](mailto:mayoralaide@cityofhudson.org) or 518 828-7217.

## Parents & caregivers get support at workshop

CHATHAM – Navigating substance use challenges with children and young adults is complex. Join Columbia County Pathways to Recovery and the Columbia-Greene Addiction Coalition for a free supportive and informational workshop led by Lynn Rothenberg, a social worker and mother with a child now in recovery, at 1 Taconic Place, Route 66,

Wednesdays April 3 through May 8, 6 to 8 p.m.

The second hour focuses on participants' specific issues.

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# HCS D joins Verizon Innovative Learning

HUDSON – Hudson Senior High School and Hudson Junior High School students and faculty will receive free Chromebooks, and the Hudson City School District will benefit from enhanced internet access, funding to hire instructional technology coaches, and innovative science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning programs that advance students' education and opportunities. The initiatives are being provided through a partnership with nonprofit Digital Promise to participate in the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program for up to four years.

The partnership covers the next two school years, starting in September 2024 and concluding June 30, 2026. Hudson was selected for participation by Digital Promise after a rigorous, competitive process. Overall, the program provides extensive training, support and opportunities to engage in powerful teaching and learning that leverages technology inside

and outside of classrooms.

The program, which addresses barriers to digital inclusion, will provide at no cost to the school district:

- Approximately 993 Google Chromebooks and additional Chromebook chargers

- Faster high-speed internet access data plans of at least 30 gigabytes per month for every student and teacher at Hudson Senior and Junior High Schools

- Funding for each of the two school years to equip each school with a technology coach and provide robust professional development support for teachers to effectively integrate technology into the classroom. The district has active job postings for two instructional technology coach positions, one at each building

- Stipends each year to provide a school-based point of contact that will serve as a lead for technology support and device management at the school level.

"By leveraging technology innovations through the

Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program," said Hudson Superintendent Juliette Pennyman, in a press release, "we can revolutionize how we approach our daily instructional delivery and enable every student to access high-quality learning experiences, irrespective of their learning styles or socio-economic status."

"We are deeply appreciative of Digital Promise and the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program's generous investment in our students' academic success," said Board of Education President Willette Jones, also in the release. "Technology, along with the Hudson City School District's dedicated teachers and staff, are vital to our students' life and career goals, and we thank and commend Digital Promise and Verizon for their foresight in creating and implementing such a supportive program in Hudson and nationwide."

Hudson Senior and Junior High Schools are among the 34

new schools joining the 11th cohort of Verizon Innovative Learning Schools, bringing the program to 626 middle and high schools nationwide. 82% of teachers in school districts where the program has been implemented have said that Verizon Innovative Learning enhanced their ability to differentiate instruction, and 77% said the program enhanced student engagement.

"At Verizon, we all know how critical access to technology and skills development are in today's digital world," said Mario Acosta-Velez, regional director, Verizon Local Engagement and Corporate Social Responsibility. "That's why we are proud to work with Digital Promise to bring Verizon Innovative Learning Schools to the Hudson City School District and enable students to develop the skills, knowledge and capabilities to be successful and become the next generation of STEM leaders."

To prepare for implementation of the partnership, the Hudson City School District

Instructional Technology (IT) Department is working with Digital Promise by attending weekly planning meetings, and attended the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Spring Virtual Conference.

Hudson's IT Department will continue working with building and district leaders to make recommendations for updating district technology policies, regulations and exhibits, and also develop a Student Handbook. Using funds provided by the partnership, Dr. Pennyman, Instructional Technology Manager Cheryl Rabinowitz, Hudson Senior High School Principal Derek Reardon and Junior High School Principal Rhode Cooper will attend the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Leader Summit alongside other leaders from the program's 11th cohort.

Learn more about the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program and how to apply at [verizon.digitpromise.org](http://verizon.digitpromise.org).

## Molinaro invites students to enter Congressional Art Competition

BINGHAMTON – U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-19th) has announced his office is accepting entries from high school students in New York's 19th Congressional District for the annual Artistic Discovery Congressional Art Competition. This nationwide competition is sponsored by members of the U.S. House of Representatives and gives young artists the opportunity to showcase their talent. Winning pieces from each Congressional District are displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

"This is a great way for Upstate New York students to showcase their artistic talent. I'm excited to see the artwork that will be turned in by high schoolers across New York's 19th Congressional District. I encourage all students to participate and showoff their work for a chance to have it displayed in the United States Capitol and represent

Upstate New York," said Rep. Molinaro, in a press release.

Guidelines for artwork:

- Artwork may be up to 26 inches wide by 26 inches tall by four inches thick, must be two dimensional, be original in concept, design, and execution, must not weigh more than 15 pounds. It may not violate any U.S. copyright laws

- Accepted artwork includes paintings (including oil, acrylics and watercolor), drawings (including pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, and markers), collage (must be two dimensional), prints (including lithographs, silkscreen, and block prints), mixed media, computer generated art, and photography

- Artwork must be submitted with a completed copy of the competition release form to Rep. Molinaro's Leeds or Binghamton district offices no later than Wednesday, April 17.

## CMS announces 2024 Science & Technology Fair winners

CHATHAM – Chatham Middle School (CMS) announces the winners of its 2024 Science & Technology Fair. The fair took place March 20 in the CMS gym and included entries from students in grades 6 through 8, with a winner being chosen from each grade.

Winners are:

6th Grade - Miles Schuster: Does outside temperature affect how well solar panels work?

7th Grade - Jack Galvin: What fruit or vegetable have the most energy?

8th Grade - Lucy Tassinari and Logan Van Wie: Which heat protectant is the best?

Students developed a hypothesis or technical problem and then used either the Scientific Method or Problem Solving Method, respectively, to prove or disprove their theory or develop a solution to their problem. During the school day,



Photo contributed

CMS 2024 Science & Technology Fair winners (l to r) Jack Galvin, Miles Schuster, Lucy Tassinari and Logan Van Wie.

Chatham's high school and middle school science and technology faculty judged the entries, and classes dropped in to check

out the projects. The fair was open to the public that evening and the winners were announced at the close of the event.

## Academic Honors

### Dean's List: SUNY Oswego

OSWEGO – SUNY Oswego recently recognized Columbia County residents as high academic achievers on its dean's list for the fall 2023 semester.

Dean's list students are those attaining semester grade-point averages between 3.3 and 3.79 while carrying required academic credits.

Students on the dean's list include:

Bishwokrit J. Rayamajhi, Hudson, biology; and Avery M. Williams, Chatham, American studies, anthropology.

### Simon's Rock

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA – Bard College at Simon's Rock congratulates the students named to the fall 2023 dean's list for their outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible for this honor, a student must carry 14 or more credits and achieve a grade point average of 3.5.

Local students include:

Finley Baack, Hudson; Olivia Delgado, East Chatham; Samuel Hautzig, East Chatham; and Grace Ocallahan, Ghent.

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## SOLID WASTE STATION

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already begun. Before, he reported, the county heard “constant complaints” about the Greenport Transfer Station, and now it gets praise for it.

Meanwhile, the county is preparing to adapt 11 Warren Street in Hudson, which it bought late last year, to its needs. On March 13, the supervisors set up plans to determine the fate of solar panels and add a charging station.

The building came with solar panels on its roof, leased from Suntribe Energy. With the building ownership transfer, Suntribe advised the county to continue the existing lease, which runs through 2029. But the county “reviewed the lease and payment schedule” and “determined” that “the equipment is approaching its useful life.” Therefore, the supervisors authorized Chairman Matt Murell (Stockport) to negotiate with Suntribe to rewrite or terminate the lease.

The county also identified 11 Warren Street to be one of four sites for electric vehicle charging stations.

On another matter, the board authorized contracting with Columbia Memorial Health (CMH) for transporting “critical patients” from its emergency room to other “medical facilities in the region.” This will occur when CMH determines a patient needs care they can best receive at another facility. The contract, said the county, “will ensure appropriate response times to patients” who need it, “as well as guaranteeing that Columbia County EMS [Emergency Medical Service] agencies will receive adequate reimbursements” for the expense of the transfer.

The board also authorized renewing the county EMS agreements with the Greenport Rescue Squad, Community Rescue Squad, Valatie Rescue Squad, Chatham Rescue Squad and Northern Dutchess Rescue. At the February Public Safety Committee meeting, EMS Coordinator PJ Keeler reported that Albany Med, which owns CMH, has contracted with two huge ambulance companies, “but we’re trying to

keep our ambulances and money local.”

At the March 13 meeting, the board also authorized contracting with the Red Hook Central School District “to provide psychological educational evaluations” for children “referred to the committee on pre-school education.”

The Department of Human Services got the go ahead to allocate \$80,000 annually from the county’s Opioid Settlement award to ReEntry Columbia. For joining class action lawsuits against opioid companies, Columbia County expects to get \$2.2 million by 2038 and by last November had gotten about \$500,000. ReEntry Columbia helps people leaving incarceration adjust to the outside world. It will use this opioid settlement money for an outreach worker, supplies, and expenses.

Also at the meeting:

- Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling (New Lebanon)

thanked Erin Stamper, departing commissioner for the County Board of Elections (Democrat), for her “hard work”

- The board appointed Elisabeth Albert of Taghkanic and Thomas Paino of Philmont to the Columbia County Climate Smart Communities Task Force and affirmed that the term for Task Force members is two years.

The Board authorized the following purchases:

- For the Commissioner of Public Works, four 2024 Toyota BZ4X electric sports utility vehicles from Hudson Motors Partnership for up to \$187,164

- For the Highway Department: a 2024 Ford truck with a 10’ dump body, for up to \$135,000; and a 2024 Ford SuperCab pickup, for up to \$58,000. These will replace two dump trucks, from 2005 and 2008

- The Board also authorized the Highway Department to sell the two replaced trucks, as

well as sanders, “miscellaneous shop equipment,” and “obsolete vehicle repair parts.”

In addition, the board:

- Authorized the Sheriff’s Office to renew its yearly agreement with towns and villages for enhanced police protection

- Authorized a contract with Livingston Energy Group, LLC, “for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of” electric vehicle charging stations at four locations: 11 Warren Street, 401 State Street, the County Courthouse, and the Route 23B Highway Garage. The first three locations are in Hudson

- Granted the Highway Department to increase the fuel surcharge for Inter-County non-DPW agencies by 20 cents a gallon

- Formally requested Governor Hochul to reinstate rabies prevention funding in the proposed 2024-25 budget.

In all, the board passed 55 resolutions.

## SOLAR FACILITY PLANS

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In a comment about the upcoming meetings by email to The Columbia Paper, Hecate Development Director Matt Levine wrote, “Hecate shares New York State’s commitment to meeting its clean energy goals in a way that incorporates feedback from local communities, which is why we remain committed to the Shepherd’s Run Solar Farm and are beginning the process of submitting a new permit application. In addition to reflecting a good faith effort to incorporate almost all of the items recommended by the working group in recent years, this new proposal will reduce the fenced area of the project to approximately 175 acres and cut the output of the project to 42 MW. We look forward to continuing to engage with the local community to hear their feedback.”

The two community meetings will take place at the Hillsdale Firehouse, 9387 State Route 22, in “two open house style sessions.” The first session is from 1 to 3 p.m. and the

second from 5 to 7 p.m. No pre-registration required.

Asked why Hecate will not conduct its meetings somewhere in Copake, such as the Copake or Craryville firehouses, Copake Town Hall or the Taconic Hills School? Mr. Levine wrote, “...we chose the Hillsdale Fire House for the November 2021 open house. It is familiar to us and with constituents who attended previously and this setting created great open dialogue that contributed to the project development plan. If we are to use the intersection of Route 7 & 23 or Route 7 & Birch Hill Road as the center of the project, the Hillsdale Fire Department is closer than Copake Town Hall and the Copake Fire Department. The Town Hall is set up better for presentations with elevated chairs for the board while the Hillsdale Fire Department is more open for us to set up tables to discuss details of the project in a smaller setting with various subject matter experts from

Hecate. The school would be challenging due to students who would still be in school during our first session and the security issues that presents. Though the Craryville Fire House is closest it would not be big enough to host these sessions based on the numbers in 2021. We also see this as an opportunity to contribute to the fire department as a part of this event.”

Mr. Levine also sent a “summary of changes” Hecate has made to the project in an effort to “reflect the views of the community in the development of this project.”

Changes are:

- The footprint of the project will be reduced from approximately 267 to 215 acres since our previous application, and the output of the project will drop from 60 MW to 42 MW.

- The new proposal will include an Agrivoltaics Integration Plan that provides for sheep grazing in 2 of the array areas covering 73 acres.

As with previous versions of the application, this proposal incorporates dozens of changes to address local concerns. Those include:

- Exclusion of battery storage from the project scope

- Extensive native tree and shrub planting to minimize sightlines for neighbors

- Support to extend/connect to local hiking trails or other passive recreational/educational opportunities.

- Conducting local fire departments and first responder training

- Including pollinator species seed mix within the landscaping plan

- Implementing a Net Conservation Benefit Plan for grassland birds to preserve more than 25 acres of additional habitat.

- Incorporating wildlife-friendly rural style fencing instead of chain-link fencing

- Avoiding direct impacts to all state regulated Class I wetlands and developing a project with no net loss of wetlands

- Committing to not source panels from suppliers who utilize forced labor or that contain the environmental contaminant PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances)

- Providing bidding opportunities to local suppliers and using local labor and purchasing when practicable.

In his update report on Shepherd’s Run delivered at the March 14 Town Board meeting, Copake Supervisor Richard

Wolf said, “We hope that this time Hecate will work with Copake to address our well-documented concerns about its proposal. This should begin with Hecate’s willingness to incorporate the proposals of the ad hoc Working Group, including creation of a 300-acre public greenspace to effectively shield the facility components, thereby creating nature walks and bicycle paths which would turn Shepherd’s Run, as I’ve said too many times already, ‘from an eyesore into a tourist attraction.’ Hecate also needs to compensate the homeowners who will be most adversely impacted by the presence of tens of thousands of solar panels directly across the road. Their property values will surely plummet, and they should be compensated.”

While the supervisor initially expressed hope “that this time Hecate would work with us, that together we could develop a project more consistent with our local laws. Instead,” he said, “the developer seems hell-bent on steamrolling its way to an application filing. It is treating what ORES has ruled must be a new application process as a mere amendment to the old application process.”

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GEOLOGIST BOOK

By Robert and Johanna Titus

# They dig into their subject matter

**T**HE CATSKILL GEOLOGISTS, otherwise known as Professors Robert and Johanna Titus, have published their fifth and newest book: "The Hudson River Schools of Art and Their Ice Age Origins" has recently been published by Purple Mountain Press.

In it, they argue that in 19th century there was not only something of a cultural Renaissance here in the Hudson Valley region led by Thomas Cole and Frederic Church among others. But there is more to all this, much more. None of this, they argue, would ever have hap-

pened if the Hudson Valley, especially the North Lake area, had not been so heavily glaciated. They take their readers to the Catskill Mountain House ledge during the Ice Age and look down into the Hudson Valley below. They find that a massive glacier is flowing down the Hudson Valley. They watch as a branch of that ice peels off and turns west to go up Kaaterskill Clove and encircle South Mountain. It sculpts much of the scenery that is seen thereabouts. Later, when the ice melts, those melt-water flows erode many more scenic landscapes. When the artists arrive, they find a spe-

cial inspiration. They paint Kaaterskill Clove, Kaaterskill Falls. North and South Lakes, North Mountain, South Mountain and the Catskill Front itself. All were the direct and indirect products of ice age sculpting.

Are you fond of the Hudson River School?

Then knowing the ice age history that inspired it will help readers appreciate it. The authors also go back to the Mountain House ledge and look down into the valley once again. First it was filled with ice but later the climate warmed and it was filled with he glacial meltwaters of something called

Lake Albany. Time passed and readers will watch those waters drain away. We "watch" as platforms composed of lake sediments emerged from the draining waters. When a Hudson Valley aristocracy moved in, including many members of the Livingston family, they built their mansions upon those platforms. Their architects designed the grounds so that scenic views were opened up. Today these are commonly called planned views, and they became central to landscape architecture as it developed across America. At its core, however, this landscaping was glacial in its origins. The book

amounts to a marriage of art and science. It allows readers to develop a much broader comprehension of a truly grand landscape. They've taken great pains to keep the writing short and light. It's meant to communicate with their non-scientist readers: Just short, light and informative. Contact the authors at randjtitus@prodigy.net. Join their facebook page "the Catskill Geologist." Read their blogs at "thecatskillgeologist.com"

Order their book from Purple Mountain Press at www.nysbooks.com.

## Operation Unite benefit classical concert presented at Spencertown Academy

**S**PENCERTOWN — Spencertown Academy Arts Center will host a benefit concert for Operation Unite at the academy's Blanche Grubin Auditorium on Saturday, April 6 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature Antony Bracewell on violin and viola, pianist Gili Melamed-Lev, and cellist Julian Muller playing music by Piazzolla, Saint-Saëns, Bach, Arvo Pärt, and Mendelssohn. Tickets (\$30 general admission; \$10 students) may be purchased in advance via www.spencertownacademy.org and will be available at the door pending availability.

"Making a difference in the lives of our youth as they launch into the next phase of their lives is so important for our community," said event organizer Craig Bender, in a press release.

Based in Hudson, the mission of Operation Unite is to produce well-rounded youth who will enter adulthood with a sense of direction, self-esteem, and social consciousness and subsequently reinvest themselves into the community from which they came. The organization provides rare and much-needed



Photo contributed

Pictured (l to r) are Antony Bracewell (violin and viola), Gili Melamed-Lev (piano), and Julian Muller (cello)

opportunities for local youth, opening their eyes to a bigger world of possibility. Services include tutoring and mentoring; assistance with college applications; college campus visits; community service opportunities; internships with local businesses; diverse cultural experiences; visual and performing arts outings; classes in dance, drumming, and yoga; free laptop computers and more.

Bracewell is a member of the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra. His recent performances include serving as concertmaster of the Geneva Light Opera Company, principal violist of the Salomé Chamber Orchestra, principal

second violin of the South Florida Symphony Orchestra, and frequent guest appearances with the Shattered Glass ensemble. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in viola performance at the Juilliard School as a student of Paul Neubauer.

Melamed-Lev is an engaging, multi-faceted pianist who enjoys a career as a soloist, chamber musician, and collaborative artist. She is the co-founder and artistic director of Jazz and Classics for Change, a concert series in Columbia County and Berkshires, MA, that is dedicated to connecting and healing through music in our changing world.

American-German cellist Müller performs as soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral player in the U.S. and Europe. He has performed as a soloist with the Louisville Orchestra and appears frequently with the Orchestra of St. Luke's, the Montclair Orchestra, Metropolis Ensemble, and as principal cello of the Berkshire Symphony. He is currently pursuing a doctorate of Musical Arts at Rutgers University studying with Jonathan Spitz.

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**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. twin-countyrecoveryservices.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. stig-mafree.art.

**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.

**HEALTHCARE CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVE AVAILABLE**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 1 pm. Meet with a Healthcare Navigator for help signing up for affordable health coverage, including Medicaid and Child Health Plus. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

**MAKE IT & TAKE IT: CRAFTS MEETUP FOR ADULTS**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6:30 pm. Weave a mini, heart-shaped basket. All materials provided. Registration is appreciated, call 518-794-8844 or email info@newlebanonlibrary.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, Pick up orders 10 am-noon. Appointments as needed. Call ahead if possible: Betty White 518 441-2789 or Jackie Dextraze 518 965-5770. 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.

**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. Sign up for Mar 15 St Patrick's Day lunch. For ages 55 & up. New members welcome. 518 733-0009, lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com.

**Second Fridays**  
**CLAVERACK 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**  
**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. @roejan-friendsbookshop.

**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. chathampubliclibrary.org

**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 shakemuseum.us/events.

**First Sundays**  
**BOOK GROUP**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am. "This Other Eden" by Paul Harding. Copies of the book are available by request at local libraries. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

**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.

## EASTER

**March 30**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**, North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Route 203, 9 am sharp. Kids 9 and under are welcome.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**, Claverack Town Park, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, grounds open 10 am, hunts begin 11 am in any weather. For Claverack kids ages 1-9. Easter Bunny visit, prizes, bring own baskets or bags to collect eggs. www.ClaverackRepublicans.com

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**EASTER EGG HUNT**, Village of Kinderhook, James Vanderpoel House of History, noon sharp. Photos with Easter Bunny in Village Square, 11 am-1 pm. All welcome. Sponsored by Village of Kinderhook Recreation Committee & Kinderhook Elks Lodge.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**, Church of St. John in the Wilderness, 261 NY-344, Copake Falls, 11 am. Children search in 2 groups: under 6 yrs. & 6 & older. Prizes & snacks follow the hunt.

**EGG DECORATING**, First Presbyterian Church, 369 Warren Street, Hudson, noon-2 pm, festive egg painting & decorating session, adorn FPC's grounds with decorated Easter eggs. Perfect for kids and families. Sign up at [https://www.viewcy.com/e/easter\\_egg\\_decorating](https://www.viewcy.com/e/easter_egg_decorating).

**March 31**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**, First Presbyterian Church of Valatie, 3212 Church Street, Easter Celebration at 10 am, Easter egg hunt immediately following.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**, Our Lady of Hope, 8074 State Route 22, Copake Falls, Mass at 10 am. Easter egg hunt after Mass.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**, First Presbyterian Church, 369 Warren Street, Hudson, following 10:45 am Sunday service Easter egg hunt for kids.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Through March 31**  
**HYGIENE SUPPLIES & FOOD DRIVE**, Hudson collection boxes at Bank of Greene, 160 Fairview Ave; Trustco Bank, 507 Warren St.; Operation Unite NY, 360 Columbia St. & Greylock Federal Credit Union, 464 Fairview Ave. Hudson Rotary Club effort to benefit Columbia County Pfc. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Program. [www.facebook.com/rotary,HUDSON.ny](http://www.facebook.com/rotary,HUDSON.ny)

**Through April 1**  
**BARE ROOT TREE SALE** now open for orders. Details, forms: [ccswcd.org](http://ccswcd.org). Pick up Apr 26-27 at Columbia Co Soil & Water Conservation District, 1024 Rt 66, Ghent. Supplies limited, order early for best selection.

**Through May 14**  
**RESIDENTIAL BRUSH BURNING PROHIBITION**. Annual statewide spring burn ban to reduce wildfires, protect lives and property. [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)

**March 30**  
**WOODLAND POOLS EXPLORATION WALK**, Harris Conservation Area, 105 Bloody Hollow Road, Austerlitz, 10 am-noon. Columbia Land Conservancy leads walk, learn about vernal pools & animals that live there. Wear shoes that can get wet. Register at <https://columbialand.org/event/vernal-pools-exploration/>

**April 4**  
**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**, Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, 7 pm. Part of the bicentennial celebration, the meeting marks 200th anniversary of first town meeting. Public is invited.

**April 5**  
**TIMBERDOODLE TREK**, Siegel-Kline Kill, 1452 County Route 21, Ghent, 6-7:30 pm. Columbia Land Conservancy guided birding walk, family friendly, no dogs allowed. Bring water, binoculars, camera, wear weather-appropriate clothing, waterproof shoes. Appropriate for all ages, \$5 donation. Visit [ColumbiaLand.org/Events](http://ColumbiaLand.org/Events) to register.

**STAR GAZING PARTY**, Lake Taghkanic State Park, 1528 State Route 82, Gallatin, 7:30 pm. Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association hosts. Bring telescopes & binoculars or use those provided More info 518-851-3631 or <https://www.meetup.com/mhastro/events/275468188/>

**WHAT'S COOKING**

**First Tuesdays**  
**COMMUNITY DINNER**, Solaris, 360 Warren St, Hudson, 5:30 pm, free. Details: [camphillhudson.org](http://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](http://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.

**March 29**  
**FISH FRY**, Stockport Volunteer Fire Company firehouse, 128 County Route 25, 11 am-6 pm. \$15 for dinner; Venmo \$15.50, includes fried fish on bun, French or sweet potato fries, cole slaw. Take-out only, delivery available. Pre-orders get chance to win chocolate bunny. Call for pre-order 518-755-7851, leave message or contact any auxiliary member.

**April 6**  
**SOUP SAMPLER & BAKE SALE**, First Presbyterian Church, 3212 Church Street, Valatie, 11 am-1:30 pm. Variety of All You Can Eat Soups with crackers, beverage. \$11 for adults, \$5 children 5-11, free for children under 5.

**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](http://Newlebanonlibrary.org), 518 794-8844.

**SHAKE & SHOUT TODDLER STORY TIME**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. For ages 1-3. Sing, dance, listen to story. [Chathampubliclibrary.org](http://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](http://newlebanonlibrary.org), 518 794-8844.

**HIP HOP CLASS**, Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School, 330 County Rte 21C, Ghent, 3:30-5 pm. Join Loki and his friend, "Henry The Patchwork Whale," for dancing and spoken word. For grades 3-6. Open to Hawthorne Valley School students and children in the community. [Hawthornevalley.org](http://Hawthornevalley.org)

**FAMILY MUSIC & MOVEMENT STORY TIME**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 4 pm, free. Led by Abbey Lappen. [Claveracklibrary.org](http://Claveracklibrary.org).

**LEGO CLUB**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 4 pm, free. For ages 5 & up. Registration [kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us](mailto:kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us).

**Mondays & Wednesdays**  
**THE MENTOR IS IN**, Chatham Public Library, 9 Rt 9H, 10 am-1:30 pm, free. One-on-one appointments for writing & career help for teens with Wally Rubin. [Chathampubliclibrary.org](http://Chathampubliclibrary.org).

**Tuesdays**  
**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 10 am, free. Led by Deb Wiede. [Claveracklibrary.org](http://Claveracklibrary.org).

**ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 1 pm, free. For grades 1-5. [Claveracklibrary.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://chathampubliclibrary.org).

**LEGO CLUB**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 4 pm. For grades 2-5. [claveracklibrary.org](http://claveracklibrary.org).

**BILINGUAL STORYTIME / HORA DE CUENTOS BILINGÜE**, Hudson Area Library, 51 N. 5th St, 4-5 pm. April 3 to May 29/ Miércoles, 3 de abril – 29 de mayo. Señora Sonia host series of bilingual storytimes, presented in Spanish and English, includes craft activities. Únase a la Señora Sonia para una serie especial de cuentos bilingües, presentados en español e inglés, que incluirán actividades artesanales. Email [youth@hudsonarealibrary.org](mailto:youth@hudsonarealibrary.org) or call 518-828-1792 x101. Para registrarse, envíe un correo electrónico a [youth@hudsonarealibrary.org](mailto:youth@hudsonarealibrary.org) o llamar al 518-828-1792 x101.

**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](mailto:info@claveracklibrary.org)

**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](http://roejanlibrary.org).

**Thursdays**  
**BABY & ME STORY TIME**, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 11 am, free. [claveracklibrary.org](http://claveracklibrary.org).

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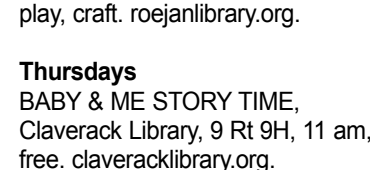
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**LEGO THURSDAYS**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, noon-8 pm. Roejanlibrary.org, 518 325-4101.

**HORA DE CUENTOS** (Spanish Story Hour), Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3 pm. With Senora Sonia. Bilingual stories, songs, rhymes in Spanish and English. For ages 3-5. Chathampubliclibrary.org.

**MOVEMENT & MUSIC 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. chatham-publiclibrary.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 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.

**April 1-5 SPRING ART CAMP**, Art Omi, 1405 County Route 22, 9 am to 3 pm, \$85/day. For ages 5-11. A combination of drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, installation, movement, music and more. artomi.org

**AT THE MOVIES**  
**March 28**  
**MISSISSIPPI MASALA**, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 7pm, \$8. Hosted by The Maker to celebrate "Lover" stories on film. hudsonhall.org

**ONE LOVE: BOB MARLEY**, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main Street, Chatham, 7 pm, \$11, \$8 for members. www.crandelltheatre.org

**March 29-31, April 3**  
**DUNE: PART TWO**, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main Street, Chatham, 7 pm, \$11, \$8 for members. www.crandelltheatre.org

**March 30**  
**ROMÉO ET JULIETTE**, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, noon, \$35, \$32.50 (TSL members), \$25 (students). Met Opera Live in HD. 518 822-8100, timeandspace.org

**April 4**  
**ADAPTATION**, Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, 6 pm, free. Part of the Williamstown Public Library 150th Anniversary Film Series. Call 413 549-0524 or clarkart.edu/events.

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**April 6**  
THE WINTER HOUSE + Q&A, The Moviehouse, 48 Main Street, Millerton, 6:30 pm, \$16, Superstar Members \$14. Meet the Director: Keith Boynton. www.themoviehouse.net

**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. lightformsartcenter.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. firstpreshudson.org.

**Third Sunday**  
JAMMIN' AT THE GRANGE, Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, 4-5:30 pm. Join with other musicians for music playtime. Bring instrument, voice, song, join jam. All welcome. Free.

Donations welcomed. lennybarham@gmail.com or visit www.copakegrange.org/events.

**April 4**  
Guitar Enthusiasts Meetup, New Lebanon Library, 550 State Rt 20, 6-7 pm. A casual meetup to play and talk about all things guitar. All experience levels welcome. www.newlebanonlibrary.org, 518-794-8844.

**April 6**  
THE MICHAEL BENEDICT JAZZ VIBES QUARTET, Hudson Area Library Community Room, 51 N. 5 St, noon, free. hudsonarealibrary.org

**LISTEN & LEARN**

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

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.

**March 28**  
RACHEL COLE from NY Connects speaks about consumer assistance programs at Greenport Seniors meeting, Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, 1 pm.

SALES AND SPECTACLE: A Conversation About Art and Commerce with Carrie Haddad, Olana, 5720 NY-9G, Greenport, 5 - 6:30 pm, \$30/ \$10 for TOP members. Registration required. www.olana.org

**April 3**  
TECH LAB: AI & Chat GPT, Columbia County Libraries Association, virtual event, 6:45 pm, free. Part of 6-webinar series. Registration: columbiacountylibraries@gmail.com.

**April 5**  
LECTURE ON THE COMPROMISED ART OF PARASITICAL RESISTANCE, Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, 5:30 pm. Lecture by Anna Watkins Fisher (University of Michigan). clarkart.edu/events

**April 5, 12, 19, 26**  
DIG IN SPRING GARDENING SERIES, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 479 Route 66, Claverack, 5-7:30 pm. Participants learn fundamental skills & knowledge necessary for success in garden. Every Friday throughout April, \$30 for whole series or \$10 for single class. To purchase tickets, visit CceColumbiaGreene.org/Spring-Gardening

**April 6**  
SOLAR ECLIPSE TALK, Claverack Free Library, 629 Route 23B, 10 am, free. Presented by Matthew Szydagis, Ph.D. Register: 518-851-7120 or info@claveracklibrary.org. Free eclipse glasses will be given to program attendees.

ART OMI: WRITERS READING, Benenson Center, 1405 County Route 22, Ghent, 5-6 pm, Free. Reading from the April 2024 cohort of Art Omi: Writers-in-Residence. artomi.org.

**DANCE**

**First Sundays**  
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.

**ON STAGE**

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

**Through April 1**  
MUSICIAN'S APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, The Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Route 203, Chatham, May 31 to September 15. Offers students the opportunity to engage with the theater's professional musical staff and musicians, including our Music Supervisor Eric Shorey. Submission deadline is April 1. www.machaydntheatre.org

**Through April 28**  
SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY'S CENTER FOR ACTOR TRAINING, spring 2024 workshops and weekend intensives, in-person and online offerings. Workshops in Philadelphia, PA, Washington, D.C., Lenox, MA and Los Angeles, CA. shakespeare.org, 413 637-1199, ext. 114.

**April 5, 6, 7**  
YOUR TOWN, Copake Grange, 618 Empire Road, times vary, free. An original bicentennial play with songs. Reservations: www.copakegrange.org.

**ON VIEW**

ART OMI, 1405 CR 22, Ghent. Olalekan Jeyifous: Even in Arcadia... thru June 2. Benenson Center open daily 9 am-4 pm. artomi.org, 518 392-4747.

ART SCHOOL of Columbia County, 1198 Rt 21C, Childhood Revisited: by Sabina Curti. Mon, Tue, Thurs, Sun noon-3 pm. 518 672-7140. Artschoolofcolumbiacounty.org.

BASILICA HUDSON Back Gallery, 110 S Front St. Erika DeVries: Seven Sisters. Basilicahudson.com.

CALDWELL GALLERY Hudson, 355 Warren St. A Gallery Collects: Where Quality Meets Value, through April 7. Fri-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 518 828-7087, jay@caldwell-galleryhudson.com.

CARRIE HADDAD Gallery, 622 Warren St, Hudson. Tangled Up in Blue thru April 21. Daily 11 am-5 pm, Tue by appt only. 518 828-1915. Carriehaddadgallery.com.

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

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

CLARK ART INSTITUTE, 225 South St, Williamstown. David-Jeremiah: I Drive Thee. April 5, 10:15 am, free tours of permanent collection galleries designed for new parents/caregivers and their infants.Tue-Sun, 10 am-4 pm. clarkart.edu.

CLAVERACK LIBRARY, 9 Rt 9H. HCSD Student Art Show, thru April. Open library hours. claveracklibrary.org.

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

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

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

FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson, admission. Then, Now & Always: Firefighting from the Cradle of Rome through the 1900s. Wed-Sun 10 am-4:30 pm. 518 822-1875 fasnyfiremuseum.com.

510 WARREN STREET Gallery, 510 Warren St, Hudson. Nina Lipkowitz: Other Worlds, March 1-31. Fri & Sat, noon-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 518 822-0510. 510warrenstreetgallery.com.

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

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

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

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

GALLERY@CREATE, 398 Main St, Catskill. Fri 4-7 pm, Sat & Sun 11 am-6 pm. createcouncil.org.

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

HUDSON AREA LIBRARY, 51 N 5th St. Open library hours. A Dialogue Across Generations: Making Connections through the BLACC Collection until April. hudsonarealibrary.org.

HUDSON HALL, 327 Warren St. E(n)ternal Lighf: The Eternal Ecosystem Exposed, curated by Ntangou Badila, thru April 14. Tue-Fri, 9 am-5 pm, Sat & Sun, noon-5 pm. 518 822-1438. hudsonhall.org.

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

J. DAMIANI Gallery. 8 Anthony St, Hillsdale. Every painting is a journey. By appt, jdamianigallery@gmail.com. Sat 11 am-4 pm.

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

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

KINDERHOOK KNITTING MILL, 8 Hudson St. Fri & Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-4 pm. Palm to Poplar: Devotional Labor, through April 29. shakermuseum.us, kinderhookknittingmill.com.

LABspace, 2642 Rt 23, Hillsdale. One Day All Of This Will Be Yours, thru March 31. Opening reception March 2, 1-5 pm. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm, no appt necessary. julielabspace@gmail.com. 917 749-2857.

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

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## Community briefs

### Soup and baked goods featured in sale

VALATIE – The First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Soup Sampler and Bake Sale Saturday, April 6 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This event offers a large variety of all-you-can-eat soups, with crackers and a beverage.

Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 11, and free for children under 5.

### Eat some fried fish on Good Friday

STOCKPORT – Stockport Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary puts on a Fish Fry at the firehouse, 128 County Route 25, March 29 Good Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The price is \$15 for a fish fry dinner; Venmo \$15.50, includes fried fish on a bun, French or sweet potato fries and cole slaw. Meals are take-out only, delivery available. Each pre-order will have a chance to win a two-pound chocolate bunny. Call for pre-order at 518-755-7851, leave a message or contact any auxiliary member.

### Pose with bunny for photograph

KINDERHOOK – The Village of Kinderhook Easter Egg Hunt gets underway at the James Vanderpoel House of History, Saturday, March 30, noon sharp. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be taken in the Village Square, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are

welcome. Sponsored by the Village of Kinderhook Recreation Committee and the Kinderhook Elks Lodge.

### Bring your own basket for egg collecting

COPAKE – An Easter Egg Hunt takes place at Copake Memorial Park March 30 at 11 a.m. Bring your own basket or bag for egg collecting. Eggs contain candy and great prizes. Upon arrival enter park building for further instructions and chances at winning raffles. No eggs will be collected until the start of the hunt is announced. The Easter Bunny will arrive to greet all and take pictures after the egg hunt. Event is sponsored by Town of Copake and Copake Park Commission.

### Come out at night and visit the stars

GALLATIN—Join the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association at its monthly Star Party at Lake Taghkanic State Park, West Beach parking lot, 1528 State Route 82, April 5, 7:30 p.m. Bring telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by association members. Registration is required at least one day beforehand. Attendees will be asked to provide their license plate number and make/model car, so park management and police have a record of who will be in park after hours. More information at <https://www.meetup.com/mhastro>, 518-851-3631.

Rain dates are the Saturday immediately following the original date.

# Happy Easter

## Church Easter festivities listed

GHENT – Churches around the county announce their Easter events/services:

- The First Presbyterian Church of Valatie, 3212 Church Street invites the community to its joyous Easter Celebration at 10 a.m. March 31 and an Easter egg hunt immediately following worship.

- North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Route 203, will be having an Easter Egg hunt Saturday, March 30. The fun will start at 9 a.m. sharp. Kids 9 and under are welcome. On Good Friday, March 29, the church has a 6 p.m. worship service where worshippers can “nail their sins to the cross.” On Easter Sunday regular worship is at 11 a.m. with adult Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Weekly in-person worship services are also avail-

able on Zoom. Find login information at [northchatham-methodistchurch.org](http://northchatham-methodistchurch.org). For more information on North Chatham United Methodist Church call 518-766-3535 or visit the website.

- Holy Week and Easter Services at Church of St. John in the Wilderness, 261 State Route 344, Copake Falls, Maundy Thursday March 28, Seder Meal at 6 p.m., Eucharist about 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday March 29, 7:30 p.m. Service; Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30, 11 a.m. Children search in two age groups—under 6 years old and 6 years old and older. Prizes and snacks follow the hunt; Easter Sunday March 31, 10 a.m. celebration.

- First Presbyterian Church, 369 Warren Street, Hudson, Saturday, March 30, noon to 2

p.m., festive egg painting and decorating session, adorn FPC's grounds with decorated Easter eggs. Perfect for kids and families. Sign up at [https://www.viewcy.com/e/easter\\_egg\\_decorating](https://www.viewcy.com/e/easter_egg_decorating). Sunday, March 31, 10:45 a.m. Easter Sunday service with Reverend Kathi Jones. Easter egg hunt for the kids following worship.

- Our Lady of Hope, 8074 State Route 22, Copake Falls: Holy Thursday, March 28, potluck supper at 6 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 29, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday, March 30, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 8 p.m. (no 5 p.m. Mass). Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 31, Mass at 10 a.m. Easter egg hunt after Mass.

## Fields will be laden with eggs

MELLENVILLE – The Claverack Republican Club will present its annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30 at the Claverack Town Park, 91 Church Street.

The free event is open to all Claverack area youths ages 1 to 9 and their parents and will

feature free refreshments, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and, naturally, the egg hunts which offer first, second and third place prizes in three age categories: 1 to 3, 4 to 6 and 7 to 9. Additional prizes are also found in eggs placed around the fields.

The grounds open at 10 a.m., with the hunts getting underway at 11 a.m. sharp, rain, snow or sun.

Participants are reminded to bring their own baskets or bags to collect the eggs. For more information visit [www.ClaverackRepublicans.com](http://www.ClaverackRepublicans.com)

### New Lebanon has a pharmaceutical history

The New Lebanon Historical Society has begun rotating displays highlighting segments of the town's storied history. The current effort (pictured) focuses on the pharmaceutical history of New Lebanon, featuring items from the Tilden Company. These displays are in the glass cabinet in the Town Hall meeting room and will be changed from time to time.



Photo contributed

**You and Your Loved Ones are invited to join us for Holy Triduum and Easter at the Catholic Community of Northern Columbia County (CCNCC)**

#### **Holy Thursday**

#### **Church of Saint Joseph (Stuyvesant Falls)**

7:00 pm Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Last Supper (preceded by a Potluck at 5:30 pm)

Followed by Adoration until 9:00 pm

#### **Good Friday**

#### **La Iglesia de San José (Stuyvesant Falls)**

6:00 pm Via Crucis (Español)

#### **St. John the Baptist Church (Valatie)**

7:00 pm – Good Friday Services (English)

#### **Holy Saturday**

8:00 pm at **St. James** (Chatham) Bilingual

(The Great Easter Vigil – no 4:00 pm mass)

#### **Easter Sunday**

7:15 am at **St. John the Baptist** (Valatie)

9:00 am at **St. James** (Chatham)

10:45 am at Church of **St. Joseph** (English)

12:30 pm at **Iglesia de San Jose** (Español)

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## Spring break crafts at Roe Jan Library

COPAKE – Roeliff Jansen Community Library invites kids to the library during spring break for spring-themed crafts.

Join them in the children's room on Tuesday, April 2 at 11 a.m. to paint your very own garden gnome. With children's library associate Tia guiding the way, children will have a "gnome-tastic" time expressing their creativity.

Later in the week, on Thursday, April 4 at 11 a.m., the library will be using recycled egg cartons to create fun 3-D animal portraits.



Photos contributed

Gnome making

Come have fun while transforming this everyday object into adorable animal faces; from goofy googly-eyed creatures to fierce lions and cuddly pandas, the possibilities are endless.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library, which is chartered to serve Ancram, Copake, and Hillsdale, is located at 9091 Route 22, approximately one mile south of the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 22 and 23. For information on hours and events, call 518 325-4101 or visit roejanlibrary.org, Facebook, or Instagram.



Photos contributed

Egg carton art

## Library hosts bilingual storytime on Wednesdays

HUDSON – The Hudson Area Library hosts a Bilingual Storytime / Hora de cuentos bilingüe, on Wednesdays, April 3 to May 29 / Miércoles, 3 de abril – 29 de mayo, 4 to 5 p.m.

Join Señora Sonia for a special series of bilingual storytimes, presented in Spanish and English, which will include craft activities. Únase a la Señora Sonia para una serie especial de cuen-

tos bilingües, presentados en español e inglés, que incluirán actividades artesanales.

Registration appreciated, but not required. To register, email youth@hudsonarealibrary.org or call 518 828-1792 x101

Para registrarse, envíe un correo electrónico a youth@hudsonarealibrary.org o llamar al 518-828-1792 x101 (Se agradece el registro, pero no es obligatorio).

## Can't sleep? Let's talk about it

COPAKE – Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, will hold a workshop on sleep led by psychologist Thad Harshbarger on Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m., in person at the library.

There are many reasons that people can't sleep, and magazines and bookstores are loaded with treatments for insomnia. Each treatment offers relief to people in general, but how can you know whether it will be helpful to you?

In this workshop, there will be a mix of brief presentations on the nature of sleep and insomnia with discussion periods that focus on your needs and ways that you can address them. The goal will be to leave with a clearer understanding of your own sleep and some actions you can take to improve it.

Licensed as a psychologist in



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Library hosts talk on sleeping issues.

New York and Massachusetts, Mr. Harshbarger has been working clinically with individuals and couples for more than 45 years. As a teacher and psychotherapist, he helps people define and resolve their own problems in their own ways. His recent book,

"The Fight For Sleep: Pick Your Battles – Win the War," takes clinical process into printed form.

For information on hours and events, call 518 325-4101 or visit roejanlibrary.org, Facebook, or Instagram.

## Library hosts solar eclipse talk

CLAVERRACK – The Claverack Free Library will host a solar eclipse talk presented by Matthew Szydagis, Ph.D. on Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m.

People around the country will soon take in a total eclipse expected on April 8. But what causes this out-of-this world phenomenon? Join Physics Professor Szydagis as he explains what causes this celestial event that captivates so many.

Prof. Szydagis, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Physics at SUNY Albany whose research includes experimental astroparticle physics, with a focus on the direct detection of dark matter WIMPs (Weakly



Photo contributed

Looking at the eclipse with special glasses.

Interacting Massive Particles).

To register, call 518 851-7120 or email info@claveracklibrary.org. Free eclipse glasses will be given to program attendees.

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.

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## TOWN HISTORIAN

By Howard Blue

# Ancient man-made objects found in Copake

**D**ID YOU EVER WONDER how far back the Native Americans who once lived in Columbia County lived here? Well, thanks to an analysis of a collection of Mohican artifacts, there are some strong clues. First, some background information:

A combination of forces that included conflicts with the powerful Mohawks and “disruptions” by European settlers drove out the Mohicans who lived in and around the Copake area several centuries ago. But four Copake locations associated with the Mohicans are known. One, curiously described by an archaeologist as a “resort,” is near a spring on “Mount Tom,” likely Tom’s Hill, right outside the hamlet’s center. A second one is a prehistoric camping site on Copake Lake’s north shore. And the third is Robinson Pond where in the mid-19th century Paul and Phebe Pry, a Mohican couple, lived. The fourth place is where, in about 2007, an archaeological company that prefers to go unnamed did a series of digs. Thanks to those digs, there is evidence from artifacts found there that Native Americans, Mohicans, were in the Copake area at least as far back as 6,000 years ago.

The archaeological company was hired by a landowner who in the end did not pay his bill. So, after the artifacts were dug up, they sat for some years in the company’s office. To minimize relic hunters accessing the dig site, I’m not identifying it.

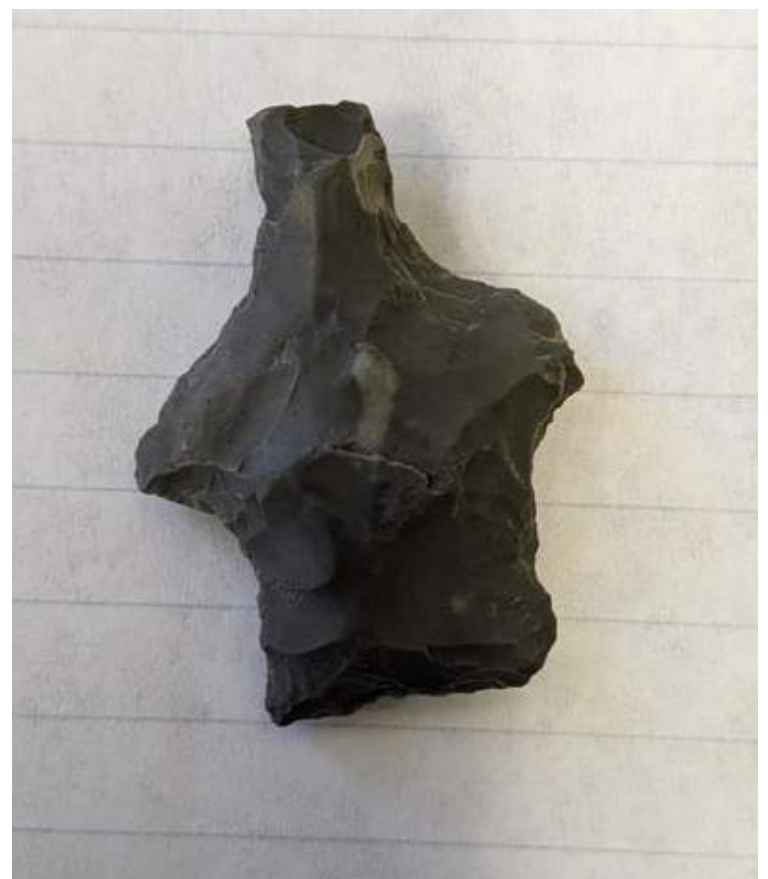
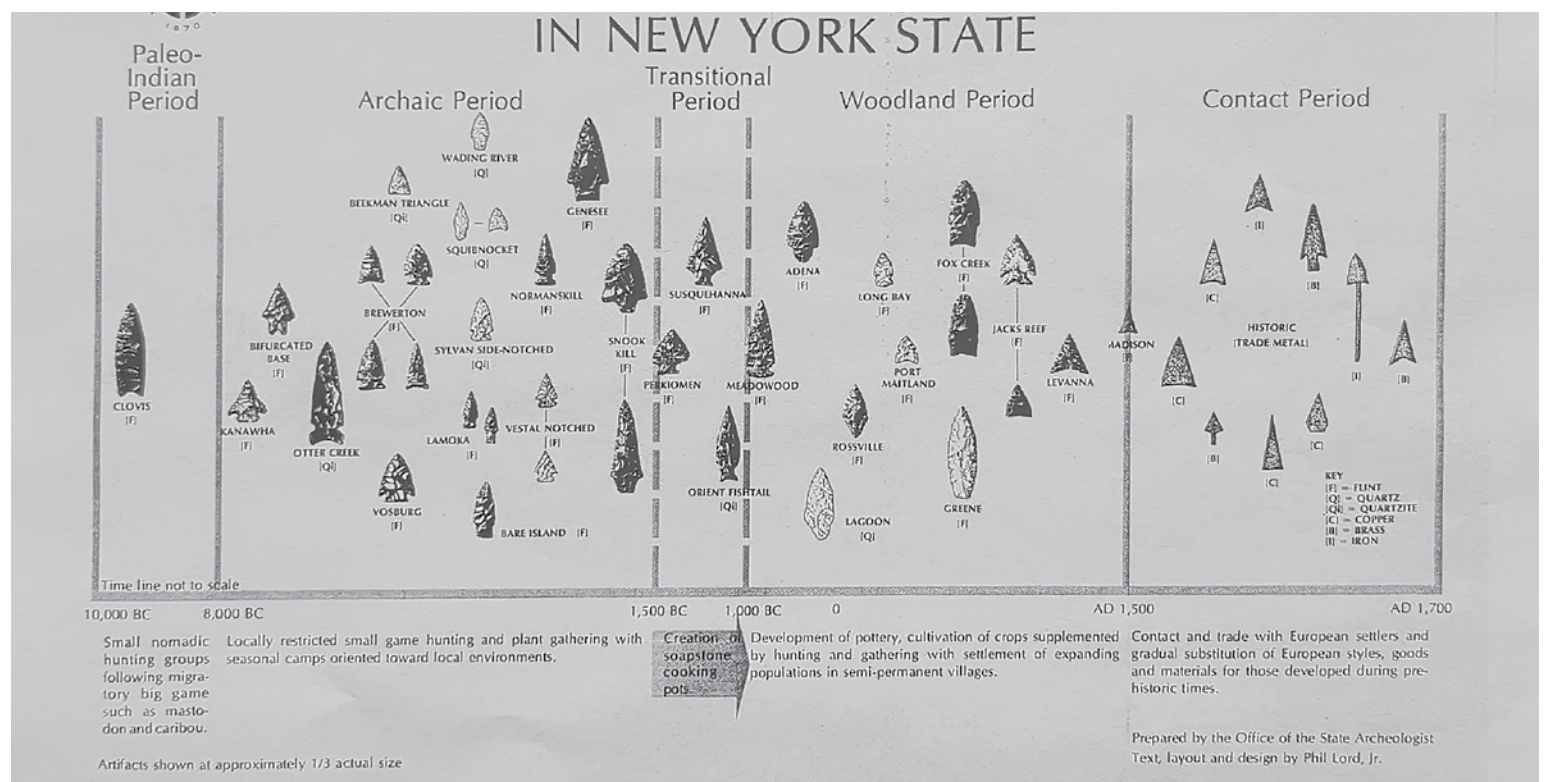
About seven or eight years ago, before I became town historian, I began trying to obtain the collection for the town. Then, a few years after I was appointed, I asked a representative of the dig site’s current landowner for help. According to the company, it is the landowners who are entitled to such collections. At my request, the representative wrote to the archaeology company. In response, the company turned over the collection to me for the town.

Thus far, two archaeologists from the New York State Museum, Susan Winchell Sweeney and Jonathan Lothrop, have consulted about the collection. Dr. Lothrop is a specialist in relation to this kind of collection.

One by one, Dr. Lothrop examined the items in the collection whose items fall into at least five categories:

1. Non-cultural rocks with no archaeological value that initially were suspected of having some.

2. Flakes that were a byproduct of work that Native Americans did in creating stone tools.



Photos contribute

Top photo is a chart of Projectile Point Prototypes found in New York State (Source: NY State Museum); (bottom l) Snook Kill projectile Point (c. 3,500 years old); (bottom r) Genesee Point drill (c. 3,500 years old).

3. FCRs: Fire cracked rocks, rocks which became cracked from fires, possibly ancient hearths.

4. Tools. One rock with marks on either end of it was determined to be a hammer stone used in flintknapping. Another small item with a very sharp edge that could not have appeared in nature, was a scraper used for cleaning animal hides. A third artifact is a small drill.

5. Projectile points, meaning either darts or perhaps arrowheads. Darts appear to have been used before the invention of the bow and arrow. But it is not known for sure when that invention occurred.

New York State archaeologists categorize these points by using a chart (see above) exhibiting the shapes of prototypes. Each prototype is named for the region where it was found. In addition, there are estimates of the age of the projectile points. Because such artifacts are made of stone, they cannot be carbon dated. But organic material found next to them has been carbon dated and thus yielded the artifacts’ approximate ages.

As one can see from the chart, the farther to the left a projectile point prototype is, the older it is.

Many of the projector points were deemed to be Normanskill\*

- meaning approximately 4,500-4,000 years old.

At least one is probably a Genesee Point (3,500 years old), and another is likely Otter Creek (6,500-6,000 years old). One was either Squibnocket Point (est. 5,000 years old) or Levanna (6,500-6,000 years old)

By the way, this news about the Mohican artifacts is more significant than might at first glance seem apparent. Word about the collection reached the Stockbridge-Muncee reservation in Wisconsin, and a tribal representative contacted me. One concern was whether the collection might have included any sort of sacred

objects. It did not. But descendants of genocide victims treasure anything left from their ancestors. The notion might be summed up by the statement, “See, we were here. Despite efforts to erase us, we have proof that our ancestors existed. And we have survived.”

\*Normanskill, Genesee, etc. are terms referring to the locations where prototype projectile points were found.

Howard Blue publishes the Copake History Facebook page and writes a monthly column for the Copake Connection, the town’s monthly newsletter. Also, with artist Nick Fritsch, Blue created the Permanent Copake History Exhibit in Copake Town Hall.



## Get equipped for gardening success

CLAVERACK – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties Master Gardener Volunteers present “Dig In! Spring Gardening Series,” a comprehensive program designed to equip participants with the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary for success in the garden. This series will be held every Friday throughout the month of April, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at 479 Route 66. Participants can pay \$30 for the whole series, or \$10 for a single class. To purchase tickets visit the event website at [CceColumbiaGreene.org/Spring-Gardening](http://CceColumbiaGreene.org/Spring-Gardening).

“Dig In! Spring Gardening Series” promises to be an enriching experience for gardening enthusiasts of all levels. With four distinct topics including Seed Starting, Vegetable Gardening, Terrarium Gardening, and Cut Flower Gardening, participants will learn the essential foundations of growing beautiful and bountiful gardens.

“We’re excited to offer this series as a more intimate alter-

native to our traditional Spring Gardening Days event. While it may be smaller in scale, we’re confident that the focused content and engaging community events will create a memorable experience for attendees,” Xandra Powers, Community Horticulture Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, said in a press release.

Each class will be preceded by a one-hour community event, featuring activities such as seed swapping, equipment swapping and book sales. Attendees can also look forward to exciting giveaways and raffles, including the chance to win a beautifully crafted terrarium made during the Terrarium Gardening class.

With limited space available, interested parties are encouraged to visit [CceColumbiaGreene.org/spring-gardening](http://CceColumbiaGreene.org/spring-gardening) to view the full schedule of programs and reserve their spot today.

For more information on Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties, visit [CceColumbiaGreene.org](http://CceColumbiaGreene.org).



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Meet a woodcock, a/k/a, timberdoodle.

## Watch for woodcocks on guided bird walk

GHENT – Ready to do the timberdoodle trek and waddle the way of the woodcock? The Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) shares the opportunity to participate in an evening guided birding walk at Siegel-Kline Kill, 1452 County Route 21, April 5, 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event is family friendly, but no dogs allowed. “Woodcocks are really magical birds. We hope to see some of them performing their unique mating dances while we’re on the hike! It’s truly one of my favorite sights and sounds of spring,” Jenifer Rosete, conservation education coordinator at CLC, said in a press release.

Participants will learn about

the life cycle of the woodcock and their habitat needs at this hike. This event will include walking about a mile on the Meadow Loop, a mostly flat grass path that can be muddy after rain.

The pace will be leisurely, and include plenty of stopping and listening. Attendees should bring water, binoculars, and a camera, and wear weather-appropriate clothing, particularly footwear that can get wet and muddy like hiking shoes or waterproof boots. This event is appropriate for all ages, especially young hikers who like getting muddy!

Participation is free with a suggested \$5 donation. Visit [ColumbiaLand.org/Events](http://ColumbiaLand.org/Events) to register.

## Obituaries

### Charles H. Hudson (1940 - 2024)



Charlie Hudson

GREENPORT – Charles H. Hudson, 83, of Greenport passed away March 20, 2024 peacefully at his home. He was born in Hudson, June 9, 1940. He was the son of the late Frank and Elsie Hudson. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Cheryl Griffith Hudson. He graduated from Hudson High School in 1958 and from the Albany College of Pharmacy in 1962. He also served in the U.S. Army for six years.

He worked as a pharmacist in many pharmacies through Columbia County until he bought McKinstry’s in Hudson. He retired from there in 1996 and then worked part-time at the Adventist Home for seven years.

“Charlie” was a member of the Hudson Rotary Club where he served as treasurer. He also served on the board of the Columbia-Greene Humane Society, the Greenport Historical Society, and 10 years on the Town of Greenport Planning Board. He was an active member of Christ Church Episcopal where he served as usher. Additionally, he was an avid Red Sox fan.

He is survived by: his brother, David Hudson of Montana; his nephews, Ross Hudson of Maryland and Joel Hudson of New Hampshire; his brothers-in-law, Arthur (Nancy) Griffith, and Scott and Larry Clark. He also leaves behind his very close friend and caregiver, Connie Brandley and many close friends.

Visitation hours at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home were March 25. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 26 from Christ Church Episcopal, Hudson. Interment followed in Cedar Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Columbia Greene Humane Society.

### Paul J. Davis, Jr. (1959 - 2024)



Paul Davis, Jr.

MANCHESTER, CT – Paul J. Davis, Jr., 64, of Manchester, CT, passed away Monday, January 29, 2024. He was the beloved husband of Anne (Flaum) Davis for 41 special years.

Born February 25, 1959, in Hudson, he was the son of Shirley (Gagnon) Davis and the late Paul J. Davis, Sr.

He grew up in Chatham, attended Riverside School of Aeronautics, Utica and moved to CT, where he worked for Pratt & Whitney for more than 40 years. He made amazing friendships and was able to travel the world working on jet engines, his passion. He was a volunteer firefighter in the 80s and 90s. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed watching golf and football on TV, the Jets being

his all-time favorite team. Most of all, he was a very caring son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend who was there for those he loved.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by: his two daughters, Michelle Leonowicz and husband Jeffrey and their four children, Zachary, Jeffrey, Jr., Dominic, and Abigail, Melissa Davis and fiancé, Miguel Rivera and their son, Sebastian. He is also survived by: his sister, Bonnie

Simpkins and husband, Gary, niece, Audrey Kupsch, and nephew, Aaron Simpkins, and numerous family and friends.

His family thanks the UPENN lung transplant team for giving him several more years to spend with his family and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held for both Paul, Sr. and Jr., at the French, Gifford, Preiter & Blasl Funeral Home, 25 Railroad Avenue, Chatham, April 6 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. with prayers at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Paul, Jr. may be made to The Gift of Life, 401 Callowhill St., Philadelphia, PA 19123. Donations in memory of Paul, Sr. may be made to the Valatie Rescue Squad or the Chatham Rescue Squad.

### Steven M. Lutz, Sr. (1947 - 2024)



Steve Lutz, Sr.

LEBANON SPRINGS – Steven Michael Lutz, Sr., age 76, went to his eternal home March 17, 2024.

He is survived by: his children, Steven, Jr. (Stephanie), Daniel (Deborah), Christie (Jarrod) Jones; his nine grandchildren, Willy, Nicolo, Madeline, Marni, Josiah, Priscilla, Titus, Henry, and Jubilee; his siblings, Bob (Ginny) Lutz, Carol (Ray) Nostrand and Virginia Hofmann; many loving nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

“Steve” was born to Henry and Joan (Downing) Lutz, June 21, 1947, and raised in Huntington. He was a life-long car enthusiast. In the 1960s he could be found “wrenching” on cars or racing them at the drag strip on Long Island. His interest in cars led him to a career in the automotive industry. First as a mechanic with the

local service station and auto dealership and from there to a long and successful sales and management career with Snap-on-Tools.

He married Catherine Pugliese in 1967, and they soon added three children. As the family grew, he gave up car racing for more relaxed recreation on the waters of the Long Island Sound. He was a proud captain of many different family cruisers. In his later years, he relocated to New Lebanon. There he enjoyed exploring the beauty of the Berkshires. He was often found at local music festivals,

shopping farmer’s markets and visiting the town auction house.

To read Mr. Lutz’s obituary in its entirety visit [SimpleChoicesCremation.com](http://SimpleChoicesCremation.com)

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Lutz (1979), his mother Joan Lutz (2019) and his brother-in-law, Tom Hofmann (2018).

His family thanks his long-time friends and neighbors, Bill and Mary, for their gracious love and support.

Cremation has taken place through the care of Simple Choices, Inc. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to either Tanglewood Music Center or World Vision clothing. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the Lutz Family online at [SimpleChoicesCremation.com](http://SimpleChoicesCremation.com)

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## Obituaries

### Stephen J. Shpur (1944 - 2024)

ALBANY – Stephen Joseph Shpur, 79, of Kinderhook passed away March 19, 2024, surrounded by family members at Albany Medical Center. Born June 10, 1944 in Detroit, MI, to Gerald and Dorothy Shpur, “Steve” lived a life defined by dedication, love and joy.



Steve Shpur

After graduating from Port Henry High School in 1962, he pursued his passion for education, obtaining both bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from the State University of New York College at Cortland. His professional journey spanned over three decades, which started off with being a physical education instructor at Crown Point High School for three years before dedicating 30 years to Ichabod Crane Central School, where he was cherished as a teacher, coach, and mentor.

While he found fulfillment in his career, he had many personal pursuits. He was a long time member of the Kinderhook Reformed Church. He served as an usher and volunteered on several committees. He took

delight in the simple pleasures of bird watching, coin collecting and fishing. He was a dedicated fan of the Detroit Lions, Tigers and Red Wings. He was well known around town for his love of Necco wafers, and sharing Smarties with his grandchildren.

His greatest joy came from sharing life's moments with his beloved wife, Janet. Together, they celebrated 57 years of marriage, creating countless cherished memories and enjoying their six remarkable grandchildren.

Survived by his loving wife, Janet, he leaves behind a legacy of love and guidance through his sons and daughters-in-law: Russ and Alicia (Simonetti) of East Canaan, CT, Jason and Christy (Seebode) of

Queensbury and Andy and Kerri (Martinovich) of Oxford, FL, as well as his grandchildren: Jacob, Caleb, Benjamin, Joshua, Katelyn and Emily.

Additionally, he is survived by: his brother, Gerald Shpur; his sister, Bonnie (Richard) Bruce; brothers Tim (Jill) Shpur and Tom (Sue) Shpur; sister, Joanne (Floyd) Shappy and sister-in-law, Ann (Gus) Harris; nieces Katie, Chrissy, Heather, Kerri, Tara, Danielle, and nephews Jeremy, Jed, Taylor, Ryan, Travis, and Tristan. He will also be missed by his cats, Buddy and Miggy.

He was preceded in death by: his brother, Michael Shpur; sister-in-law, Jeanne Shpur; nephews, Jared Shpur and Christopher Shpur; niece, Kristi Shpur; mother, Dorothy Shpur; father, Gerald Shpur; mother-in-law, Isabelle Hasselbach and father-in-law, Richard Hasselbach.

There will be a celebration of life planned at a later date.

Arrangements were with the Raymond Bond Funeral Home, Valatie.

### Nancy W. M. Zimmerman (1946 - 2024)

PITTSFIELD, MA – Nancy W. (McClave) Zimmerman, 77, of New Lebanon died March 20, 2024 at Berkshire Medical Center following complications from a brain injury.



Nancy Zimmerman

She was born July 7, 1946 in Yonkers, to Rowland McClave, Jr. and Elizabeth W. McClave. Raised in Dobbs Ferry, she attended school there until her last two years of high school, which she spent at S Ford Manor, a private English school partly-owned by her Aunt Lina. Upon her return to the United States she became a medical-surgical technician at St. John's Hospital in Yonkers.

After 10 years she moved to Stephentown, where she met Bill Zimmerman, whom she married May 31, 1975. She became a volunteer emergency medical technician for the Lebanon Valley Protective Association for more than 20 years, often on call 24/7. For many years she served as captain of the ambulance squad. She also worked as the EMT at the Lebanon Valley Dragway

for a number of years. She loved the outdoors, summer, fall, gardening, her beloved dogs, and, of course, her family and friends.

She is survived by: her husband Bill; brother, Rowland “Rik” (Bev) McClave of Stephentown; sister, Kathie Gilman of Georgia; four nieces; two nephews and nine grandnieces and grandnephews.

Calling hours were held March 24 at Hall & Higgins Funeral Home, 457 State Route 43, Stephentown, followed by her funeral service officiated by Pastor Trygve Tomlinson. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

### Priscilla R. Spinner (1945 - 2024)

SAN RAMON, CA – Priscilla Rogati Spinner, age 78, of San Ramon, CA, passed away March 13, 2024 at her residence. She was born in Little Rock, AR, to the late Dr. Gene Rogati and Beatrice Thrasher Rogati, April 26, 1945. She went to high school at Ichabod Crane Central School in Valatie, graduating in 1963. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston University in 1967. She earned a master's degree in speech pathology from the State University of NY at Buffalo. She worked as a speech therapist for the



Priscilla Spinner

Vallejo, CA, Unified School District for more than 32 years. She enjoyed reading, movies, live theater and concerts and traveling the globe. She is survived by: her husband, Howard Spinner of San Ramon, CA; her son, Zac Saunders of Pinole, CA; her daughter, Jen (Mike) Spencer

of Goodyear, AZ; her sister, Polly Connelly of Tucson, AZ; her brothers, Peter (Marilyn) Rogati of Cortland and Paul (Karen) Rogati of Essex, MA; two grandchildren, Dylan and Kyle Spencer of Goodyear, AZ. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by a son, Kevin Spinner. Memorial donations may be made to UCSF Benioff Hospital's Pediatric Cancer Program in San Francisco, CA. A Celebration of Life service will be held in the SF Bay Area at a future date. Arrangements are with the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie.

### Margaret Williams (1949 - 2024)

SPENCERTOWN – Margaret “Meg” Williams of Spencertown died March 21, 2024 at her residence. She was born in Hudson to parents Margaret (Bradlee) and Samuel Porter Webster and raised in Kinderhook. She was the youngest of her four siblings, Eugenia (Ed) Keegan, Sally (Butch) Stalker, Bradlee (Jackie) Webster and Gretchen (Jim) Brahm.



Meg Williams

where they built a house and raised their family. She was a devoted mother, wife and sister; above all else she loved spending time with her family.

She was an active member of the Spencertown Fire Company Auxiliary in recent years. She was a thoughtful, kind, considerate person who always enjoyed helping others. She will be dearly missed.

She leaves behind her loving husband of 56 years, Gary; her daughter, Melissa (Mark) Stickles of Craryville; her son, Robert (Kristen) Williams of San Rafael, CA, and her grandchildren, Andrew Williams, Lila Williams and Emma Stickles. She was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Sally.

The family will plan a memorial service this spring where they will welcome all to attend to celebrate her life. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Community Hospice of Columbia Greene or the American Cancer Society. For online condolences, visit [wenkfuneralhome.com](http://wenkfuneralhome.com).

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**Doris M. Graham (1939 - 2024)**

VALATIE – Doris Mary Graham, 84, of Valatie passed away March 21, 2024 with her son, “Billy” at her side. Born April 26, 1939 in Valatie, she was the daughter of the late Joseph John and Elsie Grace (James) Youzwak and the wife of the late William Joseph Graham, Sr. who passed away in July 1988.



*Doris Graham*

She was a graduate of the Ichabod Crane Central School District in Valatie. Before her retirement, she accomplished a long career at New York Telephone / NYNEX for 37½ years. She was an operator, worked in the mailroom then moved on to secretarial positions for many different people before completing her career in Exchange Carrier Relations

which was a department that dealt with independent phone companies such as Berkshire Telephone Company in Kinderhook. She was a member of the Tri-Village Seniors, the Telephone Pioneers and for 30 years a committee member for Boy Scout Troop 114.

She is survived by her beloved son, William J. Graham, Jr. of Valatie; many nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends. Besides her parents

and husband, she was also predeceased by her sisters-in-law, Jackie and Marge O'Brien, Jean Graham and Lorraine Monaco and her brothers-in-law, Jack, Bob and Harold Graham.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 25 at St. John the Baptist Church, Valatie, with the Reverend Steve Matthews officiating. Burial was at the Cemetery of the Maples, East Chatham. Arrangements were with the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie.

Donations may be made to St. John the Baptist Church, 1025 Kinderhook Street, Valatie 12184 or the Columbia-Greene Humane Society, 111 Humane Society Road, Hudson 12534.

**Steve Sorros (1935 - 2024)**

SPENCERTOWN – Steve Sorros passed away March 21, 2024. Born August 6, 1935, he was the son of the late Sozon and Stavroula Sorros.



*Steve Sorros*

As a young man, he completed his service in the Greek Navy and then worked on oil ships in Greece before moving to America in 1961.

Shortly after moving, he met the love of his life, Sarah Sorros in the Bronx, whom he married in 1963. They moved to Spencertown in 1972 where they raised their family. He worked at Columbia Box Corporation in Chatham until he retired in 1989.

He would say the only thing that mattered in life was his family and was extremely proud of his sons and grandchildren. He enjoyed planting vegetable and flower gardens every year, especially his prize tomatoes. He had an amazing green thumb! He also enjoyed cooking delicious seafood for his family on holidays, espe-

cially at Christmas. He loved dancing, hunting, fishing and cared for all animals. He was somewhat of an animal whisperer, as he spent many hours in the last few years with his granddaughters' chickens, horses and turkey, Axel. He absolutely loved watching his grandchildren grow up and was very protective of them all.

He was predeceased by: his brother, Tony Sorros of Aegina, Greece, and his sister-in-law, Barbara Laspada.

He is survived by: his loving and adoring wife of 61 years, Sarah Sorros; his sons, Frank of Hudson, Steven (Tera) of Schenectady and

Christopher (Karen) of Spencertown; his grandchildren, Nicholas (Amanda), Jacob, Anna, Katherine, and Christopher; his brothers, Angelo (Ritsa) and Pete (Matula) of Aegina, Greece, and his brothers-in-law, Anthony (Carol) Laspada of Long Beach, CA, Salvatore Laspada of Chatham and his dear sister-in-law, JoAnne Laspada of Ghent; many nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly, both in America and in Aegina, Greece.

His family received friends March 24 at the French, Gifford, Preiter & Blasl Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 25 at St. James Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Columbia County Office of the Aging Meals on Wheels Program. Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblasl.com.

**William H. Parmalee, Sr. (1936 - 2024)**

HUDSON – William Henry “Laughing Bear” Parmalee, Sr., 87, of Copake Lake passed away March 23, 2024 surrounded by his loving family at Columbia Memorial Hospital.



*Bill Parmalee, Sr.*

He was born in Falls Village, CT, the son of Jacob and Margaret (Dubey) Parmalee. He was a Marine who served during the Korean War. “Bill” worked for many years at Bristol’s and was also a self-employed carpenter. He was an EMT with Copake Rescue and was a past fire chief for Copake Falls. An avid outdoorsman, he possessed a deep appreciation of nature and all that it provides. He helped to pass that apprecia-

tion down to a younger generation by serving as a Boy Scout Leader of Troop 130. He had a deep respect and love for family, the Native American people and the great outdoors.

He is survived by: his wife, Joanne Parmalee; two sons, Ethan Parmalee and William (Christine) Parmalee, Jr.; his grandchildren, Kenneth (Diana), Danielle (Justin),

Meghan (Casey) and William III (Lorie); six great-grandchildren, Abby, Kaden, Adalina, Evianna, William IV, and Michael. He was the oldest of his siblings, Lydia Farmer, Margaret Ovitt, Jacob, Timothy and Michael Parmalee; his sister by heart, Judy Marks; and he was loved by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Judith Machia and Marie Ovitt.

A private celebration of Bill’s life will take place at the convenience of the family.

To share a favorite memory or to leave a message of condolence for his family visit [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net)

**Enar I. Gustavsson (1932 - 2024)**

HILLSDALE – Enar Ingemar Gustavsson, 91, of Hillsdale passed away suddenly March 18, 2024 in the company of two of his best friends.



*Enar Gustavsson*

Born July 10, 1932 in Soderhamn, Sweden, he was the son of Enar and Gunhild Gustavsson and the husband of Matilde Campos Cruz Gustavsson.

His life was too multifaceted and exciting to summarize. To read his obituary in its entirety visit [www.batesanderson.com](http://www.batesanderson.com).

Early on he met Matilde, the love of his life, in night school learning English. He married her and they raised two children She died 55 years later.

Mr. Gustavsson was a loving husband, father and friend and is survived by: his daughter, Clara of East Haven, CT; his son, John and son-in-law Stuart of Portland, OR; sister-

in-law, Majbritt of Bouze, AZ, and many beloved nieces and nephews, in Sweden, Colombia and the USA, as well as two cats, many Canada geese, and assorted chickens.

A memorial get-together for family and friends will be announced later in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to The Residents Fund in memory of Ingemar Gustavsson, Pine Haven Rehabilitation Center, 201 Main St, Philmont 12565 or Columbia Memorial Hospital, Hudson at Ways to Give - CMH Foundation ([givecmh.org](http://givecmh.org))

**Rose A. Decker (1973 - 2024)**

GREENPORT – Rose A. Decker 50, of Greenport passed away suddenly Monday, March 18, 2024. Born in Tucson, AZ, October 12, 1973, she was the daughter of Na Kichon Decker and the late Sonny Everett Decker.



*Rose Decker*

She was a loving mother, always pushing for her children’s happiness. She was the definition of selflessness. Surviving are: her sons, Todd and Guy Daniell of Greenport and her daughter, Lamyah

Daniell. A memorial service is being planned at the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport and will be announced. To leave online condolences visit [www.saccofuneralhome.com](http://www.saccofuneralhome.com).

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# Public Notices

**COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF GREENPORT

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATE.

(Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law section 501)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information that will be used to establish the Assessment of each parcel, which will appear on the Tentative Assessment Roll for the Town of Greenport which will be filed on or before May 1, 2024. The information may be reviewed by appointment in the Assessor's office at the Greenport Town Hall, 600 Town Hall Dr., Hudson, NY, on Fridays from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m., and Wednesdays from 12:30p.m. to 4:00p.m. An appointment may be made to review the assessment information by calling the Assessor's office at (518) 828-0368. Dated the 12th day of March, 2024.

Craig Surprise  
Assessor  
Town of Greenport

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

Columbia Heritage LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/13/24. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 235, Old Chatham, NY 12136. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

SMBY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/26/24. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 591 State Route 295, Chatham, NY 12037, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**

Town of Copake Special Town Board Meeting Thursday, April 4, 2024 7:00pm

Please be advised that the Town Board of the Town of Copake will hold a Special Town Board Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7:00pm, commemorating Copake's first Town Hall Meeting. This meeting will be held at Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Rd., Copake, NY. Interested persons can also attend remotely via Google Meet video-conferencing. The meeting is open to the public, although only Board Members may participate. The Google Meet link will be posted on the Town of Copake Website at [townofcopake.org](http://townofcopake.org). By order of the Town Board, Lynn M. Connolly  
Town Clerk  
Dated March 20, 2024

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

DOUBLEGOOD FARM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/20/24. Office: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 343 Stevers Crossing Road, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Roe Jan Library, located at 9091 NY-22 in Hillsdale, NY, is seeking bids from General Contractors to build an outdoor covered pavilion approximately 30' X 50' (1500 sq.ft.), which will accommodate 100+ people for the purpose of activities and concerts for children and adults. The pavilion will be located in the field on the south side of the library property and will have 3 open sides with the 4th side (East) consisting of a built shed-like wall/divider for storage. The Library will remain open to the public during construction. The work is envisioned as a design-build project for General Contractors to be completed by June 2025. Request for Proposal bids will be solicited in April 2024 with announcement of the winning bid expected by June 2024. If you are interested in this project, please contact the Roe Jan Library to receive a formal RFP packet. Contact: [director@roejanlibrary.org](mailto:director@roejanlibrary.org) or call 646-894-0059.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Mellenville Union Cemetery Association will hold its Annual Meeting of the Association on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Claverack Office Building, 91 Church Street, Mellenville, New York. This meeting is open to all plot owners. Any By-Law or rate changes will be addressed, and voted on at this meeting. Further, all plot owners are advised to remove any items that do not conform to the Association by-laws. The general spring cleanup will be held on Saturday March 23, 2024. Plots are always available for sale to anyone. For information call 518-527-5231.

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

Notice of Formation of 268 Forest Hill Drive Holdco, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/06/2024. 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 Jennifer Dundas: 57 Pumpkin Hollow Road N, Hillsdale, NY 12529. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Pastaleo LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/28/2024. 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 Dante Russo: 11 N 7th St, Apt 3, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

GREYSON HOLLOW BUILDERS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/15/24. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 4 Park Place, #532, Claverack, NY 12513. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Verdant Land LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/2023. 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 Gunnar Wilhelm Luther Jaeck: 350 Fairview Ave., Ste. 108, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of 76 KONIG ROAD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/21/2024. 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 Seth Weiss: 76 Konig Rd., Ghent NY 12075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Moxie Reins, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/22/2024. 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 Moxie Reins, LLC: PO Box 165, Ancramdale, NY 12503. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

MOSCONA RENTALS 2 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/29/24. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 595 County Route 17, Valatie, NY 12184, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of BIG BIRDZ LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/05/2024. 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 BIG BIRDZ LLC: 34 Sesame Street Chatham, NY 12037. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

THE HOLLOWVILLE RED COTTAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/24. Office: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 250 County Route 16, Hollowville, NY 12530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of ERC Consulting, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/23/2024. Office: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: ERC Consulting, LLC, 61 Flints Crossing Road, Canaan, NY 12029. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

SHIBUSA LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/8/24. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 273 Rigor Hill Rd., Chatham, NY 12037, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Cascades Cafe LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/15/2024. 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: 924 Stony Point Rd, Castleton, NY 12033. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

MOSCONA RENTALS 3 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/29/24. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 595 County Route 17, Valatie, NY 12184, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

The name of the LLC is 216 State Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 21, 2024. New York office location: 216 State Street, City of Hudson, County of Columbia and the State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 216 State Street LLC; 5241 Center Blvd., No. 609, Long Island City, New York 11103. 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 Qualification of LOVE AND BEAUTY HOLDINGS, LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/2023 Office location: Columbia County. Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in on 05/25/2023. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to LOVE AND BEAUTY HOLDINGS: 810 Union St unit b, Hudson, NY 12534, USA Articles of Organization originally filed with Secretary of State (SOS). 145 Gay St, Stoughton, MA 02072, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice  
Town of Copake

Help Wanted - Town of Copake - Full Time Truck Driver/Heavy Equipment Operator/Mechanic Must have class B CDL license and submit to pre-employment & random drug and alcohol tests. Experience in road maintenance, snow plowing and mechanics a significant advantage. Applications are available for download on the Town Website <http://townofcopake.org>. Please call Highway Superintendent Bill Gregory at (518) 325-4222 with any questions. Position will be filled when suitable. William Gregory  
Highway Superintendent  
Dated March 18, 2024

**COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

JONAH HILLS, LLC, AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITIONERS,  
Petitioners,  
against- Index No.: E012023021635  
SONYA LEHTINEN, Respondent.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon the annexed Verified Petition of Jonah Hills, LLC, by and through their attorneys, Devine & Bruno, LLP, dated December 14, 2023, Affidavit of Steven Oved, sworn to on the 7th day of December, 2023, and upon all proceedings heretofore had herein, the undersigned will move this Supreme Court of Columbia County, located at 401 Union Street, Hudson, New York 12534, on the 6th day of May, 2024 at 9:00 in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for a Judgment declaring the mobile home located at 52 Mobile Lane, Hudson, New York, 12534, County of Columbia, abandoned and directing that said home be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of Article 7-b of the New York State Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law and further granting the petitioner such other and further relief as is demanded in the petition, which you must answer.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to CPLR 7804(c) and CPLR 2214(b), any answering papers and supporting affidavits shall be served upon Petitioners' counsel at least seven (7) days before the return date, and Petitioners' reply, if any, shall be served at least one (1) day prior to the return date. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to CPLR 506(b) and CPLR 7804(b), Petitioners designate Columbia County as the venue for this proceeding because the Respondent is located in Columbia County and its determination was rendered in Columbia County.

Dated: March 5, 2024  
s/Morgan T. Lynk  
Morgan T. Lynk  
DEVINE & BRUNO, LLP  
Attorneys for Petitioner  
52 Corporate Circle Suite 207  
Albany, New York 12203  
Tel. No.: (518) 464-0640

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE OF LIEN AND SALE**

TO: Hannah Reis  
138 Old Mill Road  
Ghent, NY 12075

DATE: March 14, 2024

Aidan Allison  
138 Old Mill Road  
Ghent, NY 12075

Notice is given that the undersigned, Sherwood Baxt, of 148 Fox Hill Road, Ancramdale, NY 12503, claims a lien on property held by the undersigned belonging to you for services rendered as follows:

- The property held is described as, two (2) gelding horses: Horse #1 is chestnut in color, of an undetermined age, with a white blaze and a white sock on the left hind leg, and approximately 15h; Horse #2 is bay in color, of an undetermined age, with a white nose, and approximately 15h (hereinafter "the Property").
- The lien is claimed for the boarding and care of the afore described property pursuant to N.Y. Lien Law Art. 8 §183.
- The amount of the lien for the property is \$500.00, which shall continue to accrue monthly for board at \$300.00, and hay at \$16.00/day, subsequent to this notice and prior to payment or sale of the property.
- Unless payment in full is made on or before April 3, 2024, the undersigned will sell the property at a public sale, to be held on April 3, 2024 at 12:00 P.M., at 148 Fox Hill Road, Ancramdale, NY 12503, and apply the proceeds towards the amount due.
- You are hereby advised that should you object to the validity of the lien or amount claimed, pursuant to N.Y. Lien Law Art. 9 §201-a, you are entitled to bring a proceeding, within ten (10) days of the service of this notice.
- Lienholder verifies that this lien is valid, that the debt upon which such lien is founded is due and has not been paid and that the facts stated in this notice are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

s/Sherwood Baxt/ March 14, 2024

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## THROUGH THE WOODS

By Nancy Jane Kern

# The skunk cabbage

I LOVE SKUNKS and I saw one foraging in a field just before our weekend snow and ice storm. It lumbered along poking its nose down in the sod and began rapidly digging out goodies to eat. This one had broad white stripes and a magnificent fluffy tail that could rival a Maine Coon cat. It was a beautiful afternoon with a backdrop of blue Catskill Mountains. I like to explore the roads less taken and I drove away from the skunk to a marsh full of skunk cabbage, another favorite sight.

Skunk cabbage is a very interesting plant with names like Clumpfoot Cabbage, Foetid Pothos, Meadow Cabbage and Polecat Weed. The association with skunks comes from the smell of the leaves which when torn give off the odor of skunks. Chemically the smell derives from sulfur-containing compounds called thiols which combine to form mercaptan. Skunk cabbage can be found growing in wetlands over a wide range of eastern North America. A most unusual characteristic is its production of strange flowers.

The first time I encountered them was in a marshy area near Ghent. They were horrible-looking life forms, like spotty maroon claws coming up out of the muck and ooze of the swamp. Childhood imagination is wonderful. My father forbade my mother, the plant collector, from bringing any to our dairy farm. He made a wise decision because the plants grow to form huge rhizomes that go very deep and are basically impossible to dig up and remove. They take over a large area, reproducing from seeds, and forcing out more desirable plants eaten by cattle and wildlife.



Photo contributed

Skunk cabbage

Another of the plant's properties is thermogenesis, or heat production, and again reinforced the impression that some hideous monster lurked below the ground. The snow and ice had melted making a clear ring of green grass around each clump of the claw-like spathes. The skunk cabbage spathe is a pointed green/maroon spotted hood around the spadix, a stem of tiny yellow flowers.

The air was cold, and you could see heat waves radiating from the plants. The whole unit was about 4-6" tall and several formed "hands." These plants can produce a temperature of about 60-95 degrees Fahrenheit, and the heat and "skunky" aroma attracts insects that pollinate the flowers. It is thought that the insects enjoy the warmth and shelter inside the spathe.

Indigenous Peoples must have observed these events for they thought the plant had magical powers.

There is a claim that skunk cabbage is edible if it is properly dried and cooked. The raw leaves contain oxalic acid (like rhubarb leaves) which is harmful to eat, and the juice may cause blisters and burning sensations. This has not made them an appealing food source for me, and probably it is best not to try it, or consult an experienced botanist. A hazard of eating the skunk cabbage leaves is their similarity to the deadly poisonous false hellebore plant.

Later in spring, the beautiful green leaves of the skunk cabbage emerge, unfold, and take on its cabbage form. They make a swamp look pretty and add a nice contrast of color and form. Some people use them in water garden settings for this purpose. This is a very interesting plant to observe, and there are still some spathes visible in cool marshy areas around our area, as well as the just emerging and unfolding plant leaves.

## Public Notices

**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 John Trainor who is seeking interpretation cemetery definition located at 224 Chairfactory Rd, New Lebanon, NY. The Public Hearing will take place on April 2, 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 Planning/Zoning Clerk at PZclerk@townofnewlebanon.com By: Samantha Long Planning/Zoning Clerk Town of New Lebanon, NY 03/19/2024

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
POTATAPUFF, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/22/24. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 184A Cambridge Rd., Hillsdale, NY 12529, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
MOSCONA RENTALS 1 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/29/24. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 595 County Route 17, Valatie, NY 12184, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
K.W. Home LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/14/2022. Cty: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Kenzi Wilbur, 245 Pumpkin Hollow Rd. N., Hillsdale, NY 12529. General Purpose

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Grounded Flower Farm, LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 03/18/2024. Office Location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 177 Loomis Road, Chatham, NY, 12037. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice of Public Hearing Town Board Town of Copake Proposed Resolution and Order to Designate a Stop Intersection and Authorize Installation of 4-Way Stop Signs at Orphan Farm Road and Harlem Valley Rail Trail Crossing

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:50 p.m., at the Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, NY, 12516 for purposes of receiving public comment on a proposed Resolution and Order to Designate a Stop Intersection and Authorize Installation of 4-Way Stop Signs at Orphan Farm Road and Harlem Valley Rail Trail Crossing, at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. A complete copy of such proposed Resolution and Order is available by contacting the Town of Copake Town Clerk's Office. Lynn M. Connolly Town Clerk, Town of Copake Dated: March 21, 2024

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Notice of Formation of Bellwether Home Inspections LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/21/2024. 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 Secretary of State: 64-66 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF GALLATIN PUBLIC MEETING**

The Public is hereby notified that the Town of Gallatin Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING** April 16, 2024 at the Town Hall-6:30 PM.

The purpose of this meeting is to review pending applications, supporting documentation and schedule a public hearing.

The Public is invited to attend.  
Richard Humphries  
Town of Gallatin/ZBA  
Chairman

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## The Ackerman Foundation launches application portal

CLAVERACK – A new, fully-featured website for The Ackerman Foundation has recently gone live in conjunction with the opening of a new grant application cycle on April 1.

In an additional step of adopting a public identity, the foundation has also introduced a new logo that brands the website and other materials. In a simple geometric design using New York Jets green and a bright blue, the logo reflects the favorite colors of David Ackerman, who established the foundation before his death in January 2022.

The website — [theackermanfoundation.org](http://theackermanfoundation.org) — features an application portal where qualifying non-profits can fill out and submit grant application forms and upload supplemental information. The process provides compatibility with commonly used office software, including Word, Excel, PDF, and JPEG formats.

The current application cycle closes on May 15, with awards announced on July 1.

The new website also offers background information on the foundation, its mission and



Image contributed  
The Ackerman Foundation  
official logo.

history, administrative and contact information, profiles of board members, and an FAQ page addressing questions applicants may have.

The Ackerman Foundation's two previous grant cycles in 2022 and 2023 resulted in support to 24 community non-profits totaling \$53,000. Currently, the maximum individual grant amount is \$2,500.

Applications are evaluated based on appropriateness to stated grant guidelines, assessment of need, likelihood of significant impact, and importance to the community served. The applicant's board and organizational strength are also considered, as is the degree of volunteer involvement.

Website construction and logo design were handled by local firms, Dandelion Design and Tangent Web Services.

## Taconic State Park announces Rail Trail construction update

COPAKE FALLS – Bash Bish Brook Trail has been closed starting March 11 during the renovation of the Bash Bish Falls parking lot and overlook. Access to Bash Bish Falls is not permitted during construction.

The .75-mile Bash Bish Brook Trail from Taconic State Park trailhead parking lot on NY-344 to Massachusetts Bash Bish Falls Overlook is closed, starting on March 11, for Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation's construction project. Taconic State Park's trailhead parking lot will remain open for trail access to Cedar Brook and South Taconic trails.

The three-plus mile section of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail from Under Mountain Road in Ancram to NY-344 in Copake Falls has been closed since March 12. The Harlem Valley Rail Trail is closed in both

directions from NY-344 to Under Mountain Road for OPRHP/HVRTA construction resurfacing project, also starting March 12. The parking lot at Under Mountain Road will be closed during construction. Parking is available at Orphan Farm Road for access north of NY-344, while parking is available in Millerton for portions that will remain open south of Under Mountain Road.

Please call the Taconic State Park Office for more information at 518 329-3993.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which saw a record 84 million visits in 2023. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit [parks.ny.gov](http://parks.ny.gov), download the free NY State Parks Explorer app or call 518 474-0456.

## City Hall services relocate to 520 Warren Street

HUDSON – The offices of City Hall have returned to 520 Warren Street as of Monday, March 25.

This relocation impacts the offices of the mayor, the city clerk, parking bureau, the city treasurer, the city assessor, and the departments of public works, water and sewer, and housing justice, as well as the meetings of the Common Council and a majority of the city's public boards and committees.

The relocation process for City Hall offices to 520 Warren Street took place primarily over the course of March 21 and 22. Starting March 25, the public has had access to all departments by visiting 520 Warren Street during standard business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or contacting specific departments by phone or email.

The vending machine for trash bags was returned to the exterior of 520 Warren Street on Thursday, March 21.

The overnight drop-off box previously located at the Hudson Police & Courts building was removed the afternoon of Wednesday, March 20. The night deposit box located at the exterior of 520 Warren Street was reopened to accept off-hours drop-offs for City Hall offices on March 20.

The FedEx drop-off box that was previously relocated

to the exterior of the Hudson City Centre (at the intersection of State and Green Streets) will remain at One Hudson City Centre.

Public meetings previously held at the Central Fire Station (77 N. 7th Street) will be held at 520 Warren Street beginning with the Tuesday, April 2, Conservation Advisory Council Meeting. Boards and committees that will return their regularly scheduled meetings to City Hall in April include: Common Council and its committees (Legal, Parking, Truck Route, Finance, etc.); Conservation Advisory Council; Hudson Community Development & Planning Agency; Planning Board; Historic Preservation Commission; Zoning Board of Appeals; and Housing Trust Fund Board.

Meetings indicated as "hybrid" on the city's calendar will continue to be accessible via Microsoft Team or Zoom. View the online calendar for more details.

Per requirements set by a settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, the City of Hudson engaged with Thaler Reilly Wilson Architecture & Preservation to develop a set of options to bring City Hall to compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) through a feasibility study completed in 2019 and later

revised in 2020. The city decided to proceed with option #3, which included: renovation of the east entrance to accommodate an ADA-accessible lift to the first floor and reconfigure the stairs leading to the second floor; construction of an accessible parking space directly in front of City Hall; construction of an accessible restroom on the first floor; installation of an accessible service counter on the first floor; and asbestos abatement, replacement of flooring, and improvements to other interior furnishings.

After further refinements to plans and construction documents, the project was released for bid in November 2022, and a contract was awarded to VMJR Companies, Inc. in January 2023.

The principal construction period for the renovation took place from March to September 2023. In the course of this renovation, additional asbestos material was discovered in the basement of the building. Final remediation of the remaining asbestos was completed in February 2024, which was followed by additional cleaning and light renovations undertaken by the Department of Public Works to other areas of the building during the end of February and early March 2024.

## April 1 is start of spring trout fishing season

GHENT – New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos reminds New Yorkers of the April 1 start of the trout fishing season, a spring tradition bolstered by DEC's extensive stocking program and New York's world-renowned wild trout fisheries. DEC's spring trout stocking, which began in March and runs through early June, will include more than 1.9 million trout being stocked in waters statewide, enhancing the diversity of excellent fishing opportunities available to anglers in New York State.

"The mild winter afforded New Yorkers some trout fishing opportunities during the catch-and-release season. However, April 1, the traditional opening day of inland trout fishing season, brings the excitement to another level as spring arrives and the

state's streams and ponds are stocked to provide additional opportunities for anglers," Commissioner Seggos said in a press release.

April 1 marks the opening of the harvest season after year-round fishing was green-lit on most streams in 2021, with the implementation of an October 16 to March 31 "artificial lures only, catch-and-release" season.

DEC trout stocking began in March and will include the placement of 1,909,450 catchable size brook, brown, and rainbow trout in streams and ponds across the state by early June. "Stocked-Extended" streams, listed in the Inland Trout Streams Regulations section of the freshwater fishing regulations guide, will receive fish every other week for two months to enhance season-long opportunities for angler success. Most streams will also receive a seeding of larger stocked

trout. Spring trout stocking lists, including the week of stocking for trout streams, can be found at DEC's website [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)

Stocking information, along with fishing regulations, maps, and access information is available in "The Tackle Box" feature of the DEC "HuntFishNY" smartphone app. Other features include driving directions to state boat launch sites and an offline feature that allows a user to access information when cell coverage isn't available.

Links to the Trout Stream Fishing Map and a User Guide as well as fishing regulations and planned stockings listed by county are available on the DEC website.

A digital version of the 2024 guide is available to download on the DEC website. Hard copies are available wherever sporting licenses are sold.

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# Vernal pools are alive this time of year

AUSTERLITZ – Columbia Land Conservancy leads a Woodland Pools Exploration at the Harris Conservation Area, 105 Bloody Hollow Road, March 30, 10 a.m. to noon.

Spring peepers, wood frogs, and salamanders, oh my!

“This time of year is ideal for spotting amphibians. Right now, animals like salamanders and toads are on their way to the temporary pools to find mates,” Jenifer Rosete, conservation education coordinator at the Columbia Land Conservancy, said in a press release.

Participants will learn about the life cycle of amphibians and the importance of woodland pools on this hike. This



Photo contributed  
You might see this spotted fellow at a vernal pool.

of the Salamander Loop, which features terrain with roots and footbridge crossings. At times, we may leave the trail to get closer to the vernal pools. Expect to get wet and muddy.

The pace will be leisurely, and include plenty of stopping and listening. Attendees should bring water and wear weather appropriate clothing, particularly shoes that can get wet and muddy like hiking shoes or waterproof boots. This event is family-friendly and appropriate for all ages. No dogs allowed.

Participation is free, and all are welcome to attend.

Register at <https://columbialand.org/event/vernal-pools-exploration/>

event will include walking part

## Gardeners' 2024 programs get underway

The Germantown Garden Club began its 96th year with a program titled "Native Plants for Non-Traditional Spaces." The club's March meeting featured speaker Shanti Nagel, founder of Design Wild. She gave an introduction to a variety of native plants that are easy, hardy and great additions to any landscape. She explained what a native plant is and why they are important for a healthy ecosystem. Her program included a slideshow with examples of how to include a variety of native plants in a variety of types of gardens including some of her designs for public spaces, community parks, affordable housing and private residences. Her talk also covered container gardens for decks and patios, mixed border plantings, and sourcing options. Her presentation concluded with a question and answer session.



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### Let's Be Creative!

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