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Child care: Low wages and a flawed subsidy system

Fourth in a series

By DEBORAH E. LANS

GHENT – Child care advocates agree that the dismal pay and lack of respect accorded child care workers account for the staffing challenges the industry faces. Until those challenges are addressed, capacity will remain inadequate, and parents will struggle to find care for their children, as care facilities remain understaffed and struggle with unmanageable turnover.

The 2024 Pattern for Progress report “Childcare in the Hudson Valley” summarized the situation by saying: “Childcare workers make some of the lowest wages of any service workers in the Hudson Valley, averaging in the low \$30,000s per year. Childcare experts said that low pay makes it difficult to recruit childcare workers, contributes to high turnover of staff in childcare centers, and often leads to lagging morale among workers who chose to dedicate

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David Lee

Pipe dreams come true for K'hook water upgrades

Congressman Marc Molinaro (R-19th) met with a group of Town of Kinderhook officials on Friday, May 10 to announce the \$1,200,000 portion of a \$27.6 million bipartisan infrastructure appropriation bill which will fund the town's water system improvement project. The project involves the replacement of an old water main that runs from the water towers on Route 9 up to the traffic circle, and a new pipe that will connect that area around the traffic circle to the well under the water tower at Volunteer Park on State Farm Road. Speaking of the old pipe, Consulting Engineer Patrick Prendergast said, “The water main down there is 8” cast iron and it's at least 70 years old and it splits and breaks.” He noted that there were three failures in one year. The new pipe will be upgraded to 12”. The project should be completed in 4 to 5 weeks. Pictured are (l to r) Rep. Molinaro, Town Supervisor Tim Ooms and Mr. Prendergast.

County asks state to impose a ‘stay’ tax

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON – The County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution asking the state to pass specific bills allowing the county to impose taxes of up to 4% for stays in hotels, motels, and short-term rentals (STR) at their meeting May 8. These taxes, says the resolution, will bring the county “revenue to support” travel, tourism, and “services that are used by county residents and non-residents alike.” They would apply to the county outside of the City of Hudson, which has its own occupancy tax. In April the board passed a resolution requesting the state to “enact legislation” to allow the coun-

ty to impose the occupancy tax. The May resolution requests that the legislature pass specific bills that state Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-41st) and Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106th) introduced to authorize the county to impose the tax.

The meeting began with a presentation by Samantha White, account executive for Granicus. Granicus' company website says that it “connects people and government with a unified experience that integrates website, online services, digital communication, and more.” This includes helping governments collect, process, and enforce compliance of the occupancy tax, Ms. White affirmed.

For example, she said, Granicus can send out dunning letters “as frequently

as you want,” on stationery that looks like it is coming from the town.

But, asked a supervisor, what is the “advantage” of Granicus rather than the town sending out these letters?

“You want something systematized and centralized,” Ms. White responded.

Another Granicus service, she continued, is a 24/7 hotline, where anybody can report issues like a loud party at night in a neighboring home used for Airbnb.

Some concerns raised by supervisors included renters coming to a place without knowing that it is not compliant with tax laws, and sometimes taking years to collect non-compliant taxes.

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Kinderhook Library receives grant for digital materials

KINDERHOOK – The Kinderhook Memorial Library has received \$3,500 for digital resources from the Fund for Columbia County of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

These funds will go toward bolstering the library's collection of downloadable and streaming content, including eBooks, audiobooks, comics, music, and movies.

"The demand for electronic materials has skyrocketed in the past couple of years," said Director Matt Pavloff, in a press release. "While all of our services and resources are free for our patrons, it does get expensive on our end. We're grateful to the foundation for this grant; the funds will help us continue providing these services while we explore addi-

tional ways to meet this growing demand."

"It's a good problem to have. We want people to continue using our resources," he added.

Many eBooks and other digital material are downloaded through popular apps like Libby and Hoopla. In some cases, libraries purchase licenses for titles that expire after a set period of time. In other cases, the content uses a "pay per circ" model, which charges the library each time a title is borrowed.

"The great thing about our eBook collection," said Mr. Pavloff, "is that once our patrons are done with the titles they're made available to other libraries in our system. This way, each library supports the others in a really efficient way."



Photo contributed

Pictured (l to r): Amy Conte, bank corporate cash management officer; Kate West, Office for the Aging assistant administrator; Nina Benvenuto, Office for the Aging administrator; PJ Keeler, county treasurer; Donald Gibson, bank president and CEO; and Ken Schomaker, financial operations manager.

Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation announces donation

CATSKILL – Donald E. Gibson, president and CEO of the Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation, announced a grant to the Columbia County Office for the Aging to assist with emergency home repairs for low-income seniors residing in Columbia County.

"This year, our Charitable Foundation is awarding \$421,000 to local non-profit organizations. It is my pleasure to announce that as part of that donation, the Columbia County Office for the Aging is receiving a grant to help seniors with emergency home repairs," Mr. Gibson said in a press release. "I would like to personally thank PJ Keeler, Columbia County Treasurer, and Nina Benvenuto, administrator, for all their assistance in designing and administering this Senior Grant Program. This grant will be very impactful in supporting

low-income seniors residing in Columbia County, and is designed to provide assistance for emergency home repairs, allowing seniors to stay living in their home, and ensure the safety and quality of life for those seniors."

Mr. Keeler said, also in the press release, "It has truly been a pleasure to work with such a community oriented bank over the last several years. Their interest in supporting our vulnerable population through this particular grant and their previous grants to the many organizations within our county over the last several years have made a significant impact on our residents' quality of life and we thank them. We look forward to our continued relationship."

Nina Benvenuto, administrator of county Office for the Aging, added "The Bank of Greene County Charitable

Foundation has extended its generous support to us, and we are incredibly grateful for it. Their contribution goes beyond providing basic amenities such as grab bars or ramps. It represents an opportunity to create more equitable conditions for Columbia County's aging population. With this grant, we can enhance our services to empower residents by reducing their stress levels and expenses while also allowing them to stay close to their loved ones, which can have an immeasurable impact on their overall health and well-being."

Headquartered in Catskill, the Bank of Greene County serves the Capital Region and Hudson Valley with full-service, community-based banking. This year, the bank is celebrating its 135th anniversary. To date, the Bank's Charitable Foundation has donated over \$2.5 million to local non-profit organizations.



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The two-part online program will focus on journalism basics such as ethics, accuracy in reporting, interviewing techniques and writing clearly.

To complete the program and earn New York Press Association certification, participants must attend both live sessions and pass a written test.

The online training will be offered in two 90-minute sessions: from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday June 4 and Wednesday June 5.

To register, contact Judy Patrick, vice president for editorial development at the New York Press Association, at judy@nynewspapers.com



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Is a pavilion in Ancram's future?

By DIANE VALDEN

ANCRAM – The idea to build a pavilion somewhere on town-owned property has been kicked around for more than a year without much forward movement.

Now a pavilion plan seems to have gained some traction as evidenced by a “Summary of Pavilion Progress” report read at the April 18 Town Board meeting and another progress report given at the May 11 Ancram Hamlet group meeting. Both reports were compiled by Town Zoning Board Chair Steve Olyha, who is heading up the effort to investigate and research the pavilion project to let the Town Board and residents know about it, so an informed decision can be made about whether to go ahead with it. Mr. Olyha, Town Supervisor Jim MacArthur, and Ancram Summer Camp Director Ruth VanWagner make up an informal Pavilion Committee.

Whether a pavilion can be built at Blass Memorial Field this year in time to be of use to the town's Kids' Summer Camp remains to be seen, the Town Board has to decide. If not, the six-week summer camp program, which runs from July 8

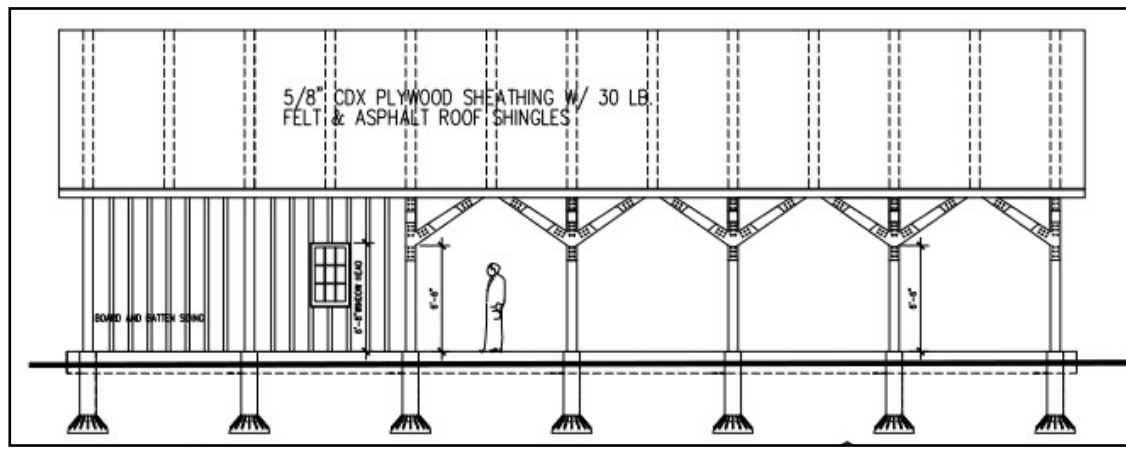


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Preliminary drawing of the proposed pavilion.

to August 16, will continue to rent a tent as it has done in prior years.

A shallow rectangular footprint parallel to the basketball court where the pavilion might be built on Blass Memorial Field has been excavated. “The ground has been prepared, but if the board does not agree to go ahead with building the pavilion, that spot is where the tent will be placed for this year's Kids' Summer Camp,” Supervisor MacArthur told The Columbia Paper this week.

Recently, the Town Highway Department worked on replacing a rotten drainage pipe that runs from the Blass Memorial Field entryway on County Route 7 across the width of the field to a ditch near the pool

area, Supervisor MacArthur said by phone. That job has been completed.

The size of the pavilion, constructed of wood, would be 30 feet X 60 feet with about one third of it enclosed to provide shelter for camp kids from intense sun or bad weather. Cost estimates for the pavilion range from \$55,000 to \$100,000, but have not been nailed down yet, according to Mr. MacArthur. One or more local contractors have volunteered to donate the labor to install the slab foundation, leaving the town to pay only for materials, an estimated \$16,000 to \$20,000.

The initial structure will be simple with no bathrooms or running water. But portable

toilets would be brought in “some of which are really pretty nice now,” Mr. Olyha said in an email.

Potential state and federal grant funding for the pavilion have been identified and are being investigated. Both Councilpersons Colleen Lutz and Bonnie Hundt mentioned the availability of substantial funding for these projects at the April Town Board meeting.

Mr. Olyha told The Columbia Paper by phone, that while the Summer Camp would certainly make use of the pavilion, that is not its sole purpose.

The structure could be used by the entire community throughout the rest of the

year for picnics, parties or concerts and the Ancram Center for the Arts has even expressed an interest in using it as an outdoor venue, said Mr. Olyha.

He envisions the “pavilion as the centerpiece of a Blass Memorial Field revitalization,” which would include a refurbished basketball court—repainted to double as pickleball courts, a baseball field fix-up (for which the Town Board has already allocated money) and swimming pool upgrades.

He said the pavilion would be situated far enough away from the baseball field so as not to impede playing games there. He called the whole shebang “a municipal recreational center.”

Mr. Olyha said he has gone to hamlet meetings and spoken to nearly 100 people about the pavilion idea, “95% of them are wholeheartedly in favor.” He said people are especially interested in tying it to a refurbishment of the pool.

The pavilion will be up for discussion at the next Town Board meeting at Town Hall, Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. Those who want their input heard, should attend.

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COUNTY BOARD

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When asked if she had compliance figures, Ms. White said she would have to look them up for the specific area, but “we have places that are 90% compliant.”

On another matter, the board authorized its chairman to contract with Oxford House to establish “sober living housing in Columbia County,” using up to \$90,000 from Opioid Settlement funds.

Oxford House is an international nonprofit network of drug-free houses for people recovering from substance abuse. It rents single-family houses in “good neighborhoods” for 6 to 15 people, who divide household chores and expenses among themselves. Some are for men, some for women, some accept children with a parent. There is no pressure on anyone in

good standing to leave. The average stay is a little more than a year but many residents stay three or more years, says CT.gov.

There are about 3,000 Oxford Houses worldwide, including in Orange County, Albany, and Schenectady.

County Director of Human Services Dan Almasi has suggested establishing Oxford Houses for people when they get out of detoxification and rehabilitation. Columbia and Greene counties have houses for people in detoxification and recovery, but needed is affordable housing for people who have just completed recovery, away from their original environment.

Oxford Houses are “cost effective” ways to keep people away from circumstances that trigger relapses,

Executive Director of the Columbia Greene Addiction Coalition Hannah Calhoun said last year.

Another thing the board urged the state Legislature to support is a series of bills related to Emergency Medical Service (EMS), and in some cases also volunteer firefighters. The measures affecting both ambulance workers and firefighters would allow them to claim state income tax credits and local property tax credits and to increase their personal income tax credit.

The other measures would: “allow special taxing districts to be created to fund EMS;” remove EMS from the real property tax cap; authorize Medicaid reimbursement for EMS agencies both for providing Treatment in Place and for providing transportation to another provider; “create a methodology for ambulance reimbursement under Medicaid;” and require the Thruway Authority to exempt

EMS from paying “tolls while transporting patients on the NY State Thruway” (as is done for fire vehicles on emergency mission).

The bills would help correct a “fundamental misconception” that fails to recognize EMS as as critical as police and firefighting, and results in “EMS providers” being “undervalued and under-respected,” the resolution supporting the measures states. EMS “provides a wide range of pre-hospital medical care to sick or injured people,” and “the difference between a municipality that provides for EMS and one that does not can often make the difference between life and death.”

For the County Board of Elections, the supervisors appointed Mara Hoe Estribou as full-time Democratic Election Commissioner, through December 31. She replaces Erin Stamper. Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling (New Lebanon) congratulated Ms. Estribou.

The board also appointed: •Joshua Cohen of Hudson to the County Climate Smart Community Task Force

•Alexander Jennings of Stockport to the Environmental Management Council for up to two years.

In addition, the supervisors also authorized the following purchases:

•Equipment necessary for installing Internet service in the County jail, by the sheriff, for up to \$15,178.58. The first major use will be “to improve the processing and collection of data related to incarcerated individuals” for Medication Assisted Treatment

•CPR/AED training equipment, by the sheriff, for \$6,359.85. The Sheriff's Office conducts CPR/AED training for “all of its employees” annually

•A used 2020 Excavator, by the Director of Highways, for up to \$213,678.94.

In all, the board passed 33 resolutions.

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Firefighters quickly squelch grease fire

By DIANE VALDEN

CHATHAM – Nine people were provided emergency aid by volunteers from the Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross following a structure fire at 667 White Mills Road, Lot #57, May 12 at 11:54 a.m.

Columbia County 911 initially dispatched Tri Village firefighters along with Chatham Rescue. Niverville, East Chatham, North Chatham, Stuyvesant and Chatham responded to provide mutual aid and Columbia County Fire Coordinators assisted on the scene.

Firefighters entering the mobile home found a smoky condition and a grease fire on the stove, which had spread to the walls and ceiling. Firefighters quickly contained the blaze.

Minor property damage was

reported and no one was hurt.

The Red Cross provided financial assistance which can be used for necessities such as shelter, food, and clothing to six adults and three children, ages 2, 5 and 11. Volunteers also offered emotional support, comfort kits containing personal care items, and stuffed animals for the children. In the coming days, Red Cross staff and volunteers will remain available to help those affected by the fire as they navigate the road to recovery. The building inspector and NYSEG were called to the scene. Firefighters were back in service at 1:38 p.m.

Canaan

A driver was hurt in a one vehicle rollover accident on State Route 22 just south of MacNeil Road in Canaan, May 13 at 5:34 p.m.

Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Heath Benansky told The Columbia Paper that Kara Leclair, 37, of Pittsfield, MA, was driving east when her vehicle crossed the center line and went off the road, striking an embankment and rolling over.

A LifeNet helicopter was placed on standby, but was not needed.

Chatham Rescue took the driver with abrasions and a possible concussion to the Albany Medical Center for treatment. Ms. Leclair was the only person in the vehicle. Deputies William Newton, Steven Rose and Benjamin Doty investigated. No tickets were issued.

Canaan and Red Rock firefighters were on the scene until 6:45 p.m.

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R.E. Lindmark

A driver was hurt in a rollover accident in Canaan, May 13.

Car, bear collide on Berkshire Spur

A bear was killed during a collision with an SUV on the NYS Thruway Berkshire Spur in an eastbound lane at mile marker B21.2, May 8 at 11:03 p.m. Canaan firefighters and Chatham Rescue were summoned to the scene. Red Rock firefighters responded to provide mutual aid. Thruway State Police investigated on scene. The driver and passenger refused medical attention. Firefighters were back in service at 11:54 p.m.



R.E. Lindmark

Council offers safety tips to boaters

GHENT – National Safe Boating Week will be held from May 18 to 24. All boaters are reminded to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season. This observance week is the annual kick-off of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible.

“We’re committed to teaching boaters that the best boating experience is a safe day on the water. This National Safe Boating Week, prepare for a great boating season by inspecting your boating safety gear and commit to providing comfortable life jackets for all your passengers to wear every time you go boating,” Peg Phillips, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council, a non-profit dedicated to helping create a safe boating experience and the lead organization of the Safe Boating Campaign, said in a press release.

U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities, and that 75% of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

There are many options for boaters when it comes to choosing a life jacket. When selecting a life jacket, a boater should check that it is U.S. Coast Guard approved, appropriate for the water activity, and fits properly.

“The best life jacket is the one you will wear,” Ms. Phillips said in the release.

The National Safe Boating Council recommends these tips for boaters:

- Take a boating safety course. Gain valuable knowledge and on-water experience in a boating safety course with many options for novice to experienced boaters. New York State

will require everyone who operates a motorized boat on NY State waters to hold a Safe Boating Certificate by 2025

- Check equipment. Schedule a free vessel safety check with local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons to make sure all essential equipment is present, working and in good condition

- Make a float plan. Always let someone on shore know the trip itinerary, including operator and passenger information, boat type and registration, and communication equipment on board before you leave the dock

- Wear a life jacket. Make sure everyone wears a life jacket – every time. A stowed life jacket is no use in an emergency

- Use an engine cut-off switch—it’s the law. An engine cut-off switch is a proven safety device to stop a powerboat engine should the operator unexpectedly fall overboard

- Watch the weather. Always check the forecast before departing on the water and frequently during the excursion

- Know what’s going on around you at all times. Nearly a quarter of all reported boating incidents in 2022 were caused by operator inattention or improper lookout

- Know where you’re going and travel at safe speeds. Be familiar with the area, local boating speed zones, and always travel at a safe speed

- Never boat under the influence. A BUI is involved in one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. Always designate a sober skipper

- Keep in touch. Have more than one communication device that works when wet. VHF radios, emergency locator beacons, satellite phones, and cell phones can all be important devices in an emergency.

Learn more at www.safeboatingcampaign.com.

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Wife donates lifesaving kidney to her husband

By DAVID LEE

HUDSON – On Friday morning, April 19, in recognition of April being National Donate Life month, a group assembled on the steps in front of the Department of Motor Vehicles on Warren Street in Hudson to bring attention to the importance of being an organ donor.

The event was a co-presentation of Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner and the Donate Life NYS Executive Director Aisha Tator, and introduced county residents Jim and Erica Horton who had an amazing story of life-saving organ donation.

Jim, who is 44, had lived with a congenital kidney disease without too many symptoms until his mid-30s when he started feeling sick. Blood work revealed that his kidneys were failing and home dialysis was immediately started.



David Lee

Standing on the steps of the Columbia County Department of Motor Vehicles building in Hudson (l-r) are: Donate Life NYS Executive Director Aisha M. Tator, Jim and Erica Horton and Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner.

Dialysis means attaching tubes to a person's body and pumping all of one's blood through a machine that does the work of cleaning that is normally accomplished by kidneys.

Jim was hooked up to a machine for eight hours a night. The procedure also requires daily direct access to a person's vascular system and the entry point is often prone to infections. He

soon began traveling to a dialysis center for four-hour treatments three times a week.

Anyone familiar with the process of organ transplantation knows that there are many more people needing transplants than there are available organs. The tissue and blood types must match. Friends and family were tested and in a very unusual kismet, the perfect donor happened to be Jim's wife, Erica. Surgery was done October 8, 2019 and now Jim and Erica Horton are both fine and healthy, though Jim must monitor his blood and continue to take anti-rejection drugs.

According to the New York State Department of Health website, 3,396 lifesaving organ and tissue transplants were performed in the state last year while 7,962 New Yorkers remain on the waitlist, and 369 New Yorkers died because an organ was not available. The

Hortons were an example of a living donation, which does not require the donor be deceased. According to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) a living person can donate a kidney or a part of a liver or other organs without major long-term ill effects.

The Department of Motor Vehicles plays an important role in the availability of organs for donation because on their drivers' licenses it allows drivers to designate their organs for donation should they be pulled from the wreckage deceased with transplantable organs intact. County Clerk Tanner continues leading efforts to promote the Donate Life Registry and encourage more Columbia County residents to become organ donors.

Anyone 16 or older can also join the Donate Life Registry online at donatelifenys.org/register.

Market announces Fill a Glass with Hope campaign

SCHENECTADY – Price Chopper/Market 32 has launched its two-month-long Fill a Glass with Hope/Fill a Plate with Promise campaign in partnership with the Northeast American Dairy Association, Garelick Farms, and local food banks. To June 30, customers will be given the opportunity to round up their totals at the register to help provide local food banks with the means to purchase milk and other nutritious foods for the families they serve.

When school lets out this summer, more than 22 million children lose access to free or reduced-price meal programs. For many children in need, even

basic staples like milk – and the nutrients that help power the simple joys of summer – are missing. Participating in this campaign will help get milk and food items to those who may miss it most.

“The American Dairy Association continues to go above and beyond in its efforts to bring fresh milk to those in need,” said Pam Cerrone, Price Chopper/Market32's director of community relations, in a press release. “We are proud to support their work in helping local families, especially during these times of increased food insecurity.”

For additional information, visit www.pricechopper.com

New Leb seniors hear from new non-profit in the town

BY PETER FLIERL

NEW LEBANON – Monte Wasch and Sara Conley from the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation, a new 501(c)(3) charitable organization, were featured speakers at the meeting of New Lebanon Seniors at the new community center in the old fire station in New Lebanon on April 5.

Mr. Wasch reviewed the short history of the new charity starting with a family gift drive initiated by Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling for a family that was displaced by a fire. The drive raised over \$6,000 and highlighted the need for a nimble and flexible charitable organization. A school supply drive raised over \$2,000 for a variety of school supplies for local



Peter Flierl

Sara Conley and Monte Wasch

children. Finally, Mr. Wasch reported a pledge to the organization of \$5,000 from Stewart's to help cover the cost of disability access for the Shatford Park playground renovation. Ms. Conley also serves on the advisory board of the Columbia

County Office for Aging reported on an outreach by the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation to reach out to all seniors with a mailing directly to 648 seniors who are registered to vote, while looking to identify and survey others.

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Price Chopper hosts year-round safe medication disposal program

GHENT – Price Chopper/Market 32 is issuing a reminder that each of its New York (47), Massachusetts (8) and Vermont (5) pharmacy locations offer safe and convenient year-round drug disposal services. Guests are able to access a consumer drug take-back kiosk located near the pharmacy and return expired, unused or unwanted medications during pharmacy hours, no questions asked. Since the kiosks were installed in 2023, Price Chopper/Market 32 has taken back 2,906 pounds of medication.

“Prescription and over-the-counter medications hold the power to heal but can also cause great harm if they aren't used as

prescribed or intended, are past their expiration date, or fall into the hands of someone they aren't intended for,” said Price Chopper/Market 32 President Blaine Bringhurst in a press release. “Expanding access to safe disposal programs is one of many ways Price Chopper/Market 32 proudly takes an active role in encouraging healthy outcomes for our communities.”

Each kiosk is equipped with a secure latch, allowing guests to open and easily insert medications while also preventing the removal of items already placed inside. Unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medication, as well as pet medica-

tion, are accepted. All medications must be returned in the original dispensed packaging or in a sealed bag. Schedule I controlled substances, illegal drugs, thermometers, medical devices and needles are not accepted.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Medication Safety Program, each year 1 in every 250 Americans goes to a hospital emergency department because of an adverse drug event. To find a pharmacy location nearest you, visit the Price Chopper/Market 32 pharmacy homepage or call 1 800 666-7667.

For additional information, visit www.pricechopper.com

Hudson teacher earns 'Distinguished Educator in Personal Finance'

HUDSON – The Hudson City School District has announced the recent recognition of Hudson Senior High School Social Studies Teacher Laura Bender as a lifetime "Distinguished Educator," deemed by national non-profit organization Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF).

"Laura Bender has been recognized as a 'Distinguished Educator' by the national non-profit Next Gen Personal Finance (ngpf.org) for outstanding commitment to professional development in real-world personal finance topics," said officials from NGPF in a press release. "To date, Laura has earned 6 NGPF Certifications, each of which requires 10 hours of live, collaborative coursework on a key personal finance topic and passing a one-hour certification exam."

Ms. Bender, who has been an integral part of the district for 11 years, was honored by NGPF after becoming certified in the financial topics of "Advanced Investing," "Career," "Credit," "Investing," "Paying for College" and "Taxes."

With her determination to obtain certifications to assist Hudson Senior High School with financial planning and students guide them in preparation of becoming college and career



Photo contributed
Laura Bender

ready, Principal Derek Reardon said Ms. Bender's personal efforts are a testament of her character.

"Laura Bender is a hard worker and a great teacher who believes in her students. She really does look into the needs of each student she teaches and finds ways for them to adapt and learn. I wish I had 40 more teachers just like her," said Principal Reardon, also in the release. "She took the bull by the horns and went full steam ahead in incorporating financial literacy in the economics curriculum."

Known for her dedication for providing opportunities and insight to Hudson students, Ms. Bender, who also serves as the co-advisor for Student Council and the facilitator for the Student Tech Crew with the Instructional Technology

Department, said it has been a personal goal of hers to advance her students' understanding of financial responsibility and accountability.

"Since I started teaching economics in Hudson over a decade ago, it has been my objective to enhance my students' knowledge of financial literacy. I built my class around this goal, including important topics such as job search skills, banking, budgeting, investing, and building and utilizing credit," said Ms. Bender, in the release. "The NGPF certification courses I completed this year have helped me broaden my knowledge in many areas, allowing me to build more robust units in personal finance for the seniors that I teach. It is my goal to eventually complete all of NGPF's certification offerings so I can continue to offer my students a high-quality education in financial literacy that will prepare them for the real world after graduation."

Accompanying the title of "Distinguished Educator," Ms. Bender received a physical plaque acknowledging her achievement of possessing a depth of knowledge and commitment to her craft in educating personal finance and an exclusive, personalized badge to be showcased in her email signature.

Students honored with Diversity Awards at SUNY Oneonta

ONEONTA – One hundred seventeen students were recognized with awards as part of the 2024 Kente Graduation Recognition Ceremony at SUNY Oneonta. The ceremony took place on campus in the Alumni Field House on April 26. Sponsored by the Department of Africana and Latinx Studies and the Center for Racial Justice and Inclusive Excellence (CRJIE), the annual ceremony

recognizes the achievements of SUNY Oneonta's diverse student population of African-American, Latinx, Asian and Native American (AALANA) students and non-AALANA students and allies.

Local students recognized at the ceremony included:

Maria Krein, Germantown and Morgan Simmons, Ghent.

Learn more at <https://suny.oneonta.edu/>

Miles recognized at Regis' Annual Student Leadership Awards ceremony

WESTON – Anna Miles, Chatham, received the Rising Star Award during the university's Student Leadership Awards Ceremony, an event that recognizes students who serve in leadership roles on campus, including clubs and organizations, who have made a significant impact on the Regis community over the last academic year.

Anna was recognized with this award due to their unwavering dedication to academics as

well as the Regis community.

"Regis students are challenged and supported as they explore their passions to find their purpose in the world," said President Antoinette Hays, PhD, RN, in a press release.

The Student Leadership Awards ceremony is hosted annually by the Center for Student Engagement. Among several categories, there are awards for campus life, departmental recognition, and student employee of the year.

Dean College announces spring 2024 Honor Societies inductees

FRANKLIN, MA – Dean College has announced that Kate Marotta, Chatham, has been inducted into the National Honor Society for Dance Arts.

Hudson awarded New York Farm to School Institute grant

HUDSON – The Hudson City School District has announced it has been named a 2024-25 New York Farm to School Institute grant award recipient in the amount of \$5,000 through the American Farmland Trust's project, Farm to Institution New York State (FINYS).

The funding is required to be applied to year-long professional development opportunities for food service staff, educators, administrators, and community partners within New York schools to develop and refine their Farm to School programs, and to help bring more New York grown food into the cafeteria and classrooms.

"The Hudson City School District is excited to be selected as an award recipient for the 2024-25 New York Farm to School Institute initiative," Superintendent Juliette Pennyman said in a press release. "Considering the vast amount of agriculture in our region, the opportunity to collaborate with local producers is an endeavor the district is pleased to explore, with the goal of informing the student population of the significance and impact of local agriculture as a

resource and model for sustainable healthy lifestyles and career opportunities."

For the 2024-25 school year, the district aims to develop increased relationships with local farmers and agriculture related industries in order to further enhance student internship opportunities, college in the high school agriculture related courses and CTE program development, procure more local produce within public school budgetary constraints, continue to develop Farm to School programs, and network with other schools to collaborate on program and resource development.

Led by district Consultant Stephanie Forsyth and Food Services Director Lisa McGovern, the district will be assembling a team of administrators, faculty, staff and community members to oversee the goals and implementation of the Farm to School initiatives. Once formed, the team will attend an all-expense-paid two-day kickoff retreat August 13-14, at the Mabee Farm Historic Site in Rotterdam Junction, courtesy of the New York Farm to School Institute grant. Individuals will also par-

ticipate in bi-monthly workshops, receive coaching and peer networking for one year and will be invited to a celebratory gathering in spring 2025.

"The Hudson City School District's partnership with FINYS and local community partners transcends the capacity of serving and informing Bluehawks of locally grown and sourced food for healthy meals and nutritious habits," said Ms. Forsyth, also in the release. "I am incredibly grateful and excited to continue the implementation of the Farm to School initiatives within the Hudson City School District community this coming school year."

Securing the grant award continues the district's efforts of incorporating Farm to School practices. Currently in all three buildings, locally sourced products are served for breakfast, lunch, snacks and afterschool programs. Additionally, the district includes food and nutrition in its curriculum, with trips to local agriculture producers, along with guest appearances in classrooms to teach recipes and healthy lifestyle approaches.

For more information on FINYS, visit <https://www.finys.org/institute>.

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CHILD CARE

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their lives to a high and worthy cause – early childhood education.”

Child care workers, who are overwhelmingly women and often women of color, earn so little that their families are enrolled in public assistance programs at a rate about 2 1/2 times the national average. Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen has said that child care workers earn in the bottom 2% of all professions. Low wages are a primary cause of a turnover rate that is one of the highest of any industry in the nation, according to a federal Bureau of Labor Statistics analysis.

An article published in late 2023 by the Center for American Progress found something that might seem unthinkable: whereas the post-pandemic tight labor market has lifted wages for many low-paying occupations, like wait staff and short-term substitute teachers, relative to such other job types the child care sector has in fact become even “less attractive to workers.” In 2021, according to federal statistics, median hourly wages for child care workers were 106% as much as wait staff and 91% of short-term substitute teachers. By 2022 child care workers earned 98% of wait staff and 81% of the substitute teachers – substantial relative declines.

While most experts agree that people choose child care work out of a love for children, the fact remains that “people need a wage on which they can survive,” as Kathy Mabb, who recently retired from provider Columbia Opportunities, puts it. “When workers can’t make ends meet, they are forced to look for jobs outside child care,” at less rewarding employers like Target and McDonald’s where, ironically, the pay is better.

A 2023 Department of Labor study found that 12% of all child care workers live below the federal poverty line (versus 5% of workers across all job

types). Another study, after noting the link between a teacher’s own well-being and the quality of her interaction with children, found that early child care givers “struggle with high levels of economic instability, depression, anxiety and stress.”

In addition, child care work is often not respected as a professional occupation. Even though there are significant credentialing and training requirements for child care workers, the job is too often still regarded as “babysitting,” as Grace Jacklitch of Family of Woodstock explains. That perspective betrays a misunderstanding. What often looks like simple play with infants and toddlers is in fact the skilled use of books, songs and activities to build vocabulary, inspire a child to talk, explore, question and interact in the kind of “serve and return” exchanges that literally generate synapses and expand brain capacity.

Moreover, Ms. Mabb adds, too often parents whose children are in non-center family care centers (i.e., in-home programs) will prioritize paying other bills, like rent and utilities, over child care fees when money is tight, knowing that “the babysitter will work with me because she loves my child.”

The high turnover of child care staff creates its own problems. Experts agree that infants and toddlers learn by interacting with trusted adults. Continuity of care is fundamental to quality of care. Sarah Cote-Bennett, the Board Chair at the Columbia Children’s Center, watched her own son suffer from the “brutal” workforce turnover at the center, which made it hard for him to establish relationships with his teachers and left him stressed at the end of the day. “He had tantrums and didn’t want to go to the center.” She eventually made the heart-wrenching decision to move him to another care setting where the workforce was more stable. Within two weeks “the tantrums stopped and he couldn’t

wait to go to school every morning” (The Children’s Center has since been able to raise salaries and better stabilize its workforce.)

Chronic understaffing caused by the difficulty of hiring and retaining staff also stresses providers. Anyone working with children knows that, for adults, more colds and mild sickness come with the job. But, as Pattern’s President Adam Bosch puts it, given existing staffing challenges, today “every teacher absence becomes a level 5 emergency.” With mandated staffing ratios for every child care setting, teacher absences can lead to classroom closures, which in turn send parents scrambling for care and also drain the finances of the providers.

While an obvious answer to workforce issues is to raise wages, the margins at which providers operate are too thin to support meaningful wage increases. Experts in the field and providers had hoped that significant workforce investment would be included in the state’s 2024-5 budget. It was not. Instead, as it did last year, the budget includes a retention bonus pool using left-over pandemic funding.

As Jenn O’Connor of non-profit advocacy group Education Trust-New York (ET-NY) puts it, retention bonuses are “neither a long-term solution nor an investment in child care. They are a band-aid. Further, no one will stay at a job for the small amount of the bonus. The state needs to think about getting child care workers to a living wage.”

In addition, in 2023 the retention bonuses were only available to teachers in the classroom, but not to the many others who work in the child care setting, like administrators, janitors, cafeteria workers. It is not yet known how the 2024 bonuses will be distributed, but they are not expected to provide a solution in any event.

The Empire State Campaign for Child Care, commenting on the 2024-5 budget, like ET-NY lamented the lack of real workforce investment: “one-time ‘bonuses’ or ‘retention grants’ do not create a landscape where

professionals can feel confident in this line of work.” A 2023 Harvard Business Review study of retention bonuses in general finding that there is “no evidence they increase engagement or long-term loyalty.” One human resources expert said of such short-term measures, “It moves the employee/employer relationship away from the ideal partnership state and towards the transactional” and 90% of those receiving bonuses leave anyway.

A significant part of the 2024-5 budget for child care this year, as last, is dedicated to subsidies to help parents offset the high cost of care. Unfortunately, until capacity is created, subsidies will continue to go largely unspent; if a parent cannot find a licensed child care slot, cost is irrelevant. Thus, although there is no question that families need help to pay for care, the state’s investment in subsidies (or, child care assistance, as it has been renamed) largely places the cart before the horse.

The Pattern report documented that in 2022 in Columbia County less than 35% of the available subsidy funds were used. There are several reasons for this, aside from the unavailability of slots, most of which have been inadequately addressed to date.

First, subsidies are linked to specific attendance at a child care program, not to the simple fact of enrollment in a program. Thus, eligibility requires a parent to be working or on a path to work and payment is linked to specific work hours (with a half hour grace period on either side). Thus, care is unavailable for time spent, for example, at doctor’s appointments, shopping or the other necessary tasks of daily life.

In addition, until October 2023, a parent’s absences from work, center closures for holidays or a child’s absence due to illness all resulted in reductions in the subsidy payments. (In October 2023 those attendance-related rules were relaxed, but not eliminated, and now allow for 80 absences per child and 20 program closures for holidays of all kinds.)

The attendance-based requirements are problematic for providers in at least two ways: first, and most importantly, they lead to an unpredictable cash flow that is largely dependent on factors outside the provider’s control, like a child’s illness or family vacations. Second, the requirements burden providers with record-keeping. “Did Johnny come in at 8:15 or 8:30 today? I have to make a note. When did each of the 30 other children come? When did each child leave? Sorry, Mrs. Brown, I can’t talk to you; I need to record when each of these children arrived or is leaving.”

Such requirements make the acceptance of subsidies unattractive; after all, the parents who pay the market rate, can drop off and pick up their child whenever it suits them and the center’s revenue does not fluctuate as a result.

Furthermore, providers report a significant (often several months’ long) lag time between when they file their reports and when subsidy payments are received, leaving the center to cover the carrying costs of salary, rent, etc.

For these reasons, in Columbia County most centers decline to accept subsidies, leaving the bureaucratic burdens of accessing assistance to parents. Ms. Cote-Bennett said that she believed that in 2023 Columbia Children’s Center was the only day care center accepting subsidies directly; it did so in spite of the logistical complexities because the Center believed that “it was the right thing to do for parents.”

Finally, one result of the lack of capacity in licensed facilities is that families meet their need for care by using unlicensed care. How many such facilities there are, who they employ and what types of care they provide is largely unknown, but the experts at Family of Woodstock believe these facilities are paid market rates by the many parents desperate for the day care that the licensed system cannot provide.

The final article in the series will look at some solutions being proposed to meet the challenges of providing child care.

Road work has started in Village of Kinderhook

Starting in early May, from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, Albany Avenue will be closed between Route 9 and the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail (AHET), for construction supporting the Albany Avenue water main improvement project. This closure is anticipated to last for approximately one month according to a public notice. The Village Board reported in an email that there will be no parking on the odd side of the road and portions of the sidewalk on the odd side will be closed to pedestrians during the work day. Residents on the odd side of the road will need to be out of their driveway prior to 8 a.m. each morning. This picture shows Albany Avenue from Route 9 on May 8.



Duncan Teasdale-Ulrich

Open Auditions for ‘Twelfth Night’ to be held May 18-19

HUDSON – The Columbia County Players (CCP) are holding open auditions for this summer’s free community production of Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night, or What You Will,” directed by Carol Rusoff, to be performed in the Churchtown Dairy Globe at the Round Barn at end of August. “Twelfth Night” is a rollicking farce about love in all its glory and hilarity. All aspiring actors and singers (and jugglers), as well as those who may have the acting itch, are encouraged to audition. CCP are looking for a diverse cast of actors/singers of all ethnicities, genders, sizes, and experience levels. No preparation is necessary.

Last summer, director Carol Rusoff was amazed at the impressive audition turnout—folks from all over Columbia County and environs, from professional thespians to newbies who had never before graced a stage showed up to audition for the inaugural free Shakespeare production, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” performed in Churchtown Dairy’s Round Barn.

Nadya Rockefeller, a cast member from last year’s production, said in a press release, “Last spring, I was folding my clothes at the laundromat when I spotted a flyer that caught my eye. It was for the Columbia County Player’s production of ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream.’ ‘No experience necessary,’ it said. Those three words were enough to convince me to try something new. And am I so glad I did! Joining the produc-



Photo contributed
Nadya Rockefeller (pictured) auditioned with no acting or stage experience and was cast in last summer’s Shakespeare production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

tion was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. Not only did I discover a new passion for acting, but I also gained an incredible community of supportive and talented individuals who helped me grow both on stage, and off.”

The summer 2024 performance dates of “Twelfth Night, or What You Will” will be from August 22 to 25 and rehearsals will begin on June 23 in Hudson.

For questions and more information, email: casting@columbiacountyplayers.com.

Open call auditions will be held on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, 1 North Front Street, Hudson. Everyone is welcome. Actors will be seen in order of arrival. Callbacks will be scheduled on the same days from 3 to 5 p.m.



Image contributed
“Taos Morning” by Jeffrey Neumann, oil on canvas, 12 x 16.

“Retro-perspective: Paintings” on display at Art School

GHENT – Art School of Columbia County (ASCC) is hosting an art exhibit titled “Retro-perspective: Paintings” by Jeffrey L. Neumann. There will be an opening reception with an artist talk on Saturday, May 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend this free event hosted by ASCC.

The exhibit will be on display from May 18 to June 21.

In a press release, Mr. Neumann said of his work, “I create deeply personal work that speaks about the soul of America. I have spent a great deal of time on the road. The paintings I make are distilled from that experience. This emotional response is what I try to convey through my paintings. I’m seeking to evoke a certain mood through the limitations of paint.”

Mr. Neumann spent his childhood in New Mexico, California, and Massachusetts. Although he lives in Columbia County, the Southwest contin-

ues to inspire his artwork. He visits as often as he can. From 2009 to 2019 he owned Neumann Fine Art Gallery in Hillsdale where he represented nine artists.

Art School of Columbia County hosts monthly exhibits of regional artists, both individually and in group exhibits. Visit <https://artschoolofcolumbiacounty.org/> to learn more about exhibits as well as the upcoming classes that begin mid May and June.

ASCC, founded in 2013, is a non-profit organization dedicated to art education for children, teens and adults year round. Hours to view the exhibit are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and some weekend hours as well. For further viewing times and for any other inquiries email artschoolofcolumbiacounty@gmail.com. ASCC is located in the Harlemville section of Hillsdale/Ghent at 1198 Route 21C.

“It’s Only A Play” last shows are this weekend

The Two Of Us Productions presents “It’s Only A Play” for one more weekend on May 17, 18 and 19 in the Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery at the Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B. “It’s Only A Play” features (pictured l to r) Mark Leinung as playwright Peter Austin, Jackie DiGorgis as star actor Virginia Noyes, and Bill Solley as director Frank Finger. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. Call for group rates. For advance reservations visit www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org or call 518 758-1648.



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EVENTS

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

CONTINUING EVENTS

Mondays

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

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

First Mondays

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS: Live a physically safe, vibrant and functional life, Malden Bridge Community Center, 1087 Albany Turnpike, 10 to 11 am with Ihor Evanick. Get more info at nnc-c1info@gmail.com.

CHATHAM LETTER WRITING SOCIETY, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave., 6 pm. Letter writing socials to practice the art of handwriting letters and cards for loved ones. The library will supply stationery and cards. Bring your favorite pens and some of your own stationery and cards to share with the group. Refreshments will be provided. All ages welcome.

Second Mondays

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

Last Mondays

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

Mondays, Tuesdays

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

Mondays, Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

Mondays, Thursdays

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

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

First Tuesdays

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

First & Third Tuesdays

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

Second Tuesdays

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

Second & Third Tuesdays

Senior Scene, New Lebanon Library, 550 State Rt 20, 2 pm. Join other seniors for friendly conversation. Different activity each time, such as painting, games, puzzles, and crafts. 518-794-8844 or www.newlebanonlibrary.org

Third Tuesdays

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

Last Tuesdays

SENIOR COFFEE HOUR, Hillsdale House, 1 Anthony St, 10-11:30 am. Coffee, donuts, conversation. Dr. Pier Boutin, orthopedic surgery specialist will join for April Coffee Hour. Presented by Hillsdale Safe at Home Committee. Hillsdalesafeathome@gmail.com

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

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

Wednesdays

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

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

WALKING GROUP, Harlem Valley Rail Trail Parking lot between Herrington's & Roe Jan Brewing, Hillsdale, 9:30 am. Begins April 24 through end of October. Organized by Hillsdale Safe at Home. Weather permitting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

READ BIPOC BOOK CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave., 5:30 pm. A collaboration between the Chatham Bookstore and the Chatham Public Library. Email: merka@chatham.k12.ny.us.

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

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

ROE JAN FOOD PANTRY, Hillsdale/Copake. Submit orders by Wednesday for Friday pickup. Call Betty White 518 441-2789 or Jackie Dextraze 518 965-5770. Questions to roejanfoodpantry@gmail.com.

First & Third Wednesdays

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

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

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

Second & Fourth Wednesdays

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 6-7:30 pm. Peer-led support group for family members, caregivers, loved ones of individuals living with mental illness. Virtual link available Register for login credentials namiccny.org/event/hybrid-family-support-group-2nd-wednesday/2024-05-08/ to join our virtual support group Info: 518 336-0246, namiccny@gmail.com.

Third Wednesdays

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

Fourth Wednesdays

BOOK GROUP, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 5-6 pm. Book Group will read and discuss "The Cloisters" by Katy Hays, a mystical story of suspense set in one of New York City's treasured landmarks. Registration, programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518-828-1792 X101.

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

Wednesdays, Saturdays

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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
GREENPORT SENIORS, Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, 1 pm. Any senior who resides in Columbia County is welcome to attend meeting.

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, Community Center, 523 Rt 20, New Lebanon, 1 pm. New members welcome. Ages 55+ \$15/year; free for 80 years+. Contact lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com or call William Shannon at 518-938-1039

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. @roejanfriendsbookshop.

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

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

FARMERS MARKETS
COPAKE HILLSDALE FARMERS MARKET, 9140 State Route 22, Copake (across from Roeliff Jansen Community Library). Open Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm, May 18-November 23, 2024.

GERMANTOWN FARMERS MARKET, Palatine Park Pavilion, 50 Palatine Park Road, Open Saturdays 10am-1pm, May 25-October 12. Locally grown food, flowers, handmade items for the home, much more. To become a vendor email germantownfarmersmarket@gmail.com. germantownfarmersmarket.com

HUDSON FARMERS MARKET, N 6th & Columbia streets. Open Saturdays 9 am-1 pm. 30+ vendors & producers, weekly rotation of guest vendors & musicians, rain or shine. April 20- November 23. www.hudsonfarmersmarket.com

KINDERHOOK FARMERS MARKET, Kinderhook Village Square, Route 9 (Broad/Chatham St) and Albany Avenue. Open Saturdays from 8:30 am-12:30 pm, May 4 - October 12. Farmers, bakers, makers, music and more. Sponsored by Kinderhook Business and Professional Association. www.kinderhookfarmersmarket.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 16
ANNUAL HUDSON COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP, Front & Warren streets, noon- 5 pm. Sign-up, sponsor the event or learn more at greaterhudsonpromise.org/cleanup

May 17-19
BOOK SALE, the Friends of the New Lebanon Library, Church of Our Saviour located at 14660 NY -22, New Lebanon, May 18, 9 am-2 pm and May 19, 11 am- 4 pm. Preview Sale May 17, 4-6 pm, \$10 per person. Annual to benefit the New Lebanon Library.

PLANT SALE & ARTISAN MARKET, Malden Bridge Community Center, 1087 Albany Turnpike, 10 am-4 pm, rain or shine. Art & artisan vendors sell their works, ironworks, paintings, photography, crocheted items. Plant wagon, food, music. Visit www.MaldenBridgecc.org

May 18
PLANT SALE, Palatine Park, Germantown, 8 am-1 pm. Germantown Garden Club fundraising event. Annual flowers, perennials, vegetables, herbs for purchase. Also garden tag sale & bake sale. More info: Joyce Vale, 518-821-2955.

SPRING-A-FAIR, Christ Church Episcopal, 431 Union Street, Hudson, 9 am-3 pm. Indoor tag sale, rain or shine. kitchenware, household goods, homemade baked goods, homemade soups, jewelry, toys, plants, tools, knick-knacks, garden supplies, crafts, sports, camping equipment. Food available. 518-828-1329 or christchurch1802@gmail.com

GERMANTOWN YARD SALE DAY, Various locations around town on map, 9 am-4 pm (rain date Sunday May 19). Register at germantownnewyork.com

COLUMBIA NORTHEAST REPAIR CAFE, New Lebanon Library, 550 State Route 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteer Repair Coaches will fix broken items free of charge. Repairs available at event include wooden furniture, clocks, lamps, glue repairs, mending clothing & textiles, 3D printing, gardening advice, and IT help. columbianerepaircafe@gmail.com

STUFF THE BUS FOOD DRIVE, ShopRite, 351 Fairview Avenue, Greenport, 10 am-4 pm. Hudson Rotary Club & Bill Williams collect food to support Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, which supplies local Salvation Army Friendly Kitchen. More info: www.rotary-dayofservice.org.

FULL CIRCUS FARM TOUR, 27 Mills Path, Pine Plains, 11 am. Ancram Resilient Gardens & Farms tours horse-powered, certified organic vegetable farm & fruit tree nursery. Learn about grafting & growing practices, new seedling CSA. Plants for sale. Additional plant sale date May 25. Get more information: arterianchang@googlemail.com

CREATE & COOK: Family Cooking & Art Workshop, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Greenport, 11am-1 pm. Explore creativity in kitchen & art studio with Sylvia Center chefs & Olana Partnership educators. Donation \$12, registration required. education@olana.org or 518-751-6938.

SPRINGTIME TOUR of grounds & formal gardens. Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, 2 pm. Rain date: May 25. Walk & learn history of Clermont's landscape. \$5/person at door. Space limited. Register in advance at bookey.com/Clermont

FIELD & GRASSLAND Management Part 1, Ooms Public Conservation Area, 480 Rock City Rd, Chatham, 3-5 pm. Learn about healthy fields, grasslands, techniques. Walk 2 miles over grassy, muddy terrain. No dogs. Donation. Register at <https://columbialand.org/>

May 18-19
SPRING BOOK SALE, the Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library, the McNary Center, 6 Sylvester Street, Saturday, 9 am-3 pm and Sunday, noon-3 pm. Gently used fiction, mystery, non-fiction, history, biography, gardening, art, cooking, young adult and children's books.

May 19
BOOK IT! 2024, Churchtown Fire Company, 2219 Rt 27, Churchtown, 9 am, \$25 adults, \$10 kids under 18, race day \$30 adults, \$15 kids. Fundraiser for Claverack Free Library & Philmont Public Library. Register by May 13 for hat. Forms at <https://claveracklibrary.org/book-it-5k/> and www.philmontlibrary.org

CAR WASH, PLANT & BAKE SALE, New Scrub Board Laundromat & Car Wash, 15808 NY Route 22, Stephentown, 11 am-3 pm. Car wash to benefit Stephentown Historical Society. Plant & bake sale put on by Stephentown Federated Church. Rain date in August.

AFTERNOON OF INSPIRATION TO ENGAGE WITH LOCAL ARTISTS, North Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rt 203, 1-5pm, \$20 for advance purchase, \$25 on the day of the event. Library's first fundraiser of the season, offering the community an opportunity to engage with artists in their studios. northchathamlibrary.org

May 22
BLOOD DRIVE, CMH Support Services Bldg, 65 Prospect Ave, Hudson, 10 am-3 pm. To book a time to give visit RedCrossBlood.org, download Red Cross Blood Donor App or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

CELEBRATE FULL FLOWER MOON, Overmountain Public Conservation Area, 138 Catalano Road, Ancram, 7-8:30 pm. Walk a mile with Columbia Land Conservancy over mowed grass & packed earth to Kite Hill Gazebo Overlook. Donation, all welcome. Visit ColumbiaLand.org/Events to register.

May 23
FIELD & GRASSLAND Management Part 2, Ooms Public Conservation Area, 480 Rock City Rd, Chatham, 10 am-noon. Learn about field & grassland management practices. Walk 2 miles over grassy, muddy terrain. No dogs. Donation. Register at <https://columbialand.org/>

WHAT'S COOKING

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

Wednesdays & Thursdays
VIRTUAL COOKING CLASSES & FREE MEAL KITS, Hudson Area Library Main Desk, 51 N 5th St. Meal Kit pick-up: Wednesdays, 4 – 6 pm, May 22-June 12. Virtual Cooking Classes: Thursdays, May 23 – June 13, 5:30 – 6:30, via Zoom. Join the Sylvia Center for a 4-week virtual cooking program geared towards families with children ages 18 and younger. Contact the library for more information: 518-828-1792 x101.

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

Second Fridays
VERNON HIGGINS SUB NIGHT, Philmont Fire Company, 1 Maple Ave, 4-6:30 pm, \$10. Serving pepperoni, meatball, sausage & peppers, chicken Parm subs, chicken fingers & fries, fish fry sub, fish fry dinner with fries & coleslaw. Eat in, take out. Delivery available. Pre-orders: 518 610-1766, 821-0170 through Apr 12.

May 17
HOT SUB SALE, Ghent Firehouse, 2230 Route 66, 11 am- 6 pm. Ghent Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary hosts. Pepperoni; meatball, sausage, pepper and onion subs for \$8 each. Homemade baked goods. Proceeds of bake sale benefit Auxiliary's Doris & Jim Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund. 518.392.3838

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER, Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 County Route 22, West Ghent, 6 pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs, assorted salads, baked beans & dessert. All welcome. For information call 518-828-5946.

May 18
BAKE SALE, Episcopal Church of Our Savior, 14660 Route 22, New Lebanon, 10 am. Lebanon Valley Seniors bake sale in conjunction with Friends of the New Lebanon Library Book Sale.

PASTA DINNER, Society of New Concord, Community Hall, 2689 Cty Rte 9, East Chatham, 4-7 pm. Penne with marinara sauce alone or add hot or sweet sausage, salad, bread, drinks, dessert. \$15 adults, \$8 for children. Under 3 free. Benefits Neighbors of Northern Columbia County. More info www.nccc1.org.

May 21
TACO TUESDAY, Hudson American Legion Post 184, 107 Cty Rte 25, Stockport, 4-6:30 pm. Tacos, nachos, more. \$10. Benefits veterans' causes. Co-sponsored by Sons of the American Legion & Ginsberg Foods. Info & tickets 518-821-7179.

FOR KIDS

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

SHAKE & SHOUT TODDLER STORY TIME, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. For ages 1-3. Sing, dance, listen to story. Chathampubliclibrary.org.

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

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

FAMILY MUSIC & MOVEMENT STORY TIME, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 4 pm, free. Led by Abbey Lappen. Claveracklibrary.org.

LEGO CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 4 pm, free. For ages 5 & up. Registration kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us.

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

THE MENTOR IS IN, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3-6 pm, free. One-on-one appointments for writing & career help for teens with Wally Rubin. Chathampubliclibrary.org.

Tuesdays
PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 10 am, free. Led by Deb Wiede. Claveracklibrary.org.

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 1 pm, free. For grades 1-5. Claveracklibrary.org.

Second Tuesdays
BYO BOOK CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3:30 pm, free. For ages 8-12. Come talk about latest favorite read. Registration: kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us, 518 392-3666.

CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3-4 pm, free. Designed to give students an opportunity to practice the game of chess, improve their skills, and to enjoy challenging their peers. For ages 5 & up. chathampubliclibrary.org

Wednesdays
LIBRARY PLAYGROUP, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:15 am-12:15 pm, free. For caregivers & children ages 0-5. No registration required. chathampubliclibrary.org.

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

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

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

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

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 or call 518-828-1792 x101. Para registrarse, envíe un correo electrónico a 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

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

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

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

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

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



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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. chathampubliclibrary.org

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

Saturdays
ART WORKSHOPS, Art Omi, 1405 CR 22, Ghent, 10 am-noon, \$20/child or \$36/two siblings. For ages 5-11. Developmentally-appropriate projects encouraging curiosity, experimentation, creative thinking. Registration: artomi.org/education/saturday-childrens-workshops.

First Saturdays
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, noon, free. For beginners. Children led by adult dungeon master through complicated role playing game. Space limited for each adventure, reservations: claveracklibrary.org.

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

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

Through 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.

May 18
PIRATE PENNY'S RAINGUTTER REGATTA, FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson, 10:30 am. Free. Pirate Penny reads storybook, then kids race a boat in raingutter waterway. Visit fasnyfiremuseum.com or call 518-822-1875. No reservations needed.

AT THE MOVIES

May 16
SHORT FILM TRIPLE BILL: À propos de Nice (1930); Douro, Faina Fluvial (1931); and Regen/Rain (1931), Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, 6 pm, free. clarkart.edu/events

May 16-19,23
KINGDOM OF THE PLANET OF THE APES, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary, \$11 adults, \$7 children, \$8 members. crandelltheatre.org

May 17
SHAKER SWAMP, FOUR SEASONS, Darrow School campus theater, accessible by Rt 20E or Shaker Rd, New Lebanon, 7 pm. Free. Documentary tells story of Mt. Lebanon Shakers & Tilden Pharmaceutical Co. learning from Native Americans about medicinal uses of herbs. Tilden harvested 100s of herbs from property to create tonics, salves, pills for worldwide distribution.

May 19
MADAMA BUTTERFLY, Met Opera Live in HD, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 12:55 pm, \$32.50 members / \$25 students / \$35 general public. timeandspace.org

May 24
FURIOSA: A MAD MAX STORY, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary, \$11 adults, \$7 children, \$8 members. crandelltheatre.org.

MAKING MUSIC

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

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

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

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

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.

Through June 6
HUDSON COMMUNITY CHOIR, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren Street, Thurs, 6-8pm, free, registration required. Led by Andrew Stein and Sharece Johnson, in collaboration with Beautiful Racke. hudsonhall.org

May 18
NOYES & THE BOYES CONCERT, Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Rd, 7-9 pm. Their music spans a range of acoustic styles from traditional to "psychedelic folk." \$15 or pay what you can at door. No reservations needed. More information email hmbhuss1@yahoo.com or call 617-894-3538

May 18-19
24-HOUR DRONE, Basilica Hudson, 110 S Front St, 12pm, \$100 & up. Featuring curated Performance Blocks by Le Guess Who? RVNG Intl., Heavy Trip and Dripping. Tickets: basilicahudson.org.

May 19
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH MUSIC, Café Vienna—Nervous Splendor, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St, Great Barrington, MA, 4 pm, \$52 for orchestra, \$25 for mezzanine and balcony. www.cewm.org, 413 528-0100.

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.

May 16
LAND, LIBERTY & LOSS: Echoes of the American Revolution, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 6-7:30 pm, free. Reading & discussion group. Reading list: humanitiesny.org/our-work/programs/reading-discussion/land-liberty-loss-readings. Registration required: director@roejanlibrary.org.

HISTORY ROOM TALK, Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, Hudson, 6 pm. Coordinator Brenda Shufelt will talk about available resources at Hudson Library History Room.

May 17-June 21 (Fridays)
SIX WEEK COMMUNITY READING PROGRAM, Canaan Congregational Church, 1670 County Route 5, 9:30 am. Reading & discussion of Atul Gawande's book, "Being Mortal," led by Rev. Quentin Chin. Free. 518-331-0136 or communications@canaanucc.org

May 18
BOOK TALK AND A HABITAT EXPLORATION WALK, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 6:30 pm, and Martin Van Buren Nature Area, 2408 Rt 9H, 1 pm, both free. Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Program's book talk at the library and a walk at the nature area. hvfarmscape.org/fieldguide

May 19
LIBRARY OF LOCAL BACK TO NATURE SERIES: Make Your Own Terrariums, 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale, 1 pm. Hands-on workshop led by Master Gardener Volunteer Linda Levitt. Workshop limited to 15 participants. Register: director@roejanlibrary.org.

THE BASH BISH INN - A History Shrouded in Mystery, Roeliff Jansen Historical Society, 8 Miles Rd, Copake Falls, 2 pm. Presented by Linda and Kim Crossman. www.roeliffjansenshs.org



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May 21
WELLNESS WITH MARIOLA, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, noon, free. Join Mariola Strahlberg for an hour of simple health tips for mind, body, and spirit as she introduces the Power of One-Third program. Chathampubliclibrary.org.

A FOOD WRITER'S JOURNEY, Hudson Area Library Community Room, 51 N 5th St, 5:30 pm
Author talk with James Beard Award-winning author, Susan Simon. Try samples of recipes and learn about Simon's experiences traveling and writing cookbooks. Books will be available for sale and signing. Registration is required. Email programs@hudsonarealibrary.org or call 518-828-1792 x101

May 22
CIVIL SERVICE 101, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, free. Informal conversation with staff members of Columbia County Civil Service. Explore employment and career opportunities, see current vacancies, sign up for an exam, complete an application, ask questions and learn what Civil Service is all about. Chathampubliclibrary.org.

May 23, 25
BOOK TALK AND A HABITAT EXPLORATION WALK, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale, 6:30 pm/Roe Jan Park, 116 Old Route 22, Hillsdale, 1 pm, both free. Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Program's book talk at the library and a walk at the nature area. hvfarmscape.org/fieldguide

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.

May 17
BEYOND BALLET/BEYOND HIP-HOP: The Dying Swan and Its Cause of Death and Encounter, PS21, 2980 Rte 66, Chatham, 8 pm. Tickets \$35. ps21chatham.org

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.

May 17-19
IT'S ONLY A PLAY, The Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery, the Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B, Claverack, times vary, \$20, \$15 for students and seniors. Call for group rates. The Two Of Us Productions. Visit www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org, 518-758-1648.

URINETOWN THE MUSICAL, Valatie Community Theatre, 3031 Main Street, Valatie, Fri 7 pm, Sat 2 pm & 7 pm, and Sun 2 pm; \$15 adult/ \$10 student and senior. Tickets at the door or https://valatiecommunitytheatre.org

May 18-19
OPEN AUDITIONS, The Columbia County Players, Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night, or What You Will," 10 am-3 pm, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, 1 North Front St, Hudson. They are looking for a diverse cast of actors/singers of all ethnicities, genders, sizes, and experience levels. No preparation is necessary. Performance dates will be from August 22-25.

ON VIEW
ART SCHOOL of Columbia County, 1198 Rt 21C, Retrospective: Paintings by Jeffrey L. Neumann, opening reception May 18, 4 - 6 p.m. Mon, Tue, Thurs, Sun noon-3 pm. 518 672-7140. Artschoolofcolumbiacounty.org.

NORMAN ROCKWELL Museum, 9 Glendale Rd / Rt 183, Stockbridge, MA. Between Worlds: The Art & Design of Leo Lionni, up through May 27, 2024. Mon-Tues/Thurs-Fri 10 am-4 pm, Sat-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Private tours available Wed. Admission. nrm.org.

SEPTEMBER Gallery, 4 Hudson St #3, Kinderhook. Annie Bielski: Raw Footage May 18 - July 7. Artist opening May 18 with reception from 5-7 pm. Fri-Sat 11am-5pm, Sunday 11am-4pm. Kristen@september-gallery.com.

SPENCERTOWN ACADEMY ARTS CTR, 790 Rt 203. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm. Spring Affair: Contemporary Art of the Hudson Valley, June 1-June 30. Opening reception June 1, 4- 6pm. Spencertownacademy.org. 518 392-3693.

THE SCHOOL: Jack Shainman Gallery, 25 Broad St (Rt 9), Kinderhook. Lie Doggo, work by Nina Chanel Abney, May 18-October 5. Opening reception: May 18, 1-6 pm. Sat, 11 am-6 pm. Jackshainman.com.

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Gardeners sell plants to support club's community work

GERMANTOWN – The Germantown Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale at Palatine Park, Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be locally-grown nursery plants available for purchase. Plant selections include annual flowers,

perennials, vegetables, and herbs. Garden club members will provide houseplants and seedlings.

The club will also offer a Gardening Tag Sale and a Bake Sale. This event coincides with the Germantown Town-Wide Yard Sale event. Arrive early,

because the most desirable plants sell out fast. Funds raised at this event support the club's Germantown High School Scholarship Fund and other club donations and projects. For more information call Joyce Vale at 518-821-2955.

Get creative in the kitchen and studio

GREENPORT – Explore creativity in the kitchen and art studio during a program led by The Sylvia Center chefs and The Olana Partnership educators. Olana Create and Cook: Family Cooking and Art Workshop takes place at Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In this class, participants can make a pasta salad inspired by seasonal vegetables, explore Olana State Historic Site's historic kitchen garden, and draw new life and shapes in the meadow.



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Families that cook together, eat together.

This program is free (suggested donation \$12) and advance registration is required. Registration includes all art-making supplies, a free lunch for each participant, and a voucher to participate in future cooking classes hosted by The Sylvia Center. Children 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

This is the first in a series of three classes—register for one or all three. For more information contact education@olana.org or call 518-751-6938.

Community briefs

Presbyterians sell plants, baked goods

VALATIE – The First Presbyterian Church at 3212 Church Street, will have its annual Plant and Bake Sale, May 25, 9 a.m. to noon.

Many plants including annuals, perennials, vegetables, shrubs, ground covers, and houseplants will be available. To donate plants to the sale, contact Judy Bury at 518-758-6384.

Christ Church's Spring-a-Fair is indoors

HUDSON – Christ Church Episcopal, 431 Union Street, hosts a Spring-a-Fair, indoor tag sale, rain or shine, Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured at the sale will be: kitchenware, household goods, homemade baked goods, homemade soups, jewelry, toys, plants, tools, knick-knacks, garden supplies, crafts, sports and camping equipment. Cold beverages, hotdogs, and hamburgers will be available. For any questions contact the church office at 518-828-1329 or christchurch1802@gmail.com

All seniors welcome to meet

GREENPORT—Greenport Seniors meet at the Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, May 23 at 1 p.m. Any senior who resides in Columbia County is welcome to attend the meeting.

Pies, breads, brownies, cookies on sale at church

HILLSDALE—The Hillsdale United Methodist Church will put on a Bake Sale, Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. to noon.

There will be a large variety of delicious homemade pies, breads, brownies, cookies and cakes, along with gluten-free items.

The sale will be held at the church, located at the intersection of Routes 22 and 23.

The church would appreciate donations of baked goods and money from the Roe Jan community.

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For children in foster care programs, family can have an entirely different meaning. These children have been removed from the care of their biological parents, they have suffered neglect, trauma, or physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Many have suffered food insecurity and homelessness. Some have witnessed their parents abuse alcohol and other drugs.

The Hallmark™ card image of family that we paint for ourselves may not resonate for children in the foster care system because they haven't experienced it. To these children, family can mean "safety," "escape" or "healing." To some, family is a dream as they hope for reunification with their biological parents, or just to become part of a new family that loves and nurtures them.



This is where you come in. There are nearly 16,000 children in foster care in New York State, many who still need loving homes to help them heal and grow. St. Catherine's Center for Children operates foster care programs in the Hudson Valley and is actively recruiting foster families!

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Friends of Kinderhook Library hosts book sale

The Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library Spring Book Sale will be held Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, May 19 from noon to 3 p.m. In addition to their regular book sale, the friends will have new and gently used art books on sale for \$10 each. The sale will be held at the McNary Center, 6 Sylvester Street. The sale will have gently used fiction, mystery, non-fiction, history, biography, gardening, art, cooking, young adult and children's books. The Friends' Book Sale is a major fundraising project supporting the Kinderhook Memorial Library.



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Roeliff Jansen Library Gala returns June 8

HILLSDALE – The Roeliff Jansen Community Library Gala returns this year, promising an evening of camaraderie and fun from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, at the Catamount Lodge, 78 Catamount Road.

Indulge in an array of culinary delights from Catamount with four selections: dim sum, barbecue, vegetarian, and Mediterranean cuisine. Attendees will enjoy wine, local craft beer, and live music from local jazz group the Luke Franco Trio. At the end of the evening, ice cream, coffee, and tea will be served.

The gala will feature both silent and live auctions, led for the first time by auctioneer Steven Chickery. Items to go on the block include a bigger-than-ever array of experiences, handcrafted treasures, and local services. Among the items up for bidding this year are a cocktail party for 20 at the Vanderbilt Lakeside estate; a lunch for six prepared and hosted in his home by cookbook author and social media star Dan “Grossy” Pelosi; a private tour led by Peter Bevacqua of his renowned garden; a cabin on a luxury TradeWinds catamaran for a sailing trip in the Caribbean or South Pacific; the delivery and installation of an 8-year-old Red Maple or River Birch tree courtesy of Whalen Nursery; and two tickets to Bravo's late-night talk show, “Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen.”

The silent auction will feature over forty unique items including theater tickets, gift certificates to local dining establishments, commissioned work from local artists, plant and flower arrangements crafted by gardening experts, and much, much more! There will also be an exciting wine pull raffle!

The gala is the library's most important fundraising effort, providing vital funding for day-to-day operating expenses. In 2023, fundraising efforts accounted for 46% of the library's total operating budget, underscoring the vital importance of community support. By attending this event, patrons and community members play a direct role in ensuring that the library continues to provide essential materials and services to the region.

Tickets are priced at \$125 per person and can be purchased online via the library's website at <https://www.roejanlibrary.org/fundraising-events/> or through traditional means by check or cash at the library. Host tickets are available for \$275 per person, with hosts receiving special recognition in the Gala Program. Attendees can also purchase tickets by mailing a check to: Roeliff Jansen Community Library, PO Box 669, Hillsdale, NY 12529

For more information call 518-325-4101 or visit <https://www.roejanlibrary.org>

Back to Nature series hosts talk on terrariums

HILLSDALE – The Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, hosts Library of Local Back to Nature Series: Make Your Own Terrariums on Sunday, May 19 at 1 p.m.. A terrarium is a small green space that is created in a transparent container consisting of various plants and other materials. Completed terrariums can be used to brighten up your décor or as a gift for someone special.

This will be a “hands-on” workshop led by Master Gardener Volunteer Linda Levitt. Each participant will be able to make their own terrarium to take with them. The demonstration will include how

to properly plant a terrarium, and suggest materials, tools, containers and design.

Ms. Levitt is not a stranger to this area. Many family members owned property here in Copake and Craryville as far back as the 1930s. She spent many hours here visiting her grandparents and extended family. She moved to Copake full-time in December 2014, after retiring from the insurance industry. She owned her own insurance agency for 30 years with a specialty in employee benefits.

She always loved gardening and in 2014 she became a Master Gardener Volunteer. She has since earned an

advanced certification in horticulture and landscape design from Berkshire Community College and Berkshire Botanical Garden. She sits on the Board of Directors of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties. She volunteers as a docent at the Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge, MA, and she is also a member of the Germantown Garden Club. She has designed containers and gardens for clients in the Hudson Valley.

This workshop is limited to 15 participants. Register by emailing director@roejanlibrary.org.



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518: RATINGS WHIPLASH, TOURNAMENT NEWS, CLINICS AND LEAGUES

DUPR and the tournament software giant Pickleball Brackets came out with news - again - that they are teaming up and DUPR would be their rating system. Hooray!



518: PICKLEBALL CLUBS COMPETE, COURTESERVE TIPS, LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS

The 2nd Annual Dink for a Cure tournament is picking up steam. I am the tournament director on this event, which is raising money for the Arthritis Foundation.

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Set sail with Pirate Penny at regatta

HUDSON – Join FASNY Museum of Firefighting staff at the museum, 117 Harry Howard Avenue, for a free in-person event: Pirate Penny's Raingutter Regatta, May 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Avast me hearties! Pirate Penny reads the story book "A Treasure at Sea for Dragon and Me." This story will not only be entertaining for all the little landlubbers, but will also teach important water safety concepts. Pirate Penny is joined for story time by her first mate and favorite seadog, Molly. Next is Pirate Penny's Raingutter Regatta. Children will receive a boat to race in the raingutter waterway. All racers will be able to keep their boat, and will also receive a



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treasure from Pirate Penny's treasure chest for participating. Shiver me timbers, it will be a fun morning at the museum.

All activities are free and will be indoors and outdoors (storytime will be inside the Museum, while the regatta

race will be outside.) Free admission to the Museum will also be offered to all who attend this special event. Reservations are not required.

This event is made possible by a grant from the Museum's Super Saturdays sponsor: Hudson River Bank and Trust Co. Foundation and the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. General support for the Museum is provided by: The Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) and the FASNY Foundation. Visit fasnyfiremuseum.com or call for more information 518-822-1875.

Rotary sets new record-breaking 'Day of Service'

HUDSON – The Rotary Club of Hudson will assist at a Stuff the Bus Food Drive hosted by Bill Williams from 92.3 and 96.5 WBPM at ShopRite, 351 Fairview Avenue, Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 800 Rotary clubs, more than 30,000 Rotarians, and thousands of community volunteers spanning 10 states and 5 countries will give back to their communities on that date to set a new record-breaking

"Rotary Day of Service," collecting clothes for the homeless, refurbishing parks, building shelters and more.

With the involvement of clubs throughout the northeast United States, Bermuda, and Brazil, the Day of Service is an unprecedented Rotary effort to improve the lives of individuals and families in the communities they serve.

Locally, Hudson Rotary Club will assist with the food drive in support of the Food Bank of

the Hudson Valley, which supplies the local Salvation Army Friendly Kitchen.

"Literally every community in our state will be impacted by what happens on May 18. Our projects will make a difference where help is needed most," Peter Sullivan, governor for Rotary District 7210 in the Hudson Valley, said in a press release. For more information visit <http://www.rotarydayofservice.org>.

PLEASE RECYCLE

Much to do in Germantown May 18

GERMANTOWN – Visit Germantown Saturday, May 18 for lots of happenings around town.

The Germantown Yard Sale Day and Spring Stroll takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at locations throughout town. Check out or download the map on May 16 at <https://germantownnewyork.com/>.

Event rain date is Sunday, May 19.

Palatine Manor, at 32 Church Avenue, hosts a special yard sale also May 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Germantown Garden Club holds its annual Plant Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Palatine Park, 50 Palatine Park Road.



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Lilac bush blooms at Clermont.

Tour Clermont in the springtime

CLERMONT – Join staff for a springtime tour of Clermont's grounds and formal gardens. Meet at the Visitor Center, 1 Clermont Avenue, Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. Rain date: Saturday, May 25.

Walk with an experienced tour guide and learn the history of the land. From woods to farmland to manicured

lawns, Clermont's landscape has changed with each generation.

This tour includes gentle inclines on uneven surfaces. Wear comfortable footwear and dress for the weather. The cost of the event is \$5/person, be prepared to pay at the door. Space is limited. Visitors must register in advance at booeko.com/Clermont.

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Learn land management at CLC Land Camp

CHATHAM – This summer, Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) hosts a series of programs, Land Camps, where participants can learn more about and try land management techniques in a supportive environment so they feel comfortable implementing them at home. This series of workshops is ideal for those who are already actively managing their land, those who would like get to started, and those interested in learning more about how CLC manages the properties it cares for.

This first workshop—Field and Grassland Management, part one, takes place at the Ooms Public Conservation Area, 480 Rock City Road, May 18, 3 to 5 p.m. It will focus on field and grassland management practices, led by speakers CLC Public Lands Manager Patrick Knapp and President and

Executive Director of the Berkshire Bird Observatory Ben Nickley. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about healthy fields and grasslands, and how techniques like livestock grazing can positively impact regionally-rare grassland birds like the bobolink and Eastern meadowlark.

This event will include walking about two-miles over grassy and muddy terrain on the Pond Loop, Meadowlark, and Monarch trails, with frequent stops to discuss grassland bird habitat and land management. The event will include going off trail for .1-miles over uneven terrain.

Pack water, weather appropriate clothing and footwear, and a way to take notes (notebook, smart phone). No dogs. Register at <https://columbialand.org/>

Part two of this event series will take place Thursday, May 23, 10 a.m. to noon at Ooms. This second workshop will focus on field and grassland management practices. Participants will learn how to take and analyze soil samples with CLC Conservation Programs Associate Cameron Hastie-Etchison. There will be opportunities for participants to learn how to implement these strategies on their own and ask questions.

This event involves the same amount of walking on and off trails with discussion stops. Bring the same items as listed above, no dogs.

Participation is by suggested donation, and all are welcome to attend. Visit ColumbiaLand.org/Events to register and learn more.

Farmers market opens, doubles food stamps

COPAKE – The Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market announces the opening day of its 19th season, May 18. This market operates every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Located at the Roe Jan Park on State Route 22, about 30 vendors are set up under a covered barn as well as outdoors.

A key feature of this market is its SNAP matching program. Customers who use SNAP/EBT (food stamps) receive tokens worth twice as much as they want to spend, meaning that everything they purchase is half price. In addition to this permanent benefit, all first time SNAP users receive an additional \$25 to be used towards their SNAP-eligible purchases. “This matching program makes fresh, healthy food available to families who might not otherwise afford it. Plus, they’re buying it from their neighbors,” Market Manager Nicole Friedrich said in a press release. This matching program is made possible partially from the New York State program, Fresh2You, and further subsidized by donors and foundations.

Customers can expect to find most items on their gro-



cery list: fresh produce, variety of meats, baked goods, eggs, cheeses, local honey, maple syrup, jams, pickles, condiments, alcoholic beverages, coffee, and a selection of prepared foods. Several vendors also sell their handmade body care products and dog treats.

In addition to the food vendors, a number of local artists and artisans set up every week in the Artisan Village. Offerings range from handmade jewelry to delicate ceramics, crocheted items, artwork and upcycled clothing. The artisan lineup changes from week to week.

There is great longevity among the vendors, some of whom have been with the market since 2005. At the booths, shoppers will often find that they are doing business with the actual owner or producer. The setting in the Roe Jan Park is

unique; after shopping, customers can walk the trails, use the dog run, or explore the stream running through the park.

At the market, shoppers can enjoy the weekly live music while browsing the booths or sitting at umbrella tables on a grassy area. Children like being wheeled by their parents in the little red wagons. Polite dogs on leashes are welcome. Although the market welcomes about 800 customers per week, there is ample parking including two designated handicapped parking areas.

The Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market is the operating arm of CHEM, Inc., a 501(c)3 non profit. Revenue comes from vendor fees and donations from sponsors as well as foundations. To learn more about this market visit www.copake-hillsdalefarmersmarket.com

Group tours horse-powered fruit & veggie farm

Join Ancram Resilient Gardens and Farms members Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m. for a tour of Full Circus Farm at 27 Mils Path in Pine Plains with owners Miriam Goler and Mark Stonehill. Full Circus is a horse-powered, certified organic vegetable farm and fruit tree nursery.

Participants will learn about grafting and growing practices in the nursery, and a new Seedling CSA. Plants are available for sale after tour. An additional plant sale date is May 25. To get more information: arterianchang@googlemail.com



Photo by Eva Deitch

Pasta dinner is fundraiser for NNCC

EAST CHATHAM – Those who would like a plate of authentic pasta with marinara sauce made by an authentic Sicilian, should attend the Pasta Dinner to benefit Neighbors of Northern Columbia County, at The Society of New Concord, Community Hall, 2689 County Route 9, May 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. Penne with marinara sauce is the vegetarian option. A choice of both hot and sweet sausage can be added at no cost. Additionally, there will be a salad, bread, drinks, and dessert at a cost of \$15 for adults and \$8 for

children. Children under three are free.

Neighbors of Northern Columbia County is a 501(c)(3) grassroots not-for-profit membership organization designed to help network people within rural communities as they address issues of aging and/or living alone. Fundraisers and membership dues allows NNCC to provide computer help; transportation; pet care; handyman services; friendly visits or calls; social events; gardening help; organizing help and anything we can provide. For more information visit www.nncc1.org.

Celebrate the full Flower Moon

ANCRAM – Join the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) to soak up the setting sun and watch May’s full moon rise at the Overmountain Public Conservation Area, 138 Catalano Road, May 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

April showers have brought May flowers, and what better way to celebrate than during the Flower Moon? The Flower Moon has been attributed to the Algonquin people, and celebrates the diversity of flowers that are in bloom this month.

This event includes walking about one mile on the Kestrel

and Bobolink trails over mowed grass and packed earth to the Kite Hill Gazebo Overlook. The pace will be leisurely, there will be frequent stops to identify flowering plants, and seating is available at the gazebo. Attendees should bring water and wear weather appropriate clothing. The field at Overmountain is exposed, and can often be windy. Social, leashed dogs are welcome—bring bags and be prepared to pack out any waste.

Participation is by suggested donation, and all are welcome to attend. Visit ColumbiaLand.org/Events to register.

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THROUGH THE WOODS

By NANCY JANE KERN

Painted turtles

NEAR OUR FARMHOUSE was a small rocky pasture with a shallow pond for the horses. My father said he and his father used a team of horses and a drag scraper to deepen a small marshy area to create the pond. It took days to do this plus a lot of hand work too. It was a great place for us kids to play, explore, get into the mud, and especially to catch turtles.

That old pond taught us so many things about nature and ourselves. Mother always had an excellent reference library for use. If we couldn't get information about a creature there, we went to the Chatham Library. The books said our turtles were shy, fast swimmers, and pretty slow on land, and told how to identify them. As far as we could tell there were only painted turtles in the pond and they are one of the most

common turtles in New York State.

Wading into the mud was an experience and often resulted in bloody legs covered with leeches. This didn't seem to disturb us, probably because we were used to seeing blood from skinned knees, and numerous other minor mishaps from outdoor farm activities.

Leeches produce an anesthetic with their anticoagulant, so they didn't hurt, and we just pulled the squirming, blood-swollen things off and shook them our fingers before their suckers attached there. They were about an inch or two long, unlike the monster leeches that Katharine Hepburn encountered in the "African Queen" movie. One of those would have stopped our hearts.

The painted turtles are good-natured and fairly small, with a shell about 10 inches or less in



Nancy Kern

Painted turtle

length. Most of ours were about 4 or 5 inches long and pretty. The head and legs have black or green skin with red, orange, and yellow stripes. The darker top part of the shell is called the carapace, and the lighter-colored bottom is

called the plastron.

The plastron can be plain yellow, or orange, have dark patterns, or be brightly patterned depending on the subspecies. Today we are warned about the danger of salmonella bacteria

when handling turtles, but back then, who knew about such things? Mother was a registered nurse, so we were trained to be careful not to get things in our mouths and to wash our hands, which probably saved us.

We tried to keep turtles in an aquarium a few times without success. They always got sick and died. We didn't have enough information to care for them properly and kindly quit trying. We enjoyed watching them outdoors as they basked in the sun and enjoyed the summer, walked out of the pond to dig holes to lay their eggs, and eventually disappeared in the fall to dig down deep into the mud for winter hibernation.

The little pond is on our way to Chatham, so we are happy to see them again each spring. They may live longer than 30 years and are truly old friends.

Bash Bish Inn 'shrouded in mystery'

COPAKE FALLS – The May 19, 2 to 4 p.m. program at the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society, 8 Miles Road, will be of interest to local history buffs, nature enthusiasts as well as to those interested in early photography.

"The Bash Bish Inn—A History Shrouded in Mystery" captured in the 1912 autochromes of Paul G. Guillumette will be presented by Linda and Kim Crossman.

By the mid-19th century, the awe-inspiring Bash Bish Falls, originating in Massachusetts and flowing through Copake Falls, had already become the object of romantic pilgrimages. America's Industrial Age was in full flower, and a movement had begun to represent, and rescue "American Paradise" through art. Inspired by the beauty of this natural wonder, the Falls were painted by many artists, including notable Hudson River School painters John Frederick Kensett, Asher B. Durand and George Herbert McCord.

As early as 1850, the unspoiled wilderness and mountainous terrain of the area also inspired a series of rustic taverns and retreats next to the Falls, the third and most successful of which was The Bash Bish Inn. Built in the early 1900s at the foot of the Falls, the Bash Bish Inn was located on 300 acres of woodland and boasted



The Bungalow at the Bash Bish Inn, 1912

Paul G. Guillumette autochrome

many quaint and charming guest houses, breathtaking views, and a world-famous French chef, Louis Mouquin.

An illustrated 1910 brochure declaring the Inn a "perfect place to rest and play," enticed clients from far and wide, including Paul G. Guillumette, who, along with his wife, Martha, fell in love

with the Inn and its environs. In 1912, Guillumette, a pioneer in color photography, recorded the haunting and spectacular beauty of the Inn and surrounding countryside in a series of autochromes.

The autochrome process, the earliest viable form of color photography, was invented by Auguste and

Louis Lumière, who had, a decade earlier, introduced the world to motion pictures in 1895. Known as a gifted autochrome photographer and technician, Guillumette was invited to join the staff of the Lumiere Company in America. During this time, Guillumette's work caught the attention of publisher

Gilbert Grosvenor, which resulted in the selection of one of Guillumette autochromes as the very first natural color illustration reproduced in the National Geographic Magazine.

In 2023, Linda and Kim Crossman donated the 1912 autochromes of the Bash Bish Inn to the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society. This was done on behalf of the pioneering photographer's remarkable daughter, the late Doris Guillumette. The upcoming presentation will be an opportunity to revisit the once renowned Bash Bish Inn, and to learn about the life and work of Paul Guillumette, who, in his daughter's words, "had a tremendous love of natural settings...and yearned to preserve this beauty in a form that would endure."

Following the presentation, attendees are invited to join a guided "Walk-About" in nearby Taconic State Park to visit actual remnants of the Bash Bish Inn on its former grounds, including the likely site of the hillside bungalow. The walk-about, lasting about an hour, will involve some short, steep inclines, and will be led by RJHS Board member Jane Peck, who has walked these trails all her life. Sturdy, comfortable walking shoes suggested. Admission is free. Visit roeliffjansenshs.org for more information.

Obituaries

David P. Eberlein (1938 - 2024)

ALBANY – David P. Eberlein, 85, of Valatie passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2024 in Albany. He was born in Hudson December 24, 1938 and was a mechanic for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. until his retirement. "Dave" and his lifelong friend and business partner, Rudy Bozik also operated Omi Automotive in Omi for many years. He was a lifelong resident of Columbia County and most recently lived in Valatie with his devoted wife, Diane.

He was a proud lifetime member of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530 and the Glencadia Rod and Gun Club,



David Eberlein

where he valued many new and longtime friendships. He also enjoyed the comradery of many friends at Four Brothers, Samson's, and the Niverville Pub.

He enjoyed all things automotive, spending time outdoors, and most importantly, spending time with his beloved family and friends.

Mr. Eberlein is survived by:

his loving wife, Diane Eberlein; sons, Victor (Pamela), Matthew (Victoria), David (Kerin); daughter, Cristina (James) Shord; grandchildren, Patricia, Jennifer, Matthew, Laura, Alexandra, and Katelyn Eberlein, and Keira and Andrew Hourigan. He was predeceased by his parents, Gustav and Bertha Eberlein.

Calling hours will be held Friday, May 17, 10 a.m. at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, 1015 Kinderhook Street, Valatie with a service at noon conducted by Rev. Dan Cohn. Burial will follow at Stuyvesant Falls Cemetery, 1620 Route 9, Stuyvesant Falls.

Wayne A. Martin, Sr. (1954 – 2024)

NEW LEBANON – Wayne A. Martin, Sr., passed at his home on Lovers Lane surrounded by the love of his family and friends and community, Saturday, May 4, 2024.

He was an irreplaceable blessing to his community and neighboring towns and bordering states.

In his life he held many jobs and worked very closely with people and with nature. His time spent with Lebanon Valley Speedway, Lebanon Valley Protective Association, Raynors, (a/k/a, Napa), New Lebanon Town Board, Grassroots Herbal Medicine, HL Fuel Company and his family and friends will never



Wayne Martin, Sr.

be forgotten.

He spent his down time reading and learning and practicing his skills with nature, mechanics, science, politics, history, religion, culture and humanity. He loved to hunt and fish and work on cars and grow beautiful gardens of flowers, fruits, vegetables and herbs.

He leaves behind: his two

daughters, Melissa and Rachael; his sister, Marilyn; his three grandchildren, Sahara, Felicity and Keegan; great-grandson, Owen; his nieces and nephews, Wayne, Jessica, Angela and Anthony.

He is now reunited with his late mother, Charlotte; his father, Walter and son, Wayne, Jr.

A memorial service will be held to honor his life at Hall and Higgins Funeral Home, 457 NY 43 in Stephentown, May 16 with calling hours from 4 to 6 p.m. with Chaplain Matthew McTigue speaking in his honor.

Sign the condolence book at ParkerBrosMemorial.com.

Glenn R. Anderson (1961 - 2024)

ALBANY – Glenn Robert "Bobby" Anderson, 62, passed away peacefully Monday, May 6 at Albany Medical Center after a brief illness, with his loving family by his side.

He was born in Hudson, September 3, 1961 to Janice (Hoose) Anderson and the late Harold Glenn Anderson and grew up in Mellenville.

After graduating from Taconic Hills High School in 1979, he pursued his passion for business at Columbia-Greene Community College. He inherited his father's love for cars, which led him to establish and operate Anderson Motor Car Corp. for more than three decades across Hudson and New Lebanon. Whether he was towing vehicles with his cherished tow truck, maintaining his lot to perfection, watching countless hours of NASCAR, or attending racing events at Lebanon Valley Speedway, his life revolved around cars.

He was renowned for his



Bobby Anderson

storytelling prowess and his ancient flip cell phone ever glued to his ear. His absolute greatest source of pride and joy, and focus of many of his stories, were his sons, Brett and Blayne, whose achievements in the annual demolition derby and the car industry he boasted about endlessly. They are his enduring legacy.

In the latter years of his life, he found solace and companionship in Amy, his steadfast partner. Her unwavering support and encouragement were his pillars of strength, particularly during his final days.

He is survived by: his mother, Janice; life partner, Amy Donlon; sons, Brett (Phoebe)

Anderson and Blayne (Eden Pottenburgh) Anderson; grandchildren, Harper and Kennedy Anderson, and "Baby Anderson," arriving soon; his sisters, Jill (Lou) Tuczynski and Jennifer (Anthony) Anderson Browe, and his nieces, Talika (Nick) Tuczynski-Wait and Alexandria Browe.

In addition to his father, he was also predeceased by his nephew, Jay-Jay Tuczynski.

A funeral service was held at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green Street, Hudson, May 11, 2024. Burial followed at Mellenville Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to his grandchildren to be used for educational purposes. Checks may be made out to Justin Brett Anderson and addressed to The Anderson Family c/o Justin Brett Anderson, 1000 Mitchell Street, Hillsdale 12529.

Rosemary C. Rifenburgh (1942 - 2024)

LIVINGSTON – Rosemary C. Rifenburgh, 81, of Germantown passed away Sunday, May 12, 2024 at Livingston Hills Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

She was born September 28, 1942 in Poughkeepsie and earned her high school diploma.

She married Roger R. Rifenburgh, Sr., September 14, 1962 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Her husband predeceased her December 9, 2020.

Mrs. Rifenburgh is survived by: her children, Rosie (Les) Leonard of Hyde Park, Robert (Blake Swart) Rifenburgh of Texas, and Ronald Rifenburgh of Germantown; her grandchildren, Ronald Rifenburgh, Jr., Isabella Rifenburgh, and Haley Rifenburgh; her brothers, Joseph and Otto Ladensack; and a sister, Karen Barone; along with extended family and



Rosemary Rifenburgh

friends.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was predeceased by her brother, Carl Ladensack.

She will be very missed by her children, grandchildren, and all who she called her... "little sweethearts."

A graveside service will be held at the Germantown Reformed Cemetery, Germantown, May 17, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 South Broadway, Red Hook.

Thomas W. Teaney (1951 - 2024)

ALTAMONT – Thomas Warren Teaney, age 72, of Clifton Park entered into eternal rest May 9, 2024. He was born August 8, 1951 in Hudson, son of Mary Louise Stark and Ruel Maxwell Teaney and big brother to Tim, Sue and Sarah.

After a roofing accident, he fell into a career as a registered nurse, a career he devoted his life to. Friend to many, he loved television, basketball, baseball, and doing house projects with his father.

He married Deborah

Teaney, nee Cox, May 29, 1976 and had three sons Brian (Julia), Michael (Shelby) and Kevin, and two granddaughters, Violet and Fiona.

His funeral was held at French, Gifford, Preiter, & Blasl Funeral Home, Chatham, May 13. He was interred at Ghent Union Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblasl.com.

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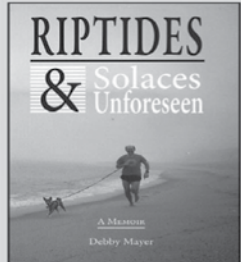
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Public Notices

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Livingston Liquor and Wine, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/24/2024. 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 Kristal Heinz, Esq.: 551 Warren Street, Suite 3F, Hudson, New York 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Dunn and Done LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/11/2024. Office location: Columbia. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Kristal Heinz, Esq.: 551 Warren Street, Suite 3F, Hudson, New York 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Aguila Real LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/2/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 749 Columbia Street, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Pro Canine Coaching LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/08/2023. 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 Anne Kaufman: 56 State Farm Rd, Valatie, NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Compass Fields LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/09/2023. 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 Emma Baيدا: 235 Bradleys Crossing Road, East Chatham, NY 12060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of CRYSTAL PEAK CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/04/2024. 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 CRYSTAL PEAK CONSTRUCTION, LLC: 4375 County Route 7, Ghent, NY 12075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
CHATHAM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CHATHAM, NEW YORK 12037
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Annual Budget Hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 budget for the Chatham Central School District will be held by the Board of Education on May 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chatham High School, located at 50 Woodbridge Avenue, Chatham, New York 12037. **NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual Meeting and Election of the Chatham Central School District, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School gymnasium, located at 50 Woodbridge Avenue, Chatham, New York 12037, at which time, the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine or absentee or early mail voter ballot on the following items. 1) To elect two members to the Board of Education for two (2) 3-year terms commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2027, to succeed, [Beth Hover, Christopher Spencer]. 2) To vote on the annual budget of the Chatham Central School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District. 3) To vote on the following proposition: **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a reserve fund to be known as the Capital Reserve Fund, the purpose of which is to finance the cost of additions to and reconstruction of various District buildings, including site work thereat and deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund in each of the next ten fiscal years such portion of the unallocated fund balance as determined by the Board of Education. The ultimate amount of such Fund is \$9,500,000. The probable duration of such is ten (10) years; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk is hereby directed to include notice of such proposition in the notice of the annual meeting; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.** 4) To transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York. **AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the election and budget vote shall be by optical scanner machine, absentee ballot or early mail in voter ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. A copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the aforesaid Annual Meeting and Election, beginning on, May 1, 2024 (other than a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday) at which the budget vote will occur. District residents may obtain this information at the office of the District Clerk at the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School, Chatham, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or at any of the following school houses in said District: Chatham High School, Chatham Middle School, and during normal business hours at the Chatham Public Library. **AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education are available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, in the Office of the District Clerk at the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School, Chatham, New York. Petitions must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 22, 2024, in the Office of the District Clerk. Each nominating Petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District or two percent (2%) of the voters in the previous annual election, whichever is greater. Petitions shall describe at least the length of the term of office, the name of the last incumbent, and shall state the name and the residence of the candidate and each signer. **AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School lobby, and again on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School lobby to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law, will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District and will be open for inspection by any resident of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Saturday on each of the five (5) days prior to and the day of the said meeting, except Sunday. The Board of Registration also will meet on May 15, 2024, between the hours of 4:00-8:00, prevailing time, at the Mary E. Dardess Elementary School, 50 Woodbridge Avenue, Chatham, NY, to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the annual election or special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, placed on such Register provided that at such meeting of said Board of Registration he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after May 21, 2024. **AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that applications for absentee or early mail voter ballots may be applied for at the Office of the School District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots can be requested no earlier than April 22, 2024, and must be received by the School District Clerk by or prior to 4:00 p.m., (EDST) on May 14, 2024, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; or by or prior to 4:00 p.m. (EDST) on May 20, 2024 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. All absentee or early mail in voter ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024. The Education Law makes special provision for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these rights should be directed to the Clerk of the board. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election (except Saturday and Sunday) and on the day of the election in the Office of the School District Clerk, during regular office hours between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of any person on such list, by making his challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission not later than twenty-five (25) days before the vote, April 26, 2024. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote. **AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the District Office, 50 Woodbridge Avenue, Chatham, NY, on or before April 22, 2024, at 5:00 PM prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the power of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition.
 Deborah Pottenburgh
 DISTRICT CLERK
 CHATHAM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MARCH 2024

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF COPAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, TOWN OF COPAKE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. Take notice that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Copake, New York, will be holding a public hearing on an application by William and Margaret Kennon for an area variance seeking relief from 232 Table 1, for Front, Right and Left side-yard variances for a Sunroom at 24 Robin Road in the Town of Copake, tax parcel 165.6-2-52. Said hearing will be held on Thursday, the 23rd day of May 2024 at the Copake Town Hall at 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, at 7:00 PM. All interested persons shall be given the opportunity to speak at such hearing.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 The name of the LLC is Copake Connect LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 3, 2024. New York office location: 1676 County Route 7A, Town of Copake, County of Columbia and the State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: Copake Connect LLC; 37 Cove Road, Hillsdale, New York 12529. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Wiljabob Farms, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/20/2024. 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 Jason Krzeminski: 220 Paradise Lake Road, Catskill, NY 12414. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 The name of the LLC is Crowhill Orchards LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 4, 2024. New York office location: 4537 Crow Hill Road, Town of Austerlitz, 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: Crowhill Orchards LLC; 90 Riverside Drive, Apt. 2G, New York, New York 10024. 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 SUMMONS
 INDEX NO.: E012022019142 Date Filed: 04/16/2024 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE MORTGAGED PREMISES: 1941 State Route 66, Ghent, NY 12075 a/k/a 1941 Route 66, Ghent, NY 12075 SBL #: 84-3-14.2 Plaintiff designates COLUMBIA County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate. STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF COLUMBIA M&T Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Columbia County Treasurer, as Public Administrator of The Estate of Catherine P. Arsenault A/K/A Catherine Arsenault A/K/A Catharine P. Arsenault; Tracey King, as Heir of the Estate of Catherine P. Arsenault A/K/A Catherine Arsenault A/K/A Catharine P. Arsenault; Stacey Brian, as Heir of the Estate of Catherine P. Arsenault A/K/A Catherine Arsenault A/K/A Catharine P. Arsenault; Unknown Heirs at law to the Estate of Catherine P. Arsenault A/K/A Catherine Arsenault A/K/A Catharine P. Arsenault, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; United States of America d/b/a Internal Revenue Service; Whittier Health Services, Inc., d/b/a Whittier Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Amended Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$176,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Columbia on October 18, 2005 in Book 554, Page 2014, covering premises known as 1941 State Route 66, Ghent, NY 12075 a/k/a 1941 Route 66, Ghent, NY 12075, SBL #: 84-3-14.2 The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises. TO the Defendants Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Catherine P. Arsenault A/K/A Catherine Arsenault A/K/A Catharine P. Arsenault, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Richard Mott of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Columbia, dated and filed April 8, 2024. Dated: April 16, 2024 /s/ Deborah Gallo Deborah Gallo, Esq. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170 Phone: 347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, M&T Bank HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.



Public Notices

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Five Fourteen White Birch Road LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/17/2024. 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 c/o The Company: 528 White Birch Road, Germantown, New York 12526. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Copake Lake Outfitters LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/13/2024. 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 Reagan Anderson: 6 Washington Dr, Hillsdale, NY 12529. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of 2690 HILLSDALE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/04/2024. 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: 2690 NY-23, HILLSDALE, NY, 12529. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION & ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING FOR THE KINDERHOOK (ICHABOD CRANE) CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education will hold the District's *Annual Budget Hearing* on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Ichabod Crane Primary School, 2910 U.S. Route 9, Valatie, to present the proposed 2024-2025 budget to District voters.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and Election of the Kinderhook Central School District, (Ichabod Crane) will be held at *Ichabod Crane High School*, 2910 U.S. Route 9, Valatie, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education, to three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027 to succeed Jennifer Allard, Anne Schaefer and Jared Widjeskog, whose terms expire on June 30, 2024.
3. To vote on the following propositions:
 Proposition #2 Bus Purchase
 SHALL the Board of Education of the Kinderhook Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire five (5) school buses, at a cost not to exceed \$665,654 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law taking into account state aid and trade-in value; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds, notes and/or installment purchase contracts of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$665,654, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?
 Proposition #3 Student Board Member
 Shall the board of education of the Ichabod Crane Central School District allow a high school student to serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board subject to the requirements of the Education Law? 4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by District residents during the 14 days preceding the Annual Meeting (except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday) at Ichabod Crane High School, Ichabod Crane Elementary School, Ichabod Crane Primary School, Ichabod Crane Middle School, and the Central Administration Office (in the High School), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Board of Education member must be filed with the District Clerk between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., not later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 22, 2024. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, and must state the full name and residence of the candidate. Information packets are available from the District Clerk.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that pursuant to Education Law Section 2014 personal registration of voters is required and no person shall be entitled to vote at said meeting whose name does not appear on the District's register or who does not register as hereinafter provided, or who is not registered to vote under the provisions of Election Law Article 5. The voter register shall include all persons who shall be registered for and who shall have voted at any annual or special District meeting or election held or conducted within the four calendar years prior to 2024. Individuals may register to vote with the District Clerk on school days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the District Clerk's office. An individual must be registered at least five days preceding an election in order to vote in that election. The register of voters will be open for inspection between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday (by appointment) on each of the five days prior to and the day of the meeting, except Sunday, May 19, 2024.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Absentee Ballots may be applied for at the District Clerk's office beginning April 22, 2024; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on May 21, 2024. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the District Clerk's office on each of the five days prior to the day of the election except Saturday and Sunday. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making their challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Elections before the close of the polls.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters and for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive their absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return their original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission not later than 25 days before the vote. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, provided a proposition is filed with the District Clerk on or before April 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time; said proposition must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. The School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KINDERHOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COLUMBIA AND RENSSELAER COUNTIES, NEW YORK
 Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 Budget for the Taconic Hills Central School District shall be held in the Board of Education Room of the Taconic Hills Central School, Craryville, New York, on May 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time. The budget will be available for review from May 7, 2024 to May 20, 2024 at the District Office located at 73 County Route 11A, Craryville NY 12521.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Taconic Hills Central School District will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the Veteran's Community Room of the Taconic Hills Central School, Craryville, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting by machine, early mail ballot, or absentee ballot on the following items:

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER SEATS

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education, each to a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2029 to succeed Board Members, Joseph Costa and Alicia O'Rourke, whose terms expire on June 30, 2024. The candidates that are running to fill the two (2) vacant seats are Joseph Costa and Jeanine Earnhart.

1. **2024-2025 BUDGET**
 Shall the Board of Education of the Taconic Hills Central School District be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the budget, for the 2024-2025 school year, in the amount of \$40,284,996.00 and to levy the necessary tax therefor?
2. **FUNDING OF CAPITAL RESERVE**
 Shall the Board of Education of the Taconic Hills Central School District be authorized to (a) fund the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, to be used for capital improvements or equipment, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000,000.00; (b) and to expend \$3,000,000.00 from the unallocated fund balance?
3. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – BUILDING & SITE IMPROVEMENTS**
 Shall the Board of Education be authorized to (a) reconstruct various District buildings and District sites, perform miscellaneous site work and improvements at various locations, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used, including but not limited to replacement of roofing above the Lyle G. Hamm Performing Arts Center and replacement of HVAC unit above Aquatic Center and pay incidental costs related thereto at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,130,000.00 (b) expend such sum for such purpose; and (c) expend \$2,130,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund?
4. **PURCHASE OF SCHOOL VEHICLES AND BUSES**
 Shall the Board of Education be authorized to (a) acquire three (3) small buses (two regular, one handicap), two (2) SUVs and one (1) truck with plow and at a maximum aggregate cost of \$515,000.00; (b) expend such sums for such purpose; (c) expend from the unallocated fund balance; and (c) levy the necessary tax therefor, to be levied and collected in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid received?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2024-2025 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, at District school buildings between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time and also at said District Election. A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll or rolls used in that budgetary process is exempt from taxation, shall be annexed to the budget document.

The election and budget vote shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for early mail and absentee ballots will be obtainable and are returnable between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications for early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, May 14, 2024; or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, May 20, 2024. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on **May 21, 2024**.

A list of all persons to whom early mail and absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., prevailing time on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except weekends, up to the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. A challenge against an early mail ballot cannot be based on the reason that the voter should have obtained or applied for an absentee ballot.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these rights should be directed to the Clerk of the Board. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., prevailing time except weekends, up to the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. If a military voter does not designate a preference, the board of education shall transmit the military ballot application or military ballot by mail. If a military voter designates a preference for facsimile transmission or electronic mail but does not provide the necessary facsimile number or e-mail address, the board of education shall transmit the voter registration application, military ballot application or military ballot by mail and request the omitted information. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person, regardless of how the absentee application or ballot was received. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission, or if no preference, by mail, not later than April 26, 2024. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said vote and election, must be filed with the Board of Education on or before April 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the District Clerk; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) of the qualified voters of the School District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain or place before the voters any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters, or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a redacted tax return or any identification containing the person's physical address. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Dated: May 2, 9, & 16, 2024
 Craryville, New York
 Alexis Miller, District Clerk, Taconic Hills Central School District



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Public Notices

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Betty and Ruth LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/22/2024. 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 Kristal Heinz, Esq.: 551 Warren Street, Suite 3F, Hudson, New York 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Ali Eves LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/11/2024. 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 Alicia Everett: 3513 New St. Valatie NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Lilac Fawn LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/17/2024. 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 David J. Sirani: 219 Konig Road, Ghent, NY 12075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Formation of GOLF COURSE ROAD, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/11/2024. Office loc.: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Joseph Kobzan, 441 Ocean View Terrace, Encinitas, CA 92024. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Abundance Archetype, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on May 15, 2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o PO Box 280, Austerlitz, NY 12017. Purpose: any lawful activity.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
 The Taconic Hills, Coxsackie-Athens, Ichabod Crane, and Pawling Central School Districts, cooperatively request sealed bids for milk products for the 2024-2025 school year.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 M & C MEXICAN ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/18/24. 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, 701 Warren Street, #2, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Fey Design LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/10/2024. 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 James Fey: PO Box 716, Kinderhook, NY 12106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of PDK Bulldog Leasing LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/04/2024. 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 Penny Black: 49 New Road, East Greenbush, NY 12061. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Columbia County Players, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/05/2024. 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 Carol Rusoff: 325 Post Hill Road, Craryville NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Jay & Tau Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/27/2023. Office location: Greene. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Elizabeth Saunier: PO Box 781, Windham, NY 12496. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk of the Taconic Hills Central School District, 73 County Route 11A, Craryville, NY 12521, any day except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. (EDST).

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Pelle Waldron Photography, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/29/2024. 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 Pelle Waldron: 3356 County Route 9 East Chatham NY 12060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Grey Alder Collective LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/24/2024. 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 Kristal Heinz, Esq.: 551 Warren Street, Suite 3F, Hudson, New York 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of 816 Warren LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/05/2024. Office location: Columbia. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to John Walsh : 675 10th street Brooklyn NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Old Chatham FarmStays LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/23/2024. 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 Michelle Lawrence: 383 Pitts Rd, Old Chatham, NY 12136. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 OK SOCIAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/15/24. 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, 3193 County Route 21, Kinderhook, NY 12106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Pursuant to General Municipal Law 103-d a completed statement of non-collusion in bids and proposals is required to be attached to each bid.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF BOND RESOLUTION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Ancram, Columbia County, New York on the 21st day of March, 2024. The period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Ancram is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice; or if such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.
 Monica R. B. Cleveland, Town Clerk
 Town of Ancram
 BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 21, 2024
 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A PLOW TRUCK AND TWO DUMP BODIES FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURPOSES AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF ANCRAM, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$448,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR
 Objects or purposes: The Resolution authorizes the acquisition of a new International plow truck and two new dump bodies for Highway Department purposes, at an estimated maximum cost of \$448,000. The aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.
 Period of Probable Usefulness: Fifteen (15) years pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. The obligations authorized by the Bond Resolution will be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligations.
 Maximum Amount of Obligations to be Issued: The Town plans to finance the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$448,000, authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law.
 Delegation: The power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution, determine the form and terms of said serial bonds, and take certain other actions is delegated to the Town Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer.
 A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, located at the Town Hall, 1416 County Route 7, Ancram, New York 12502.
 Dated: April 30, 2024
 Ancram, New York

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Two Eighty Six Manor Rock Road LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/23/2024. 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 c/o The Company: 210 W 101st St. Apt. 10J, New York, New York 10025. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Body Canvas. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/01/2024. Office location: Columbia. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc: 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Life Process, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on August 19, 2021. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o PO Box 280, Austerlitz, NY 12017. Purpose: any lawful activity.

These sealed bids must be in the hands of the District Clerk before 12:00 Noon (EDST). Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 12:00 Noon (EDST) on June 6, 2024 at the Taconic Hills Central School District Office,

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 J & K HANSON LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/5/24. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 534, Nassau, NY 12123. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 106 Silver Bridge Rd., Nassau, NY 12123.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of 51 ALLEN STREET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/05/2024. Office location: Columbia. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to bernadette fitzgerald: 190 Lockwood Rd Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
La Vie En Rose Ventures, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/1/2024. Cty: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 12 Payn Ave, Chatham, NY 12037. General Purpose

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.
 Alexis M. Miller
 District Clerk
 Dated: May 16, 2024

COLUMBIA COUNTY BIDS NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 The Board of Education of the Ichabod Crane Central School, in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal law, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the 2024-25 school year:
 #2024-02 – Propane Bid
 #2024-03 – Waste and Recycling Bid
 #2024-04 – Paving Bid
 Bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. prevailing time on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, in the Central Administration Office located on the south end of the High School Building, 2910 Route 9, Valatie, NY, 12184, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained from the office of the District Clerk, located in the Ichabod Crane Central School, 2910 Route 9, PO Box 820, Valatie, NY, 12184 or by Emailing – tymyers@ichabodcrane.org. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bid submitted will be binding for thirty (30) days subsequent to bid opening.

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LVCC gets \$3K from DAR to restore headstones

NEW LEBANON – The Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC) has secured a \$3,000 grant from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Historic Preservation Program.

The money will be used to restore headstones in the Cypress Hill section of the Cemetery of the Evergreens in New Lebanon. Cypress Hill is the oldest part of the cemetery and the final resting place of numerous Revolutionary War veterans, as well as veterans from the Civil War and other more recent wars. Albany Grave Digger Genealogical Services & Cemetery Conservation will do the work, beginning on the stones most in need of repair.

This project is part of an ongoing effort by the Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the DAR, the New Lebanon town historian, the superintendent and Board of Evergreen Cemetery, the American Legion, local historian Sharon Moon, and other devoted residents to restore Cypress Hill and respect the graves of those who fought for freedom.

As with all projects supported by LVCC, donations to support this effort are tax-deductible. Donate using a PayPal account or credit card through https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=CJPSK5ZDRPX4C. Select “Friends of Cypress Hill Fund” in the “Funding Options

Dropdown Box.” Or, send a check made out to the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation and mail it to P.O. Box 74, New Lebanon 12125. Write “Friends of Cypress Hill Fund” on the check memo line.

LVCC’s mission is to foster the community and economic well-being of the Town of New Lebanon, its residents, and its neighbors. Learn more about LVCC at <https://lebanonvalleycc.org/>. For more information or to volunteer, contact info@lebanonvalleycc.org. To sign up for the LVCC newsletter, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Lvcomnewssubscribe>. For more information contact Monte Wasch at 646-526-5766 or monte@fairpoint.net.

Grants support humane society’s low-cost vet clinic

CLAVERRACK – The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA) received multiple grants to support the Harold Grubin, MD Clinic and Health Center at its shelter.

The grants included:

- \$75,000 from the New York State Animal Population Control Program, administered by the ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) to subsidize spay/neuter services for cats and dogs of pet owners who receive public assistance through the Department of Social Services

- \$75,000 from the PARC Foundation, founded by artist David Deutsch, to support efforts for the low-cost veterinary clinic at CGHS/SPCA

- \$20,000 from the Bruce G. Geary Foundation to support efforts for the low-cost veterinary clinic at CGHS/SPCA

- \$15,000 from the Evelyn Bordewick Charitable Foundation in support of efforts to keep animals in their homes by subsidizing required veterinary care

- \$10,000 from the Edward W. Golden Foundation to subsidize low-cost veterinary services

- \$10,000 from the Sherwood & Phyllis Sheldon Foundation to subsidize low-cost veterinary services

- Ongoing support from

Sharon Grubin, Esq., daughter of the late Harold Grubin, MD

“We are honored and grateful to have such ardent support for our low-cost clinic to assist the public with veterinary care as well as serving CGHS/SPCA animals, some of which are victims of animal cruelty. It is our objective that no animal will go without proper medical treatment, and that the expansion of the Grubin Center to a full-service animal hospital will fulfill this goal. Our intention is not to compete with for-profit veterinary hospitals; rather, to fill in cracks where animals are not receiving medical attention because of income limitations,” President and CEO of CGHS/SPCA Ron Perez said in a press release.

Last year, CGHS/SPCA subsidized more than \$250,000 in veterinary assistance to people with limited incomes. The Grubin Center was also instrumental in the rehabilitation of animals that were victims of cruelty and neglect.

Because of the growing demand for low-cost veterinary services at the shelter, CGHS/SPCA has begun to explore the possibility of expanding the Grubin Center to a full-service veterinary hospital to serve pet owners with limited incomes.

For more information on low-cost spay/neuter and veterinary care contact CGHS/SPCA at 518-828-6044 or visit info@cghs.org.



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

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COPAKE—Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, welcomes the whole community to its seventh annual Plant Sale, Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The plant sale takes place every year at the historic Grange Hall on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. A wide-variety of herbs, perennials, annuals, ground covers and shrubs are available.

The Grange Plant Sale Committee sponsors this event to encourage gardening, the sharing of plants and to raise general operating funds for Copake Grange. The sale is held rain or shine. Cash, check or debit/credit cards accepted.

To donate items or get more information email copakegrangeplantsale@gmail.com or visit copakegrange.org/events. Donated items must be delivered Friday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Plants like these are available at the Grange's annual Plant Sale.

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Taco Tuesday benefits Columbia County veterans

STOCKPORT—The Sons of the American Legion host a Taco Tuesday fundraiser, May 21 at the Hudson American Legion Post 184 in Stockport.

The event will run from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the legion post, 107 County Route 25.

Tacos, nachos and more will be available. Each meal will cost \$10. The Taco Tuesday fundraiser is being co-sponsored by Ginsberg Foods.

Proceeds from the event will benefit veterans causes, including the Columbia County Veterans Food Pantry.

For more information, or to purchase tickets call 518-821-7179.

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 184 is the local chapter of the national Sons of The American Legion organization. The group is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and whose mission is to assist veterans and their causes.

