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Is our driving going downhill?

Seventh in a series about justice

By DEBORAH E. LANS

GHENT — A June 2024 study by the State Comptroller's office reported that "Since 2019, motor vehicle fatalities in New York State have risen sharply...[to] the highest level in a decade." The 26% increase in fatalities occurred even as the number of licensed drivers and miles driven in the state declined. That said, New York's fatality rate (deaths per 100,000 population) was the third lowest among all states.

The Institute for Traffic Safety, Management & Research (ITSMR), based in Albany, keeps detailed records of acci-

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David Lee

Festival in Chatham unleashes a howling success

The Chatham Area Business and Arts (CABA) October Feast was held on Saturday October 5. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Main Street in the Village of Chatham was closed to automobile traffic and open for pedestrians to walk up and down and partake of what was offered by the many restaurants, shops and vendors set up there. Music continued for another four hours on the Main Stage in the parking lot adjacent to Chatham Brewing. A doggie parade and costume contest was conducted to give a chance for the many canine companions to show off. In the parade, Wonder Woman was portrayed by a dachshund named Nora, managed here by Easton Bauhoff.

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Hinchey and Sheehan run in 41st Senate District

ELECTION 2024

By LORNA CHEROT LITTLEWAY

GHENT — The Democratic incumbent Michelle Hinchey seeks re-election in the 41st Senate District against Republican challenger Pat Sheehan.

Early voting starts Saturday, October 26 and runs continuously to Sunday, November 3. Columbia County polls will be open in Hudson at the County Board of Elections headquarters, 401 State Street, and in Valatie at Glynn Municipal Center, 3211 Church Street. Registered voters in any Columbia County town may vote at either location. Early voting hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. everyday save Wednesday when the hours are noon to 8

p.m. In-person voting is Tuesday, November 5, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voters must cast ballots at their assigned locations.

The 41st district includes all of Columbia and Greene counties, most of Dutchess and Ulster counties as well as western Putnam County. It extends from New Lebanon, in northeast Columbia County south to Dover in Dutchess County; west to New Paltz and Plattekill in Ulster County; and northwest to Windham and Prattsville in Greene County.

The 41st district overlaps with the 18th and 19th congressional districts and several assembly districts including the 107th and 106th. The district includes the large population centers of the City of Kingston (population 182,000) and Poughkeepsie (population

45,453) according to the 2020 US Census and estimated 2024 US Census.

Each candidate was asked profile questions and was asked for a candidate statement. Their answers are below:

Michelle Hinchey

The 36-year old senator was born in Saugerties and currently lives there. Ms. Hinchey is a graduate of Saugerties High School and the School of Industrial Labor Relations (ILR) at Cornell University.

Before running for office, she worked for a decade in communications in the technology and media sectors while continuing environmental advocacy as a

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In the line of duty

At this year's New York State Annual Fallen Firefighter Memorial ceremony, held inside the Empire State Convention Center, Albany, Ancram Volunteer Firefighter Stewart "Stewie" Guy Hunt was among those honored for their service, October 8. Firefighter Hunt died in the line of duty June 15, 2023. His name was among the 32 new names added to the memorial which now honors 2,692 firefighters who have died in New York since 1811. Pictured, Deputy State Fire Administrator William Davis presents a New York State flag to Zachary Hunt, the young son of Mr. Hunt. Zachary's mother, Stephanie Shumsky-Hunt looks on.



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Slate's work archived at WashU

By ANDREA DEGENER

ST LOUIS, MO — The Dowd Illustration Research Archive (DIRA) at Washington University (WashU) has acquired the archive of Barbara Slate, a renowned comic artist, teacher, writer and columnist for The Columbia Paper, who lives in Hudson. On August 7, the collection arrived via box truck and was accompanied by Ms. Slate herself. It was her first trip to St. Louis since she moved away as a child, and she declared it a sort of homecoming.

She was eager to begin the new partnership with WashU Libraries and the Julian Edison Department of Special Collections because the custodianship will allow for long-term preservation and access to her materials. The Dowd Illustration Research Archive will rehouse and describe Slate's archive in order to make the collection available for both research and teaching.

The Barbara Slate Archive contains original works of art, books, process materials, scripts, objects, scrapbooks, photographs, clippings, and professional papers documenting Ms. Slate's career. The archive provides research opportunities for multiple areas of study, most notably the history of comics.

Ms. Slate is nothing short of a trailblazer and is arguably one of the most influential women in comics. In the '70s her first cartoon, "Ms. Liz," was featured in a line of feminist greeting cards,



Photo contributed

Barbara Slate (l) at the archive of her work at Washington University.

published as a strip in Cosmopolitan, and became an animated segment on The Today Show.

Ms. Slate's archive contains sketches, storyboards, and published materials for not only Ms. Liz but her numerous other projects. Access to such a lineage of working materials will allow patrons to gain valuable insight into Ms. Slate's creative ability.

The archive is full of examples of Ms. Slate's working process. The collection contains scripts and layouts for the comic book titles, "Barbie" and Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" (Marvel), in addition to "Betty and Veronica," published by Archie Comics. Ms. Slate was also the creator of "Angel Love," "Sweet XVI," and

Archie Comics, as well as both DC and Marvel. Ms. Slate's archive is unique because it contains almost equal parts of writing and visual work which are, in most cases, synonymously entwined. The archive provides the opportunity to study the relationship between text and image, and it is evident that Ms. Slate could easily move between both mediums with equal success.

To have a piece of Ms. Slate return to St. Louis only feels like the natural trajectory for her legacy. The acquisition is significant for the Dowd Illustration Research Archive. The collection broadens the holdings of works created by female artists while also expanding the narrative of comic history. Fortunately, the archive will continue to expand as Ms. Slate herself is still actively teaching and working.

She discussed her archive with faculty and students during her visit to the Dowd Illustration Research Archive.

"Of course, I was going to arrive with my archive! It was exciting to revisit my birthplace to watch 50 boxes, seven bins, and three flats of my life's work delivered into the capable hands of Andrea Degener and her assistants. They rolled out the red carpet, starting with a tour of DIRA with Professor Dowd himself! Then the unboxing, where I interacted with knowledgeable faculty and students. It's rewarding to know that a half-century of my work will be used to educate new generations. My archive and I had indeed arrived home," said Ms. Slate.

Andrea Degener is curator of the Dowd Illustration Research Archive

"Yuppies from Hell."
Her work is published in

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Animal Abuser Registry passed by board, EATS Act still a concern

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON — On September 11 the Columbia County Board of Supervisors both authorized the Sheriff's Office to establish an Animal Abuser Registry for protecting companion animals and urged US legislators to oppose a bill that would threaten state laws for protecting commercial animals.

The new registry law forbids people "who are convicted of an Animal Abuse crime" to "own, possess, or have custody of any Companion Animal or Pet" and prohibits "animal shelters and pet dealers from transferring Animal ownership" to them. Their names are to be entered on an on-line Animal Abuser Registry, under the Sheriff's Office (see article "Board sends animal abuser registry back to committee," July 25). Those seeking to transfer animal ownership will have to check the register. "It will be an extra clerical step, but it will be worth it,"

said Linda Guntert, vice president of Everlasting Hope Animal Rescue in a conversation on September 30.

To get this law in Columbia County, many people worked hard behind the scenes, Ms. Guntert reported. In 2021, when Greene County passed an Animal Abuser Registry law, Everlasting Hope inquired how to get the same law in Columbia County and contacted the District Attorney (DA). The DA was supportive, but the courts were just reopening, swamped, and backlogged with many other issues. Everlasting Hope and other supporters kept up their efforts, checking with the DA with "everything we did." They contacted the sheriff. When the new sheriff was elected in 2022, "we had to restart." When the new DA was elected last year, "we had to restart." Everlasting Hope went before the full Board of Supervisors twice and its Public Safety Committee three

times. In July of this year, the supervisors voted the law down, some because of concerns, some because of technicalities. The law returned to the Public Safety Committee, which made changes. The supervisors voted on it again in September, and this time it passed.

According to board minutes of the September 11 meeting, "More than 40 individuals from various rescue agencies" attended. People speaking in favor of law included Supervisor Robert Lagonia (Austerlitz), Supervisor David Helsley (Germantown), and Sheriff Don Krapf. Those speaking against rushing to pass the law in its present form included Supervisors Tistrya Houghtling (New Lebanon), Michael Chameides (Hudson, 3rd Ward), John Reilly (Gallatin), and Brenda Adams (Canaan).

Over the months, some supervisors said a reason to oppose the law was the ASPCA's (American Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) opposition to Animal Abuser Registries. But Ms. Guntert said the ASPCA's opposition statement was seven years old. One concern raised at the September 11 meeting, Ms. Guntert said, was how a 17-year-old or senior citizen part-time store clerk could tell a customer they could not adopt an animal because they were on a criminal registry. Eight supervisors ended up voting against the law, and 14 ended up voting for it.

Both sides wanted it clear that the Animal Abuser Registry law covers only pets and other companion animals. It does not cover farms and other commercial animals. The New York State Agricultural and Markets Law covers them. However, parts of that law are threatened by the Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act now in the US Congress, said Mr. Chameides on October 1. That act is designed to wipe out indi-

vidual states' protections for commercial animals and consumers.

On September 11, the supervisors passed a resolution urging New York's delegates in the House of Representatives and Senate to oppose the EATS act and similar legislation.

Reasons for opposing it include that: it could destroy protections against "abuse of dogs in puppy mills;" "painful procedures used on animals for cosmetic testing," and abuse of horses; it would be an attempt to undermine state and local sovereignty; it would put independent farmers at a "further disadvantage" when competing against industrial agriculture; and it would overturn state laws on "disease prevention" and "consumer protection."

The EATS Act could wipe out not only New York regulations for commercial animals but also those about radiated food, Kosher food, and Halal food, Mr. Chameides said.

Small tax break proposed in New Lebanon

By DOUG LA ROCQUE

Capital Region Independent Media

NEW LEBANON — Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling has put forth the 2025 tentative town budget. It contains a 0.47 cut in the amount of money to be raised by taxes, partially because it calls for the use of \$300,00 from the unexpended fund balance.

The total taxable value of real property in the town is up more than 20%, but that is not because of any large amount of new construction or building upgrades,

but because a total re-evaluation of town properties was completed this year, bringing the town's assessment back up to full value. Supervisor Houghtling says with the changes in the budget and the addition of the unexpended balance most people will see little change in their actual tax bills this year as compared to last. The caveat there is unless a property owner has made major improvements since the last re-valuation, then the bill will be higher.

Ms. Houghtling also told The Columbia Paper it has been her practice since becoming supervisor five years ago to try to keep

the tax levy flat to help mediate any increases that would result from a re-evaluation.

The total proposed spending is \$1,049,252 including a cut in the Lebanon Valley Protective Association Budget (fire department) request.

This is the tentative budget or simply put, a first draft. The town board will now hold up to four budget workshops, where they typically go through the supervisor's proposal line by line and make adjustments where needed. A preliminary budget results from these workshops and a public hearing on such must be held by

November 7. Following the hearing, the board may make further changes to the spending plan as the results of comments put forth in that hearing. No additional public hearing is required if they do. Supervisor Houghtling says she anticipates the board will vote to approve the budget at their November meeting.



Meet the candidates

The New Lebanon Seniors are hosting a Meet the Candidates forum on Wednesday, October 23 at the

New Lebanon Senior Center, 523 Route 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

There is one council seat on the ballot to finish an unexpired term. Democrat Susan Tipograph, who was selected to fill the opening until this year's election, will face Republican Joanne Amlaw. Both the town justice positions are open, with two resignations this past year. Democrats have nominated former town council member Monte Wasch and Lorrie Wechter while former town council member Kevin Smith Sr. is the only candidate on the Republican line.

JUSTICE

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dents and tickets issued, by reason, county and municipality. In 2023, statewide, about one third of fatal accidents involved an intoxicated driver and about one third involved speeding, though those two categories overlap. More alarmingly, from 2019 to 2022 alone there was a 45% increase in the number of fatalities involving alcohol impairment.

While the greatest number of fatalities occurs in dense, urban areas, the rate is generally higher in rural communities. Indeed, in 2020 New York County (Manhattan) had the lowest fatality rate in the state and Chenango County the highest.

State data indicates that no time of day or night is dramatically safer or more dangerous,

although the rate of crashes from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. is the lowest of any three-hour slot and rush hour (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.) is the most dangerous. Saturdays and Sundays, unsurprisingly, account for more than 42% of all DWIs.

As insurance rates have indicated for many years, male drivers and younger drivers (21–39 years old) are far more likely to be involved in fatal crashes than other groups.

How does Columbia County look? District Attorney Chris Liberati-Conant told The Columbia Paper that he has

been surprised and concerned since taking office by the number of DWI arrests he sees. ITSMR data paints a complicated picture. Between 2018 and 2023 the number of drivers ticketed for all reasons in the county dropped significantly, from 28,587 to 21,678. Yet, in the same period, the number of tickets issued for impaired driving (alcohol and/or drugs) increased significantly, from 501 in 2018 to 598 in 2023. Most of the tickets were for alcohol impairment.

The number of drivers tick-

eted for speeding in the 2018–23 timeframe declined (10,717 in 2018 to 9,136 in 2023) but as a percentage of tickets issued that rate also increased. Another 1,437 drivers were ticketed for "aggressive driving" in 2023. (Aggressive driving includes unsafe conduct such as failure to yield, unsafe lane changes and disobeying traffic signals.)

These numbers may reflect a national trend that focuses on ticketing for serious violations, not matters such as a broken tail light or mirror.

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Three hurt in two-vehicle Copake crash

By DIANE VALDEN

COPAKE — Three people were hurt in a two-vehicle crash at 159 Yonderview Road, September 27 at 4:52 p.m.

Hillsdale firefighters, the Community Rescue Squad and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office were dispatched.

Haunna Sniffen, 26, of Millerton was driving a 2012 Volkswagen northbound on Yonderview Road. Ann McChord, 88, of Ghent was driving a 2016 Honda southbound.

Sheriff's Office Captain Kevin Skype told The Columbia Paper this week, that the McChord vehicle was making a left turn into a driveway when it crossed into the path of the oncoming Sniffen vehicle and they collided.

The Community Rescue Squad took a passenger in Sniffen vehicle to Fairview



Spencertown Fire Company
A tractor trailer crashed on Route 22 in Austerlitz near Fog Hill Road, October 4 at 2:36 p.m. The driver was hurt.

Hospital in Great Barrington, MA; Northern Dutchess Paramedics took Ms. McChord and the Chatham Rescue Squad took a passenger in the McChord vehicle, both to the Berkshire Medical Center, Pittfield, MA, for treatment of injuries.

Ms. McChord was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way.

Firefighters were back in service at 6:19 p.m.

Austerlitz

Austerlitz and Spencertown firefighters along with the Community and Chatham rescue squads and State Police were dispatched by Columbia 911 for an accident involving a tractor trailer on State Route 22 in the area of Fog Hill Road, October 4 at 2:36 p.m.

First arriving units on scene found the truck blocking the entrance to Fog Hill Road after colliding with several trees and a truck towing a

camper, according to a Spencertown Fire Company Facebook post.

The operator of the tractor trailer was able get out of the truck cab before collapsing in the road due to injuries sustained. The occupants of the truck with the camper were not hurt.

One lane of traffic on NYS Route 22 was closed during the duration of the incident.

The operator of the vehicle was transported by ambulance to the Albany Medical Center by the Chatham and Community Rescue Squad.

Units that responded were: Spencertown Rescue 51-46, Austerlitz Engine 80-12, Austerlitz Fire Police, Austerlitz cars 1 and 2, Red Rock cars 1 and 2, Chatham and Community rescue squads and State Police, according to the post. Units were back in service at 6:28 p.m.

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New assessment team helps identify domestic threats

HUDSON — The Columbia County Threat Assessment Team is up and running, according to a September 25 press release from Columbia County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Murell.

"The main functions of the Columbia County Threat Assessment and Management Team are to ensure there are ways to report threats of domestic terrorism in the county, that we educate the public, that we support victims of targeted violence, and to assist with someone or a company managing domestic terrorism activity," Director of Emergency Management David W. Harrison and County Sheriff Donald Krapf said in the release.

"This is an opportunity to have multi-faceted organizations come together for the improvement and protection

of...those in Columbia County and surrounding areas," Sheriff Krapf said.

Following a May 2022 Executive Order from New York State Governor Kathy Hochul calling on all counties and New York City to develop and maintain a domestic terrorism prevention plan to identify and confront threats of domestic terrorism, Chairman Murell appointed Director Harrison and Sheriff Krapf to co-lead the newly-formed threat assessment team.

"Since January 2023, it's been a matter of putting a team together, developing an operating policy and guidelines, and applying for state grant funding. We did receive \$175,000, which enabled us to do things such as hire a consultant to assist with putting the policy together, as well as

training on doing threat assessment," Director Harrison said in the release.

Many of the departments that worked on the plan were asked to transition into the Columbia County Threat Assessment and Management Team (CCTAM).

The team relies on public reporting of a threat, concern, suspicious activity to undertake an assessment. Reports are considered confidential, as well as anonymous in nature if so requested.

As an example, said Director Harrison, "If someone, or a company or organization, is dealing with concerning activity, CCTAM can assist. Perhaps a company has an employee that seems to be exhibiting targeted violence behavior, talking as though they've been radicalized or talking about committing vio-

lence. If they contact us, we may be able to help assess the situation and provide them with resources to manage it."

CCTAM is a collaborative group of Columbia County public, government, human services, non-profit, religious, education, law enforcement and private entities. From the county, these include: the Sheriff's Office, the Office of Emergency Management and its religious liaison chaplains, 911, the EMS Coordinator's Office, the Fire Coordinator's Office, the County Attorney's Office, the Department of Health, the Probation Department, Managed Information Systems, the Human Resources Department, the Coroner's Office, the Office for the Aging, and the Department of Social Services.

Also involved are the NYS

Police, the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, the six county school districts, Columbia-Greene Community College, the Columbia-Greene Humane Society, Mental Health Association of Columbia & Greene Counties, Columbia Memorial Health, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, among a number of others.

To learn more about the threat assessment team and/or to file a report of a perceived domestic terroristic threat, visit the CCTAM website at <https://cctam.columbiacountyny.com>

If violence is imminent, call 911. Otherwise, report concerning activity by calling the Columbia County Domestic Terrorism line at 518-697-5557.

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CRARYVILLE — The American Red Cross continues to work to restock critically needed blood products uncollected due to the ongoing impact of Hurricane Helene's devastation in the Southeast. Donors outside of affected areas are encouraged to make an appointment to give now and help keep the blood supply stable in the weeks to come.

Since making landfall, the storm and its aftermath have led to the cancellation of more than 100 blood drives, causing thousands of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. For so many people living with urgent medical care needs, blood transfusions are essential, and donations in the Southeast are key to keeping the nationwide network stocked. The Red Cross operates through a national inventory with the ability to move blood wherever and whenever it is needed most.

The time to give blood or platelets is now. Bring hope to those in need by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood

Donor App. As the Red Cross continues to urge people to give blood or platelets now, our teams are also on the ground providing vital relief—like food, water, shelter and support in communities devastated by Hurricane Helene. If you're able to help those impacted by disasters big and small across the country, like Helene, consider making a gift of any amount.

All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in October will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Treat.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities are:

- October 11, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Taconic Hills High School, 73 Route 11A, Craryville
- October 26, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Germantown School, Main Street and Route 9G
- October 28, 1 to 6 p.m., Columbia-Greene Board of Realtors, 337 Fairview Avenue, Greenport.

Need-based internet service offered to local residents

HUDSON — This week, Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood (GHPN) announces a new program, Connect Hudson, which is being offered to help ease the financial burden on local Hudson residents of paying for internet connection in their homes. By covering the cost of installation and a free first month through Unity Now, a Hudson-based internet service company, this program will offer internet service to those who qualify. Connect Hudson is supported by The Spark of Hudson.

Joan Hunt, executive director of Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood said about the announcement, in a press release, "We are excited to join forces with Unity Now to bring

vital internet access to residents of the City of Hudson. We understand how essential connectivity is for local families, and we're proud to help ease the financial strain by making this critical service more accessible."

The Spark of Hudson Executive Director Caitie Hilverman added, also in the release, "Access to the internet is essential in today's world. With Connect Hudson, we're bridging the gap for those who need it most, empowering our community to access opportunities and build stronger connections. We're proud to support this initiative and help make Hudson more equitable for everyone."

Shaheim DeJesus, founder of Unity Now, said, "I started

this business to offer those in my community an affordable option to get online. Connect Hudson exemplifies exactly the type of partnerships and access that is so core to why I got involved with internet service in the first place."

Mayor Kamal Johnson offered, "As a Board Member of Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood and a proud Unity Now customer, I could not be more excited to see this partnership come together to serve the Hudson community."

The Hudson community is invited to a launch party for this new program on October 10, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at The Spark of Hudson, 502 Union Street. Food and drink will be served with a brief program at 6 p.m.

Hamrah's Lebanese Foods & Takeaway opens in K'hook

KINDERHOOK — Starting October 12, farmers market devotees who have been enjoying Hamrah's Lebanese specialties at the Hudson and Kinderhook farmers markets will now find their favorites (and more) year round at the business's new brick-and-mortar location in the village just off of Broad Street (Route 9). Hamrah's joins Kinderhook's expanding list of food-and-drink purveyors that includes Hudson Meal Co, Isola Wine Bar (opening October 10),

Kinderhook Books, Morningbird, OK Pantry, Saisonier, Samascott's Garden Market, The Aviary Kinderhook, and The Kinderhook Bottle Shop.

At their newly renovated location at 3 Albany Avenue, Hamrah's hopes to welcome not only those already familiar with their Middle Eastern specialties but also a whole new crowd of food lovers looking for a lunch menu that features uncomplicated and wholesome ingredients, like local meats,

fresh produce, and the highest quality Middle Eastern specialty seasonings.

Visit the shop and check out the lunch menu of pita wraps, rice bowls, fresh salads, and vegetarian and vegan options. You'll also find prepared foods by the pound, baked goodies, and a small but thoughtful selection of Middle Eastern groceries and gifts.

There will be a ribbon cutting at noon and special opening from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 12.

Village of Kinderhook ushers in the fall season

KINDERHOOK — This October, the village's calendar is brimming with exciting and fun things to do for families, food-and-wine enthusiasts, and flower and art lovers.

On Saturday, October 12, the Kinderhook Business and Professional Association and the Kinderhook Farmers Market host the Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring hay rides, music, pumpkin painting, ghost making, face painting, food and craft ven-

dors, and a free Balloon Walk behind the Vanderpoel House at 16 Broad Street, the festivities will be fun for all ages.

Dahlia lovers won't want to miss the Dahlia Event at Mercantile at the Vanderpoel House with Damsel Garden of Stuyvesant, also taking place on October 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Later in the day, on October 12 from 5 to 7 p.m., September Gallery, 4 Hudson Street, hosts the opening of the gallery's newest exhibition — "All at

Once" — featuring seven artists whose works on paper represent the intersection of language and form.

Also happening in the village, on October 10, Isola Wine & Tapas, 16 Hudson Street, opens from 4 to 9 p.m. And on October 26 interior designer Nicole Fisher will be opening Home by Nicole Rose at 8 Hudson Street, a shoppable showroom featuring custom upholstery, rugs, vintage, kitchenware, and wallpaper.

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Chatham School Board honors employees' life-saving actions

CHATHAM — The Chatham Board of Education recently honored Chatham Middle School Nurse Kate Juliano, Assistant Principal Michael Stead, Teacher Aide Michael Zwingelberg, and Assistant Supervisor of Transportation Steve Oleynek for their quick thinking and life-saving actions when one of their fellow employees had a severe allergic reaction to a bee sting.

One day this September, Chatham bus driver Darci Hover was about to start her afternoon run when she took a sip from a drink that some bees had gotten into. She was stung twice in her mouth and immediately began having a serious reaction. Her supervisor, Mr. Oleynek, and Mr. Zwingelberg, who is a former NYS Trooper and paramedic, were nearby and heard her call for help. They immediately came to her aid, assessed the situation, and summoned the school nurse and an ambulance.

Ms. Juliano quickly arrived and got to work. Mr. Stead



Photo contributed

Steve Oleynek, Kate Juliano, Darci Hover, Michael Stead and Michael Zwingelberg.

also responded to the scene, and by now Ms. Hover was vomiting uncontrollably and was going in and out of consciousness. He took hold of her and kept her in a seated

position so that her airway would not be blocked while Ms. Juliano gave her a shot of epinephrine to counteract the allergic reaction. She also located a stinger in Ms. Hover's

mouth and removed it with tweezers. By the time the ambulance arrived to rush Ms. Hover to the hospital, she was conscious and her condition was improving.

Ms. Hover credits the four with saving her life. "They really looked after me," she said in a press release. "They did everything right. They did everything they needed to do when they needed to do it, and for that I am forever grateful."

She added that medical staff at the hospital also complimented the life-saving care she received from her coworkers and mentioned that when a person with a bee allergy gets stung multiple times in the mouth it can often not end well.

"This heroic story is a testament to the commitment, the determination, and the bravery of our Chatham employees," Superintendent Andrew Kourt told Oleynek, Juliano, Stead and Zwingelberg during their recognition at the September 24 board meeting. "The four of you are fine examples of what it means to be a Panther. On behalf of the Board of Education and the bus driver, we thank you for being our Chatham heroes."

Parmentier graduates from Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD, MA — Caleigh Marie Parmentier graduated from Western New England University with a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

The undergraduate ceremony was held on Sunday, May 19,

at the MassMutual Center in downtown Springfield. More than 520 students received their degrees. The top fields of study were Mechanical Engineering, Marketing, Psychology, Criminal Justice, and Sports Management.

Local students graduate from SUNY Delhi

DELHI — Over 800 students graduated from SUNY Delhi in the spring of 2024. Commencement was held Saturday, May 18 with certificates, associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees conferred upon the classes of fall 2023

and spring 2024.

Frank Russo, Stuyvesant, graduated with an associate degree in Residential Construction; and Ashley Wiessner, Ghent, graduated with a bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Greylock awards scholarships to students totaling \$21,500

HUDSON — As part of its ongoing support toward local youth, Greylock Federal Credit Union awarded 34 scholarships to high school seniors from every public high school in Berkshire County and Columbia County.

Greylock awarded 25 \$500 Greylock Community Enrichment Scholarships to students who exemplify positive community spirit and demonstrate respect and concern for their peers in everything they do. Applicants were required to write an essay, which demonstrated their positive involvement in the community.

"Our scholarship selection committee reviewed every application and essay," said Jennifer Connor-Shumsky, Greylock's assistant vice president, community support and events, of the process which received more than 80 applications, in a press release. "It was really tough to narrow it down, because there were so many incredible students doing some amazing work in

the community."

The funds will be applied toward state-accredited or nationally accredited two or four-year colleges or universities, or a full-time technical school program.

"For the first time ever, we were thrilled that two of the scholarships went to students entering a technical/vocational school," said Ms. Connor-Shumsky.

In addition to these scholarships, Greylock offers Scholastic Achievement Awards, which are designated for children of Greylock employees who are also high school graduates. This year, Greylock awarded nine \$1,000 Scholastic Achievement Awards. These awards are available to all employees.

In total, 34 local students were awarded \$21,500 toward their continuing education.

"Greylock congratulates all of the students who applied, and we also recognize the many teachers and guidance counselors who encouraged

them to participate in the Greylock scholarship process," said JamieEllen Moncecchi, Greylock's senior vice president, chief administrative officer, also in the release. "Last, but not least, we extend a special congratulations to all our employees with graduating seniors in their lives. We wish you all the best."

In Berkshire County, schools included BART Charter Public School; Drury High School; Hoosac Valley High School; Lee High School; Lenox Memorial High School; McCann Technical High School; Monument Mountain High School; Mount Greylock Regional School; Pittsfield High School; Taconic High School; Wahconah Regional High School. In Columbia County, schools included Hudson High School and Ichabod Crane High School.

Community Enrichment Scholarship recipients include: Fathima Chowdhury, Hudson, and Carien Zietsman, Ichabod Crane.

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JUSTICE

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Columbia County, with its low population, has a correspondingly low number of fatal crashes — 17 in 2023 — but that rate was more than double the rate of fatalities in 2018. Another 339 people suffered personal injuries in 2023, a number that is essentially consistent with 2018. Those numbers put the rate of fatality at about the midpoint among the state's counties.

District Attorney Liberati-Conant says that his office, which prosecutes all traffic matters in the county whether in the Town Justice Courts or the County Court, takes all traffic matters seriously. The criminal prosecution of alcohol-involved vehicular homicides and serious injuries would bear that out.

The treatment of speeding infractions by the DA's office in local courts suggests a different picture, however, even though speeding is as likely to lead to fatalities or injuries as DWI. Most speeding tickets are resolved through plea bargains between the prosecutor and driver. A typical scenario sees a

serious speeding charge reduced by pleas to a lesser speed or non-moving violation, even when the driver has a history of traffic violations.

In one typical example, a driver appeared before a local court in the summer of 2023, having been ticketed for driving 101 in a 55 mph zone, driving without a license and driving a vehicle that had not been inspected. By the time he appeared and reached a plea deal with the DA in the first town, the driver had been ticketed again, in another town in the county, for running a red light or stop sign, a charge that was still pending.

In the prior year, this driver had been ticketed for an accident causing personal injury and property damage. In addition, between 2014 and mid-2023 this driver had been charged with four other speeding violations, as well as driving without a license and failing to stop at a signal. The speeding tickets had been reduced to lower speeds or non-moving violations.

Notwithstanding what would

appear to be a record of dangerous driving, the charges of driving more than 40 mph above the legal limit, driving without a license and driving an uninspected car were all reduced by plea bargain to a single, lesser, speeding charge. The initial charge carried sufficient points as to mandate revocation of the driver's license (if he had had one); the reduced charge was a 6-point violation.

Similar situations were found in the handling of the speeding tickets of repeat offenders by the current District Attorney.

Law enforcement officials note that handling driving offenses is tricky in a rural county like Columbia by the lack of public transportation or even on-demand services like Uber or Lyft. District Attorney Liberati-Conant speculates that some DWIs may be the result of the fact that a bar-goer does not have the option to call a taxi for a ride home when inebriated.

In addition, pressing a charge that would lead to the suspension or revocation of a license means that the defendant may be unable to work, run errands, ferry children to sports visits or medical appointments and, overall, to function. These concerns can motivate prosecutors to "plead down" charges so as to

avoid the most serious penalties.

Whether more rigorous prosecutions of traffic tickets would result in greater traffic safety is an unknown. Studies suggest that individuals who have been convicted of DWI violations (and who therefore lose their licenses through suspension or revocation) and those who have had their licenses suspended or revoked for speeding are substantially more likely to be involved in accidents causing injuries or death than licensed drivers; that statistic, however, does not answer the question of whether suspending or revoking a license increases safety on the roads since many of those in question simply continued to drive, without a license.

Studies do indicate that lowering the "legal" blood alcohol concentration (BAC) from the current .08 to .05 would likely reduce the number of alcohol-involved driving fatalities by 20%. A person's BAC is a function of a number of factors — height, weight, metabolism, and rate of drinking, for example — in general, an "average" person is said to hit the .08 BAC at 4–5 drinks and a .05 BAC at one fewer drink.

Bills to lower the BAC level have been introduced in the state legislature, thus far with no

success. Restaurants and bars generally oppose such legislation, believing it would negatively impact business. The National Transportation Safety Administration argues that in the 100 countries that have lowered the level hospitality businesses have not suffered. In Utah, which lowered the legal BAC rate to .05 in 2019, the number of drunken driving arrests stayed constant, which some have argued suggests that there is still plenty of drinking, but the lowered BAC level has reduced fatalities by 20%.

Finally, technology may hold answers. Interlock devices, which require a driver to blow into a device and show a legal BAC before a vehicle is "unlocked" can prevent driving while intoxicated, and could be mandated for all vehicles. Likewise, automakers are experimenting with intelligent speed assistance technology (ISA) that would use GPS and road sign recognition technology to limit a driver's speed to the legal limit. Indeed, in 2023 the National Transportation Safety Board issued a non-urgent recommendation that all new cars include ISA technology. Enthusiasm for the suggestion to date has been tepid.

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HINCHEY AND SHEEHAN

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grassroots organizer for Environment New York and as a member of the Board of Directors with the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development.

Senator Hinchey is Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and sits on the Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Energy and Telecommunications, Environmental Conservation, Finance and Cannabis committees as well as the Joint Senate Task Force on Opioids, Addiction & Overdose Prevention.

She is endorsed by several labor organizations including: NYS AFL-CIO, NYS United Teachers (NYSUT), 1199 SEIU, NYS Nurses (NYSNA), NYS Professional Firefighters, Teamsters Local 445, Communications Workers of America (CWA), North Atlantic Regional States Council of Carpenters (NARSCC), Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Public Employees Federation (PEF), American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU), Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA-

NY), Laborer's International Local 17, Operating Engineers Local 825, Police Benevolent Association of NYS (PBANYS) and the Police Conference of New York.

The state senator has received accolades from community organizations the past two years including: 2024 — Champion of Child Nutrition, Honorary Life Member from Pleasant Valley Fire District; 2023 — Nelson A. Rockefeller Award, Leader of the Year from the Rural Schools Association, Food Policy Champion, Legislator of the Year from the American Red Cross and Alf Evers Award for Excellence.

The senator's name will also appear on the Working Families (WF) Party line.

Candidate's statement:

I ran for office to advocate for the rural and Hudson Valley communities that raised me. I'm proud to bring strong upstate representation to Albany along with new ideas to address issues that have been left on the table and underinvested in for decades. In just three and a half years, I've had 84 bills signed into law, nearly all with bipartisan support, because the issues I'm fighting for shouldn't be partisan — they're delivering on what's important: housing support



Photos contributed

Pat Sheehan

specific to rural and upstate communities, reliable cell service, access to affordable healthcare, support for our emergency services and family farms, protecting our environment, expanding access to local, healthy food and fighting for ways that will make our communities more affordable places to live overall. I'm running for another term to build on this work and continue delivering for our Hudson Valley communities. Learn more about my platform at michellehinchey.com.

Patrick Sheehan

Republican challenger Pat Sheehan is seeking his first elective office in the NY District 41 senate race. Mr. Sheehan is listed on both the Republican and Conservative party lines.

The 54 year old lives in Ruby, a hamlet within the town of Ulster. He was born in the



Photos contributed

Michelle Hinchey

City of Kingston. Mr. Sheehan and his wife, Caroline, have four children, ages 11–21. He is a businessman with interests in real estate and economic development. He has a BA from Boston College and a JD from Albany Law School.

Mr. Sheehan stated to The Columbia Paper that he opposes Proposition 1 on the ballot this November. The Amendment to Protect Against Unequal Treatment, if approved by voters, would amend the state's constitution to "protect against unequal treatment based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, and pregnancy outcomes, as well as reproductive healthcare and autonomy," (the wording of the Proposition 1). He said it incorporates "vague language" and "conflicts regarding religious freedom, parental rights, and the integrity of women's identity and

sports will hamper fair play and opportunities for female athletes specifically and all women and girls" in New York.

Candidate's statement (The following has been edited to meet The Columbia Paper's 150-word limit):

National origin protections under Prop 1 will enshrine in illegal aliens the rights and privileges citizens of New York State hold dear without swearing an oath of allegiance to the Empire State or the USA. The democratic supermajority wants to provide voting rights in state and local elections under Prop 1 to those who have entered this country unlawfully. We value our legal immigrants who chose to assimilate and follow the process to become naturalized citizens. Prop 1 erases the very essence of what it means to swear allegiance to this republic.

Instead of a short-term rental registry, I support establishing a statewide animal abuse registry. Regarding short-term rentals, I take a balanced approach to promote homeownership, ecotourism, and private property rights without overburdening property owners or local communities. I value individual rights and private property rights over government overreach through increased regulation, which is what we have seen over the past five years with the democratic supermajority.

For more information about the candidate, go to www.sheehanforny.com

Steepletop opens to visitors October 12–13

AUSTERLITZ — The Millay Society at Steepletop, 440 East Hill Road, has announced their upcoming open days Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guests will be welcome to wander through Millay’s gardens and fields, to explore the Poetry Trail that leads to the Millay family gravesites, and to bring a picnic to enjoy on the grounds.

A limited number of tickets for 60-minute House Tours are available for \$20 per person. House tours begin at 10 a.m. and run every hour on the hour with the last tour at 4 p.m.

Grounds & Picnic passes, which allow visitors to walk and explore the 200-acre property’s grounds gardens and trails, are available for \$10 per person.

The Steepletop Gift Shop will be open during these days and the Jackson Gallery in the Tamarack Visitors Center will feature the exhibition “Edna

St. Vincent Millay: Through Their Eyes,” which presents depictions of Millay by others throughout her life and career.

House tour tickets do not require advance purchase but are strictly limited. Purchasing these tickets in advance is strongly encouraged to secure your spot on a tour. Grounds and Picnic passes may be purchased in advance or at the door on the days of the event. To purchase tickets, visit www.millay.org/events

The Edna St. Vincent Millay Society is based at the poet’s home at Steepletop, which was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1972 and a Literary Landmark in 2016. The mission of the society and the Friends of Millay supporter program is to illuminate Millay’s life and writing and to preserve and interpret the character of her Steepletop home and gardens, places where nature inspires the creative spirit.

Arlyck and his film ‘I Like It Here’ return to the Crandell

CHATHAM — Crandell LIVE! at the Crandell Theatre, 48 Main Street, welcomes back documentary filmmaker Ralph Arlyck for an encore screening of his film “I Like It Here,” a poetic and deeply moving visual essay about the simple pleasures of being alive and the undeniability of aging as we pass through it. He and Executive Director Brian Edward Leach will discuss the film and take audience questions following the screening on October 13 at 1 p.m.

Arlyck has never denied his urge to pick up a camera and document his life on film. Now, as he approaches his 80s, he delicately stitches this archive together to craft a compelling reflection on his family, his Hudson Valley community and the passage of time. This personal film embraces the beauty of daily life. In every frame, Arlyck conveys how it feels to look back on your own life, to contemplate your place in an ever-changing world, and what to make of the time that remains.

Arlyck has been making acclaimed and award-winning

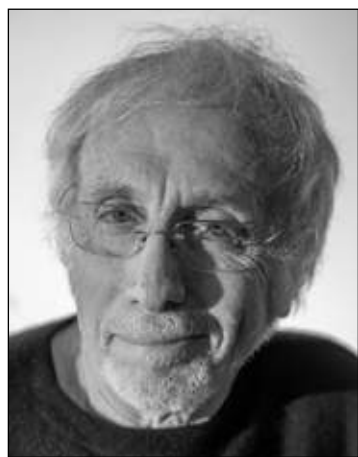


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Ralph Arlyck

movies since the mid-1960s. His films have won numerous international awards and have been shown at film festivals including Sundance, New York, London, and Cannes. He is a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship.

To purchase tickets, visit <https://crandelltheatre.org/film/i-like-it-here>. To inquire about group bookings, contact Dawn Steward at dsteward@crandelltheatre.org or 518-392-3445.

Spencertown Academy presents Misty Blues Concert

SPENCERTOWN — Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series, in association with the Capital Region Blues Network (CRBN), presents Misty Blues on Saturday, October 12 at 8 p.m. General admission tickets (\$25 public, \$20 academy and CRBN members) are available via www.spencertownacademy.org.

“This concert is the third of our ongoing ‘Women in Blues’ series,” said Richard Green, president of CRBN and member of the academy Music Committee, in a press release. “I have known Misty Blues bandleader Gina Coleman for about eight years and it’s been amazing to see her develop the band and come into her own as a performer over the past few years.”

Coleman is the leader, singer, and founder of Misty Blues — a Berkshire County, MA-based band that plays original and traditional blues with hints of jazz, soul, funk, and tent revival gospel. In addition to Coleman, the core band members are Bill Patriquin (bass, trumpet, vocals), Rob Tatten (drums, trumpet, trombone, vocals), Aaron Dean (saxophone), Seth Fleischmann (guitar and vocals), and Diego Mongue (who happens to be



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Gina Coleman

Coleman’s son, on drums, bass, guitar, pedal steel, and percussion).

Founded 25 years ago, Misty Blues performs extensively throughout New England and has toured the continental U.S., Canada, and the UK. They have also recorded with Eric Gales, Charles Neville, and Joe Louis Walker, and opened for contemporary blues artists like Tab Benoit, James Montgomery, John Primer, Roomful of Blues, Albert Cummings, and Michael Powers.

This program is made pos-

sible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

The academy is located at 790 State Route 203. For more information, contact info@spencertownacademy.org.

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Oboe Duo and friends perform in Hillsdale

HILLSDALE — Sunday, October 13, 3 p.m. Oboe Duo Agosto and friends present a musical journey through love's many facets, featuring compositions from the Baroque era to the present day at the First United Methodist Church of Hillsdale, State Highway 23 and State Route 22. From plaintive melodies to vibrant passages, this program explores the full expressive range of the oboe and the English horn, weaving an intricate tapestry enriched by voice and piano. There is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

Presented by Cheryl Jones, music director, Oboe Duo Agosto was created in 2009 by

Ling-Fei Kang, oboe and Charles Huang, oboe and English horn. They promote the oboe's sound and versatility through their wide-ranging repertoire and advocacy of new music. The duo has commissioned works from composers such as Andrea Clearfield, David Macbride and Feng-Hsu Lee, and has featured them in concerts at the International Double Reed Society Conference, and the Hartford Women Composers Festival as the ensemble in residence. Their debut album, entitled *Imaginary Birds*, was released in 2019 on Ravello Records, featuring the music of Phil Salathé.

Committed to teaching, the duo gives educational workshops through Hartford Performs, an arts program for the Hartford Public Schools in CT. Throughout their presentations, they highlight the role of new music written for their instrument. They have been frequent guests at universities and festivals for masterclasses and concerts, including the Universities of Kentucky, Alabama, Northern Colorado, the Lucarelli Oboe Master Class, the New England Music Camp, National Chiayi University in Taiwan and the Festival Eleazar de Carvalho in Fortaleza, Brazil.

Performing with the duo

are Lisabeth Miller, soprano, and Patrice Newman, pianist.

Miller was recently featured as a soloist with the Hartford Symphony, Farmington Valley Symphony, the Farmington Valley Chorale, the Worcester Youth Symphony, Cappella Cantorum, the Manchester Symphony and Chorale, the Nutmeg Symphony and Waterbury Chorale, Con Brio Choral Society, the Shoreline Chorale, and the University of Connecticut Festival Chorus. She has been seen on the stages of Opera Connecticut, Opera Theater of Connecticut, Hillhouse Opera, Hartford Opera Theater, and the University of Connecticut

Opera Theater.

Pianist Newman specializes in chamber music and art song. Performances include appearances in New York at the Riverside Church, Hudson Highlands Music Festival, Peconic Chamber Orchestra, a Weill Recital Hall chamber music debut as a winner of the Artists International competition and as co-director of Chamber Music Mystic. Most recently, Patrice co-founded Lucience, trio for piano and winds, making its debut at Wesleyan University in 2021.

This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation.

THROUGH THE WOODS

By NANCY JANE KERN

Our beautiful fall flowers

IT IS NOW FALL AND BEAUTIFUL wildflowers are a nice addition to the colorful leaves and part of the last flash of color before the snow comes. Roadsides are great places to look for flowers. One of the most spectacular and easy to identify is the New England Aster. It is about 2-3 ft. high and a knockout, often hosting feeding butterflies like our orange and black monarchs. The flowers are bright purple with yellow centers and hard to miss. There are many other asters too, and easier to identify with a good field guide to flowers, something like the Peterson guide.

Unless you are an expert it is always a good idea to carry a good field guide, and it is worth hooking up with more experienced observers and investigating different types of books in the library. Now there are also some great apps for our smartphones. A few more asters are New York aster, Wood Asters, and Swamp asters. Then there are the brightly colored goldenrods. Many people see these flowers and just say goldenrod. There are many varieties in our



Fall aster

Nancy Jane Kern

area and if you look closely you will start to see the differences.

There are tall ones that look like a fountain shape, some are

flat-topped, there are branched specimens, and then some look like a single stem with the yellow flowers clumped along the stem. One of the latter types is the spice-scented goldenrod, so it is worth smelling the ones that look like this. The yellow color varies from an orange tinge to a light, cream color.

In wet areas, there are occasionally turtlehead flowers. These look like stems of snapdragon with cream to white flowers on straight green stems, and the blooms look like little turtle heads. This year I am seeing lots of them, which is good because the Baltimore checkerspot butterfly favors this plant to lay its eggs. Joe pye weed is purplish pink in color, and we have 3 varieties. Boneset is a cluster of flowers forming a dull white head and there are usually many tall stems together, like the joe pye weed. Vervain is blue and looks like the tall stem of a branched candelabrum with the "candles" formed by the blue flower at each tip. Tall spikes of purple loosestrife fill some ditches and wetlands. This has been a very invasive species that crowds out other vegetation, but

it again greatly decorates an area in intense color.

Some roadsides are lined with white Queen Anne's lace mixed with blue chicory plants, one of my favorite combinations. People like to make wildflower bouquets, and this is nice if you are aware of those plants protected by New York State. If you are very lucky you may find some of the blue to purple-colored gentians which are all protected. There are the rare, fringed gentians and some bottle gentians around our county. These are usually found while walking and are often short and hidden among the grasses.

Some back road banks are covered with white snakeroot plants, so named for their long snake-like roots. Many plants used for making hay have pretty blossoms. These include yellow, purple, pink, and white clovers, blue alfalfa, deep yellow bird's foot trefoil, yellow and white types of sweet clovers, and purple vetch. It is great fun to learn to recognize these many beautiful plants, but the most important thing is to get out and enjoy the time we have them before winter is here again.

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EVENTS

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To have an event listed here, send the information (including date, time, street address and cost if any) via email to news@columbiapaper.com at least two weeks before the event.

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

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.

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.hudsonfarmersmarketny.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

HALLOWEEN

October 11
AFTER DARK PROGRAM: ETERNAL MYSTERIES, FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, 6-8 pm. Free. Only adults aged 18+ admitted. Palm reading, re-energize with crystals, tarot card reading, history of spiritualism movement, selfie with ghostly apparition. Spooky dress, costumes encouraged. 518-822-1875, sarah@fasny-firemuseum.com

October 16
PUMPKIN PAINTING, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 4 pm. Watch "It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown!" while painting festive pumpkins for fall. <https://kinderhooklibrary.org/>

October 18, 19, 25, 26
LEGENDS BY CANDLELIGHT GHOST TOURS, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, meet at Visitor Center, 6 pm, 6:30 pm, 7 pm, 7:30 pm, 8 pm. Visitors led to mansion through a landscape of jack-o-lanterns, enter mansion for haunting experience. Tour ends with bonfire & marshmallows. Wear sturdy shoes to tread on uneven terrain, bring jacket. Tickets on sale October 1 at 9 am. Space limited, reservations required. \$15 adults, \$5 children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. To reserve tickets call 518-537-4240.

October 19
DECORATE A PUMPKIN, Valatie Free Library, 1036 Kinderhook St, 11 am-noon. All art supplies and pumpkins will be provided. Registration is required. 518 758-9321, valatielibrary.net

TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE PARK, Taconic State Park, 253 State Route 344, Day-use Area/ Lot, Copake Falls, 3-6 pm. Fun Halloween themed event. Interested in participating as a vehicle? All vehicles must register with park office. Contact Haley.Sylvan@parks.ny.gov for a form and details. Space is limited for vehicles. This event is free of charge.

FRIGHTS AND FANCY TEEN HALLOWEEN PARTY, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 4-6 pm. Open to grades 7-12. Put on your costume and get ready for a spooktacular time, featuring pizza, games, and a costume contest planned by our Teen Advisory Board. Please RSVP on our website to prevent food waste. <https://kinderhooklibrary.org/>

October 20
TALES FROM HUDSON'S CRYPT: THE TOUR, Cedar Park Cemetery, 20 Columbia Turnpike, Hudson, noon-1:30 pm. Join the Hudson Area Library for this tour of Cedar Park cemetery. Space is limited, registration is required. Email brenda.shufelt@hudsonarealibrary.org

October 21-November 2
TAKE AND MAKE KITS, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave. Miss Becky will provide craft supplies for you to bring home and craft at your own pace. This month, try your hand at Autumn/Halloween/Dia de Muertos themed origami. chathampubliclibrary.org

Eppard performs and doc screened at Chatham Kids Club fundraiser

A night of music, food and activities to benefit Chatham Kids Club (CKC) will be held at the Crandell Theatre, 48 Main Street, Chatham, on Sunday, October 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Woodstock singer-songwriter Joey Eppard will headline the evening with a solo set featuring music from the beloved Beatles' "Help!" album as well as his own original compositions. The event will also feature a short film about CKC by Chatham-based filmmaker Mirissa Neff, multiple opportunities to win prizes, a silent auction of CKC children's art, and food. CKC was formed in 2001 by parents and guardians at Chatham's Elementary School to fulfill the need for safe and enriching before and after school care for young students. Tickets are \$15-\$25 for adults, and \$5-\$10 for kids. Go to chathamkidsclub.org/benefit



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October 25,26
SHOCKTOBERFEST MOVIE NIGHT, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 7 pm. Join horror aficionado Bruce Hallenbeck for two nights with Edgar Allan Poe, Vincent Price, and Roger Corman. On Friday evening, get spooked by the 1962 collection "Tales of Terror," and Saturday come enjoy the classic "Masque of the Red Death." Light refreshments will be served, and costumes are highly encouraged. <https://kinderhooklibrary.org/>

October 26
TRUNK OR TREAT: FIREFIGHTER EDITION, FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, 10 am- noon. Free. See Molly the Museum Dog, local firefighters with their decorated firetrucks giving out treats. Come inside, collect more treats from trunks, play games, vote for favorite fire-truck & trunk. No reservations needed.

TRICK OR TREAT IN THE PARK, Art Omi Sculpture & Architecture Park, 1405 County Route 22 Ghent, 1-3 pm, free. All ages are invited to come in costume and enjoy an afternoon of Halloween fun situated among the eye-catching sculptural and architectural works at Art Omi. <https://artomi.org/event/trick-or-treat-in-the-park-3/>

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT, Copake Memorial Park, 305 Mountain View Road. Lots open at 2 pm., trunk or treating from 3 to 4 p.m. Reserve spot by October 19. Trunk decorating contest: cutest, scariest, most unique. For more info or to reserve a spot, call Liana 518-755-8833 or Stephanie 518-567-7970.

PUMPKIN FEST / KIDSDALE, Hillsdale hamlet, Rtes 23/22, 3 pm. Count Slinkula & his Muhmys headline Monster Mash Concert, plus costume parade, scarecrows, candy, dancing, more. Following Kidsdale at 5:30 pm take a fire company hayride through hamlet & Halloween Party at Hillsdale Fire Company #1 firehouse, 9387 State Route 22.

October 27
GHOSTLY GALLOP 5K, Hudson Jr./Sr. High School, 215 Harry Howard Ave, Costume Contest 9:30 am, One-Mile Fun Run 10 am, 5K Run/Walk 10:30 am. The Hudson Area Library's run/walk is back. Join in for a spirited day of fitness, community spirit, and Halloween fun—all in support of the Hudson Area Library. visit hudsonarealibrary.org/ghostly-gallop

October 29
MAKE A PUMPKIN VOLCANO, Hudson Area Library Community Room, 51 N 5th St, 4-5 pm. Enjoy a fall story, "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper, and have some pumpkin fun. Registration required: youth@hudsonarealibrary.org or call 51-828-1792 x101.

October 30
SPOOKY HALLOWEEN MINI GOLF, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 4 pm. Test your putt putt at the first ever Kinderhook Memorial Library Spooky Halloween Mini Golf challenge. Each hole will feature a spooky or monstrous theme. <https://kinderhooklibrary.org/>

October 31
TRICK OR TREAT, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue Visitor Center, 10:30 am- 4 pm. Free. Come for candy, stay for photo ops at spooky-cute Halloween photo stations!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Through October 31
THE GREAT GIVE BACK, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave. Donate goods or funds at the library for Animal Kind, a nonprofit animal welfare organization in Hudson. AnimalKind also accepts donations at <https://www.animalkindny.org/> and has a wishlist on Chewy.com and Amazon.com. <https://chathampubliclibrary.org/>

October 11
BLOOD DRIVE, Taconic Hills High School, 73 Route 11A, Craryville, 8:30 am- 2:30 pm. Make an appointment to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

October 11-13
FALL BOOK SALE, Claverack Free Library, 9 Route 9H, special preview reception October 11, 4-6 pm, \$20; October 12, 9 am-3 pm; October 13, 10 am-2 pm. Rain or shine. Browse gently used fiction and non-fiction titles, and children's books. Proceeds contribute to the library's operating budget. A food tent will be set up to sell donated baked goods, coffee and cider over the weekend. info@claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120, or <https://claveracklibrary.org/friends/book-offerings/>

October 12
VOLUNTEER WORK PARTY, High Falls, 540 Roxbury Rd, Philmont, 10 am-noon. Columbia Land Conservancy event. Clean up generations of litter from Agawamuck Creek, protect the watershed. Pizza party follows. All welcome to lend a hand. Bring water bottle, work gloves, sunscreen, wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Register at <https://columbialand.org/event/volunteer-work-party>

AUTUMN IN THE PARK, Taconic State Park, 253 State Route 344, Copake Falls, 10 am-3 pm. Free fun, family-friendly event. Pumpkin painting, cornhole, facepainting, photo opportunities, guided hikes, other games, crafts, booths, and more. Pumpkins available on first-come first-served basis. 518-329-3993.

THE DAHLIA EVENT, Mercantile at the Vanderpoel House, 16 Broad Street, 10 am-4 pm. Fresh dahlias, grown at Stuyvesant's Damsel Garden, an edited selection of antique books about flowers, gardening, and farming, dahlia cookies from Kinderhook's Dough & Batter, and other floral gifts. Old Chatham's Crummy Baker will provide a dahlia cake and cupcakes for guests. <https://cchsny.org/>

October 12, 13
OPEN DAYS, The Millay Society at Steepletop, 440 East Hill Road, Austerlitz, 9:30 am-5 pm. Wander through Millay's gardens & fields. Limited number of tickets for 60-minute House Tours are available, \$20. Grounds & picnic passes allow visitors to walk & explore 200-acre property's grounds gardens & trails, \$10. <https://millay.org/>

October 13
BIRD WALK, Overmountain Conservation Area, 138 Catalano Road, Ancram, meet 8 a.m. at parking area west of Route 22. Explore this large Columbia Land Conservancy area with Alan Devoe Bird Club. Sparrows, grassland birds, migrants, & mix of habitat await. Coordinator Frank Smith 916-254-1237.

HAWTHORNE VALLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL, 327 County Route 21C, Harlemville, 11 am-3 pm. Artisan vendors share home-made crafts, food, hay rides, Birds of Prey, live music, puppet shows. Rain or shine. Vendor applications at <https://hvamarketing.wufoo.com/forms/>

BENEFIT FOR CHATHAM KIDS CLUB, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main Street, Chatham, 6-8 pm, \$15-\$25 for adults, \$5-\$10 for kids. Woodstock singer-songwriter Joey Eppard performs, screening of a short film about CKC by filmmaker Mirissa Neff, multiple opportunities to win prizes, a silent auction of CKC children's art, and food. chathamkidsclub.org/benefit

October 15
CHAIR YOGA WITH KATHY SCHNEIDER-DOYLE, on Zoom, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 4 pm, free. Chair yoga creates a safe space for movement and balance. Kathy, MS, RN, AEA, RYT 200, has been a community health nurse for 43 years and an instructor in aquatics and yoga for over ten years. Email merka@chatham.k12.ny.us to register.

GUIDED WALK, SEED COLLECTION, Siegel-Kline Kill, 1452 Church St, Ghent, 5-6 pm, suggested donation \$5. Columbia Land Conservancy, Philmont Public Library and Claverack Free Library host a walk to collect seeds from native pollinator plants. Walk about one mile along the Meadow Loop trail, a mostly flat grass path, stopping often to discuss plants and collect seeds. To register: ColumbiaLand.org/Events

October 17
PAINT AND SIP, Valatie Free Library, 1036 Kinderhook Street, 5-7 pm, free. Watercolor leaves with Kayla for adults. To register email valatiefreelibrary@gmail.com. 518 758-9321, valatielibrary.net.

October 19
NORTH CHATHAM COMMUNITY DAY, throughout hamlet, 9 am-2 pm. Library book sale, chili sale, storytime for kids, fall bulb sale, lawn games, quilt raffle; United Methodist Church clothing barn open, also sweet treats sale, silent auction, quilt show, tailgate sale, lunch, Neighbors of Northern Columbia County info table, North Chatham Volunteer Firemen's Association truck, yard sales, kids games on church lawn, free parking. North Chatham Trolley Station open 10 am-noon, North Chatham Historical Society displays local photos & artifacts. northchathammethodistchurch.org.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS, Christ Church Episcopal, 431 Union Street, Hudson, 10 am, church's circular drive, Free, in conjunction with St Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of animals. Public invited to bring pets, animals of all kinds for blessing & fellowship. Pets must be leashed or crated. Bring photos or momentos of animals which cannot attend or have died. Refreshments available. More info call church office, 518-828-1329.

COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC, Hudson Area Library Community Room, 51 N. 5th St, 11am-2pm, free. Ear acupuncture, herbal medicine, and more. Arrive before 1:30 for treatment. All are welcome. <https://hudsonarealibrary.org/>

WHAT'S COOKING

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

October 11
HOT SUB SALE, Canaan Protective Fire Company firehouse, 2126 Route 295, 5-8 pm, eat-in or take-out. \$13 adults; \$7 kids. Get pepperoni or meatball subs, tossed salad, beverage & dessert.

October 12
FREE SOUP & SANDWICH SATURDAYS, First Presbyterian Church of Valatie, 3212 Church Street, 11:30 am-1 pm. (second Saturday of month). Tomato soup & grilled cheese sandwiches. All welcome.

LOBSTER & BEEF BBQ, Ancram Fire Company, 1306 County Route 7, 3 to 6 pm. Eat-in or take-out, 3-6 pm. Whole steamed lobster, bag of steamed clams, barbecued roast beef, potato, corn, rolls, drinks, ice cream. \$40/person, Reserve by calling 518-329-3430. Tickets for annual fund drive raffle available for \$5 each.

October 15
VETERANS FREE SOUP DAY, Dwyer Center, 389 Fairview Avenue, next to Bagel Tyme, Greenport, 11:30 am. Great homemade soup free. All veterans welcomed.

October 18
PASTA DINNER, Chatham Firehouse, 2 Hoffman St., 4-7 pm. Penne with marinara sauce is vegetarian option. Choice of hot or sweet sausage can be added at no cost. Also, salad, bread, drinks, dessert. \$15 adults, ages 13 and up; \$10 children; children under 3 free. Fundraiser for Neighbors of Northern Columbia County.

COMMUNITY DINNER, Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 County Route 22, West Ghent, 6 pm. Free. Menu to be determined. 518-828-5946.

October 19
OKTOBERFEST TAKE-OUT DINNER, Samascott's Garden Market, 65 Chatham Street, Kinderhook, 3-6 pm, includes pork schnitzel, bratwurst, potato salad, sauerkraut, German dessert. Vegan option available. \$22. Kinderhook Tri-Village Rotary prepares dinner to benefit Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail. Tickets & info at cfetny.org

FOR KIDS

October 12
KITE MAKING, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 9:30am-noon, free. Come make a kite with Sideways Art. Participants will build and decorate their own personal kites using additive processes and techniques. Ages 7 - 10. Registration required (limited capacity), <https://hudsonhall.org>

QUILLING PAPER PUMPKINS, Valatie Free Library, 1036 Kinderhook St, 10 am-noon. Make a paper pumpkin with quilled swirls. To register email valatiefreelibrary@gmail.com. 518 758-9321, <https://valatielibrary.net>

October 15
THE FIX-IT PICNIC, Hudson Area Library Community Room, 51 N 5th St, 5-7:30 pm. Bring your mending, sewing, and/or T-shirt weaving to this community meet up. All ages welcome. hudsonarealibrary.org

October 17
ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3 pm. Get creative with Miss Becky. Come to the library to see what crafty art project she's got planned for this month. Designed for school-aged crafters, able to follow directions and use scissors and other crafting supplies independently. chathampubliclibrary.org

October 19
TOUCH-A-TRUCK, Hudson American Legion Post, 107 County Route 25, Stockport, 9-11 am. Fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, highway department trucks, local business trucks on hand for viewing pleasure of area youth. Hosted by Sons of the American Legion Hudson Detachment. Refreshments available.

AT THE MOVIES

October 10
MUSIC FOR MUSHROOMS, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 7 pm, \$11 adults, \$7 children, \$8 members. crandelltheatre.org

October 11
CREEP BOX, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 7 pm, \$11 adults, \$7 children, \$8 members. crandelltheatre.org

October 12
GOSFORD PARK, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 1 pm, \$11 adults, \$7 children, \$8 members. crandelltheatre.org

BEETLEJUICE, BEETLEJUICE, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 4 pm. \$11 adults, \$7 children, \$8 members. crandelltheatre.org

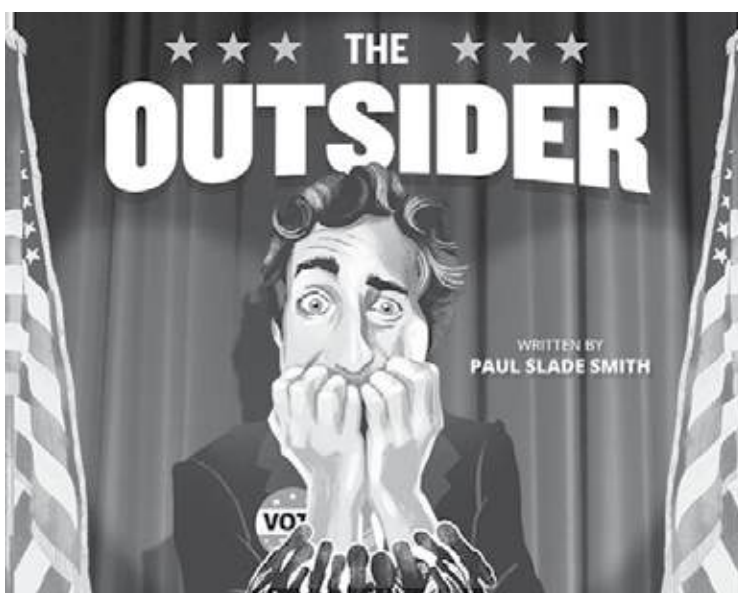
ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 7 pm. \$11 adults, \$7 children, \$8 members. Crandell Live Event. crandelltheatre.org

October 12
HITCHCOCK DOUBLE FEATURE, Community Room, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rte 22, Copake, noon-4 pm. Celebrate the spooky season with an Alfred Hitchcock double feature. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. www.roejanlibrary.org

October 13
I LIKE IT HERE, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 1 pm, \$11 members, \$13 general public. Ralph Arlyck and Crandell Executive Director Brian Edward Leach discuss the film and take audience questions following the screening. crandelltheatre.org

LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN, Time and Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 1 pm, \$35, \$32.50 TSL members, \$25 students. Met Opera Live in HD. timeandspace.org or 518 822-8100

October 18
MOVIE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY, Valatie Free Library, 1036 Kinderhook St, 5:30-7 pm, free. Popcorn & drinks will be served. To register email valatiefreelibrary@gmail.com. 518 758-9321, <https://valatielibrary.net>



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Fri/Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 2 pm
the Ghent PLAYHOUSE TICKETS/INFO ghentplayhouse.org

EVENTS Calendar

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October 18-27
FILMCOLUMBIA 2024, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary. Day tickets: \$11 Crandell members, \$13 general public; Evening (5 pm on): \$14 Crandell members, \$17 general public; All-Film Pass: \$250 Crandell members, \$300 general public; FilmColumbia Kick-Off Party October 20: \$300. Domestic and international features, documentaries and shorts, including many fresh from the festival circuit that have not yet opened commercially. FilmColumbia tickets, including All-Film Passes, go on sale to Crandell Theatre members on October 5 at 9 am and to the general public on October 12 at 9 am. Visit FilmColumbia Ticket Info at crandelltheatre.org/filmcolumbia/ticket-info-2. Visit crandelltheatre.org, or call 518 392-3445.

October 19
GROUNDED, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, 1 pm, \$28, \$23 Superstar Members. Met Live new production. Sung in English. www.themoviehouse.net

REGENERATING LIFE, Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, 1 pm, free. Film showing and panel discussion of a new documentary film that takes an ecological approach to unraveling the climate crisis. Sponsored by the Stuyvesant and Kinderhook Climate Smart Community Task Forces and the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

COMMON GROUND, Old Chatham Quaker Meetinghouse, 539 County Route 13, potluck meal 6 pm, film 7 pm. Common Ground is sequel to "Kiss the Ground." Film unveils dark web of money, power & politics behind our broken food system. Free, open to public. Moderated discussion follows. More info call 518-610-3735 or visit www.oldchathamquakers.org.

TOM PETTY:
HEARTBREAKERS BEACH PARTY, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, 7 pm, \$18, \$16 Superstar Members. Directed by Cameron Crowe, Doug Dowdle, and Phil Savenick. Starring Tom Petty, Cameron Crowe, Mike Campbell, Benmont Tench, Stan Lynch, Howie Epstein and Stevie Nicks. www.themoviehouse.net

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

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

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

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

Sunday
ARMEN DONELIAN SOLO PIANO, Isaan Thai Star Restaurant, Hudson, 6-9pm. Through December 8 (except October 20, 27 and November 17). www.armendonelian.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 welcome. lennybarham@gmail.com or visit www.copakegrange.org/events.

October 12
MISTY BLUES, Spencertown Academy Arts Center, 790 State Rte 203, 8 pm, \$25 public, \$20 Academy and Capital Region Blues Network (CRBN) members. www.spencertown-academy.org.

October 13
OBOE DUO AGOSTO AND FRIENDS, First United Methodist Church of Hillsdale, State Highway 23 and State Route 22, 3 p.m., suggested donation \$10 at the door. A musical journey through love's many facets, featuring compositions from the Baroque era to the present day.

October 19
WICKERS CREEK BAND, Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, 7-9 p.m, \$20 or pay what you can. Band performs an eclectic mix of traditional American music, primarily in the Bluegrass tradition. Intended for audiences of all ages. For more information email: copakegrange@gmail.com.

October 19, November 16, December 14
SATURDAY JAZZ DUOS, Isaan Thai Star Restaurant, Hudson, 6-9pm. Armen Donelian with Samirah Evans, vocalist (October 19), Ali Ryerson, flute (November 16), and Chris Pasin, trumpet (December 14). www.armendonelian.com

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.

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EVENTS

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October 10

COPAKE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC WORKSHOP, Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, 4- 5:30 pm. Second community meeting on \$4.5 Million New York Forward (NYF) Grant Proposal for downtown revitalization projects. Attend in-person or join online through project website at <https://www.copakewaterfronts.com/nyforward>. More information? Contact Supervisor Richard Wolf at: copakesupervisor@townofcopake.org

WHEN INDEPENDENCE LED TO CHAOS: Authority in the Early Eighteenth Century Dutch Reformed Church, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 6-7:30 pm. Presented by the Jacob Leisler Institute for the Study of Early New York History, in collaboration with the Hudson Area Library. To register visit <https://history-room.hudsonarealibrary.org/history-room-programs>

October 10, 17, 24, 31 WELLNESS SERIES WITH MARIOLA, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 11-11:50 am, free. Join Mariola Strahlberg for a series that focuses on simple health tips for your mind, body, and spirit. To register please email: merka@chatham.k12.ny.us

October 13

CREATING A NATIVE PERENNIAL GARDEN 101, Taghkanic Firehouse, 631 Old Route 82, 10 am-noon. Tim Kennelly talk followed by community planting of native perennial garden at Lake Taghkanic State Park, Main Park Office West Beach, 1528 State Route 82, Gallatin, 12:30-2:30 pm. Bring shovels, trowels, garden gloves. Refreshments provided. RSVP to rsvp@taghkanic.org

JOHN PORRITT: Walking Toward a Welsh Stick Chair, Church at Old Austerlitz, 11550 Route 22, 2 pm. John Porritt's chairs are inspired by stick chairs made circa 1700-1900 in Welsh vernacular tradition. Mr. Porritt explains traditions and methods of making these unique chairs. Free.

October 15

WHAT'S NEXT IN YOUR GARDEN, Hover Room, Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd, noon. Master Gardner Mary Ann Iocchino tells how/when to plant bulbs, corms, tubers, rhizomes, annuals, biennials, perennials, flowering shrubs, where to find planning help at Germantown Garden Club meeting Call Irene Clum 518-537-4793 for more info.

October 16

DEMYSTIFYING MEDICARE, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 10:30 am. Join the library for a presentation on changes to Medicare that you can expect in 2025 and tips for getting enrolled without any trouble. <https://kinderhook-library.org/>

SO YOU WANT TO BE A PARANORMAL INVESTIGATOR? Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 1 pm. Unknown Paranormal Society tells basics of getting into paranormal field, from equipment to purchase, places to visit, tips and tricks from experts. <https://kinderhooklibrary.org/>

THE LAND DOESN'T FORGET

Claverack Free Library, 9 Route 9H, 6 pm. Learn about the policies that removed Indigenous Nations from their homes and pushed them onto reservations with Heather Bruegl, RSVP: call 518 851-7120 or email info@claveracklibrary.org

October 17

RURAL CEMETERY MOVEMENT, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Greenport, 11 am-noon. Meet Wagon House Education Center. Free. Learn about origins & influences of the rural cemetery movement with Drs. Lynn & Michael Radlick. Light refreshments provided. www.olana.org/thirdthursdays/

ART WORKSHOP, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Greenport, 1-3 pm. Free. Join The Olana Partnership for a drop-in workshop in the Wagon House Education Center. All materials provided. All ages welcome. www.olana.org/thirdthursdays/

WORRY DOLL WORKSHOP, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Greenport, Wagon House Education Center, 4-6 pm. Free. Join educator Andrea Del Cid to learn about the Guatemalan legend behind "Worry Dolls." Hear story & craft your own dolls to address worry and emotions through art. All ages; offered in English & Spanish. www.olana.org/thirdthursdays/

HUDSON ARMORY & ITS MANY USES, Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, Greenport Historical Society meeting 6 pm, program 6:30 pm. Paul Barrett is the speaker. Refreshments served following program. 518-929-0915 or juanitabryant16@gmail.com.

DANCE

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

ON STAGE

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

Thru October 13

THREE TALL PERSIAN WOMEN, Elayne P. Bernstein Theatre, Shakespeare & Company, 70 Kemble Street, Lenox, MA. Tickets: shakespeare.org, or by calling the Box Office at 413 637-3353.

October 11-13, 18-20

THE OUTSIDER, The Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 pm, Sundays 2 pm, \$23 for members, \$28 for nonmembers, \$12 for students. Individual tickets and memberships at GhentPlayhouse.org.

ON VIEW

D'ARCY SIMPSON ART WORKS, 409 Warren St, Hudson. Mother Should I Run for President, until October 13. Opening reception and live painting, September 14th, 2-6 pm. Fri-Sun noon-5 pm.

510 WARREN STREET Gallery, 510 Warren St, Hudson. Trevor Hunter: New Works, October 4–October 27. Opening reception: Saturday, October 12, 2-5 pm. Fri & Sat, noon-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 518 822-0510. 510warrenstreetgallery.com.

SEPTEMBER Gallery, 4 Hudson St #3, Kinderhook. All At Once, September 12-December 22. Opening reception: October 12, 5-7 pm. Fri-Sat 11am-5pm, Sunday 11am-4pm. Kristen@septembergallery.com.

SUSAN ELEY FINE ART, 433 Warren St, Hudson. Eighteen, August 22-October 13. Ellen Hermanos: A Retrospective, Flowers Shall Grow, October 17–December 22. Opening reception: October 19, 4-6 pm. Thursday-Monday, 11 am-5 pm. Thurs-Mon, 11 am-5 pm. susaneleyfineart.com.

WINDOW ON HUDSON, 43 S 3rd St, Hudson. Bibi-Mimi Hudson Memo, August 27-October 13. windowonhudson.org.

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LOCAL HISTORY

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The Skeleton in the Well: An Austerlitz mystery on Fire Hill Road

BACK IN THE 1830s-1840s the Woolsey gang roamed the Austerlitz hills, engaging in horse thieving, counterfeiting and burglary. Their leading spirit, Ambrose F. Woolsey, lived on what is now called Fire Hill Road. On Woolsey's property stood an old house with a barn, and next to the barn was an old well.

In 1848 Woolsey was convicted of burglarizing a Harlemville store. He spent the next five years in prison, and during that time he lost his property in a foreclosure. It was eventually acquired in 1860 by Harvey N. Vincent. His neighbor to the east was none other than Ambrose Woolsey. After serving his prison term Woolsey had purchased in 1857 the former Samuel Rundell farm on Fire Hill, closer to today's Route 203.

Harvey Vincent decided to clean out the old well, which appeared full of small stones. His neighbor Ambrose tried mightily to discourage him: "You can't do it. There is more than a hundred load of stones in that well." Nonetheless, a few years later the well was cleaned and a subterfuge thereby revealed. The stones were limited to a small layer, beneath which were planks resting on sticks that had been driven into the sides of the well. There had clearly been an effort to conceal what lay below the false stone topping. And what lay at the bottom of the well was the body of a man, partly reduced to skeletal form. At this moment Mrs. Woolsey happened to walk by and Vincent's

laborer excitedly told her what had been found. Mrs. Woolsey reacted in horror -- "God save us!" -- and seemed to be well aware of what was in the well and how it got there. Henry D. Harvey (1851-1928), a man who knew Ambrose Woolsey, wrote that although his responsibility for the body in the well was never definitely established, "all who knew" Ambrose were "without a doubt" of his guilt.

But whose body was in the well? Harvey's story, first appearing (in part) in 1922, says it was a "Dutch pack peddler." Mrs. Arthur C. McMillan of Spencertown, in a speech delivered in 1922, agrees, but adds details on how he got there. Mrs. McMillan says that the peddler had stopped in Spencertown and asked the best way to get over the mountains to the east. He was told the quickest way was up Fire Hill Road, but was warned to avoid that road: a "strange and peculiar family" had moved in, and they had avoided all contact with the townspeople. A feeling of danger hung over their road. The peddler, the story goes, ignored this advice, proceeded up Fire Hill Road, and was never seen again -- until he was discovered at the bottom of the well.

Mrs. McMillan's story of how the body was discovered is very different from Harvey's. She does not mention Ambrose Woolsey or any false stone covering, and her story is set at a later time, when the house stood deserted. When was the

house deserted? It could have been between Woolsey's imprisonment in 1848 and Harvey Vincent's purchase in 1860. But a more probable time is the early 1900s, since the house likely was deserted after the Vincents sold the property in 1898 and before the next long-term owner purchased it in 1919. In any event, Mrs. McMillan tells of four young ladies, one named Van Woert, who were picking berries in the yard of the deserted house. Suddenly Miss Van Woert fell into the old abandoned well. She apparently was not hurt, but "to her great surprise and consternation she was stepping on bones, the bones of a man, the peddler's skeleton."

There is a totally different story of whose body was in the well. It is told in a 1928 newspaper article by Clarence M. Humphrey (1846 - 1933) of Canaan, CT. Humphrey writes that the man in the well was Alva Bigelow, a sheriff who lived in West Stockbridge. Years ago Bigelow had disappeared without a trace -- "one of the unexplained mysteries of life" -- soon after two members of the Woolsey gang had finished serving a lengthy prison term. The inference Humphrey asks us to draw is that Bigelow had helped put these gang members in prison and that they had gotten their revenge by depositing Bigelow in a well (apparently Woolsey's). Some 30 years later, probably around 1870, during Vincent's ownership, "a farmer who lived in Spencertown" had

cleaned out the well and discovered a skeleton with pieces of a uniform, "which seemed to solve the mystery of the missing sheriff." Humphrey says that he had spoken with an "old resident" who had seen the remains being exhumed from the well.

So what is the truth and what is folklore? Your guess is as good as mine. I can tell you, based on research to date: no contemporaneous news coverage about the discovery of the body in the well has been located; all of the various stories seem to have first appeared in the newspapers in the 1920s; so far no sheriff in Berkshire County named Alva Bigelow has been identified; there were Van Woert families living in West Ghent, Athens and Albany, but no proof that any of them had visited Fire Hill Road or Spencertown has surfaced.

Perhaps we will never know the truth. But there is always a chance that some telling diary entry or other evidence will yet emerge from the mists of time. Only recently Steve Ulmer told me of something he had been told by Jack Howes in 1991 (his source unknown): when the body was first discovered a sample of the clothing was sent to the Shakers (presumably in New Lebanon) and they were able to identify the fabric. But that's the end of Jack's story as Steve remembers it.

So the search goes on, soon to be in the hands of David Harrison, my successor as

Austerlitz Town Historian.

A note on sources: Mrs. Arthur C. McMillan spoke at the sixth annual dinner (in Manhattan) of the Daughters of Columbia County Historical Society. Her remarks are as presented in *The Columbia Republican*, April 1922. She said this and other stories had been told to her by an "old man" who often visited her Spencertown home (it was next to the Academy and still stands).

Henry D. Harvey's article was first published as "Austerlitz History" in the *Chatham Courier*, September 7, 1922, but only in part. The details about Ambrose Woolsey did not appear until Harvey's full article was published in 1950. "Counterfeiters and Horse Thieves Once Roamed the Austerlitz Hills," *Chatham Courier*, May 25, 1950. It is tempting to believe that Harvey, writing in 1922, was the "old man" who Mrs. McMillan mentions as the source of her 1922 peddler story. Harvey had grown up in Spencertown and then moved to Hillsdale, so we can see him coming back to visit the old home town. However, the Harvey and McMillan stories differ in important respects, as noted above.

The Clarence Humphrey story about disappearing sheriff Alva Bigelow appears in the *Chatham Courier*: "Recollections of Bygone Days," c. May 1928.

Tom Moreland is the former Austerlitz Town Historian.

Make better food and drink choices

CLAVERACK — Samantha Black from the Columbia County Department of Health is the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Claverack Seniors at the Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Route 9H, Friday, October 11 at 1 p.m.

Ms. Black will discuss "Better Choices for Beverages and Junk Food."

Norma Barnard and Shirley Shumsky are on the refresh-

ment committee.

All are welcome to go on the following trip:

- October 28-29, overnight at Atlantic City, NJ, \$75 per person, \$20 comp, leave Claverack at 7 a.m., \$10 extra for non-members. Sign up one month prior. Call Debbie Grau at 518-610-1766. Make checks payable to Claverack Seniors, P.O. Box 614, Philmont 12565.

Remove lots of litter from Agawamuck Creek

PHILMONT — The Columbia Land Conservancy has organized a Volunteer Work Party at High Falls, 540 Roxbury Road, October 12, 10 a.m. to noon. Come together to care for the land.

This work party focuses on cleaning up generations of litter from the Agawamuck Creek. Help to keep the creek healthy and protect the watershed. In celebration of this being the last work party of the year, a pizza party will follow.

All are welcome to lend a hand at this fun, friendly volunteer event.

Remove litter along a half-



Photo contributed
Agawamuck Creek.

mile stretch of the Agawamuck Creek, which will involve walking over uneven and rocky terrain that may be wet. Following litter removal, individuals will move trash bags and other sizable pieces of litter into a dump truck. Each participant will be matched with work that matches their ability and comfort level.

Bring a water bottle, work gloves, sunscreen, and wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Register at <https://columbialand.org/event/volunteer-work-party>

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Celebrate change of season at park

COPAKE FALLS — Join park staff for the first annual Autumn in the Park fun, family-friendly event at Taconic State Park, 253 State Route 344, Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Celebrate the change of season and turning of the leaves with pumpkin painting, corn hole, facepainting by Tracy Hanselman, photo opportunities, guided hikes, other games, kids crafts, and booths. Also there will be Cornell Cooperative Extension/4H,

Columbia Land Conservancy, NYS Troopers, Columbia Opportunities, Columbia County Department of Health, Columbia County Sheriff's Office with K9 demonstrations and the mobile control unit, Mama Jean's Food truck selling food and drinks.

Get pumpkins, cider and donuts on a first-come, first-served basis. This event is free of charge. Learn more at www.facebook.com/events/835559625386769/ or call 518-329-3993.



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Bobolink in field at Overmountain.

Walk trails in search of seasonal migrants

ANCRAM — Go on a birding walk with Alan Devoe Bird Club at Overmountain Public Conservation Area, 138 Catalano Road, October 13, 8 to 10 a.m.

Join Columbia Land Conservancy and the Devoe Bird Club for a morning of bird watching and trail walking.

During this guided program, new and seasoned birders will search the trails for the songs and signs of sparrows, grassland birds, and seasonal migrants across the site's many habitats.

Participants will be walking for about two hours, stopping

often to look for birds along the Kite Hill-Fox Hill Trail, the Kestrel Trail, and the Bobolink Trail. These trails have a typical grade of 6% over packed earth terrain with mowed grass and exposed roots.

Bring a water bottle and wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Cameras, smartphones, and binoculars are recommended for this program. No dogs allowed.

This program has a suggested \$5 donation fee. This money will allow CLC to continue offering programs like these and support land conservation work.

Learn how, then do it

TAGHKANIC — Taghkanic Talks presents "Creating a Native Perennial Garden 101" with Tim Kennelty at the Taghkanic Firehouse, 631 Old Route 82, Sunday, October 13, 10 a.m. to noon.

This talk is followed by the community planting of a native perennial garden at Lake Taghkanic State Park, Main Park Office West Beach, 1528 State Route 82, Gallatin, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Help finish the garden that was started this spring. Bring shovels, trowels, garden gloves. Refreshments provided. RSVP to rsvp@taghkanic.org

For more information contact Betsy Albert 917-834-



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Deer management tags available for Doodletown

ANCRAM — The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced that the Regional Wildlife Office in Schenectady will have Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) tags available for this hunting season on Doodletown Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Columbia County. These DMAP tags can only be used by hunters to harvest antlerless deer on Doodletown WMA.

"The goal of the Deer Management Assistance Program in Doodletown WMA is to create a healthier, more biologically diverse forest ecosystem. By controlling the deer population on this WMA, the New England cottontail will have access to the regenerating

young forest habitat they need to thrive. This is a great opportunity for hunters to take an additional deer while helping with forest management," DEC Interim Regional Director John Weidman said in a press release.

Doodletown WMA is 1,078 acres of primarily forested land located in the towns of Ancram, Taghkanic and Gallatin. The primary purposes of Doodletown WMA are for wildlife management, wildlife habitat management, and wildlife-dependent recreation. An important species to be managed at Doodletown WMA is the New England cottontail, a species of special concern in New York State. Planned management actions will protect critical habitat to support populations of New

England cottontail. DEC Forestry and Wildlife staff have determined the deer population on Doodletown WMA will inhibit the desired regrowth of forest after management cuts designed to improve New England cottontail habitat are made in the coming years. More information about Doodletown WMA is available on DEC's website dec.ny.gov

DMAP tags will be available to individuals with a valid state hunting license on a first-come, first-served basis at the DEC Region Four Headquarters, 1130 North Westcott Road, Schenectady October 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. Call ahead to inquire about availability of any remaining tags after October 10 at 518-357-2152.



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Go on a hayride at Harvest Festival 2024.

Harvest Fest promises crafts, food, hay rides

HARLEMVILLE — The Hawthorne Valley Harvest Festival at 327 County Route 21C, is coming Sunday, October 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Artisan vendors share their homemade crafts, also visitors can eat food from Alima's Cuisine, Von Pogz Waffles, Yeah Dawg Vegan, and Hawthorne Valley Farm, take a

hay ride, see Birds of Prey, hear live music, see puppet shows and much more. This event is held rain or shine.

Applications for food or craft vendors at the Harvest Festival are now being accepted. Space is limited.

Food vendor applications are available at <https://hvamarketing.wufoo.com/forms/>

[q1az40u1hzmb4p/](https://hvamarketing.wufoo.com/forms/q1az40u1hzmb4p/) Craft vendor applications are available at <https://hvamarketing.wufoo.com/forms/q1az40u1hzmb4p/>

Event sponsors include Claverack Well & Pump Service LLC, Pro Printers, Columbia Land Conservancy, Greenbush Tape & Label, Organic Valley, CDPHP and Columbia Tent Rentals.

Fill your garden with continual blooms

GERMANTOWN — "What's Next in Your Garden? A Sequence of Bloom" with Mary Ann Ioccino is the presentation at the Germantown Garden Club's next meeting in the Hover Room at the Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Road, Tuesday, October 15 at noon.

Ms. Ioccino grew up on a family-run fruit farm in Greendale. Before returning to

Columbia County in 2005, she became a master gardener volunteer in the 1990s when living in Dutchess County. She joined the master gardener program of Columbia and Greene counties in 2015. She has a secondary science education and business background and is semi-retired.

She will discuss how and when to plant bulbs, corms, tubers, rhizomes, annuals, bien-

nials, perennials and flowering shrubs, and where to find planning help. She will cover how to extend visual interest using bloom, fruit, foliage, twigs, and bark for color and texture—for a continuous display in the garden all year.

Refreshments will be served. To attend or for more information call Irene Clum at 518-537-4793.

Claverack Library hosts speaker series

CLAVERRACK — The Claverack Free Library has announced a series of Indigenous programs both in-person and virtual.

The Land Doesn't Forget: A Discussion with Heather Bruegl will take place in the library's Marilyn and Bob Laurie Gallery on Wednesday, October 16 at 6 p.m.

All the land that makes up the United States is Indigenous land. Learn about the policies that removed Indigenous Nations from their homes and pushed them onto reservations. Explore and learn about the maps that created the United States as we know it today. Understand why the fight to regain this land is important.

Ms. Bruegl is an Oneida Nation of Wisconsin citizen and first-line descendent Stockbridge Munsee. She is a graduate of Madonna University in Michigan and holds a bachelor of arts and master of arts in U.S. History. Her research comprises numerous topics related to American history, legacies of colonization and Indigeneity, the history of American Boarding Schools, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (#MMIW). She has presented her work at academic institutions, including the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bard College, Vassar College, and Brooklyn Law School.

Planting Seeds of Healing in Our Community with Lucille Burr Grignon will take place on Monday, October 21 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

Learn about connecting to ancestral knowledge of Indigenous ways of life through homesteading. The Ancient Roots Homestead journey.

Ms. Burr Grignon is an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Nation and a direct descendant of the Menominee Nation. Muh-he-con-ne-ok being of the People of the Waters that are never still, and Menominee being of the Ancient movers.

"I am a passionate Indigenous homesteader, educator, writer, doula, and advocate for my community and the world around me. My family owns an Indigenous Homestead called Ancient Roots in Bowler, Wisconsin. We research traditional gardening practices from our ancestors dating back to ages ago to the present day. We use a combination of their methods to learn, preserve, grow, seed save, reconnect, and share. We are working to reconnect to our cultural inheritance through the land, plants, medicines, and wildlife. I recognize my connections to my Indigenous roots come in many forms, from our language journey to the stories of our elders, our people, and



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Heather Bruegl



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Lucille Burr Grignon



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Cecelia Rose LaPointe

our healing," said Ms. Burr Grignon in the release.

Ojibway — Anishinaabe Two-Spirit Identity with Cecelia Rose LaPointe webinar will take place on Monday, October 28 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

Cecelia Rose LaPointe is the founder and executive director of Waub Ajjjaak Press & Foundation. They were previously the founder and executive director of the Native Justice Coalition from 2016–2023 before it merged with Waub Ajjjaak Press to become Waub Ajjjaak Press & Foundation. They are also the founder and owner of Red Circle Consulting. Ms. LaPointe is an innovative entrepreneur, consultant, poet, and author. In their free time, they enjoy spending time on the land, water, running, hiking, cycling, and reading. www.anishinaabekwe.com — www.waubajjjaak.org.

In addition to these programs the library has curated an Indigenous collection of educational and informational books for all ages.

To RSVP for any or all of these programs call 518851-7120 or email: info@claveracklibrary.org. A zoom link for the virtual programs will be sent prior to the events. The Claverack Free Library is located at the junction of NY Route 23 and NY Route 9H. Library parking is located at 629 Route 23B.

These programs are free of charge with the support of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Mini-Grant from the Mid-Hudson Library System.

Porritt tells how to make unique chairs

AUSTERLITZ—Spencertown wood craftsman John Porritt will talk about the Welsh stick chair in the church at the Austerlitz Historical Society's Old Austerlitz, 11550 State Route 22, Sunday, October 13 at 2 p.m.

The Welsh stick chair is an item of furniture traditionally made by amateur woodworkers using everyday tools, simple joints and local materials.

A native of England, Mr. Porritt has lived in upstate New York since 2008, having married an American he met in Paris. His home and workshop are in Spencertown. He has published a book entitled "The Belligerent Finisher," which describes the steps in making the chairs, which are not meant as fake antiques, but rather to be compatible with traditional furnishings. Each chair is a unique creation.

In his youth, Mr. Porritt carved model boats that he sailed on the local streams of Hampshire, England, and crafted bows and arrows. He grew up to learn his trade from leading furniture makers of the Arts and Crafts move-



Photo contributed
John Porritt crafts a Welsh stick chair.

ment in England and has been self-employed since 1980. In addition to chairs, he has been involved with restoring antique tools and experimenting with colored finishes. Rather than sophisticated and expensive tools, many of the implements he employs are everyday items available to

someone making his own furniture at home. Among the tools he has employed are a pot scrubber, a deer antler, vinegar and tea. His main tools are simple: a knife, a chisel, an ax.

More information visit www.oldausterlitz.org or call 518-392-0062.

Third Thursdays packed with Olana events

GREENPORT—Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, offers several Third Thursday events Thursday, October 17 throughout the day. They are:

- Lunch and Learn all about the rural cemetery movement, 11 a.m. to noon. Learn more about the origins and influences of the rural cemetery movement during this free lecture with Drs. Lynn and Michael Radlick. Using the Albany Rural Cemetery as a key example, they will discuss the beginnings of the cemetery movement in Europe, followed by its spread across cities in the U.S. Meet at the Wagon House Education Center. Light refreshments will be provided.

- Free Art Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m. Join The Olana Partnership for a drop-in workshop in the Wagon House Education Center. All materials provided. All ages welcome.

- Worry Doll Workshop, 4 to 6 p.m. Join educator Andrea Del Cid to learn more about the Guatemalan legend behind "Worry Dolls" or las munecas quitapenas. During this special workshop, participants will learn



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Join educator Andrea Del Cid to learn more about the Guatemalan legend behind "Worry Dolls."

about this beautiful story and craft their own dolls to address worry and emotions through art. Open to all ages; offered in English and Spanish. Meet at the Wagon House Education Center.

- Free Community Day, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy free house access and landscape tours at Olana State Historic Site from

11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guided Spanish tour at 11 a.m. timed. Explore at your own pace entries. Advanced reservations are not available. For further inquiries call ticketing at 518-751-0344 or email tickets@olana.org. More information at www.olana.org/thirdthursdays/

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Obituaries

Kenneth J. Blatt (1942 - 2024)

VALATIE — Kenneth J. Blatt, age 82, passed away October 1, 2024.

He was born June 25, 1942 in Jersey City, NJ, to the late Herbert and Gertrude Blatt.

He proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964. He was part of the medical corps team. After his military service, he built a fulfilling career as a supervisor in the X-Ray Department at Columbia Presbyterian in New York City and at Barnwell Nursing Home

as the director of medical records, where he worked for many years, touching the lives of his colleagues and patients alike.

He had a passion for the theater and spent many joyful years working in wardrobe for various productions at Proctors Theatre.

He was a beloved uncle and great-uncle, leaving behind a family that adored him. He is survived by: his nephews, Robert (Kelly) Blatt of Wynantskill, Michael (Amy) Blatt of Canaan, Herb Blatt

and Danny Blatt; and his nieces, Sharon Blatt and Deborah Blatt. His legacy continues through his great-nephews, Michael Blatt, Jr., and great-nieces, Emma Blatt and Leah Blatt.

A memorial service was held in his honor October 8 at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie.

The family requests that donations be made to AnimalKind in Hudson, in memory of his love for animals.

Barbara J. Hatter (1952 - 2024)

BALLSTON SPA — Barbara Jean Hatter passed away peacefully, September 30, 2024, at the age of 72.

She was born July 4, 1952 to the late Donald and Edna Leiser in Hudson.

She attended Russell Sage College, where she pursued her passion for learning, leading her to a successful career in mathematics. She went on to serve as an international director for an accounting service in New York City.

She is survived by: her



Barbara Hatter

brothers, Wayne Leiser (Bunny) and Larry Leiser; her sisters, Doris Miner and Joyce Cleary, as well as many loving nieces and nephews who will always remember her warmth and kindness.

Sandra L.S. Baker (1943 - 2024)

GHENT—It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that her family announces the passing of Sandra Lee (Swift) Baker of Ghent, who went peacefully to Heaven October 1, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 6, 1943 in the city of Batavia to Harry Swift and Helen Swift (Cox). She spent some of her youth working with her parents at the Dairy Queen, which was first built by her family in 1963 as a walk-up soft serve ice cream shop. As she got older, she worked as a home health aide and was a loving wife to her husband, Philip J. Baker, Sr., whom she married December 10, 1966.

“Sandy” was a compassionate, kind and gentle soul with a



Sandy Baker

big heart who loved to help people. She also enjoyed playing bingo and card games with her friends. Most of all, she cherished spending time with her four children, five grandchildren and great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her husband, Philip Baker, Sr.; her sister, Carol O'Connor (formerly Swift), and her brother, William Swift.

She is survived by: her eldest sister, Audrey Keil (formerly

James A. Dellea, Jr. (1975 - 2024)

HILLSDALE—James A. Dellea, Jr., 48, of Hillsdale passed away September 11, 2024. He was born in Hudson, October 1, 1975 to the late James A. Dellea and Suzanne (Gallo) Dellea. “Jim” began turning wrenches as a young child and that never changed. Working locally as a mechanic for many years until deciding he wanted a change, he moved his family to Florida to start a new life. He owned and operated his own towing and repair shop while there but eventually his heart longed for home and they moved back to New York. He then went to work for Hillsdale Repair. He was a regular at Stewart’s getting his favorite coffee and some scratch-off tickets before work.

An avid race car driver around the area, “Big Jim

Dellea” was known for his number 77 on whatever he brought to race.

Above all else he was a family man who dedicated himself to always providing for and being a part of his family. Sunday dinners were always spent together around the table as a family. He also enjoyed a good tag sale, or a swap meet to dicker on some parts or tools.

He is survived by: his loving spouse of 32 years, Melissa Simmons; their children, Samantha Dellea (Travis Clark), Taylor and Dominick Daury, Rachel Dellea and James Dellea, III (Melynda Ryan); his grandchildren, whom he thought the world of, Ellie, Remi, Addyson, Natalee, Haylee, James Allen Dellea IV, Mady Sue, and Brianna; his

beloved dogs, Tom, Molly and Lou; his five siblings, Judy MacKay, Jamie Roberts, Yvonne Dellea, Lyn Peppar and Jennifer Rodriguez; many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his grandson, Jaxson Daury and his siblings, Bonnie and Stephen Dellea.

A Celebration of Life was held September 15 at the Hillsdale Firehouse.

His family thanks those who showed them compassion and care during this difficult time. They ask people to carry on his tradition of being kind to others by buying a cup of coffee for the next person in line or an ice cream cone for a kid, just as he did so often.

Francis A. Mastrianni, III (1961 - 2024)

CLAVERRACK—Francis “Frank” A. Mastrianni, III, passed away October 1 2024 surrounded by his loving family in his home in Claverack after a two-year battle with glioblastoma, a brain cancer.

He was born November 18, 1961 in Albany, the son of Frank Mastrianni, Jr. and Diane Daus Mastrianni, both now deceased. He was raised in Mechanicville. He graduated from Mechanicville High School in 1979 and graduated from Siena College in 1983 with a degree in accounting.

He began working for New York State Tax and Finance nearly 30 years ago, starting as an auditor, but spending the last 10 years of his career as a director of the Business Contact Center Division.

He was highly gifted at math and enjoyed the challenge of Sudoku puzzles, the statistics involved in gambling, and helping friends and family get their finances under control. The apple of his eye was his only child, Gina, and he was thrilled to know that he was going to be the “grandpa” of a baby girl at the end of October. He loved to golf—especially with his father and won several tournaments. He was Mechanicville Golf Club Champion in 1982, ‘84, ‘85 and ‘86. He enjoyed simple pleasures in life such as bird-watching on the back deck with a cup of coffee and his cat Mitzy on his lap, taking drives in the northeast countryside with his wife, Andrea, and splitting a chocolate milkshake with his daughter. He



Frank Mastrianni, III

enjoyed “spa days” with his sister, Denise, and reminiscing about the past with his brother, David. Gina’s mother, Debbie Bell (Freddy), remained an important part of his life and she was there at his passing.

Mr. Mastrianni leaves behind: his wife, Andrea; his daughter Gina (Marcus Widmer) Mastrianni; his future granddaughter; his sister, Denise Mastrianni (Jim); brother, David Mastrianni; his stepchildren, Jillian (Daniel) Atlas and Andrew (Jackie Curley) Spiciarich; three step-grandchildren, Oliver, Olana and John Joseph “JJ”; two nieces, Kathleen (Matt) O’Brien, Caroline (Sam) Mastrianni; great niece, Shay O’Brien; several aunts and cousins. His family thanks his caregiver, Leonie Destyl, who provided immeasurable comfort and support during his final days.

Visitation at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home was October 5. Interment followed in the Reformed Dutch Church Cemetery, Route 9H, Claverack.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to www.savethechildren.org are encouraged.

Barbara MacCalla-Dews (1942 - 2024)

BRONX—Barbara MacCalla-Dews, born March 30, 1942, died October 1, 2024.

Services will be held at the Refuge Temple Annex, 716 East 233rd Street, Bronx.

Viewing will take place Monday, October 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. The funeral service is at 6 p.m.

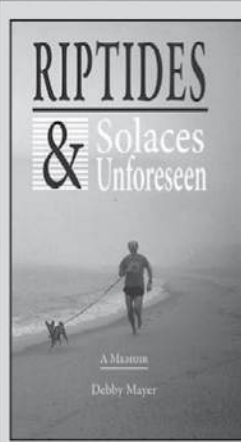
A repast follows up the street at the Mount Hebron Baptist Church, 732 East 233rd Street, Bronx.

Burial will take place at Rose Hills Memorial Park, 100 Mill Street, Putnam Valley, October 15 at 11:30 a.m.



Barbara MacCalla-Dews

Her family will appreciate whatever you wish to give (flowers/cards), but the main need is financial. Donations may be made to the Refuge Temple Annex, 716 East 233rd Street, Bronx, NY 10466 in her name.



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Charlotte J.D. Fennell (1942 - 2024)

SPENCERTOWN — Charlotte Jane Davy Fennell died August 7, 2024. She was born in Scotland March 21, 1942. It was her primary home and place of education, where her heart lay and where she always revisited, throughout her life.

She was the eldest and much-loved sibling to sisters and a brother, in order of age—Alastair, Jean, Lila and Bobbi. To her siblings, she was the long-limbed, elegant epitome of sophistication who did the best things in the most unexpected ways.

A citizen of the world, she traveled far and often, but she always came home to add a touch of glamour and elegance to family life, before jetting off again. By the time her youngest sister was born, she had trav-

eled across Europe, setting up camp in the South of Spain, where she was drawn into the slightly dubious but lucrative trade of dealing in paperweights.

In the 1960s she traveled across Europe before setting sail for the USA, where she landed at Parke-Bernet Galleries in New York cataloging netsuke and paperweights, a job that would change her life when she met her husband, Rupert.

They were married in December 1973 in New York City where they resided for the following two years. In 1975 the happy couple moved to Los Angeles, CA, where their son, Simon was born and where they lived happily for 12 years.

The Fennells returned East

in 1986, splitting time between NYC and Spencertown, finally moving up to Spencertown full-time in 1998. Mrs. Fennell immediately endeared herself to the community, volunteering to help wherever needed—especially at the Spencertown Academy.

She was a caring friend and neighbor; devoted wife and mother and she will be greatly missed by the scores of people whose lives she touched. She is survived by: her husband, Rupert; son, Simon; her sisters, Lila, Jean and Bobbi and her brother, Alastair.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at St. Peter's Church in Spencertown, Monday, October 14 starting at 2 p.m. Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblasl.com.

Harold E. Evans (1929 - 2024)

NEW LEBANON — Harold E. "Tink" Evans, 95, passed away peacefully Friday, October 4, 2024 with his beloved wife and loving family by his side.

He was born in East Nassau, July 22, 1929, the son of the late Erwin and Jennie (Gearing) Evans, and brother to the late Grace (Evans) Van Tassel. He grew up in East Chatham. He graduated from Chatham High School in 1948 and from Cobleskill College in 1951.

After graduation from college, he was a diesel mechanic for Cummins Diesel in Albany. In 1956 he opened and operated Tink's Service Station in New Lebanon Center, until he sold his business and became a service manager for Stapleton Truck Repair in Pittsfield, MA. He was employed at George-Port Truck Stop in Canaan for several years, where he was influential in establishing and operating a full diesel mechanical operation. His last position of employment, before retiring in 1993, was for the Leroy Holding Truck Leasing Company in Albany as a service manager.

He was a member of the Canaan Congregational Church, where he and his wife, Patsy were married.

They would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary



Tink
Evans

this month. He was a Mason in the Masonic Lodge all of his adult life.

There wasn't anything he couldn't do, no skill he couldn't master. He had a great engineering mind, always up for a challenge. He built his own family house, invented his home hot water solar system, designed a propane conversion system to fuel his truck, designed and built a hydraulic wood splitter, among many other mechanical inventions. He also enjoyed building furniture, and making maple syrup with family and friends.

His greatest joy was spending time with his family, attending the school activities of his five grandsons, and providing life lessons that his grandchildren will carry with them forever. He and his wife, along with his children and grandsons, delighted in many years of camping trips, having traveled to 43 states.

He was an avid outdoorsman, and always preferred to

be outside to enjoy his vegetable garden, deer hunting, playing golf, and, of course, lawn mowing. He will forever be known for having the best manicured lawn on West Street, something that gave him much pride. He could be seen on his lawn tractor with his headphones on, listening to WGNA for countless hours.

He is survived by: his wife Ruth "Patsy" (Reynolds) Evans; his children, Thomas (Eileen) Evans of New Lebanon and Stacy (Andrew) Stall of Canaan; his grandchildren, Joseph (Jody) Evans, Daniel (Meghan) Evans, Christopher Evans, Corey (Hannah) Stall and Aaron Stall; his great-grandchildren, Owen and Lucas Evans, Madelyn and Kelly Evans and Nathan Stall. He is also survived by loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends may call at the Hall & Higgins Funeral Home, 457 NY 43, Stephentown, Friday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. The funeral service will follow at noon with Rev. Kathy Duhon officiating. There will not be a graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions would be appreciated to the: Lebanon Valley Protective Association (LVPA), P.O. Box 162, New Lebanon 12125.

Faith J. Boyce (1939 - 2024)

CATSKILL—Faith J. Boyce of Hudson died peacefully October 4, 2024 at The Pines at Catskill Center For Nursing and Rehabilitation following a long illness.

Born in Hudson, August 29, 1939, she was the daughter

of the late Edward Boyce.

Services and cremation are private. Arrangements are with the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport. To leave online condolences visit www.sacco-funeralhome.com

Helen T. Brenner

NORTH CAROLINA—Helen Theresa (Tinker) Brenner, 81, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus, October 1, 2024 in North Carolina.

She is survived by: her four children, Walter J. Kubow Jr. of Valatie, Christopher S. Kubow of Scotia, Mary K. Palmatier of Efland, NC, and Jeannie E. Hoag of Canaan; her brothers, John Malandrino of Philadelphia, PA, and Christopher Malandrino of Henderson, NV; her two stepchildren, Michael Kubow of AZ, and Ginger Doty of SC; her 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Christopher Malandrino and Jeanne Cunningham; her brother, Thomas Malandrino; her sister, Jeanette (Topsy) Anderson and her nephew, Henry (Stormy) Anderson.

Her family was the joy of her life, and she was a constant source of love and support to each of them.

A loving and selfless woman, she spent most of her life caring for others, always putting the needs of family and friends before her own. Her generous heart touched many lives, and her kindness will be remembered by all who knew her.

Her passing leaves a deep void, but her legacy of compassion and generosity will continue to live on through those she cared for. Her memory will forever be cherished, and she will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

A joyful remembrance will be held at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie, October 17, 2024 from 4 to 6 p.m., where loved ones will gather to remember her. The remembrance will be followed by dinner for close friends and family at the home of Walter and Faith Kubow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a local animal shelter in keeping with her spirit of giving.

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Public Notices

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
 Town of Kinderhook Planning Board
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Kinderhook Planning Board will hold Public Hearing(s) pursuant to Article VII, Chapter 250-50, of the Code of the Town of Kinderhook on the following application(s):
 (1) 7:02 pm – Estate of DenBesten and Yonder Farms Fruit Distributor - Minor Subdivision and Lot Line Adjustments for property located at 162 Orchard Drive, Valatie, NY; Tax Parcel IDs: 23.3-1-55, 23.-1-9.112 and 23.-1-9.111;
 (2) 7:05 pm – Clinton Adee and Michael Lebowitz - Minor Subdivision and Lot Line Adjustment for properties located at 16 and 26 Fairland Farm Road, Kinderhook, NY; Tax Parcel IDs: 32.-2-4 and 32.-2-5
 Said Hearing(s) to be held on the 17th day of October, 2024, at the Kinderhook Town Hall, 3211 Church Street, Valatie, NY, at which time all interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard. Additional information regarding these applications can be obtained by contacting the Secretary for the Planning Board. By Order of the Board. Respectfully submitted, Nataly D. Jones, Secretary to the Board

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 The name of the LLC is New York Mountain-view, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 20, 2024. New York office location: 34 Timberee Lane, Town of Kinderhook, 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: New York Mountain-view, LLC; 34 Timberee Lane, Valatie, New York 12184. 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 PUBLIC NOTICE
 TOWN OF COPAKE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 PLEASE 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 Anne Hubbard at 425 Lakeview Road in the Town of Copake, Tax parcel 165.11-1-9 who is seeking relief from Section 232-2113 of the Town Code, for over 3,500 useable space and Section 232 Table 1, 45'5 front set back Pine Street. Said hearing will be held on Thursday, the 24th day of October 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. By order of the Chair, Jon Strom
 Dated October 10, 2024

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
 TOWN OF COPAKE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 PLEASE 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 Richard Goodacre at 111 Farm Road in the Town of Copake, tax parcel 176.-1-82 who is seeking relief from Section 232-Table 1 of the Town Code, for right side variance. Said hearing will be held on Thursday, the 24th day of October 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. By order of the Chair, Jon Strom
 Dated October 10, 2024

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COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
 TOWN OF COPAKE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 PLEASE 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 Heather Lynn Thyberg at 623 Empire Road in the Town of Copake, tax parcel 187.1-1-65 who is seeking relief from Section 232-Table 1 of the Town Code, for a Front Yard Variance. Said hearing will be held on Thursday, the 24th day of October 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. By order of the Chair, Jon Strom
 Dated October 10, 2024

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
 Please take notice that the proposed 2025 budget of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District in the Town of Stuyvesant, NY will be presented at a Public Hearing by the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Stuyvesant Falls Firehouse, located at 9 Firehouse Lane in the Town of Stuyvesant (Stuyvesant Falls), NY. The hearing will allow members of the public to comment on the proposed 2025 Fire District budget, which is available to inspect during normal office hours at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Stuyvesant, NY; or by contacting the Secretary of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District at 518-610-8203 between the hours of Noon and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.
 Furthermore, the October 2024 regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners has been postponed from October 8 and will be held on Tuesday, October 15 immediately following the public hearing for the 2025 budget.
 By order of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, Timothy Trowbridge, Secretary.

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
 COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING ON 2025 BUDGET
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget of the Copake Fire District of the Town of Copake, County of Columbia, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Copake Fire District, for its consideration. A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Copake Fire Station, 390 County Route 7A (Center Hill Road), Copake, New York 12516, on the 15th day of October 2024. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard, either oral or written, in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same. That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Copake at 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, New York and the Fire District Secretary at 390 County Route 7A, Copake, New York where it may be inspected by any interested person during Fire District office hours, Tuesday's, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Dated: October 3, 2024
 Jennifer Mosher Secretary
 Copake Fire District



COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
 Public Notice: Gallatin Fire District Budget Meeting
 A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:15PM at the Gallatin Town Hall, 667 County Route 7, Gallatin, NY, in the Town of Gallatin, State of New York on the 17th day of October, 2024.

Pursuant to Town law §181.3 (a), the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.
 The Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget at it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.
 That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of Gallatin at 667 County Route 7, Gallatin, NY and where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.
 Board of Fire Commissioners
 Gallatin Fire District
 PO Box 67
 Gallatin, NY 12502

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Langelah Development, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/12/2024. 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 Linda A. Hoecker: P.O 403, Stottville, NY 12172. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of 131Main2024 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/21/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Janice Elaine Thill: 35 West 96th Street, #8E, New York, NY 10025. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Oikoi Enterprise LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/01/2016. 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: 388 Eichybush Road, Kinderhook, NY 12106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 MITCHISON PROPERTIES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/3/24. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 594 Bashford Rd., Valatie, NY 12184, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Columbia Operations LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/25/2024. 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 Edward Czyzewski: 34 Regal Road, Stuyvesant, NY 12173. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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 THE LEBANON SPRING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/04/24. Office: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to the LLC, 20 Amy Court, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Qualification of N-SIDE NY, LLC. Application for Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/08/2024. Office location: Columbia County. Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in Delaware on 07/18/2008. Company will be operating under the fictitious name N-SIDE NY, LLC. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Christelle Clement, Esq: PO Box 159, Malden Bridge, NY 12115, United States. Principal office location: 245 Main Street, 4th Fl, Cambridge, MA 02142. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Articles of Organization of Dad's Happy Hunting Lodge LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 29, 2024. The office of the Company is located in Columbia County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of the State of New York as its agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 475 County Route 3, Ancramdale, NY 12503. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 IMOGEN LEE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/24/24. 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, 10 Anthony Street, Hillsdale, NY 12529. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of I. Stewart Hayward Agency, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/19/2023. 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 The LLC: 5229 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19139. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Wyant Construction LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/24/2024. 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 New Yor State Department of State (SSNY): One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231-0002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Articles of Organization of Dad's Big Buck Paradise LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 29, 2024. The office of the Company is located in Columbia County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of the State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 475 County Route 3, Ancramdale, NY 12503. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of HYGGE LAND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/19/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to HYGGE LAND LLC: 88 Covenant Circle, New Lebanon, NY 12062. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 The name of the LLC is Stephen Acciani LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 20, 2024. New York office location: 17 Elm Street, Village of Chatham, Town of Ghent, County of Columbia and State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: Stephen Acciani LLC; 17 Elm Street, Chatham, New York 12037. 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
 The name of the LLC is DJ's Premium Tiling LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 14, 2024. New York office location: 13 Carole Lane, Town of Greenport, County of Columbia and State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: DJ's Premium Tiling LLC; 13 Carole Lane, Hudson, New York 12534. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 The name of the LLC is GFK1, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 4, 2024. New York office location: 1 Broad Street, Village of Kinderhook, County of Columbia and State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: GFK1, LLC; P.O. Box 5449, Incline Village, Nevada 89450-5449. 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 AARHUS WEST LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/24/2024. 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 AARHUS WEST LLC: PO Box 1235, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Mansfield Road Farm, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/30/2024. 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 Peter Yates: 143 Whitehill Road, Hillsdale, NY, 12529. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Business By Bradway LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/28/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Peter Bradway: 1655 COPAKE ROUTE 7A COPAKE NY 12516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Good Dog Stays LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/07/2024. 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 United States Corporation Agents, Inc.: 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SLIDE CHICK'S LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 9/16/2024 Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to 41 STATE STREET, SUITE 112, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207 General Purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of ASB Wine Productions LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/02/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 9 Wells Court, Clifton, NJ 07013. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Hudson Armory had many uses

GREENPORT — The Greenport Historical Society's next educational program is about Greenport: Columbia County's Industrial Center, at the Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, Thursday, October 17, meeting

6 p.m., program 6:30 p.m. Paul Barrett discusses "The Hudson Armory and Its Many Uses." Mr. Barrett relocated to Hudson in 2004 and opened The Country Squire Bed & Breakfast on Allen Street. This was the second B&B in the city

of Hudson at the time. He subsequently became a licensed associate real estate broker and a top selling performer. He served as board president of Hudson Hall at the Historic Hudson Opera House and historian for the Hudson Preservation

Commission, secretary for the Hudson Development Corporation and is passionate about all things Hudson. Refreshments will be served following the program. Get more information at 518-929-0915 or juanitabryant16@gmail.com.

Eat pasta to raise funds for NNCC

CHATHAM—Would you like a plate of pasta with marinara sauce made by an authentic Sicilian cook?

Then come to the Pasta Dinner offered to benefit Neighbors of Northern Columbia County at the Chatham Firehouse, 2

Hoffman Street, October 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. Penne with marinara sauce is the vegetarian option. A choice of hot or sweet sausage can be added at no cost. Additionally, there will be a salad, bread, drinks, and dessert all for \$15 for adults, ages 13 and up and

\$10 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 our rural communities as they

address issues of aging and/or living alone. Not only is this event fun, but it also serves as their major fundraiser during a time when the number of those over age 65 continues to increase in this county. For more information visit www.nncc1.org.

Film unveils dark web behind broken food system

OLD CHATHAM—Old Chatham Quaker Meeting is showing "Common Ground" with a potluck meal at 6 p.m. and the film at 7 p.m. at its Meetinghouse at 539 County Route 13, Saturday, October 19.

Common Ground is the highly anticipated sequel to the juggernaut success documentary, "Kiss the Ground," which touched over 1 billion people globally and inspired the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to put \$20 billion toward soil health. By fusing journalistic expose with deeply personal stories from those on the front lines of the food movement, Common Ground unveils a dark web of

money, power, and politics behind our broken food system. The film reveals how unjust practices forged our current farm system in which farmers of all colors are literally dying to feed us. The film profiles a hopeful and uplifting movement of white, black, and indigenous farmers who are using alternative "regenerative" models of agriculture that could balance the climate, save our health, and stabilize America's economy – before it's too late.

Free and open to the public. A moderated discussion will follow. For more information call 518-610-3735. For directions go to www.oldchathamquakers.org.

North Chatham opens its doors for Community Day

NORTH CHATHAM—The hamlet of North Chatham holds its fourth annual Community Day, October 19. All are invited to come to North Chatham and see what makes it a great place to live.

The North Chatham Free Library will be open with books for sale on the front lawn, chili for sale, storytime reading for kids, a fall bulb sale, lawn games, and a quilt raffle. The North Chatham United Methodist Church Clothing Barn will be open

and the church will have a "sweet treats" sale, silent auction, quilt show, "tailgate sale," donated items for sale, and lunch available. If you would like to donate items for the sale or sell your own items as part of the "tailgate sale," visit the church website listed below. Activities at the church and the library will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The North Chatham Trolley Station will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, where the North Chatham Historical Society will have

local photos and artifacts on display. The Neighbors of Northern Columbia County will have an informational table at the church. The North Chatham Volunteer Firemen's Association will have a truck at the church and some residents of the hamlet will be having yard sales. There will be games for kids on the church lawn and free parking will be available behind the church. For more information go to northchathammethodistchurch.org.

Girl Scouts donate cookies to veterans

The Northeast USA Vietnam Association meets December 7 at the Greenville Library, 11177 NY-32. They meet four times a year. Vietnam veterans who want to join should call Jim Sill at 518-966-5295 or go on nevietvets199@yahoo.com. Pictured (l-r) holding Girl Scout Cookies donated by the Girl Scouts of America are: Vietnam veterans Roger Benn, Nick Cataldo, Bill Wolter, Edward Felter, John Low, Bud Malone, Associate Member Betty Sill and Vietnam veteran Jim Sill.



Photo contributed

Veterans can get free soup Tuesday

GREENPORT — Great homemade soup is free to veterans on Soup Day at the Dwyer Center, 389 Fairview Avenue, next to Bagel Tyme, October 15 at 11:30 a.m. All veterans are welcomed.

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Letters

He picks Michelle Hinchey for state Senate

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my strong support for New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey (D) because of her record on healthcare and support for first responders. Senator Hinchey has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to improving the lives of New Yorkers through her legislative efforts and advocacy. As a father of a child with disabilities, it gives me great assurance our family has Michelle representing us and other families like ours in New York State. We have been through several emergency situations where we were lucky enough to receive the life-saving care first responders provided. Recognizing the critical role that first responders play in our communities, Michelle has championed legislation that directly addresses the challenges faced by first responders. She has championed bills that create new reimbursement sources for emergency medical services and expand the ability of ambulance services to administer life-saving blood transfusions that have been pivotal in enhancing emergency care. These measures not only improve immediate response capabilities, but also ensure that first responders have the necessary resources to continue their

amazing work. I don't want to think where we would be without them.

Michelle has also been a staunch advocate for expanding healthcare access. She has helped lead the passage of multiple bills aimed at increasing healthcare availability, particularly in underserved and rural areas. This includes initiatives to address staff shortages in rural ambulance services. No person or family should be without the healthcare services they need because of where they live. Like so many parents, I shoulder incredible responsibility to keep my child healthy, happy, and safe. I have had the misfortune to be in situations where I am unable to give my child the care they need. First responders, nurses, and doctors get called "heroes" a lot, but when you see one breathe life back into your child in the middle of the night, you understand the heroes they really are.

I think Michelle Hinchey gets this. Her dedication to healthcare and first responders is a testament to her leadership and vision. I wholeheartedly support her continued efforts and believe that her work will have a lasting positive impact on our state.

Jakob Cirell
Hyde Park

She applauds State Senator Michelle Hinchey's approach taken to more housing

To the Editor:

The housing crisis has left many of our neighbors struggling to pay for their homes, with reports indicating that both nationally and locally, rent or mortgage costs can consume half of a person's income each month. For others, finding housing within their means feels nearly impossible. While this is a complex issue without easy answers, we are fortunate to have State Senator Michelle Hinchey dedicated to finding real solutions.

Units (ADUs)—like granny apartments—to their properties. For five years, these homeowners won't be taxed on the increased property valuation, incentivizing the development of more affordable housing options.

In areas where housing supply is particularly low, Senator Hinchey authored a bill to temporarily stabilize rents, providing much-needed relief to families struggling to make ends meet.

These common-sense measures reflect her commitment to tackling the housing shortage and affordability crisis. Addressing this complex issue requires thoughtful consideration and a variety of solutions, and luckily, Senator Hinchey is on the job.

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Letters

Faso raises concerns over state constitution amendment on ballot

To the Editor:

Deborah Lans' article concerning Proposal 1 (see October 3 issue) gave short shrift to concerns about the proposed constitutional amendment. The amendment purports to protect abortion rights. Yet New York's law first enacted in 1970 is not under any threat of limitation or repeal. The amendment would add gender identity or expression as a constitutional

right and makes no distinction for minors. As such adoption of the amendment creates a "right" which will supersede mere statutory laws giving parents control over health-care decisions for their minor children.

This new "right" will also allow biological males to claim "discrimination" if denied participation in girls and women's sports. The legislature adopted this proposed amendment

without a single hearing. One would think that an amendment filled with vague terms and far reaching consequences would have warranted some discussion.

In their haste to make political points, our legislators failed again. Vote No on Prop 1.

John Faso
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The writer served in the state Assembly and US Congress

GOP charges Dems with 'falsehoods' about Molinaro's abortion record

To the Editor:

Democrat letter writers, please stop repeating falsehoods about Congressman Marc Molinaro's record on the abortion issue. The facts are these: Congressman Molinaro has consistently voiced his opposition to a national abortion ban. Democrats falsely portray votes cast in the House as creating criminal sanctions on doctors when the bill in question simply provides a responsibility to treat babies who are born alive after a failed abortion. This tragic situation is rare, but it does happen. The other votes uphold long-standing federal law under the Hyde amendment which prohibits taxpayer dollars being used to pay for abortions. Most people

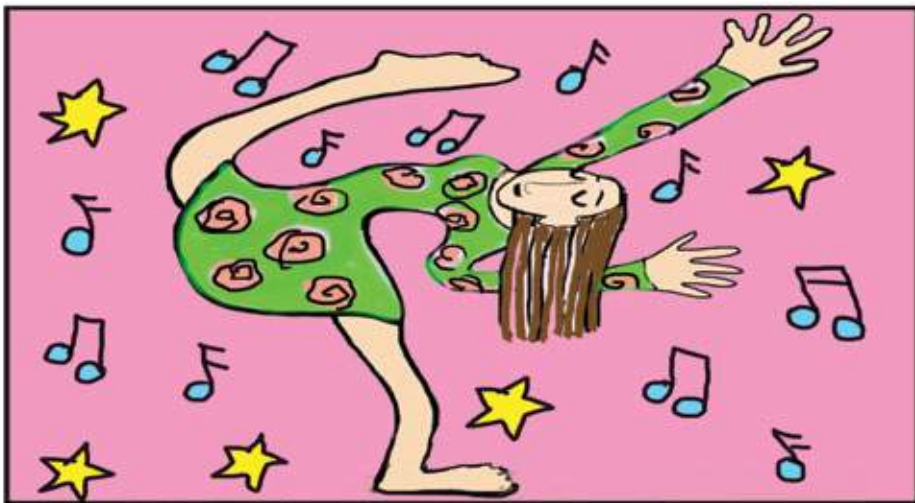
regardless of party agree with this position, and up until 2020 that was Joe Biden's lifetime position as well. It is also outrageous that Dr. Elaine Jaworski, a physician employed by Columbia Memorial Hospital has filmed a commercial making similarly false claims about Congressman Molinaro. Partisan differences are to be expected but the public should not be treated to a non-stop regurgitation of falsehoods. Democrats need to stop lying about Marc Molinaro's record.

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SPORTS

By LORNA CHEROT LITTLEWAY

Strikers head to Iceland for soccer tournament

THE STATELINE STRIKERS, a women's soccer team, are Iceland bound for a one-day championship tournament November 9. Five women's teams – four from the USA -- will compete in 10 to 12-minute rounds. The Strikers are guaranteed three games. They will compete in the 30+ year old category.

The Strikers play in the Columbia County Women's Soccer League (CCWSL), an informal group formed last year. The Strikers' players are drawn from both Columbia and Berkshire counties. They hone their skills through pick up games. According to Nicole Smith, who plays offense, "There is no coach. We learn from each other." However the team has enlisted trainer Laura Rowan, who "assists with team workouts and treats injuries."

The team started playing in Chatham's Crellin Park last summer, and moved to an indoor facility, The Fieldhouse in Canaan, in order to play in the winter. I watched a pick up practice/game there in early September. Seventeen women, an "unusually large group," said Smith, showed up.

I was graciously invited to "suit up." I was amazed by the physicality and stamina the sport requires. There is a lot of non-stop running around.

One group wears orange vests, called "pinnies" to identify the opponent and the other group wear team shirts or personal clothing. They relieve each other on a self-determined basis. A small net



Photo contributed

The Strikers (front row, l to r) Yessica Soriano (offense), Nicole Smith (offense), Amy Tedesco (offense), (back row) Jessi Caritey (defense), Ashley McLaughlin (goalkeeper), Allison Ryan (defense, alternate goalkeeper) and (not pictured) Ashley Rowe (midfield/defense).

is placed inside a large net. The small net substitutes for a "keeper" or goal tender. The objective is to score around the small net. There are many loud collisions of soccer balls rebounding off of body parts. The only safety gear is shin protectors (optional) and keepers wear gloves.

The Strikers will field 6 players and possibly a substitute in the tournament. In addition to Smith, the team is: on offense Yessica Soriano #7, and Amy Tedesco #13; on defense Jessi Caritey #3, Ashley Rowe #21, Allison Ryan #5 (midfield and alternate keeper) and Ashley McLaughlin #8 (keeper).

Five of the Strikers started playing at a young age, 4-8. Only

Soriano started as an adult at age 24 playing with the "Soccer Moms" for nine years before a one-year disruption due to Covid-19. Tedesco has played soccer consistently from youth to adulthood with brief breaks for two pregnancies. The other team members took long layoffs of 8-25 years between playing on school teams and joining the CCWSL.

These women are dedicated to the sport and to each other. In an email Tedesco explained, "When I first moved to the Berkshires, there was no organized soccer. I continued traveling back and forth to Northboro, MA every Thursday for well over a year, playing around five games

a night until the back and forth driving became too much. I stopped for about a year until the Pittsfield league started."

Smith and Soriano have tournament experience. They played in the Afrim's Blizzard Cup in Colonie last year. While they did not win they did play in five games.

The players were asked: What does going to Iceland mean to you? What would bringing home a championship mean to you? They responded via email.

Soriano: "...this will be my second time traveling to Iceland! I am extremely grateful for the first opportunity, and even more so for this second chance. To bring home a victory means so

much more than just the title—we would be representing women, sports, empowerment, and the dedication to our craft, while proudly carrying the banner of our country."

McLaughlin: "Going to Iceland means challenging myself, stepping outside of my comfort zone, and committing to a once in a lifetime experience... My main focus is...being competitive and holding my own on the soccer field once again." McLaughlin is a Taconic High School girls' varsity team assistant/goalie coach.

Ryan: "Iceland is proving that it doesn't matter how much time has passed...it's never too late to get back into something that you once loved. Bringing home the championship would be absolutely amazing. However...I'm just happy to get out there and play and to be a voice, inspire, and promote women in sports."

Caritey echoes Ryan's sentiment in part: "I can honestly say that I have not put much thought into winning a championship. I know the competition is stacked and really just want to be in the moment while I am there. I am just happy to be going"

Tedesco: "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity...to grow as a team [and] as an individual...I'm so thankful there's such an amazing group of women to share this experience with. [Winning the championship] is so much more than just bragging rights...This has fueled a fire to look for other tournaments to represent our communities in!"

Smith: "We have a great opportunity to do something out of the ordinary...We're demonstrating that there's a community of women who...are committed to playing...the goal has been to spread the word that we've organized a wonderful group...who get together each week to do something they love...and hopefully garner more support and participation in this local soccer 'club.' If we were to win...it would be a demonstration that all our hard work has paid off."

Games are scheduled weekly on Thursdays at 6 p.m. The Strikers, also, practice Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. The Strikers should have 7 more games and 7 practices before heading to Iceland.

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