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Barrett and Krakower run in 106th AD

By LORNA CHEROT LITTLEWAY

GHENT — The 106th Assembly District (AD) race features two long-serving office holders: the incumbent Democrat Didi Barrett with 12 years in the Assembly and the challenger, Republican Stephan Krakower, with 19 years in two positions in the City of Poughkeepsie. In June, Assemblymember Barrett beat back a primary challenge from Claire Cousin, 1st Ward Supervisor

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David Lee

Honoring the past while admiring the present

Kelly Drahushuk calls attention to the column that marks the grave of noted politician and judge John Edmonds at the Cedar Park Cemetery in Hudson during a tour on Sunday, October 20. The tour of the cemetery is an October tradition sponsored by the Hudson Area Library. For more on the event and the history of who is buried at the historic cemetery, see Page 26 of this issue.

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Residents' input sought on crossroads study findings

By DIANE VALDEN

ANCRAM—The results of the much anticipated engineer's evaluation and traffic study of the notoriously scary County Route 7 / State Route 82 intersection are in, now it's up to residents to say what to do about it.

Ancram Town Councilmember Amy Gold introduced the study during the Town Board Workshop session October 17, saying she had received the comprehensive 80-page report from the Albany engineering firm of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI).

A majority of Town Board members voted in favor of enlisting the services



GPI Intersection Evaluation Study

An aerial view of the problematic County Route 7 / State Route 82 intersection in the Ancram hamlet.

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Two climate milestones achieved by Philmont

PHILMONT — Philmont Climate Smart Community (PCSC) announces achieving two concurrent milestones: Bronze Certification and eligibility for a significant Clean Energy Community grant.

Sponsored by several state agencies, certifications are issued through the Department of Environmental Conservation to municipalities that have completed and authenticated a rigorous curriculum of catalytic actions to mitigating planet warming.

Selecting from 110 actions (value weighted by “mandatory,” “priority” and “standard”) grouped into 12 categories can be daunting. In the “standard” category Philmont chose actions such as greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, government building climate action plan, and environmentally preferred purchasing policy. The action that stands out for effectiveness and number of points is the official adoption of NYS Energy “Stretch” building code. This code anticipates future mandatory stringent measures such as increased insulation, high performance windows and doors and blower door testing for all new and substantial reconstruction building permits. This voluntary code compliance was accomplished by Philmont in 2021, making it one of very



Lindsey Strehlau-Howay

Philmont Climate Smart Community Task Force members (l to r) Michael Seserman, Debra Gitterman (Philmont trustee), Thomas Paino (chair), Arthur King, Sarah Barton-King.

few villages in the state to have done so.

On the Clean Energy Side, sponsored and administered by New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), Philmont achieved the 5,000 point threshold making it eligible for \$100,000 grant. Also, through NYSERDA, it has already received more than \$50,000 in GHG reduction grants covering items such as municipal building energy audits, installation of EV charging stations and commu-

nity campaigns to encourage residents and businesses to install heat pumps, solar panels and purchase EVs.

In addition, an energy conserving lighting upgrade of the sewage treatment plant was completed, and perhaps the most rewarding action was a discretionary grant to cover the purchase of energy-saving lightbulbs for public distribution (particularly meaningful to Philmont’s high percentage rental population).

In Governor Kathy Hochul’s recent announcement compli-

menting Climate Smart Community’s achievements on this tenth anniversary of the program, it was noted that Philmont was the only newly certified municipality in the Capital Region in this round. Referring to the state-wide program, Governor Hochul said, in a press release, “I congratulate this team on 10 years of implementing policies and plans that are successfully reducing greenhouse gas emissions to help build a stronger, more resilient Empire State.”

It takes an enormous

amount of work and dedication to reach these milestones and would not have been accomplished without the perseverance of the liaison Village Trustee Debra Gitterman and the commitment of Philmont Climate Smart Community Chair Thomas Paino. The task force, ranging from 5 to 12 members, consists of residents and business owners. The professionalism of the work produced by this group betrays its completely volunteer status and exhibits deep concern to address the effects of climate change. The village staff also plays a role, especially with access to pertinent documents and the need for signatures before deadline.

Moving forward the PCSC is about to hire a consultant to perform a study and “roadmap” to decarbonize the Village Hall which would provide a government example of achieving net-zero energy consumption in the Village’s most widely used public building. This action is enabled through a competitive grant awarded to PCSC by Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley. Other initiatives include a major solar installation on the sewage treatment plant, micro-hydro options and electrifying municipal vehicles and equipment.

Spark of Hudson holds ribbon cutting

HUDSO — The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce recently facilitated a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Spark of Hudson’s The Building at 502 Union Street. At the event, Executive Director Caitie Hilverman used the giant scissors to cut the ribbon and ceremonially welcome all friends and neighbors to The

Building. Additionally, Bill Gerlach, Columbia County Chamber president and CEO, presented Spark of Hudson’s founders Gigi Danziger and Albert Wenger with a congratulatory certificate from the chamber to commemorate the event.

The Spark of Hudson is a community organization dedicated to sparking curiosity and

nurturing a thriving city where every individual has the opportunity to flourish. Their major community initiatives focus on affordable housing (Hudson Dots), universal basic income pilot (HudsonUP), communal housing for healthcare students

(HudsonNEST) and skilled trades educational and workforce development (HudsonSTEP).

Their new headquarters is the home of Circles bagels, their co-working space CoLab, and a variety of beautifully designed spaces available for community

events and gatherings.

For more information on Spark of Hudson, visit sparkofhudson.org. For more information on the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, visit columbiachamber-ny.com.



Photo contributed

Spark of Hudson’s Executive Director Caitie Hilverman (holding the giant scissors) is surrounded by (l to r) Albert Wenger and Gigi Danziger, and Bill Gerlach.

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New warming center opens in Hudson

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON — A warming center with beds and meals opened in Hudson, October 17, as the Blanche Hotaling Memorial Mission. Located in the First Reformed Church of Hudson on Green Street and staffed 24/7, it will welcome anybody with no other shelter who comes to it at any time of the day or night.

The number of people in Columbia County classified as homeless is growing. For example, the number of individuals the Department of Social Services (DSS) recorded lodging while it worked with them to find them permanent stable housing rose from 97 in July 2022 to 124 in July 2023 to 151 in July 2024.

Now, the DSS reports, it has run out of hotel rooms to house them in.

By 2023, the DSS was exploring options for a warming center, DSS Director Bob Gibson explained at the mission's opening ceremony October 17. Then in May that year, Reverend Dan Herrick, pastor at the First Reformed Church, came to him and proposed using his church. Several people worked together on preparing the church for overnight occupancy, and in March and April this year they gave the warming center there a trial run.

During its month of operation, the preliminary warming center lodged four to 10 people every night, an average of 6.2 people a night. Of these 11% to 29% were women, and the rest were men.

Now in its established form, Mr. Gibson said he hopes the mission will be able to sleep up to 16 people a night in bunk



Jeanette Wolfberg

Bunk beds in a room at the Blanche Hotaling Memorial Mission in Hudson.

rooms. Two rooms in the church have been outfitted with bunk beds. Each bed has two tiers. On October 17, the beds were still being set up, but each room is to have four bunk beds and sleep eight. Some beds, Mr. Gibson said, will be designed to accommodate people with disabilities.

Each room is on a different floor. But on each floor near the room is a large bathroom with one toilet and a shower stall. Under each bed are containers for the guests to put

their belongings in. The guests will also have a "day room," a small ante room with a couch, next to the church sanctuary. And the mission will prepare and provide food for them on site.

If there are more guests than sleeping space in the bunk rooms, the overflow will be able to sleep in the church's large dining room, Mr. Gibson said. On October 17, some rooms had stacks of mattresses, more than will be needed for the beds in the bunk rooms.

Ideally, Mr. Gibson said, women and men will sleep in separate rooms, and the mission currently is not intended to lodge families with children. But both of these rules can be loosened, depending on the time an emergency occurs and what guests are already there.

After a person's first night in the mission, DSS will meet with them, as soon as possible, to discuss finding stable shelter. At the opening ceremony, somebody foresaw possible

shifting of clients between hotel rooms and the mission, depending on the circumstances.

The mission will always be staffed: in daytime, by the church; at night, by the Mental Health Association of Columbia and Greene Counties (MHA). Lining up enough MHA staff to do this at night was the last thing that needed to be done before opening the mission, Mr. Gibson said. He also told Hudson Police Chief Mishanda Franklin that DSS will keep law enforcement updated.

Originally the mission was going to start accepting new guests on November 1, but it might do so sooner, depending on weather and other circumstances.

At the opening ceremony, Mr. Gibson thanked "all the people who worked on this." Several county supervisors, law enforcers, Joan Hunt of Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood, and other prominent local people attended.

Hudson Mayor Kamal Johnson said, "Our homeless population is growing. The way to shelter is shrinking. All hotels are full. I got a call this morning; two gentlemen have no place to stay."

A speaker said that 10 to 12 years ago if someone asked whether there was a homeless problem, she would have said, "Not really." Now, she sees people who appear to have no home in various spots in Hudson, including "camping behind the church" and "on the steps of the church."

Director of Emergency Management David Harrison called the mission "the first of something like this in Columbia County."



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Hero deputies honored for outstanding public service

Columbia County Sheriff's Deputies Timothy Gladwin (l) and Cody Falkner recently received the Columbia County American Legion Law Enforcement Certificate of Commendation for outstanding public service, presented by Columbia County American Legion Commander Eric De Kraai. On August 18 these two heroes entered a burning apartment building on Church Street in Copake without hesitation and saved the life of a sleeping resident. During the presentation, Commander De Kraai said, "I know they both feel they were just doing their job, doing what was expected of them but, to us, they're heroes!"



Columbia County Sheriff's Office Facebook post

Passenger dead, driver charged with manslaughter

By DIANE VALDEN

NEW BALTIMORE—A Hudson man was killed in a one-vehicle crash and the driver, also from Hudson, faces charges.

A Greene County Sheriff's Office press release reports that deputies were called to the scene of a crash on County Route 54, Thursday, October 17 at 10:32 a.m. in the Greene County town of New Baltimore.

First responders found two occupants in the vehicle and immediately started life saving measures.

A preliminary investigation revealed that a 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee operated by Evan Kravitz, 43, of Hudson was headed southwest on County Route 54 when his vehicle went off the roadway and struck several trees. A passenger in the vehicle, identified as Vance Cohen, 29, of Hudson was

pronounced dead at the scene.

Deputies charged Mr. Kravitz with one count of second degree vehicular manslaughter (a class D felony) and driving while ability impaired by drugs (an unclassified misdemeanor). Mr. Kravitz was arraigned in New Baltimore Court and sent to the Greene County Jail without bail.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by State Police, New Baltimore Fire Department, Medway-Grapeville Fire Department, Cossackie Ambulance, Greene County Paramedics, and the Greene County District Attorney's Office.

Claverack

A Craryville man was arrested after breaking into a home, October 13.

State Police in Livingston with the assistance of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office arrested David A.

Grant, Jr., 39, of Craryville after he allegedly forced his way into the home of a person with whom he had a prior relationship.

An investigation determined Mr. Grant allegedly forced entry into the residence of the victim through a bathroom window and allegedly struck the victim—all in violation of a full order of protection.

Mr. Grant was charged with second degree burglary, a class C felony; first degree criminal contempt, a class E felony; fourth degree criminal mischief and second degree criminal contempt, both class A misdemeanors.

He was arraigned in Claverack Court and sent to the Columbia County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bond and is next scheduled to appear before the court at a future date.

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Firefighters answer two accident calls Saturday

There was no rest for the Chatham firefighters the evening of Saturday, October 19, according to a Chatham Fire Department (CFD) Facebook post. Fire and rescue squad members responded to a pair of accidents with injuries. At 6:37 p.m. CFD was dispatched for a motorcycle vs. deer accident on State Route 203 and Shufelt Road. At 10:13 p.m. CFD was dispatched with State Police and Chatham Rescue for a two-car personal injury auto accident at the intersection of Spring and Austerlitz streets (pictured). Chatham Rescue transported to the Berkshire Medical Center. Firefighters were back in service at 11:26 p.m.



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C-G Board of Realtors host blood drive

GREENPORT — On October 28, the Columbia Greene Board of Realtors will host a Red Cross blood drive. The hours are from 1 to 6 p.m. The office is at 337 Fairview Avenue. To make an appointment go to the Red Cross website www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive or call 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins are also welcome. Everyone donat-

ing will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by email and a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. For details go to RedCrossBlood.org/Treat. Help the Board of Realtors fill up all the slots during the day! For more information about the Columbia Greene Board of Realtors go to columbiagreene.com or call 518-828-7871.

Learn about ‘Lifestyle Options for Senior Living’

CANAAN—Columbia County residents are invited to attend Canaan Congregational Church’s (Canaan UCC) free Community Seminar Series, featuring Choice Connection’s “Lifestyle Options for Senior Living” at 1670 County Route 5, November 1 at 10:30 a.m.

The program is presented in collaboration with staff at NY Connects—Columbia County, a program of The Healthcare Consortium. This workshop will be presented by co-owner of Choice Connections and Certified Senior Advisor, Renee Birnbaum.

“Our presentation aims to provide valuable information on a range of services tailored to older adults who wish to age in the comfort of their own homes. Additionally, we will delve into the

various senior housing options available, including supportive senior apartments, assisted living facilities, and memory care communities,” Ms. Birnbaum said in a press release.

“Caregivers will benefit from an overview of the support systems within the community, and we will address crucial topics that every caregiver should address with their loved ones, such as financial planning and end-of-life decisions. This insightful session will empower you with the knowledge needed to make informed choices,” she said.

For additional information about NY Connects, contact Rachel Cole via email at rcole@columbiahealthnet.org.

Find out more about the church at www.canaanucc.org.

Town joins PureSky in community solar program

VALATIE — The Town of Kinderhook and its Climate Task Force is holding an information session on October 24 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building, 3211 Church Street, about the town’s Community Solar program.

Representatives from

PureSky Energy, the company the town is partnering on the program, will be available to answer residents’ questions and explain the benefits of community solar. Residents can also sign up at the event if they choose to participate.

Light refreshments will be offered.

Free car wash with food donation set for October 26-27

GREENPORT — For the second time in 2024 and for the 13th consecutive year, the staff at Hoffman Car Wash will be collecting non-perishable food items to support local area food pantries. On Saturday, October 26, and Sunday, October 27, Hoffman Car Wash will provide a free Ultimate Car Wash with every food donation.

Hoffman Car Wash has partnered with 20 regional food pantries to provide much-needed assistance for families and individuals in need. Donations collected during throughout the weekend will be distributed to food pantries in the locations’ neighborhood.

This year’s pantries include:

Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (Albany), Fulmont Community Action Agency (Amsterdam, Gloversville), Good Neighbors (Binghamton), The Food Pantries of the Capital District (Colonie, Loudonville), Captain Community Human

Services (Clifton Park, Halfmoon), Albany Community Action Partnership (Cohoes), Bethlehem Food Pantry (Delmar), The Anchor Food Pantry (East Greenbush), Salvation Army (Hudson), People’s Place (Kingston), Northeast Regional Food Bank (Latham), Utica Rescue Mission (New Hartford), Salvation Army (Oneonta), South Glens Falls Moreau Community Center (Queensbury, Moreau), Rome Food Pantry (Rome), Franklin Community Center (Saratoga), The Wilton Food Pantry (Saratoga), Hope 7 Food Pantry (Troy), Loaves and Fish Food Pantry (Vestal), and Utica Food Pantry (Yorkville).

Suggestions of non-perishable food items to donate include canned meat or fish, canned entrees (stew, ravioli, etc.), canned fruit in juice, canned spaghetti sauce, canned soup, hot or cold cereal, canned 100% juice, and peanut butter and jelly.

To participate, individuals only need to donate one non-perishable food item at any Exterior or Full Service location. A complete list of locations can be found at HoffmanCarWash.com.

The Fall Food Drive, and the Spring Food Drive that took place in June, are part of Hoffman Car Wash’s Practice Kindness initiative, which spreads positivity and goodwill in the communities it serves. By practicing kindness, Hoffman Car Wash hopes to make a positive impact and inspire others to do the same. To add to this, Hoffman Car Wash has a long-standing relationship supporting Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH), BreakthroughT1D, the American Red Cross, and the Saratoga Senior Center, among many others.

Hoffman Car Wash also supports many non-profits and youth organizations through its Helping Hands Fundraising program.

Neverstill Wines opens in Hudson

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening for Neverstill Wines at 739 Warren Street in Hudson with a Ribbon Cutting. At the event, Christy Counts owner of Neverstill Wines used the giant chamber scissors to cut the ribbon and ceremonially welcome their neighbors and customers to their wine tasting room to enjoy of glass of their lovely wines. Ms. Counts accepted Congratulatory Certificates from the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, Assemblymember Didi Barret’s office, and Senator Michelle Hinchey’s office. For more information on Neverstill Wines, visit neverstillwines.com. For more information on the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, visit www.columbiachamber-ny.com.



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Price Chopper partners with Optum Financial to accept health benefit cards

GHENT — Price Chopper/Market 32 has announced a partnership with Optum Financial, a technology payment platform, to make it easier for S3 health benefit cardholders to use their health plan funds for purchasing eligible products at all Price Chopper/Market 32 locations.

Beginning this October, customers can use their S3 cards instantly at checkout on a variety of approved items, empowering them to make healthier choices for themselves and their families.

“We strive to provide shop-

pers with the best selection across our array of high-quality, healthy offerings,” said Blaine Bringham, president of Price Chopper/Market 32, in a press release. “We are pleased to offer the convenience of using S3 healthy benefit cards at Price Chopper and Market 32, in addition to the many ways to save on products that meet the needs of our guests.”

Depending on the cardholder’s health benefit plan, coverage may include purchases of healthy foods such as fresh, frozen, and canned produce, over-the-counter medicines

and treatments, and other items that promote healthier living.

“Healthy shopping benefits make eating well and staying well more attainable by expanding access to more options and supporting food dignity,” said Ellie Wilson, MS, RDN, Lifestyle and Wellness Manager for Price Chopper/Market 32, also in the release. “Nourishing our neighborhoods is an important part of our mission and this program will play a vital role in helping create stronger communities.”

For more information, visit <http://www.pricechopper.com/benefit-card>.

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Shakespeare & Co announces match challenge to support Fall Festival

LENOX, MA — Shakespeare & Company has announced a \$25,000 Match Challenge made by an anonymous donor to benefit the Fall Festival of Shakespeare. Every dollar contributed to the company's Education Program before the close of Fall Festival Weekend, November 21 – 24, will be doubled up to \$25,000.

Now in its 36th year, the Fall Festival of Shakespeare brings together more than 500 high school students from 10 schools across Massachusetts and New York for a nine-week, non-competitive exploration of Shakespeare's plays culminating in full-scale productions at their schools and on the main stage at the Tina Packer Playhouse.

Director of Development Sunie Gorey expressed her excitement about the challenge.

"We deeply appreciate the generosity of our donors and their unwavering commitment to our mission," she said in a press release. "This matching challenge not only strengthens our Fall Festival but also fosters a culture of philanthropy within our community. The impact and significance of the



Photo contributed

A Pittsfield High School student performs in the 35th annual Fall Festival of Shakespeare in 2023.

Fall Festival are truly inspiring and invaluable."

Director of Education Kevin G. Coleman added he hopes to reach the \$25,000 goal in time to announce the

match during Fall Festival Weekend.

"By donating today, you not only ensure the continuation of this extraordinary program but also unlock a dollar-for-

dollar match," he said, also in the release, noting that spreading the word on social media or among groups of friends and family also helps. "We'd be delighted if you would tell us

what the Fall Festival has meant to you."

Fall Festival of Shakespeare performances at Shakespeare & Company are held from Thursday, November 21 through Sunday, November 24, and are open to the public, featuring shows produced by students from:

Taconic Hills Jr/Sr High School, Craryville; Chatham High School, Chatham; Berkshire Waldorf High School, Great Barrington, MA; Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, MA; Lenox Memorial High School, Lenox, MA; Mount Everett Regional School, Sheffield, MA; Lee Middle & High School, Lee, MA; Monument Mountain Regional High School, Great Barrington, MA; Springfield Central High School, Springfield, MA; Mt. Greylock Regional High School, Williamstown, MA

Donations may be made at shakespeare.org, or by calling the Development office at 413.637.1199, ext. 145.

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of GPI back in June for \$14,000 to study the intersection and come back with data and recommendations about how to fix it. The decision to spend the money did not sit well with Councilmember David Boice and some residents who said it was not the responsibility of the town to pay for the study, but rather that the state or the county should pay since those entities have jurisdiction over the two intersection roads. When it came to a vote, all board members were in favor, except Mr. Boice.

Ms. Gold, who has been meeting with county and state officials about the intersection hazards, told The Columbia Paper recently that all parties agreed that nothing could be done until a road engineering study was completed. The “state has a five-year backlog” on such projects/studies and “the county can’t do anything without the state,” said Councilmember Gold, who called the situation a “Catch-22.”

Noting her concern that the town could bear some liability with regard to the intersection, Ms. Gold cited a State Supreme Court case regarding a serious personal injury accident that occurred at an intersection in Red Hook, Dutchess County.

According to a February

2024 story in The Daily Catch, “County Ordered to Pay \$6.5 Million in Grisly 2018 Linden Avenue-Rockefeller Lane Car Accident; Jury Blames Dangerous Intersection”: “...jurors concluded that the county [was] negligent in not completing a traffic study on Rockefeller Lane or installing stop signs, as Red Hook residents have requested after a deadly 2007 accident at the same intersection. The devastating outcome for [the victim] may have been preventable, the jurors ruled.”

Dutchess County was “found partly liable in a 2018 Red Hook traffic accident that severely impacted the life of a young Hudson man...the jury in the civil case...ordered the county to pay [the victim] \$6.5 million.”

The GPI report notes with regard to the County Route 7 / State Route 82 intersection, “There is a desire by the Town to improve operations and safety at this skewed intersection with limited sight distance. The goal of this study is to assess existing traffic conditions, document the operational and safety needs of the intersection, and develop recommendations for potential intersection improvements.”

The first 15 pages of the report cover all aspects of the intersection from existing con-

ditions including: roadway description, right of way review, data collection, sight distance evaluation, crash history and existing traffic volumes.

Other sections include: Historic Areas Review, Operating conditions and Alternative Consideration.

“The intersection has a triangular island with a historic war memorial and all property surrounding the intersection are on the historic registry. The intersection is also adjacent to the Ancram fire department, whose paved area is routinely used by turning trucks that can’t make the turn from eastbound NY-82 to southbound CR 7 because of the intersection skew. The inability of trucks to make right turn movements at this intersection combined with the severely limited sight distance on the southbound approach are significant safety concerns the Town would like to address.”

A field review was conducted for the report July 23 and July 25 which included data collection of information pertaining to traffic counts, sight distances, existing roadway geometry, traffic speeds, and traffic observations.

Crash history data for five years December 31, 2018 through December 31, 2023 was collected from the State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). A total of four crashes occurred during that time period—all of them property damage only.

The report notes that “although there were just a few crashes at the intersection, field and video observations showed a high frequency of near misses at the intersection. There was one observation of a passenger exiting a vehicle to guide the driver through the intersection and/or ensure it was safe to cross. Instances of users getting confused and making unsafe or erratic maneuvers was also observed.

“The severely limited sight distance, even without a significant crash history, is a safety concern that needs to be addressed.”

The report contains an analysis of whether an all-way-stop signal is warranted at the intersection. Conditions at the intersection do not meet most criteria for an all-way-stop, but the report does note, “All-way stop control may be installed at an intersection where an engineering study indicates that sight distance on the minor-road approaches controlled by a STOP sign is not adequate for a vehicle to turn onto o[r] cross the major (uncontrolled) road.

“Given the severely limited sight distance for the southbound approach, this criterion would apply and would justify the installation of all-way stop control at the intersection. This, however, is subject to NYSDOT approval as NY Route 82 is owned and maintained by them.”

Options for improving conditions at the intersection start with new striping on County

Route 7 northbound with a more noticeable stop bar location to significantly reduce confusion about right-of-way for drivers (even though there is a flashing red light). Other options include realignment of the northern and southern approaches to the intersection, relocation of a stairway to a private residence on the northern approach and the construction of a roundabout. Cost estimates are given for each option with the roundabout being the most costly at \$2.5 million. The report also contains numerous photos, renderings, diagrams, charts and an extensive Historic Registry Records section.

The complete report is available to the public on the Town of Ancram website at www.ancramny.org.

Ms. Gold asks that the public read the report and send their comments and questions to her at amyrgold@gmail.com before the next meeting. A public workshop and discussion on the intersection will take place at 6 p.m. prior to the next Town Board meeting Thursday, November 14 (the meeting has been rescheduled from the regular third Thursday). GPI VP Michael Wieszchowski will be at the workshop meeting to answer questions and concerns. Ms. Gold will forward the public’s emails to Mr. Wieszchowski so he can come prepared to respond.

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BARRETT AND KRAKOWER

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in Hudson, 57 – 43%.

The 106th AD covers parts of Columbia and Dutchess counties. In Columbia the district extends from Lebanon and Chatham in the northeast corner south to Ancram and Gallatin, west to Clermont and northwest to the City of Hudson.

The northern Dutchess county portion runs from Millerton in the east to Milan in the west; the middle section includes Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley; the southern tier runs from Poughkeepsie to Wappinger Falls. The Dutchess County population more than quadruples Columbia County according to the 2020 Census.

Didi Barrett

Assemblymember Barrett, age 74, was born in New York and resides in Claverack in Columbia County. She has two grown children. Ms. Barrett has a bachelor’s degree from UCLA and a master’s degree from NYU. She is endorsed by the Democratic Party.

She is affiliated with the boards



Photos contributed

Didi Barrett

of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Anderson Foundation for Autism. She has served on the boards of the Millbrook Education Foundation and Sprout Creek Farm, an educational farm in Poughkeepsie.

Assemblymember Barrett self-describes as a “lifetime advocate for women and girls.” To this end she spearheaded the creation of the Dutchess Girls Collaborative and is the founding chair of Girls Incorporated of NYC. Other group associations include: New York Women’s Foundation,

Planned Parenthood of NYC, the Women’s Campaign Forum and NARAL Pro-Choice New York as a former board member.

Didi Barrett was elected to the New York State Assembly in a special election in March 2012. She is currently chair of the Assembly’s Energy Committee, and serves on the Committees on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development; Agriculture; and Environmental Conservation.

Candidate statement of issues: Didi is passionate about the agricultural, historical, cultural and natural resources of the Hudson Valley and their critical importance as economic drivers and job creators. She has been a longtime advocate for women and girls, LGBTQ and reproductive rights.

Didi has secured significant funding to combat food insecurity, build affordable housing, support libraries, schools, municipalities, first responders, environmental and arts organizations in her district. She is outspoken about destigmatizing mental health issues and bringing more resources to the fight against Lyme and tick borne illnesses.

She is committed to making our region a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Stephan L. Krakower

Information about Stephan Krakower has been pulled from his website, www.stephan4ny.com and the Poughkeepsie Journal as the Columbia Paper did not receive a completed candidate questionnaire from his campaign by the publication deadline.

Mr. Krakower was born and raised in Poughkeepsie, where he resides “in the same home in which I was raised – a home my hardworking immigrant grandparents built as an apple farm...” He graduated from the Spackenkill School District. He is married to his wife, Sharyn, and has two daughters, Gabrielle and Hannah.

Mr. Krakower represented the 5th ward in Poughkeepsie as a councilman for 15 years, first winning election in March 2000. He touts his time on the Poughkeepsie council, “I was a powerful and outspoken advocate for fiscal responsibility, accountability and reduction of waste in government.” He resigned from the council when he was appointed a town judge in 2015. Of his time as a judge Mr. Krakower states, “I was fair and compassionate while presiding over felonies, misdemeanors, and violations. I made sure victims were prioritized and gave people the chance to receive help through counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation.”

He retired from public service



Photos contributed

Stephan Krakower

when he lost re-election to Poughkeepsie Justice Court by nine votes in 2019, and has practiced law as a private attorney for 25 years. “As an attorney...I have over 20 years helping clients in all aspects of civil and criminal matters in the courts of New York.”

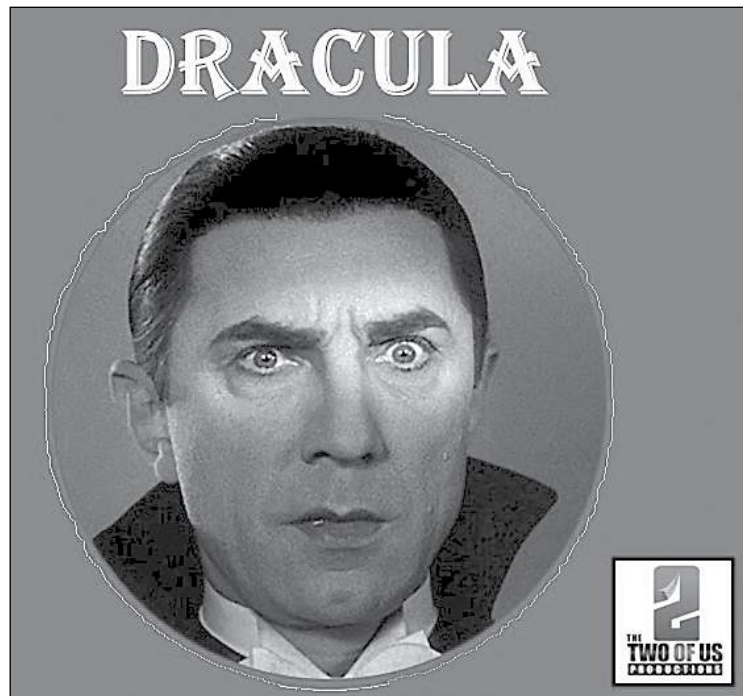
A Poughkeepsie Journal article, 9/13/2024, identified the “campaign’s main objective (is) to make the Hudson Valley ‘a more affordable place to live,’ in an effort to help residents stay in New York State.” Krakower, also, noted that “energy costs . . . as well as utility costs, have gone up immensely after the closure of Indian Point Energy Center, and there was ‘no real good plan on what to do,’ but he’ll help to ‘figure out better ways.’”

Mr. Krakower, also, appears on the Conservative Party line.

The Two Of Us presents the thrills and chills of 'Dracula' on Zoom

COPAKE — The Two Of Us Productions presents the fourth installment of their Virtual Live-Staged Reading Series for 2024 with a Halloween special production of "Dracula" by Bram Stoker and adapted by Orson Welles for the Mercury Theater Of The Air. This performance is being presented on Saturday evening October 26 at 7 p.m. in collaboration with Roving Actors' Repertory Ensemble (RARE) Inc.

"Dracula" is a 1897 Gothic horror novel by Irish author Bram Stoker. It is presented with a combination of live action interspersed with a narrative is related in the form of letters, diary entries, and newspaper articles. It has no single protagonist and opens with solicitor Jonathan Harker taking a business trip to stay at the castle of a Transylvanian nobleman, Count Dracula. Harker escapes the castle after discovering that Dracula is a vampire, and the count moves to England and plagues the seaside town of Whitby. A small group, led by Abraham Van Helsing, investigate and hunt down the cunning



"Dracula," a Virtual Live-Staged Reading.

Photo contributed

Dracula, finally cornering him in his last remaining hiding place and killing him to the last rays of the setting sun

To learn the rest of this chilling story you'll have to R.S.V.P to www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org and then see this thrilling

drama in the comfort of your own home. This performance is free to the public, donations are gratefully accepted.

The Two Of Us Productions is well known throughout the Hudson Valley for presenting quality theater, both musicals and dramas. Their recent pro-

ductions of "Sweeney Todd," "Cabaret," "Young Frankenstein," "Deathtrap," "Chicago," "Les Miserables," "Next to Normal," "Mamma Mia!" and "Jesus Christ Superstar" were all recognized by the Theatre Association of NYS with multiple awards. Reviews of their recent virtual live-staged readings of three Arthur Miller scripts "All My Sons," "Broken Glass," and an adaptation of "An Enemy Of The People" will appear in upcoming editions of The Arthur Miller Journal.

These performances are supported with funds from Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation, Stewart's Shops,

Bank of Greene County, Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation, Greylock Federal Credit Union, The Ackerman Foundation, and Key Bank Foundation. This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by CREATE Council on the Arts.

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FRI 10/25 > THURS 10/31		518.789.0022	
CONCLAVE LEE WE LIVE IN TIME SCREAM 2	Saturday, Oct. 26 @ 7PM Meet the Director 64 DAYS + Q&A with NICK QUESTED & RICHARD SCHLESINGER Sunday, Oct. 27 @ 1:30 PM SOAR Student Film Showcase Thursday, Oct. 31 @ 7 PM NOSFERATU with RADIOHEAD a Silents Synced Film	Showtimes & Tickets 	
Tuesday, October 29 @ 7 PM - FREE MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME COMPETITION!			
<small>48 MAIN STREET, MILLERTON, NY</small>			

EVENTS Calendar

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

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

CONTINUING EVENTS

Mondays

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

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

First Mondays

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

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

Second Mondays

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

BOOK CLUB, Valatie Free Library, 1036 Kinderhook St, 6 pm. All adult readers are welcome to join the book club. 518 758-9321, valatielibrary.net

HUDSON AMERICAN LEGION POST #184, 104 Cty Rte 25, Stockport, monthly meetings, 7 pm. To become a member, bring DD214 to a meeting. 518-828-4707.

Third Mondays

BANNED BOOKS BOOK CLUB, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 5:30 pm. Join for a monthly discussion on a variety of titles—many of which you may have heard of in the news. 518 758-6192, <https://kinderhooklibrary.org/>

Fourth Mondays

ZOOM AROUND THE WORLD, on Zoom, 6:30 pm. The Columbia County Libraries Association's online book club to read books by international authors. To obtain the Zoom link email merka@chatham.k12.ny.us.

Last Mondays

NONFICTION BOOK GROUP, Hudson Area Library, virtual event, 6-7 pm. Read and discuss "The Country of the Blind" by Andrew Leland. Email info@hudsonarealibrary.org for the Zoom link.

Mondays, Tuesdays

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

MAH JONGG, The Valatie Free Library, 1036 Kinderhook Street, noon. 518 758-9321, <https://valatielibrary.net>

Mondays, Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

Mondays, Thursdays

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

First Tuesdays

BOOTS ON THE GROUND, High-N-Mighty, 71 CR 21C, Ghent, 6-7:30 pm. Veterans welcome for evening of equine activities full of hands-on experiences with the herd. Registration recommended, walk-ins welcome. Rachel@high-n-mighty.org, 518 965-3027, dan-aerin1222@gmail.com.

First & Third Tuesdays

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

Second Tuesdays

TRI-VILLAGE SENIORS, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1010 Kinderhook St/ Rte 9, Valatie, 1 pm. \$5 dues 2024, \$10 2025. New members welcome. Info, trip reservations Joyce Meservey 518-610-9095

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson Ave, 6:30 pm, free. For adults. Learn basics, explore new formats, meet new people, develop your characters. kinderhooklibrary.org.

Second & Third Tuesdays

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

Third Tuesdays

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

Last Tuesdays

SENIOR COFFEE HOUR, Hillsdale House, 1 Anthony St, 10-11:30 am. Coffee, donuts, conversation. Presented by Hillsdale Safe at Home Committee. hillsdalesafeathome@gmail.com

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DIGITAL NAVIGATOR OFFICE HOURS, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Hillsdale, 1-4 pm. Digital Navigators can help you get online at the library or help you use your personal device to get things done. Walk-ins are welcome, appointments are appreciated. Email communications@roejanlibrary.org or call 518-325-4101.

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

HUDSON COMMUNITY CHESS CLUB, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 5-6:30 pm. Through December 4. All Ages, registration recommended, drop-ins welcome. A basic knowledge of chess is required. Join a weekly round-robin game with players. Rankings and stats will be kept, and Chess Instructor Theo Baker is on hand to offer advice and guidance. https://hudsonhall.org

VIRTUAL SPANISH CLASSES FOR ADULTS, Hudson Area Library, 51N 5th St, 5-6 pm. Virtual via Zoom. Learn conversational Spanish during this engaging online class. Through November 20. No class November 6. Email programs@hudsonarealibrary.org to register.

ENGLISH CLASS, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 6-8 pm, free. For adults who want to improve reading, writing, English speaking skills. Free childcare available. Registration 518 828-1792, colgreene@literacyconnections.org.

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

First & Third Wednesdays

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

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

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

Come hear flute and piano at Clarion Concerts performance

Clarion Concerts presents Anthony Trionfo, flute, and Albert Cano Smit, piano, in the second concert of their 2024-2025 season on Saturday, November 2, 7 p.m. They will be performing works by Francis Poulenc, Amy Beach, Adrian Dee, Sergei Prokofiev, Sofia Gubaidulina, Sebastian Currier, Ian Clarke, Claude Debussy, and John Kimura Parker. The concert is at The Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, 2950 Church St, Pine Plains. For tickets and information go to www.clarionconcerts.org



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RAINBOW LOUNGE—LGBTQ Aging Well Peer Support Group, Spark of Hudson Building, 502 Union St Hudson, 6:30-8 pm. Group helps LGBTQ+ people 40+ share food & provide peer support for negotiating changes/challenges associated with aging well. Co-hosted by Q-MoB & Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center. 1-503-734-6508, queermenoftheberkshires@gmail.com

Second & Fourth Wednesdays

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

Fourth Wednesdays

BOOK GROUP, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 5-6 pm. Read and discuss "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon for October 23. Registration, programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518-828-1792 X101.

READ BIPOC BOOK CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave., 5:30 pm. A collaboration between the Chatham Bookstore and the Chatham Public Library. Discussions will be led by Sharon Weinberg of the Chatham Bookstore. Email: merka@chatham.k12.ny.us.

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

Wednesdays, Saturdays

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

CORE STRENGTH & BALANCE CLASSES, Hudson Area Library at the Senior Center, 51 N 5th St, 10:30-11:30 am. Through November 21. Enhance agility and strength. Registration required. Call 518-828-1792 x101 or email programs@hudsonarealibrary.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Thursdays

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

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

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Second Thursdays

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

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

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

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

MAKE IT & TAKE IT: CRAFTS MEETUP FOR ADULTS, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6:30 pm. All materials provided. Registration is appreciated, call 518-794-8844 or email info@newlebanonlibrary.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ROE JAN FOOD PANTRY, 2684 Rt 23 (basement of the Sheriff's Substation), Hillsdale, Pick up orders 10 am-noon. Appointments as needed. Call ahead if possible: Betty White 518 441-2789 or Jackie Dextraze 518 965-5770. Questions roejanfoodpantry@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

First & Third Fridays
LEBANON VALLEY SENIORS, Community Center, 523 Rt 20, New Lebanon, 1 pm. New members welcome. Ages 55+ \$15/year; free for 80 years+. Contact lebanonseniorcitizens@gmail.com or call William Shannon at 518-938-1039. Senior page with full calendar, trip information at TownofNewLebanon.com

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

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

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

Saturdays
TECH TUTORS, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, by appointment. High school students provide one-on-one help for adults to learn basic computer skills or how to better use their device. Bring your tablet, phone, or laptop. Visit the library or call 518 392-3666 to sign up.

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

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

Hudson Hall presents "No Cowards in Our Band"

"No Cowards in Our Band" is a musical drama telling the story of Frederick Douglass (1818-1895). Set against the backdrop of post-Reconstruction America, Douglass is portrayed considering the social, economic, and political ramifications of slavery and the Civil War and their impact on the future of the United States. Concept and Libretto by Anthony Knight, Jr., musical arrangement by Orrin Evans, and directed by Michael Hofmann. The performance is Saturday, November 2 at 7 p.m. at Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St. Tickets start at \$19 (plus \$3 fee) at hudsonhall.org

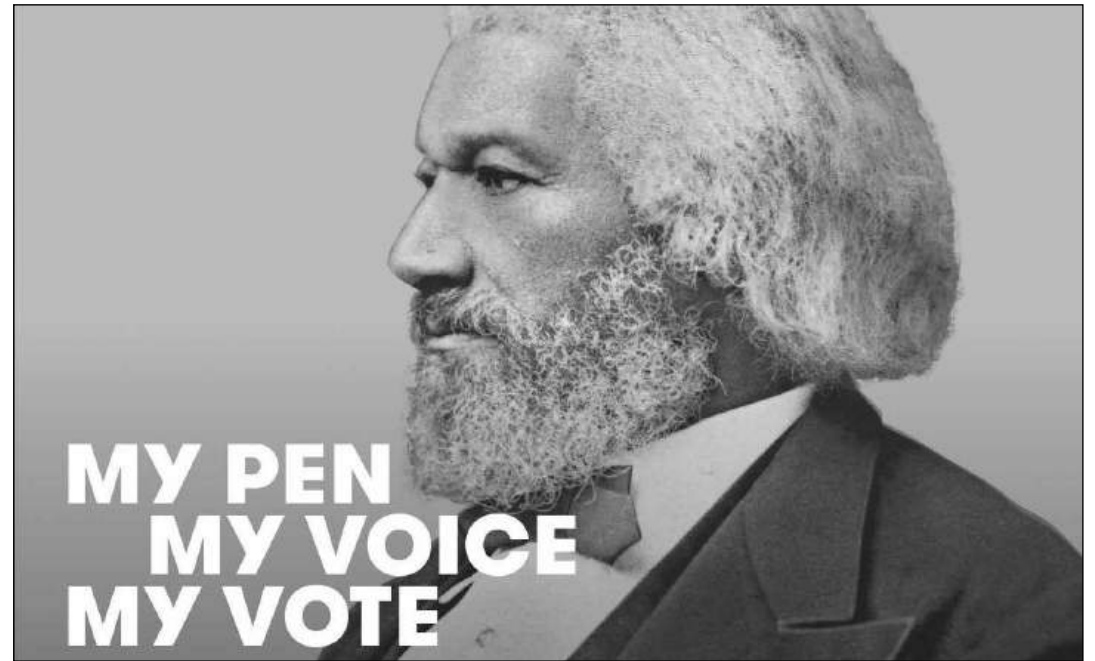


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MAHJONG, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am-1 pm, free. For all skill levels. RSVP librarydirector@newlebanonlibrary.org.

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

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

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

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

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

First Sundays
BOOK GROUP, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am. Copies of the book are available by request at local libraries. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

First & Third Sundays
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson Ave, 3 pm, free. For adults. Learn basics, explore new formats, meet new people, develop your characters. kinderhooklibrary.org.

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

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

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

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

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

HALLOWEEN
Through 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

October 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. Space limited, reservations required. \$15 adults, \$5 children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. To reserve tickets call 518-537-4240.

October 26
TRUNK OR TREAT: FIREFIGHTER EDITION, FASN Y 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 firetruck & trunk. No reservations needed.

PUMPKIN PAINTING, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 11-1 pm. With a variety of pumpkins to choose from and all the supplies you need, you can let your imagination run wild and create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Serving hot cider and apple cider donuts. Registration is required since pumpkin supply is limited. Email Tia at youth@roejanlibrary.org

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 & park, 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

TRICK OR TRIVIA, Taghkanic Firehouse, 631 Old Rte 82, 2-3 pm. Taghkanic Senior Network presents a scary afternoon of Halloween trivia, free, family friendly, prizes, snacks. Questions? Contact taghkanic-60plus@gmail.com

HUDSON HALLOWEEN, Trick or Treat on Warren St, 2-4 pm; gather at 7th Street Park for Parade to Costume Contest at Hudson Hall 4 pm. Free, open to all ages. Rain or shine. Break out those superhero capes and princess crowns for another Halloween in Hudson.

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 518-828-1792 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/>

HATSGIVING, The Roe Jan Library, 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale. October Great Give Back. Hatsgiving is a project to collect new, soft hats (store-bought or handmade) sizes newborn to adult for pediatric cancer treatments centers around the country. For more information go to www.roejanlibrary.org/the-great-give-back-2024/

Through December 29
HOLIDAY SEASON FOOD DRIVE, Clermont State Historic Site, visitor center, 1 Clermont Avenue, drop off non-perishable food items in designated collection bin during normal business hours: Thursday-Sunday, 10:30 am-4 pm, now through December 29. Needed items include shelf-stable milk & dairy, cooking oils, canned meat (chicken & fish), canned vegetables & fruit, peanut butter & jelly, dry cereals, hearty canned soups & chilis, baby food, boxed pasta, rice & stuffing mix. Make monetary donations online at friendsofclermont.org. All proceeds go to support Germantown Food Bank.

October 24
FLU SHOT/COVID BOOSTER CLINIC, AB Shaw Firehouse, 67 Route 23, Claverack, 4-6 pm. Staff from Columbia County Department of Health hold a Flu and Covid clinic. Senior flu shot available. Registration required. Go to www.columbiacountyhealth.com.

October 26
BIRD WALK, Siegel-Kline Kill Conservation Area, 1452 County Route 21 (Garage Place), Ghent, meet 8 am in main parking lot. Alan Devoe Bird Club & Columbia Land Conservancy walk. 55-acre conservation area host to large sycamore trees, fields, stream and flood plain forest. Coordinator Joan Scheu 845-702-7564.

BLOOD DRIVE, Germantown School, Main St & Route 9G, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Make an appointment to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

TOY DRIVE & BAKE SALE, 3-5 Maple Avenue, Philmont, 9 am-noon. Philmont Santa Claus Club collects new unwrapped toys and takes orders for homemade pies for Thanksgiving; offering pumpkin, apple and chocolate cream. Get more info by contacting Phimontsanta2024@gmail.com

October 27
SPECIAL SERVICE TO THANK THOSE WHO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, Mt Pleasant Reformed Church, 33 Church Rd, lower Greenport, 10:30 am. Firefighters, first responders, EMS, rescue paramedics, police, 911 staff are all invited. Give thanks for the many ways they respond to community needs. Fellowship & refreshment follows. davidtipple@verizon.net 518-567-1311

2024 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S (Troy/Columbia/Greene), Joseph L. Bruno Stadium, 80 Vandenburg Ave, Troy. Check-in begins noon, opening ceremony 1 pm. Walk begins immediately after ceremony. To register as an individual walker or team captain & receive latest updates visit alz.org/walk.

October 28
BLOOD DRIVE, Columbia-Greene Board of Realtors, 337 Fairview Ave, Greenport, 1-6 pm. Make an appointment to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

October 29
MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT: ANNUAL COSTUME COMPETITION, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, 7 pm, free. Hosted by David Ruchman and Jeremy Boviard. Play solo or get a team together of up to 4 people. Come early and snag your spot. Space will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a prize for the most imaginative costume. No ticket or advance registration required. www.themoviehouse.net

November 1
ALL SAINTS DAY COMMUNITY GATHERING, Elizaville United Methodist Church, 740 Columbia County Route 2, 6 pm. Gather in church cemetery holding candles to give thanks for lives and deaths of saints, both famous & obscure. Refreshments follow. All welcome. More info contact Cissy at 845-756-5602.

November 2
AUTUMN CLEAN-UP OF OLD CHATHAM UNION CEMETERY, 300 Shaker Museum Road, 9 am. Brush, pine cones covering the ground need removing as well as any decorations that are deemed 'beyond their beauty' because of weather conditions. Flags will remain. 518-766-3815

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAY, River Street Park, Valatie, meet at gazebo, 10 am-1 pm. Volunteers manage invasive species, clear trails, and make other improvements at park. Bring your own tools and gloves.

NATURE WALK AT OOM'S POND FOR ALL AGES, 480 Rock City Rd, 2-3 pm, free. Join the North Chatham Free Library and the Columbia Land Conservancy for this guided program and explore the Nature Quest Trail. This event involves walking about 1.5 miles on the mowed grass Pond Loop Trail. Registration requested, email register@northchathamlibrary.org by October 31.

WHAT'S COOKING

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

November 1
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI SUPPER, Christ Church Episcopal, 431 Union Street, Hudson, 5-7 pm. Spaghetti, salad, bread, Italian desserts. Take-out meals available. \$10 donation. 50/50 raffle to benefit food pantry. Call 518-828-1329 for more information.

November 2
ROAST BEEF DINNER & HOMEMADE PIES, Stephentown Firehall Pavilion, 35 Grange Hall Road, 4-7 pm. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, drinks. \$20 adult; ages 3-10 \$10 (dine-in only); age 2 & under free (dine-in only); all take-outs \$20. Contact Mary Grant at mgrant0824@gmail.com

November 5
ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE, Immaculate Conception Church, 732 U.S. Route 20, New Lebanon, 8 am until sold out. Lebanon Valley Woman's Club sells cookies, brownies, breads, pies, cakes, fudge, whoopie pies and muffins. Proceeds go to Lore Squier Memorial Scholarship Fund, Walter Howard B. Elementary School backpack program, Charlie's Pantry, New Lebanon Valley HS Giving Wall.

ELECTION DAY POT ROAST DINNER, St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, 5219 County Route 7, Spencertown 4:30-7 pm. Dine-in or take-out. Slow-roasted pot roast, mashed potatoes, sweet/sour cabbage, brussel sprouts, rolls, homemade desserts, beverages, \$20, children 12 & under free. Vegan & gluten-free options available. Call 518-392-3386 to make a reservation; leave a message with name, phone number, what you are ordering. Walk-ins also welcome.

FOR KIDS

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

SHAKE & SHOUT TODDLER STORY TIME, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. No story time October 14. For ages 1-3. Sing, dance, listen to story. ChathamPublicLibrary.org.

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

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

LEGO CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 4 pm, free. For ages 5 & up. No program October 14. Registration kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us.

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

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

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

FAMILY STORYTIME, Valatie Free Library, 1036 Kinderhook St, 10-11 am. Read, snack, craft and play together. Open to caregivers with children ages 0-5. No registration required. 518 758-9321, <https://valatielibrary.net>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHESS CLUB, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3 pm. Chess Club is back with chess expert Scott Boyce. Designed for ages 9+. chathampubliclibrary.org.

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

CHESS WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 5:30-6:30 pm. Through December 4. Ages 4-12. Join instructor Theo Baker for a free chess workshop for youth. Registration required <https://hudsonhall.org/>.

EVENTS Calendar

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Thursdays

FAMILY STORY TIMES, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 10:30 am. The library will share songs, stories, and games together. All ages welcome. <https://kinderhooklibrary.org/>

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

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

MOVEMENT & MUSIC STORYTIME, Hudson Area Library, 51 N. 5th St, 4-5 pm. Through December 19 (except October 31 and November 28) Dance and sing with musician Abby Lappen during this joyful storytime. hudsonarealibrary.org

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

Fridays

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

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

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 10:30 am, free. Ms. Becky leads stories, songs, take-home craft. For ages 3-5. chathampubliclibrary.org

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

BILINGUAL STORYTIME IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, Hudson Area Library Community Room, 51 N 5th St, 3:30-4:30 pm, through November 22. Children's stories and crafts presented in español and English. hudsonarealibrary.org

Saturdays

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

First Saturdays

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

Fourth Saturdays

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

First & Third Sundays

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

October 26

PINHOLE CAMERAS, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, noon. Make and take pictures with a homemade pinhole camera using exposure from the sun. The teen room will be rigged up into a dark room. For children ages 10 and up. Registration is required. <https://kinderhooklibrary.org/>

AT THE MOVIES

Through October 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. Domestic and international features, documentaries and shorts, including many fresh from the festival circuit that have not yet opened commercially. Visit FilmColumbiaTicketInfo@crandelltheatre.org/filmcolumbia/ticket-info-2, or call 518 392-3445.

October 25, 27

FRANKENSTEIN, Time and Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, times vary, \$18 members/ \$15 students/ \$20 general. NT Live / National Theatre of London: Two Versions to experience. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Jonny Lee Miller alternating between the roles of Dr. Victor Frankenstein and his creation. timeandspace.org or 518 822-8100.

October 26

64 DAYS: THE INSURRECTION PLAYBOOK, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, 6:30 pm, \$18, \$16 Superstar Members. Q&A with Director Nick Quested, in conversation with Richard Schlesinger. www.themoviehouse.net

October 27

GROUND, Time and Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 1 pm, \$32.50 members / \$25 students / \$35 general public. Met Opera Live in HD. timeandspace.org or 518 822-8100.

SOAR: STUDENT FILM

SHOWCASE, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, 1:30 pm, free. Short films, created by SOAR students which will be followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers. www.themoviehouse.net

November 2, 7

HILLSDALE IN THE 1930s - A Swinging Town, Nov 2, 6 pm, Hillsdale Town Hall, 2609 Route 23, Nov 7, 6 pm, Roe Jan Brewing Co., 32 Anthony Street, Hillsdale. 22-minute documentary, original film footage of Hillsdale & environs, shot by unknown amateur filmmaker between 1936 & 1938. Registration required: swinging-hillsdale@gmail.com.

MAKING MUSIC

Thursdays

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

First Friday

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

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

Friday

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

Third Sunday

JAMMIN' AT THE GRANGE, Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, 4-5:30 pm. Join with other musicians for music playtime. Bring instrument, voice, song, join jam. All welcome. Free. Donations welcomed. lennybarham@gmail.com or visit www.copakegrange.org/events.

October 26

ROCK ACADEMY'S SHOWBAND, Time and Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 7 pm, \$18 members & students/\$20 non-members/\$10 children 12 & under. timeandspace.org or 518 822-8100.

October 27

BKO CONCERT: AUTUMN COLORS, Wade-Hunter Studio, 40 Church St., Chatham, 3 pm, \$30, children free. Pianist Uel Wade, violinist Mitsuko Suzuki, and cellist Robert Reed will play music by Tchaikovsky, Amy Beach, Debussy, Piazzolla, et al. that were inspired by Autumn. Reserve: uel@uelwade.org or 518-392-4697. Walk-ins welcome.

October 30

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 6:30 pm, free. The Friends of the Library have invited Standard Edition Trio to perform jazz classics, American Songbook standards and soulful duets. chathampubliclibrary.org

November 2

CLARION CONCERTS, The Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, 2950 Church St, Pine Plains, 7 pm. Anthony Trionfo, flute, and Albert Cano Smit, piano, performing works by Francis Poulenc, Amy Beach, Adrian Dee, Sergei Prokofiev, Sofia Gubaidulina, Sebastian Currier, Ian Clarke, Claude Debussy, and John Kimura Parker. www.clarionconcerts.org

EMBE ESTI, Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series, 790 State Rte 203, 8 pm, \$25 public, \$20 academy members. Embe Esti incorporates grooves and sounds inspired by the African Diaspora and other global traditions. www.spencertownacademy.org

LISTEN & LEARN

October 24

NEW YORK CONNECTS, Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, 1 pm. Rachel Cole from the Columbia County Healthcare Consortium, the New York Connects representative, is guest speaker at Greenport Seniors meeting. Any senior who resides in Columbia County is welcomed to attend.

KINDERHOOK COMMUNITY SOLAR, Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building, 3211 Church St, Valatie, 3-7pm. Kickoff event with PureSky answering questions and explaining the benefits of community solar. Residents can also sign up at the event if they choose to participate. Light refreshments. www.kinderhook-ny.gov

October 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 26

ANDROID SMART PHONES & YOU, North Chatham Free Library, 4287 Route 203, 10 am, free. Part of library's TechTalk series. Registration is not required. northchathamlibrary.org

THE ROOF IS ON! Robert Jenkins House, 113 Warren Street, Hudson, 1:30 pm. Presentation by preservation architect Marilyn Kaplan detailing restoration work completed at the 1811 Historic Robert Jenkins House. Free, open to public. The building is not yet handicap accessible.

LIFE ALONG GHENT'S BOSTON & ALBANY RAILROAD with Gregg Berninger, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 2 pm. Ghent Town Historian Gregg Berninger talks about the Hudson Branch of the Boston & Albany Railroad. From hay, grain, and milk processing to mail delivery and dances, it all took place along the B&A. <https://chathampubliclibrary.org/>

October 28

OJIBWAY - ANISHINAABE TWO-SPIRIT IDENTITY, Claverack Free Library, 9 Route 9H, 6 pm. Webinar on Zoom with Cecelia Rose LaPointe. RSVP: call 518 851-7120 or email info@claveracklibrary.org.

October 29

SECURITY AWARENESS: It's a Mindset, Not Technology, Hillsdale House, 2634 State Route 23, 10-11:30 am. Recognized cybersecurity awareness expert discusses cyber security & how to protect oneself from computer hackers & scams online & in emails. A Hillsdale Safe at Home Committee presentation. All welcome. hillsdale-safeathome@gmail.com 518-265-2113.

November 1

LIFESTYLE OPTIONS FOR SENIOR LIVING, Canaan Congregational Church, 1670 County Route 5, 10:30 am, free. Valuable information on range of services for older adults who want to age in own homes; senior housing options available, including supportive senior apartments, assisted living facilities, memory care communities. More info about NY Connects, contact Rachel Cole via email at rcole@columbiahealthnet.org.

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OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2024

BRITISH INVASION VINYL TRIBUTE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 8:00PM





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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 7:00PM

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NOVEMBER 8-10, 2024

FRIDAY & SATURDAY at 7:00pm

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November 2

IPHONE SMART PHONES & YOU, North Chatham Free Library, 4287 Route 203, 10 am, free. Interactive hands-on workshop presentation by digital industry veteran Maria Consenza on how to better use and understand your iPhone. <https://northchathamlibrary.org>

INFORMATION SESSION on Accessory Dwelling Unit, Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Rte 22, Hillsdale, 10 am-noon. The session is being hosted by the Hillsdale Housing Committee, in conjunction with the Roe Jan Housing Task Force and the Towns of Copake and Ancram. You may qualify for grants. Information and applications are at rupco.org/plusone/.

DANCE**First Sundays**

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

ON STAGE**Thursdays**

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

October 26

DRACULA, Virtual Staged Reading, on Zoom, 7 pm, free. The Two Of Us Productions in collaboration with Roving Actors' Repertory Ensemble (RARE) Inc. To RSVP and get your access code go to visit www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org

October 25-November 3

CENTURIES, Ancram Center, 1330 County Route 7, times vary, \$15 student (valid school ID required) / \$25 sponsored / \$45 general / \$65 Pay-It-Forward. A special benefit performance, "Centuries Plus: A Celebration in Two Acts," October 26 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets include the performance and an after-party at The Barn @Doodletown. www.ancramcenter.org.

ON VIEW

ART OMI, 1405 CR 22, Ghent. Newmark Gallery open daily 9 am-4 pm. Shaboom: Presumed Ignorant, October 5-January 26. 518 392-4747. artomi.org

ART ON MAIN GALLERY, 38 Main Street, West Stockbridge, MA. Thursday-Sunday 11-4 pm; www.berkshireartists.org/art-on-main-gallery

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

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

CALDWELL GALLERY Hudson, 355 Warren St. Fri-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 518 828-7087, jay@caldwell-galleryhudson.com.

CARRIE HADDAD Gallery, 622 Warren St, Hudson. Echoes: A Journey Through Collage, Painting, and Sculpture, October 11-December 1. Carriehaddadgallery.com.

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

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

CLARK ART INSTITUTE, 225 South St, Williamstown. Tue-Sun, 10 am-4 pm. clarkart.edu.

CLAVERACK LIBRARY, 9 Rt 9H. Columbia County Plein Air Artists. Open library hours. claveracklibrary.org.

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

CREATE GALLERY, 398 Main St, Catskill. Whiskey Tasting + Artist Talk, October 25, 6-8 pm, \$25 members, \$35 general. On the Table, annual fundraiser exhibition, through November 3. Fridays 4-7 pm; Saturdays and Sundays 11 am-6pm. www.createcouncil.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HUDSON AREA LIBRARY, 51 N 5th St. Dolwain & Suzanne Green's Near and Far, August 27-October 28. Open library hours. hudsonarealibrary.org.

HUDSON HALL, 327 Warren St. Between the Cracks, curated by Reginald Madison, September 28-November 17. Tue-Fri, 9 am-5 pm, Sat & Sun, noon-5 pm. 518 822-1438. hudsonhall.org.

IZZYS ROOM, 80 Green St, Hudson. arniezimmerman.com/izzys-room.

J. DAMIANI Gallery, 119 Rodman Road, Hillsdale. By appt, jdami-anigallery@gmail.com.

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

KINDERHOOK KNITTING MILL, 8 Hudson St. Frances McDormand, Suzanne Bocanegra and Shaker Museum present Cradled, through December 1. Fri & Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-4 pm. shakermuseum.us/kinderhookknittingmill.com.

LABspace, 2642 Rt 23, Hillsdale. Susan Carr: rituals, October 5-November 24. Conversation with Sara Farrell Okamura and Susan Carr, Saturday, October 19 at 1pm. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm, no appt necessary. julielabspace@gmail.com. 917 749-2857.

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

LIMNER Gallery, 123 Warren St, Hudson. Small Works: Holiday Show & Sale. By appt. 518 828-2343.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & Creative Arts Gallery, 717 Columbia St, Hudson. Art/recovery books display. For information stigmafree.art. Donations for operating costs accepted: face-book.com/Mental-Health-Awareness-and-Creative-Arts-Gallery-280179699521974.

NORMAN ROCKWELL Museum, 9 Glendale Rd / Rt 183, Stockbridge, MA. Mon-Tues/Thurs-Fri 10 am-4 pm, Sat-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Private tours available Wed. Admission. nrm.org.

OLANA State Historic Site, 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport. Afterglow: Frederic Church and the Landscape of Memory, opening May 12. 518 828-0135. Olana.org.

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

PHILMONT LIBRARY, 101 Main St. WildScapes, local artist Maria Crespo, through November 9. philmontlibrary.com.

PRIVATE PUBLIC GALLERY, 530 Warren St, Hudson. Susan Wides – Voice of Silence, September 28–November 3. 212 286-0075, privatepublicgallery@gmail.com.

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

ROE JAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY, 9091 Rt 22, Copake. Threads of History: Suffragette Portraits and Quilts in Mixed Media, September 7-October 31. Open library hours. roejanlibrary.org.

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

SEPTEMBER Gallery, 4 Hudson St #3, Kinderhook. All At Once, September 12 - December 22. Fri-Sat 11am-5pm, Sunday 11am-4pm. Kristen@september-gallery.com.

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

THE SPARK OF HUDSON, 502 Union St, Hudson. Our Town On The River: Showcase of Hudson Artists, September 13-December 7. www.sparkofhudson.org

SPENCERTOWN ACADEMY ARTS CTR, 790 Rt 203. Members' Art Show, October 5-November 3. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm. Spencertownacademy.org. 518 392-3693.

SUSAN ELEY FINE ART, 433 Warren St, Hudson. Ellen Hermanos: A Retrospective, Flowers Shall Grow, October 17–December 22. Thursday - Monday, 11 am - 5 pm. Thurs-Mon, 11 am-5 pm. susaneley-fineart.com.

TANJA GRUNERT SALON, Princess Beatrix House, 21 Prospect Ave, Hudson. Fri-Mon noon-6 pm, or by appointment. 646 944-6197, tanjagrunert.com.

THE FIRST GALLERY, 369 Warren St, Hudson. firstpreshudson.org.

THE SCHOOL: Jack Shainman Gallery, 25 Broad St (Rt 9), Kinderhook. Lie Doggo, work by Nina Chanel Abney, extended through November 16. Open Saturdays 11 am-6 pm. Jackshainman.com.

THOMAS COLE NAT'L HISTORIC SITE, 218 Spring St, Catskill. Native Prospects: Indigeneity and Landscape, May 4-October 27. Alan Michelson: Prophetstown, July 20-December 1. Hours vary by season. thomascole.org/visit. The grounds are open every day for free from dawn to dusk.

TSL Gallery, 434 Columbia St, Hudson. Paintings (2024) by David Deutsch. Fri-Sun. 518 822-8448. Timeandspace.org.

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

WINDOW ON HUDSON, 43 S 3rd St, Hudson. windowonhudson.org.



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County residents decide on federal, state and local races

GHENT — There are ten days of early voting for the 2024 general elections in New York State, starting Saturday, October 26. Early voting ends on Sunday, November 3.

Columbia County polls are in two locations: the County Board of Elections headquarters, in Hudson, at 401 State Street and in Valatie at Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building, 3211 Church Street. Columbia County registered voters may cast their ballots at either loca-

tion. 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.

Presidential, senate, state senate and the state proposition are the same on all county ballots. There are two assembly districts in the county: Ancram, Austerlitz, Canaan, Clermont, Gallatin, Claverack, Copake,

Germantown, Greenport, Hillsdale, Hudson, New Lebanon, Livingston, Taghkanic and most of the Town of Chatham are in the 106th; Ghent, Kinderhook, Stockport and Stuyvesant and a small part of Chatham are in the 107th.

Most local candidates for town races are running unopposed for town justices seats and Highway Supervisor.

In New Lebanon, three people are running for two open Town Justice seats. Monte

Wash and Lorrie Wechter are running on the Democratic line and Kevin Smith, Sr. is running on the Republican line.

There are also several local proposals and propositions. In Canaan, there is a proposition asking residents if they should abolish the office of tax collector and establish it "as an appointment office."

In Greenport, there is a proposal to change the terms of the Town Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent. There is also a

proposal to change the term of the supervisor in Stuyvesant.

The Greenport and the City of Hudson ballots have proposals to increase the budget of the Hudson Area Association Library. There is also a library budget proposition on the Kinderhook Town ballot to increase the Valatie Free Library's budget.

The ballots for the county are reprinted here. For more information about voting, go to <https://elections.columbia-countyny.com/home>

Office	1 Electors for President and Vice President (Vote for one)	2 United States Senator (Vote for one)	3 Representative In Congress District 19 (Vote for one)	4 New York State Senator District 41 (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> 1 Kamala D. Harris for President <input type="radio"/> 2 Tim Walz for Vice President	<input type="radio"/> 2 Kirsten E. Gillibrand	<input type="radio"/> 3 Josh Riley	<input type="radio"/> 4 Michelle Hinchey
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> 1 Donald J. Trump for President <input type="radio"/> 2 JD Vance for Vice President	<input type="radio"/> 2 Michael D. Saporicone	<input type="radio"/> 3 Marcus Molinaro	<input type="radio"/> 4 Patrick Sheehan
Conservative C	<input type="radio"/> 1 Donald J. Trump for President <input type="radio"/> 2 JD Vance for Vice President	<input type="radio"/> 2 Michael D. Saporicone	<input type="radio"/> 3 Marcus Molinaro	<input type="radio"/> 4 Patrick Sheehan
Working Families D	<input type="radio"/> 1 Kamala D. Harris for President <input type="radio"/> 2 Tim Walz for Vice President	<input type="radio"/> 2 Kirsten E. Gillibrand	<input type="radio"/> 3 Josh Riley	<input type="radio"/> 4 Michelle Hinchey
LaRouche E		<input type="radio"/> 3 Diane Sare		
Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In	Write-In

All Ballots

Proposal One, an Amendment

Amendment to Protect Against Unequal Treatment

This proposal would protect against unequal treatment based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity and pregnancy. It also protects against unequal treatment based on reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

A "YES" vote puts these protections in the New York State Constitution.
A "NO" vote leaves these protections out of the State Constitution.

YES NO

Official Ballot for the General Election November 5, 2024 State of New York, County of Columbia <small>Kelly A. Miller-Simmons, Commissioner Mara H. Estribou, Commissioner</small>	Instructions to voters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark the oval to the left of the name of your choice. To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot print the name clearly in the box labeled "Write-In," staying within the box. Any mark or writing outside the spaces provided for voting may void the entire ballot. The number of choices is listed for each contest. Do not mark the ballot for more candidates than allowed. If you do, your vote in that contest will not count. If you make a mistake or want to change your vote, ask a poll worker for a new ballot. 		Ballot ID: 5370 Taghkanic E.D.(s): 1 <small>Remember to Vote Both Sides</small>
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106th AD
 Ancram, Austerlitz,
 Canaan, Chatham,
 Claverack, Clermont,
 Copake, Gallatin,
 Germantown,
 Greenport, Hillsdale,
 Hudson, Livingston,
 New Lebanon,
 Taghkanic

107th AD
 Chatham, Ghent,
 Kinderhook,
 Stockport,
 Stuyvesant

Canaan Proposition No. 1

Proposition No. 1, Town of Canaan

Pursuant to Resolution 91-2024, shall the elective Office of Town of Canaan Tax Collector be abolished and established as an appointive Office with a term of office to begin on January 1, 2025?

YES NO

Office	5 Member of Assembly District 106 (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> 5 Didi Barrett
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> 5 Stephan L. Krakower
Conservative C	<input type="radio"/> 5 Stephan L. Krakower
Working Families D	
LaRouche E	
Write-In	Write-In

Office	5 Member of Assembly District 107 (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> 5 Chloe E. Pierce
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> 5 Scott H. Bendett
Conservative C	<input type="radio"/> 5 Scott H. Bendett
Working Families D	
LaRouche E	
Write-In	Write-In

Claverack Justice

Office	5 Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic A	
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> 5 Michael A. Cazzolino
Conservative C	
Working Families D	
LaRouche E	
Write-In	Write-In

Copake Council

Office	5 Town Council (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> 5 William Morningstar
Republican B	
Conservative C	
Working Families D	
LaRouche E	
Write-In	Write-In

Chatham Highway Superintendent

Office	5 Highway Superintendent 1 year unexpired term (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> 5 James Fetzer
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> 5 James Fetzer
Conservative C	
Working Families D	
LaRouche E	
Write-In	Write-In

Austerlitz Justice

Office	Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> David Cassuto Democratic
Republican B	
Conservative C	
Working Families D	
LaRouche E	
Write-In	Write-In

Greenport two proposals

<p>Proposal Two, Town of Greenport</p> <p>Shall the resolution adopted by the Town of Greenport, County of Columbia, being a resolution extending the term of office of the Town Supervisor in the Town of Greenport from two (2) years to four (4) years, and the term of office of the Highway Superintendent from two (2) years to four (4) years be approved thereby changing the term of the Town Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent in the Town of Greenport for persons elected to that position and taking office on and after January 1, 2027?</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Proposal Three, Town of Greenport</p> <p>Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Greenport for the operating budget of the Hudson Area Association Library be increased from \$85,000 to \$95,000 annually?</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
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Hudson City Judge and Proposal Two

Office	City Judge (Vote for one)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> John Connor, Jr. Democratic
Republican B	
Conservative C	
Working Families D	<input type="radio"/> John Connor, Jr. Working Families
LaRouche E	
Write-In	Write-In

<p>Proposal Two, City of Hudson</p> <p>Shall the annual contribution of the City of Hudson for the operating budget of the Hudson Area Association Library increase from \$350,000 to \$400,000?</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>

Kinderhook Proposal Two

<p>Proposal Two, Town of Kinderhook</p> <p>Shall the Town of Kinderhook increase its annual contribution for the operating budget of the Valatie Free Library by fifteen thousand nine hundred twenty dollars (\$15,920) to the sum of one hundred fourteen thousand six hundred thirty dollars (\$114,630) annually?</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>
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New Lebanon Justice

Office	Town Council 1 year unexpired term (Vote for one)	Town Justice (Vote for up to two)
Democratic A	<input type="radio"/> Susan Tipograph Democratic	<input type="radio"/> Monte Wasch Democratic
Republican B	<input type="radio"/> Joanne E. Amlaw Republican	<input type="radio"/> Kevin Smith, Sr. Republican
Conservative C	<input type="radio"/> Joanne E. Amlaw Conservative	
Working Families D		
LaRouche E		
Write-In	Write-In	Write-In

Stuyvesant Proposal Two

<p>Proposal Two, Town of Stuyvesant</p> <p>Shall Local Law No. 1, 2024, entitled a Local Law increasing the term of office of the Stuyvesant Supervisor from two to four years be approved to take effect in 2025?</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/></p>

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Firefighters hand out treats at FASNY Museum

HUDSON—Join staff of the FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Avenue, October 26 from 10 a.m. until noon for a free in-person event, Trunk or Treat: Firefighter Edition.

Molly the Museum Dog and some of her closest firefighter friends put on a unique event. Joining Molly will be local firefighters with their decorated firetrucks giving out treats. Come inside and collect even more treats from the trunks in the museum.

Collect treats, play games and vote for a favorite firetruck and trunk. Have a safe and spooky pre-Halloween celebration at the museum.

All activities, treats and



Photo contributed

Skeletons like to trunk or treat.

games are free and will be both indoors and outdoors (rain or shine— there will be a tent outdoors). Free admission to the

museum will also be offered to all who attend this special event. Reservations are not required.

Say thanks to emergency personnel

LOWER GREENPORT—The Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church, 33 Church Road, holds a special service to acknowledge those who provide emergency assistance in the county, Sunday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Firefighters, first responders, EMS, rescue paramedics, police and 911 staff are invited to

attend. Many of these personnel volunteer and train to refresh their skills so that they are ready at a moment's notice. "We wish to give thanks for the many ways they respond to the needs of our community," Rev. David Tipple said in a press release. After the service there will be a time for fellowship and refresh-

ment. Also, the church welcomes anyone who wishes to attend to express gratitude for so many dedicated individuals—the service will include prayers for their continued safety and strength as they assist in any emergency. For more information contact davidtipple@verizon.net or 518-567-1311.

Put on your thinking cap for 'Trick or Trivia'

TAGHKANIC—Join the Taghkanic Senior Network (with a group, or on your own) for a scary afternoon of Halloween trivia at the Taghkanic Firehouse, 631 Old Route 82, October 27, 2 to 3:30 p.m. This is a free, family-friendly event. Prizes will be awarded and snacks served. Questions? Contact taghkanic60plus@gmail.com

Count Slinkula & Muhmys headline Kisdale: Monster Mash Edition

HILLSDALE—Kisdale: Halloween Monster Mash Edition, a free festival for children and adults, returns to the town of Hillsdale Saturday, October 26 with live music, games, Halloween costumes, prizes as well as food and beverages.

The event takes place in the Hillsdale Hamlet Park, southeast of the traffic light at the intersection of state Routes 22 and 23, from 2:30 to 5:15 p.m. The rain date is the following day, Sunday, October 27 at the same time.

Featured at the fest will be music by Count Slinkula and his Muhmys, games for the kids, food from the Half Moon Pizza Truck, fresh cider from Hillsdale's Little Apple Cidery and more.

Children as well as adults and their pets are encouraged to come wearing Halloween costumes.

Kisdale will be complemented by events in the Hillsdale hamlet as local merchants celebrate with a Pumpkin Festival that will include face painting, giveaways and contests in stores throughout the

day. Following Kisdale at 5:30 p.m. will be the annual Hillsdale Fire Company #1's children's hayride through the hamlet and a Halloween party at the firehouse. The hayride begins and ends at the firehouse at 9387 State Route 22.

Kisdale is sponsored by the Hillsdale Hamlet Committee, a volunteer citizen advisory group appointed by the Hillsdale Town Board that works to improve the town's center. Attendees will be asked to fill out a survey asking their opinions on what could be done to boost Hamlet Park. The survey also can be filled out at hillsdaleny.com.

"Our Hamlet Park is a vital but underused asset. The Hamlet Committee and Town Board are working to upgrade and enhance it so that it can be enjoyed by all members of our community. Our goal is for Kisdale to be just one of many events that bring people to the park throughout the year," Shannon Bell, chair of the Hamlet Committee, said in a press release.

Bring a toy, order a pie

PHILMONT—The Philmont Santa Claus Club holds a Bake Sale and Toy Drive at 3-5 Maple Avenue in the village, October 26, 9 a.m. to noon. Bring a new unwrapped toy to donate.

Also, the club will take orders for homemade pies for Thanksgiving. They are offering pumpkin, apple and chocolate cream. Get more information by contacting Phimontsanta2024@gmail.com or dgrau659@aol.com.

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North Chatham Library hosts TechTalk series

NORTH CHATHAM — North Chatham Free Library (NCFL), 4287 Route 203, announces a free program, entitled "Android Smart Phones & You," part of the library's TechTalk series, on Saturday, October 26 at 10 a.m.

Looking to better understand your Android phone and get the most out of it?

Join Pam Doran, a digital accessibility coordinator at SUNY Empire and an International Association of Privacy Professional - Certified Professional in Accessibility Core Competencies (IAPP CPACC), will lead an interactive, hands-on workshop to familiarize attendees with some tips and tricks for your Android's functionality. Registration is not required.

With years of experience in IT, Ms. Doran is dedicated to creating accessible and inclusive digital spaces. Her work emphasizes the use of generative AI and multilingual education to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education. A DHS Trusted Tester, Pam is also a doctoral student who is an advocate for eliminating linguistic segregation in education through innovative technology solutions.

This event is presented in partnership with the Neighbors of Northern Columbia County and funded by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

For more information go to <https://northchathamlibrary.org>

Join CLC and library on walk at Ooms

CHATHAM — North Chatham Free Library (NCFL) and the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) announce a free fall nature walk at Oom's Pond for All Ages on November 2 from 2 to 3 p.m.

If you are a nature enthusiast or just love the great outdoors, join NCFL and CLC for this guided program and explore the Nature Quest Trail. Youngsters and adults alike will enjoy learning about the habitat and wildlife that call it home.

This event involves walking

about 1.5 miles on the mowed grass Pond Loop Trail. Make sure to bring a water bottle and wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Oom's Conservation Area is at 480 Rock City Road.

Additionally, the library, located at 4287 Route 203, has Nature Quest Backpacks available for check out and when you stop by, make sure to ask about our array of services and programs.

Registration requested, email register@northchathamlibrary.org by October 31.

Be aware of scammers and hackers while online

HILLSDALE—The Hillsdale Safe at Home Committee presents "Security Awareness: It's a Mindset, Not Technology" at the next Coffee Hour at the Hillsdale House, 2634 State Route 23, October 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Pam Doran, a recognized cybersecurity awareness expert and an education technology specialist, discusses cybersecurity and how to protect oneself from computer hackers and scams online and in emails. She will focus on security awareness while on one's computer and the dangers of social engineering, the importance of strong passwords, and how to recognize and respond to phishing attempts. Complimentary coffee, tea and snacks will be available. All are welcome to attend. Seniors and their caregivers are encouraged to attend.

The presentation is designed to provide seniors with practical knowledge and strategies for protecting their personal information and avoiding falling vic-

tim to online scams. Attendees will learn about common threats like phishing, malware, and identity theft and the simple steps they can take to safeguard their accounts.

"My goal is to empower seniors with the knowledge and confidence to navigate the online world safely. Cybersecurity does not have to be complex; it is about making smart decisions and being aware of the potential risks. I'm excited to share practical tips to help our community protect themselves and their loved ones," Ms. Doran said in a press release.

This Safe at Home presentation is part of a broader initiative to ensure that all community members have the resources and knowledge they need to stay safe in the digital age.

Contact the committee at hillsdalesafeathome@gmail.com or via www.facebook.com/safeathomehillsdaleny.

Questions or need a ride? Contact Natalie at 518-265-2113.

Information session explains grants for ADUs

COPAKE — If you are interested in building or rehabbing a living unit on your property, either attached to your home (such as a basement apartment) or detached (such as a converted garage or barn), depending on your income, you may qualify for a cash grant of up to \$125,000.

An information session for anyone interested in creating such an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on their property will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 2, at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22. The session is being hosted by the Hillsdale Housing Committee, in conjunction with the Roe Jan Housing Task Force and the Towns of Copake and Ancram.

As part of the new PlusOne ADU program offered by New York State, Columbia County is offering these grants to help cover the cost of building an ADU if you meet the following qualifications:

- You must own and live in your own home as your primary residence

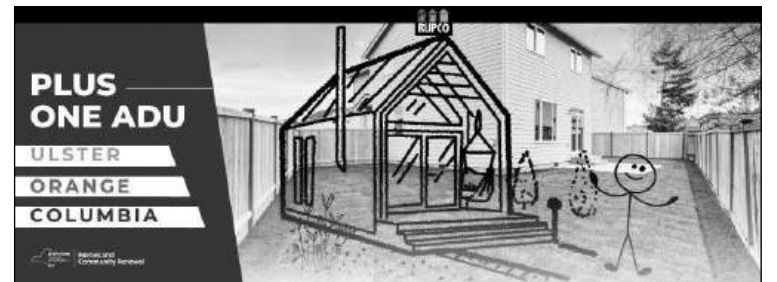


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Public information session to be held at the library about Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU).

- Your income must be at or below 100% of the Columbia County median income for your family size. For example, the family of two median income is \$85,120 and for a family of four it is \$106,400

- You must commit to maintaining an affordable rental rate and not use the apartment for short-term rentals for ten years.

Any ADU must meet the basic building and zoning code requirements of the town. It can help provide extra income on property you own and live in as well as providing low-cost rental housing for the

community. It can also be housing for a caregiver or an elderly relative.

RUPCO, a non-profit housing provider, is administering the program and a representative will be at the information session. In addition, they will assist program participants in finding additional financing where needed, as well as with design, budgeting, contractor selection, permitting, rental screening, and other tasks. Additional information and applications are available on RUPCO's web site, rupco.org/plusone/. Applications are due by December 13.

The roof is on! What's next for restoration project?

HUDSON—Since the beginning of 2024, extensive work has been under way to repair and conserve the Historic Robert Jenkins House, 113 Warren Street.

Roof, parapets and gutters have all been replaced or repaired. On Saturday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m., Project Architect Marilyn Kaplan of Preservation Architecture in Albany will describe the extent of the project, along with plans for additional work over the next year. The event is free and open to the public. Unfortunately, the building is not yet handicap-accessible, although a plan for accessibility is one of the proposed next steps.

The historic house is owned by the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, which maintains it as a DAR chapter house. The restoration project has, to date, completed replacement of the house's slate roof and extensive masonry repairs. Yet to be completed are updates to its aging infrastructure, restoration of certain windows and exterior doors, and creation of an accessible entry at the rear of the house. Funding assistance is from a Save America's Treasures grant awarded by the National Park Service, Department of



Photo contributed
Robert Jenkins House under renovation.

the Interior, and also from the HRBT Foundation, the Pomeroy Foundation, and the generosity of chapter members and friends and neighbors.

The house's grounds are also undergoing repair and conservation. An enormous maple tree growing at the rear of the house at Cherry Alley had a makeover recently thanks to the vision of the chapter's Conservation Committee and the generosity of a chapter member who funded the work. Heavy and dangerous limbs were removed. Limbs in need of support were cabled to protect against environmental

damage such as wind and ice. At the heart of this work is a vision that includes accessibility for members and guests. The backyard is intended to be a focal point for a stairless access as well as a relaxing space for gatherings and teas and for enjoying nature for years to come.

The 1811 house, built by Robert Jenkins, son of Hudson Proprietor Seth Jenkins, is on the National Register of Historic Places as Nationally Significant and is in the Front Street-Parade Hill-Lower Warren Street Historic District. The house is a fine early example of federal-style architecture in the Hudson Valley where Dutch architecture dominated during the 18th century.

Routine business of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, NSDAR takes place in the house, which also features a museum and a historical and genealogical library. In 1900, the chapter received the house as a gift from DAR member Frances Chester White Hartley, the granddaughter of builder Jenkins. The chapter and the chapter house can be accessed at hudson-dar.org, [facebook.com/HudsonDAR](https://www.facebook.com/HudsonDAR), [instagram.com/robertjenkinshouse](https://www.instagram.com/robertjenkinshouse), hendrickhudsonchapterdar@gmail.com, and (518) 828-9764.

Swing by visitor center to trick-or-treat at Clermont

CLERMONT—Trick-or-Treat at the Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, Visitor Center, Thursday, October 31, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Happy Halloween! Come for the candy, stay for the photo ops at the spooky-cute Halloween photo stations. Trick-or-treating in the Visitor

Center is free.

The mansion will be open for regular Thursday tour hours: on the hour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tour tickets for the mansion must be purchased at the Visitor Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, children under 12 are free.

What's for supper? Spaghetti!

HUDSON—Christ Church Episcopal, 431 Union Street, presents a Spaghetti Supper, Friday, November 1, 5 to 7 p.m.

Also on the menu is: all-you-can-eat salad, bread and

Italian desserts. Take-out meals are available. The price is a \$10 donation. There will also be a 50/50 raffle to benefit the food pantry. Call 518-828-1329 for more information.

Give thanks for all saints November 1

ELIZAVILLE—The Elizaville United Methodist Church, 740 Columbia County Route 2, will hold its annual All Saints Day Community Gathering, Friday, November 1 at 6 p.m.

Those in attendance gather in the church cemetery holding

candles and give solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of saints, both famous and obscure.

Refreshments will follow. All are welcome. For more information contact Cissy at 845-756-5602.

Check out the stars twice in November

GALLATIN—Join the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association at its monthly Star Party at Lake Taghkanic State Park, West Beach parking lot, 1528 State Route 82, Fridays, November 1 at 5:30 p.m. and November 29 at 4:30 p.m. Bring telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by association members. Registration is required at least

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

Rain dates are the Saturday immediately following the original date.

Shelter Sweeps winners announced

CLAVELACK—The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA thanks everyone who participated in the 2024 Shelter Sweeps. This year's Sweeps raised more than \$80,000 to help provide programs and services to more than 6,000 animals every year.

This year's Shelter Sweeps winners are: John Deere Tractor Package—Alfred Turek; Costa Rica Package—Roni Brower; Electric Bike Package—Ann Singleton.

The humane society thanks 2024 Sweeps sponsors: Best in Show—Duncan Calhoun & Russell Gibson, Freeman and

Howard, PC, Michael and Elaine Gruener, Patricia A. Kenchan; Best of Breed—Two Anonymous Friends of CGHS, AOW Construction LLC, Bank of Greene County, Evelyn Bordewick Foundation, Peter and Diane Hogan, Charlene Marchand, Richard and Debra Oliver, Pro Printers; Blue Ribbon—Ghent Dairy Queen, In honor of Sydney and Raven, Kimberly Peregrin, DO, James and Kate Schneider, Scott Shallo, ST Hudson's Son; Red Ribbon—Neal Conolly and Susan Sharp, Jennifer C. Donoghue, Eastern Heating and Cooling Inc, Emerick

Family, Kneller Insurance Agency, Marshall & Sterling, Ron and Katrina Perez, Stair Galleries & Restoration; Yellow Ribbon—Community Bank, Cross Creek Farm, Decker Economics, Five Star Roofing, Metz Wood Insurance, Mid-Hudson Cable, Richmor Aviation (Sharyn Marks); White Ribbon—David Emanatian, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ramm, Robert Ricketson, Lisa Zaretsky; Award of Merit—Indian Ridge Accounting, The Interlaken Inn.

Thanks to the Sweeps Committee: Phyllis Carito, Jennifer Donoghue, Pat Kenchan and Peggy Rouse.

Winding down

Fall colors and a solitary hay baler whose work is done for this year decorate the countryside off County Route 5, New Lebanon earlier this month.



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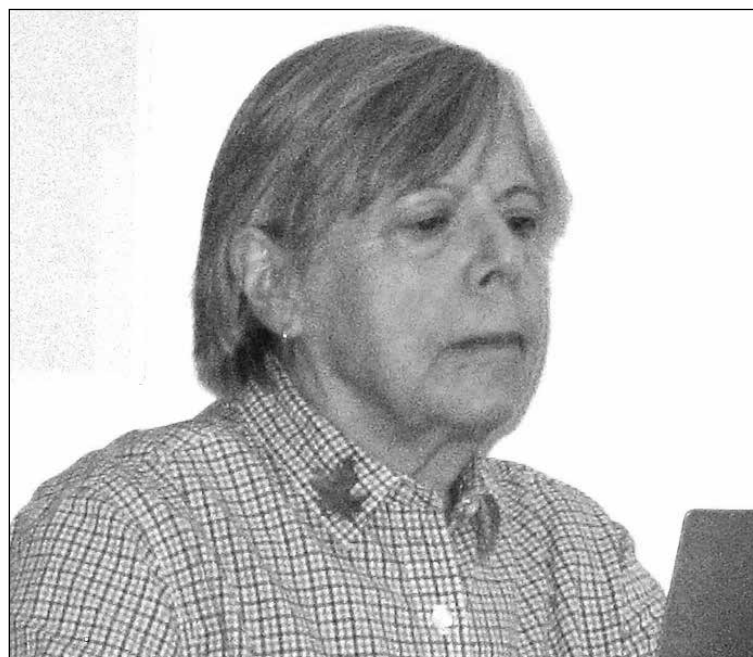


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Master Gardener Mary Ann Iaccino

Gardeners hear about 'Sequence of Blooms'

GERMANTOWN—At the October meeting of the Germantown Garden Club, Master Gardener with the Columbia-Greene Cornell Cooperative Extension Mary Ann Iaccino gave a presentation on the topic "What's next in Your Garden? A Sequence of Blooms." She has a background in secondary science and in business and is semi-retired. The discussion covered how and

when to plant bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes, annuals, biennials, perennials and flowering shrubs. She also covered how to extend visual interest using bloom, fruit, twig and bark for color and texture for a continuous display in the garden all year long.

Also on the agenda were nominations for the 2025 club officers, the topic for the November meeting and a

discussion of the annual fundraising event "Christmas Market" coming in December.

For more information about the Germantown Garden Club and its activities, call President Irene Clum at 518-567-2191.

Meetings are free and the public is always welcome.

Obituaries

Eleanor H. Close (1938 - 2024)

HUDSON—Eleanor H. “Ellie” Close, 86, passed away Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Born February 24, 1938 in Hudson, she was the daughter of Milford and Maccina (Krocanus) Dunsbaugh.

Residing in Hudson in her early years, she lived most of her life in Churchtown, where she was active in the Girl Scouts and 4H. She graduated from Hudson High School Class of 1955, then from Albany Business College in 1959. On June 11, 1960, she married Lyle Thomas Close. Her career at Columbia Memorial Hospital began in 1967 in the Medical Records Department. She then became executive secretary to the president in 1972, and for more than 20 years held that position until her retirement in 1994. She was active with the hospital auxiliary, as secretary to the Board of Directors for many



Ellie
Close

years, and was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership for her service. She was also highly active with the Columbia County United Way and was nominated to its Board of Trustees in 1984. She was a charter member of the Apple Valley Chapter of the Sweet Adelines Women’s Barbershop Quartet Chorus and performed with them for 10 years from 1975 to 1985. After retirement in July 1994, she enjoyed taking day trips with the Hudson Trippers Group and Greenport Senior Citizens, spending time at home with her grandchildren,

and then after a year, went back to the Medical Records Department as a volunteer. She will be fondly remembered for her happy personality, bright orange lipstick, and flaming red hair.

She is survived by: her son, Thomas (Linda) Close; daughter, Karen (Phil) Stodolski; grandchildren, Kevin, Brian, Nicholas and Mariana, along with several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Lyle, and sister, Barbara Card. In accordance with her wishes, a private family service will be held. Her family will be forever grateful for the care and compassion shown to her during her time at Ivy Lodge in Saugerties. Contributions in her memory are encouraged to be made to the Columbia-Greene Humane Society. Visit www.batesanderson.com to leave condolences.

Joan E. Furey (1944 - 2024)

VALATIE—Joan E. Furey, 80, of Valatie passed away peacefully October 20, 2024. Born August 7, 1944 in Virginia, to Frank and Agnes (Fey) Stuckart, she lived a life full of love, faith and family.

She was the beloved wife of the late James R. Furey. She dedicated many years as the clerk for the Town of Rhinebeck and later served as the secretary to the chief of police for the County of Rensselaer. A devout communicant of St. John the Baptist Church in Valatie, her faith was a guiding force throughout her life.

Mrs. Furey is survived by: her three children, Daniel J. (Glory) Furey of Navarre, FL, Christine A. (William) Fahey of Chatham and Jennifer M. (Joe) Kolb of Valatie, all of whom were her greatest source of pride and joy. She also leaves behind her siblings, Christian Stuckart of Myrtle Beach, SC, Robert Stuckart of White Plains, Gregory Stuckart of Valatie, Anne Margolis of Atlanta, GA, and Marlene Blumberg of Cameron Park, CA.

Her legacy lives on through her cherished grandchildren:

Andrew Fahey, Nathaniel Fahey, Daniel Furey, Sabrina Furey, Eva Kolb, Jenna Kolb, JJ Kolb and Grace Kolb. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects during calling hours Thursday, October 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, October 25, 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Valatie. Interment will follow at St. John the Baptist Cemetery.

Nancy M. Hathaway (1934 - 2024)

CRARYVILLE—On October 16, 2024, Nancy (McHenry) Hathaway was called home to a family reunion in Heaven to be with her father, Martin, and mother, Ada Mary (Watrous) McHenry. In attendance were her 15 older brothers and sisters and waiting most of all, her loving husband, Dexter Hathaway who preceded her in death in 2018.

Left behind to wish her a happy and joyous reunion are her children and their spouses, Anne and William Graney of Craryville, Linda and Jeff Ploof of Colchester, VT, Susan Hathaway and Richard Bruno of Watervliet, Dexter Hathaway, III, and Brittany Boyles of Craryville, Mark and Karen Hathaway of Hillsdale and Kevin Hathaway and Jay White of Atlanta, GA; her grandchildren, Adam, Jason, Cassie, Ryan, Jacob, Carli, Brock, Colton and great-granddaughter, Lydia.

She was born in Granville, April 20, 1934. Her education began by walking to a one-room schoolhouse two miles from her childhood home. She attended high school at the Granville Central School where



Nancy
Hathaway

she was a cheerleader and a wonderful student. Upon graduation she worked in Granville at Tatko Brothers Slate Company, and then in Albany for an insurance company, before meeting her husband on a blind date. They were married October 28, 1961, and lived in Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts, before settling in Copake, where they raised their six children.

She was the secretary at the former St. Bridget’s Catholic Church in Copake Falls for many years. She also provided childcare for many local children. She and her husband made many lifelong friends in Copake. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She truly enjoyed nothing more than being with her family. Her faith was a strong part of her life. She lived it by opening her

heart and home to all who entered.

In her later years her life came full circle when she ended up riding through Granville to get to Lake St. Catherine, where she enjoyed sunny days, visiting with family and friends, enjoying many boat rides, and of course, ice cream. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She will be missed by everyone whose life she touched.

“We wish you well Mom, and Godspeed. We love you so much, which is why this hurts so much.”

Calling hours were held October 21 at Peck and Peck Funeral Homes, 8063 Route 22, Copake. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated from Our Lady of Hope Church, 8074 Route 22, Copake Falls, October 22. Interment followed in St. Bridget’s Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of Hope Church, or Community Hospice. The family thanks Michelle and all the other caregivers from Hospice for their caring and thoughtful help during this difficult time.

Patricia A. Lemmermann (1933 - 2024)

RED HOOK—It is with deep sorrow that her family announces the passing of Patricia Ann McAuliffe Van Cura Lemmermann, who departed this life October 12, 2024 at the age of 91.

She was a cherished mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, whose life was marked by love, service and creativity.

Born April 17, 1933, she was the proud granddaughter of Mary McAuliffe, the oldest deputy sheriff in the nation, and Patrick J. McAuliffe, a skilled cabinetmaker.

She was also the grandniece of Dorothy E. McAuliffe Ferris, a dedicated U.S. Marshal.

She was the daughter of James P. McAuliffe, a firefighter for the city of White Plains, and Anna E. Foley.

She attended St. Bernard’s Catholic School and Post Road Middle School, later graduating from White Plains High School in 1951.

In 1954, she married Harold F. Van Cura, a real estate broker and World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Navy and Army National Guard. Together, they raised five children: Harold Jr., Nancy, John, Jane and James.

The family resided in Yorktown Heights, where she embraced her family’s legacy of public service. She was an active member of St. Patrick’s Church, participated in the Altar and Rosary Society, and volunteered with the Yorktown School District Parent Teacher Association. Additionally, she served as a den mother for the



Patricia
Lemmermann

Yorktown Chapter of Boy Scouts.

In 1979, the family relocated to La Grange, where she worked for Century 21 Real Estate and managed The Main Exchange Thrift Shop, benefiting St. Francis Hospital of Poughkeepsie. They were active members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Following the passing of her beloved husband, she found new joy in her life when she married Amos Lemmermann of Red Hook. Even in retirement at Lake Taghkanic, she continued her commitment to service by volunteering at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson, where she supported the hospital auxiliary and thrift store.

An avid painter and traveler, she left a lasting impact on all who knew her. She is survived by her five children; 11 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren, who will carry her memory in their hearts.

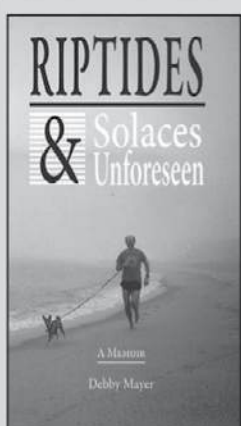
Her spirit of service, creativity, and love will forever be remembered and cherished by her family and community.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one’s choice in her honor.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 South Broadway, Red Hook.

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Obituaries

Robert Lento (1937 - 2024)

GERMANTOWN—Robert Lento, 87, of Germantown passed away peacefully at his home Saturday, October 20, 2024 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

“Bob” leaves behind his two children, Angela Lento and “Bobby” Lento; his sister, Janet Greenburg and her husband, Larry Greenburg; his stepchildren, Tammara Dooley, Credonna Masterson and Roger Hereford, and many beloved grandchildren, cousins and nieces.

He served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1958 while stationed in Germany. He grew up in the Bronx,



Bob Lento

working at both Shea Stadium and Yankee Stadium in his younger years, then Sears Roebuck & Co for 34 years. He retired after working several years at Northern Dutchess Hospital.

His most memorable accomplishment was building his own sleigh and reindeer and sitting in the freezing cold to

greet children and adults with gifts of fruit, candy canes and stuffed animals. “Thank you, ‘Santa Bob.’”

He blessed the lives of everyone who knew him with his contagious smile and comical shenanigans. He also loved to fish and one always knew when he was cooking, as the aroma could be smelled from a mile away.

He never suffered from any pain during his battle with cancer.

His family has decided not to have a service at this time.

Arrangements are under the care of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 South Broadway, Red Hook.

Gerald Wheeler (1936 - 2024)

SHARON, CT—Gerald “Gerry” Wheeler, 88, of Ancramdale, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully Friday, October 18, 2024 at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, CT. Mr. Wheeler worked for The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, CT. He retired as the supervisor of housekeeping following a 46-year career at Hotchkiss, where he was loved and respected by the faculty and the students.

Born July 21, 1936 in Sharon, CT, he was the son of the late John Henry and Margaret (Hanley) Wheeler. He was a graduate of Webutuck High School in Amenia. On March 11, 1956 in Millerton, he married the love of his life, Augusta Lee Hoyt. Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler shared over 59-years of marriage. Mrs. Wheeler passed away January 25, 2015.

Mr. Wheeler was an avid hunter and fisherman throughout his life. He enjoyed driving in the stock car races at Lebanon Valley Speedway in West Lebanon, and driving in the drag races at the Dover Drag Strip in Wingdale for many years. In his spare time, he liked gardening and tending to lawn work at home with his beloved wife. For several years he was a parishioner at St. Patrick’s Church in Millerton and was also affiliated with the



Gerry Wheeler

Reformed Dutch Church in Gallatin.

Mr. Wheeler is survived by: two sons, Richard Wheeler and his partner Jenefer Shute of Germantown and John Wheeler and his wife Dana of Millerton; five grandchildren, Kae, Sean, Timothy, Nicole and Adam; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and many friends. In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Wheeler was predeceased by his son, Gerald Wheeler and his grandson, Andrew Wheeler and three siblings.

Calling hours were held October 23, 2024 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton. A funeral service will take place Thursday, October 24, 2024, 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. Memorial contributions may be made to American Multiple Sclerosis Society or to ALS United of Greater New York. To send an online condolence visit www.conklinfuneral-home.com

Laura Koerner (1960 - 2024)

ANCRAM—Laura Koerner, 64, a six-year resident of Ancram, formerly of Amenia, died unexpectedly at her home in Ancram, Saturday, October 19, 2024. She had a long career at Harney & Sons Fine Teas in Millerton, where she worked in Special Accounts and International Accounts Management since 2011.

Born August 12, 1960 in Huntington, Long Island, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Joan (Cole) Frank. She was a graduate of Somers High School in Westchester County and received a certificate in cosmetology from BOCES. She also attended dog grooming school in New York City which led her to a lifelong career and her own fulfilling business catering to her love of animals. She was an avid long-time New York Rangers fan. In



Laura Koerner

addition, she was an active member of the Sharon Congregational Church in Sharon, CT.

She is survived by: her three loving children, Peter Koerner and his wife Melanie Inconstanti of Dover Plains, Nicholas “Nick” Frank-Tedesco of Millerton, and Samantha J. Spadaccini and her husband Trevor of Copake; her “treasures” in life, her granddaughters, Kendall Koerner and Lyla Blu Spadaccini and her grandsons, Jayden Spadaccini and Dylan Koerner.

She is also survived by her siblings, Joann Clifford and her husband Andrew of Lake Worth, FL, Robert Frank and his wife Judy of Niskayuna, Christopher Frank and his wife Maria of Carmel; her sister-in-law, Susan Frank of Schenectady and several nieces and nephews and many dear friends. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her brother, Glenn Frank.

Calling hours will take place Friday, October 25, 2024 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton. A funeral service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday during visitation. Rev. J. Dawson Miller will officiate. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in her memory visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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TOWN OF KINDERHOOK COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Kinderhook, NY is seeking bids for a roof mounted solar PV system on the Highway Garage roof, installed as indicated below to offset the Highway Garage's electricity use. The Town of Kinderhook invites sealed bids for this work. The bid is for supplying and installing the solar panels, and must include delivery, installation and full set up as well as applying for all available NYSERDA rebates and discounts which should be deducted in the final project cost.

The system installation will include all required engineering design, permits, materials, tools, labor, new equipment; training, support, and expertise, under the requirements to install for customer interconnect to the utility grid and commission system for use under the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program

The bid shall include, minimally, the following:
Minimum size of 19 kW
Maximum total cost-\$78,000

PLEASE NOTE: New York State Prevailing Wage Rates must be met/used as this is a public project. NYSERDA will only consider solar contractors who are part of the NY-Sun program. The work shall be substantially completed within 90 calendar days of the date of the Notice to Proceed.

Bids will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Kinderhook, NY, Town Hall, 3211 Church St., Valatie, NY 12184 until 3:00 PM on or before Monday, November 4th, 2024 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud, with the contract being awarded, if acceptable, on November 4th at 6:30 pm. Questions can be directed to the Town Clerk during the Clerk's business hours of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There are no bid documents. All bids must include a non-collusive bidding certificate which can be obtained from the Town Clerk's office by emailing townclerk@kinderhook-ny.gov

The Town of Kinderhook Town Board expressly reserves the right to waive any irregularities in or to accept any bid or to reject any and all bids or to award on any or all items. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within twenty-five (25) days after the actual date of the bid opening.

By order of the Town Board, Town of Kinderhook, New York.
By: April Pinkowski
Town Clerk
Town of Kinderhook, NY

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
LORENTZ HOSPITALITY LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 10/2/2024 Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to 41 STATE ST, STE 112, ALBANY, NY, US 12207 General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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ANNIE MONTGOMERY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/15/24. Office: Columbia County, SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 292, 69 Summit Street, Claverack, NY 12565. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING
Pursuant to Town Law §108 please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Kinderhook will hold a Public Hearing for the 2025 Town Budget. The date for the public hearing is Monday, November 4th at 6:30 PM at the Town of Kinderhook Town Hall located at 3211 Church Street in Valatie, New York at which time all interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard. The Proposed 2025 Budget is available at the office of the Town Clerk as well as on the Town of Kinderhook website.
By Order of the Town Board
April S. Pinkowski
Town Clerk

COLUMBIA COUNTY BID NOTICE
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COPAKE HAMLET STREETScape AND PARKING LOTS CONTRACT NO. 2 – MAIN STREET LOT PARKING LOT & SEPTIC SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
Sealed, separate Bids for the construction of the Copake Hamlet Streetscape and Parking Lots, Contract No. 2 – Main Street Lot will be received by Town of Copake at the office of the Town Clerk, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, New York 12516, until 2:00 PM local time on November 6, 2024, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of reconstructing and expanding the parking lot located at 171-177 County Route 7A in the hamlet of Copake for use as a municipal public parking lot, which will also include reconstruction of a private onsite wastewater treatment system at the site. The Project is proposed to occur in or about the spring of 2025. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form.
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., 10 Airline Drive, Suite 200, Albany, New York 12205, attention Liam Regan, lregan@bartonandloguidice.com.
Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office. Bidding Documents are available via email as portable document format (PDF) files at no cost. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the prospective Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.
Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed Bid Form and accompanied by Bid security, as prescribed in the Instructions to Bidders.
The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the additional bond(s) prescribed in the Bidding Documents. In order to perform public work, the Successful Bidder and Subcontractors prior to contract award shall hold or obtain such license as required by State statutes, and Federal and local Laws and Regulations.
Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that have been barred from competing on public works under General Municipal Law 5A-103-b.
Purchases made by the Town of Copake are not subject to any Federal, State or local sales tax. Bidders shall not include in their bid sales and compensating use taxes on the cost of materials. Exemption certificates will be executed upon request. For information concerning the proposed Work, contact Liam Regan, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., 10 Airline Drive, Suite 200, Albany, New York 12205, lregan@bartonandloguidice.com. The Owner's right is reserved to reject all Bids or any Bid no conforming to the intent and purpose of the Bidding Documents.
Dated this 11th day of October, 2024
Lynn DeRocha
Town Clerk
Town of Copake

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.

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
Please take notice that the Canaan Town Board will hold Public Hearings on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm on the 2025 Tentative Budget and the 2025 agreement with the Chatham Rescue Squad. The Public Hearings will take place at the Canaan Town Hall, 1647 County Route 5, Canaan, NY 12029.
- By order of the Canaan Town Board
- Joshua S. Weisbuch - Canaan Town Clerk

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Make it Make Sense Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/07/2024. 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 Emma Blecker: 63 State Route 203, Spencertown, NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
ON FIREFLY LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 10/8/2024 Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to 41 STATE ST, STE 112, ALBANY, NY, 12207 General Purpose

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 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.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF CANAAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing before the Canaan Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted on Tuesday October 29, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Canaan Town Hall, 1647 County Route 5, Canaan, NY.
The matter to be considered will be the application submitted by Francis Amlaw, 54 Macneil Road, Tax Map ID #60.-1-22.1, for an Area Variance. This application is open to inspection at the office of the Town Clerk. Persons wishing to appear at the hearing may do so in person or by representative. Communications in writing concerning these matters may be filed with the Town Clerk prior to the hearing or with the Board on the night of the hearing (9 copies please).
Zoning Board of Appeals, David Cooper, Chairman

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.

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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 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 Eichyush 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 design. 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
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 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 HYGGEELAND 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 HYGGEELAND LLC: 88 Covenant Circle, New Lebanon, NY 12062. 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 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.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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 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 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
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
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
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
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
Notice of Formation of STOVEPIPE ALLEY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/2024. 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 Stovepipe Alley Associates, LLC: 157 Torre Rock Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ENTERTAINMENT

By MARLENE MCTIGUE

Discovering the Norman Rockwell Museum: A cultural gem in Stockbridge, MA

AT THE VERY western edge of the Berkshires, the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, MA, stands as a testament to the power of art in shaping American identity. Known as the nation's home for American illustration art, this museum not only houses the largest collection of Norman Rockwell's works but also plays a pivotal role in preserving and promoting the art of illustration. Through its evolution from a quaint community project to a major cultural institution, the museum reflects both the history of American art and the legacy of one of its most beloved artists.

The story of the Norman Rockwell Museum is as quintessentially American as the artist himself. It began in the late 1960s, when the town of Stockbridge rallied to save a historic house on Main Street from demolition. This effort led to the creation of the Stockbridge Historical Society, which unexpectedly became the home of some of Rockwell's most iconic works. As more people flocked to see the paintings, what started as a small-town initiative organically grew into a museum dedicated to Rockwell's art.

Margit Hotchkiss, the museum's chief marketing officer, recounts, "Norman Rockwell himself was involved from the beginning. He offered to loan his paintings to the historical society, and soon enough, people were lining up to see them." The museum officially opened in 1993, moving to its current location on a sprawling 36-acre estate that offers a serene backdrop to the vibrant art within.

Rockwell's Evolution: More Than Just Saturday Evening Post Covers

While Rockwell is best known for his Saturday Evening Post covers, his work transcends these early years, particularly as he grew increasingly concerned with social issues. Rockwell's art captured slices of American life with an uncanny ability to connect with viewers, documenting everything from the joys of childhood to the somber realities of war. However, it was his later work that truly highlighted his humanitarian spirit.

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Photo contributed

Visitors in front of Rockwell's painting "The Problem We All Live With" at the Norman Rockwell Museum.

NORMAN
ROCKWELL
MUSEUM

From Ghent - 23 Miles
From Ravena - 39 Miles
From Greenville - 55 Miles

freedom to comment on the pressing social issues of the day, such as civil rights and racial integration. His paintings during this period, like "The Problem We All Live With," which portrays a young African American girl being escorted to school by federal marshals, remain some of his most powerful and enduring works. "He stepped into a more civic role, using his art to raise awareness and comment on the world around him," says Hotchkiss.

The Museum Today: A Hub for American Illustration Art

Today, the Norman Rockwell Museum is not just a repository for Rockwell's art but a vibrant center for American illustration art. The museum has taken on a leadership role in the field, curating and originating exhibitions that celebrate the rich history of illustration in America. Recent exhibitions have explored a wide range of themes and artists, from the

satirical brilliance of Mad Magazine to the poignant portraits of women by contemporary illustrator Anita Kunz.

The museum's ability to create its own exhibitions has attracted attention and admiration from around the world. For example, their Mad Magazine exhibit, featuring over 250 original works, has been so well received that the museum hopes it will travel to other institutions. Hotchkiss highlights this aspect of their mission: "We specialize in illustration art, and there aren't many museums that do. So we've taken on the role of developing and sharing these exhibitions."

A Campus Open to All

One of the most charming aspects of the Norman Rockwell Museum is its setting. The museum's 36-acre campus, with its rolling hills, apple trees, and proximity to the Housatonic River, offers visitors a peaceful retreat. Rockwell's own studio,

moved from his nearby home, is a highlight, providing a glimpse into the artist's world. Visitors are encouraged to spend time on the grounds, whether picnicking under the trees or exploring the many walking trails.

The museum is also committed to being a welcoming space for everyone. This commitment is evident in their efforts to engage with the local community, ensuring that the museum is accessible and inviting to all walks of life. As Hotchkiss notes, "We want people to feel like they belong here, whether they're coming to see the art, enjoy the grounds, or just spend a quiet afternoon."

A Legacy of Engagement and Education

The Norman Rockwell Museum continues to honor the artist's legacy by being a place where art, history, and community intersect. It is a must-visit for anyone interested in American art, culture, and history, offering a unique opportunity to connect with Rockwell's work and the broader world of illustration art. For residents of the Berkshires, the Capital Region and beyond,

the museum is not just a cultural destination but a reminder of the power of art to reflect, challenge, and inspire.

As you stroll through the galleries, surrounded by the work of Rockwell and his peers, or relax in the peaceful surroundings of the museum grounds, you'll understand why this place is more than just a museum. It's a home for the spirit of America, captured in the works of one of its most beloved artists.

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MUSEUM

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Is our family court in crisis?

Eighth in a series on justice

By DEBORAH E. LANS

HUDSON — In February 2024 the state Senate issued a report headed “The Crisis in New York’s Family Courts.” It was just the latest in a series of reports, including one commissioned by the Chief Judge of the state’s court system, reaching the same conclusion: the Family Court was suffering from a lack of resources and handling many cases not appropriately in the court system in the first place.

In Columbia County, the Family Court is presided over by the County Court Judges and, like its counterparts throughout the state, its caseload addresses core family issues: abuse, neglect, termination of parental rights, domestic violence, delinquency, adoption, guardianship, custody and child support among them. In the county, the court is not in crisis, though it is challenged by resource gaps that largely arise due to the county’s relatively small size. As elsewhere, much of the conduct it sees is the product of other circumstances the court cannot address, such as poverty, a lack of affordable housing, insufficient wages that require parents to work multiple jobs, and child care issues.

The Columbia Paper spoke at length with Columbia County Court Judge Michael Howard. The bulk of his docket every week is Family Court matters, although he also hears criminal

cases every Monday, handles Surrogate Court matters and spends one day each week hearing Family Court cases in Ulster County.

A theme common to many Family Court cases is whether and how a family can stay intact or best serve the interests of children. What is the best disposition when there is evidence of abuse or neglect? Should a child be removed from the parent(s)? Should parental rights be terminated to “free” a child for adoption? Should a child be in foster care for a time and if so with kin or strangers? If two parents are warring over custody, how should decision-making and time-sharing be arranged?

Judge Howard says his greatest challenge is finding ways to keep family members safe and, where possible, keep families together while providing the services they need to function better. The size of the county does not support many services that larger communities can host, but the court has many partners it works with: the Department of Social Services, Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood, Columbia County Sanctuary Movement and ReEntry Columbia being among those named by Judge Howard.

Judge Howard also notes that the attorneys working for family members are often the persons who reach out to other services, for addiction or mental health treatment for example, to support their clients and

divert from, or lessen the impact, of judicial intervention.

Where once family courts in the state were prone to separating children from families for reasons of abuse or neglect, today the system recognizes that “strong, stable, positive relationships – especially during childhood – are the linchpin for both individual and societal well-being,” as family law scholar Clare Huntington has written. Where the family’s ties are positive, accordingly, family separation is institutionally disfavored as it disrupts a child’s most basic relationships.

Judge Edwina Richardson Mendelson, a leader in the state’s court system, put the system’s approach this way: “Removing a child from their parent or primary caregiver must be reserved for the most extreme and egregious of threats to a child’s safety and wellbeing.” Moreover, in those cases where removal is necessary, the child welfare system in New York will now make “every effort...to have the child live with relatives and keep them connected with their family,” i.e., in “kinship” care.

In considering ways to address the crisis seen in family courts, the state Senate report placed primary emphasis on “narrowing the front door” – meaning, finding and funding the resources necessary to prevent and divert families from the Family Court in the first place. The report notes that “only a quarter of child protective [e.g., abuse, neglect] cases

involve intentional, harmful acts by parents. Most cases involve parents who cannot meet their children’s basic needs due to poverty. For the vast majority of these cases, social services and poverty-reduction measures are required, not heavy-handed and invasive litigation in a court system that is already struggling with extensive backlogs.”

At the Hudson Police Department, Chief Mishanda Franklin looks to narrow the front door of the justice system (juvenile as well as adult) by recognizing that much petty crime results from mental health or substance use disorders that can better be handled outside the courts. Thus, in appropriate situations her department talks with victims about whether to substitute restitution or treatment for arrest and with parents about preventive services when a child appears to be “headed in the wrong direction.”

Data from the court system concerning the activity of the Columbia County Family Court indicates positive trends. First, the number of abuse and neglect cases has been reduced by about two-thirds since 2010, meaning that non-judicial interventions have significantly increased. Likewise, cases involving juvenile misconduct (delinquency or “persons in need of supervision” filings) are down more than 75% in that same period, consistent with what Judge Howard sees as “a downward trend in youth

violence.” Indeed, there have been only a handful of such cases in each of the recent years. Family offense (violence) cases, however, remain at about the same level. (Domestic violence will be the subject of a later article.)

Meanwhile, child custody and support cases account for most of the current Family Court docket. In the former, the court has a great need for lawyers to act as attorneys to advocate for the children in the family – a compensated service for which special training is required. Forensic studies of family dynamics by mental health professionals are handled by Albany specialists, but Judge Howard says they understand the challenges of the more rural Columbia County setting.

Other areas cited by the Senate report as needs of the system are less apparent in the county. For example, the need for interpreters is often filled by the county Sanctuary Movement.

A continuing substantial need, not of the court but of the community as a whole, is greater access to mental health services. As Justice Howard notes, families struggling or in crisis often will benefit far more from supportive services than judicial interventions. As other articles in this paper have shown, affordable housing and child care are also core needs that affect family stability and health in the county and require immediate attention.

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THROUGH THE WOODS

By NANCY JANE KERN

The woodpile

IT SEEMED LIKE A HUGE part of our lives revolved around the woodpile. As a neighbor once remarked, he never knew anyone who worked harder than my father Donald Kern, and mom was right beside him. Work was also shared down the family, and whenever the weather permitted and there was time between planting, growing and harvesting, we cut wood for the next winter.

The house was actually a combination of two houses put together by grandfather Frank Kern, and needed 3 stoves to heat it. It was hard to figure out how many cords it took, but there were huge piles of wood to be stacked up east of the barn. We took the team of Belgian draft horses and iron wheeled wagon to the woods

where father chopped away (no chain saws then) until there were wagon lengths of limb wood. The bigger trunks got pulled out one at a time and split. We had one of those “one lung” engines we called the popping machine, and another early gas engine to run a belt to a buzz saw to cut the wood to stove sized chunks. Later there was a tractor for the job plus a chain saw. When we were old enough, we began tailing the saw and picking up the cut chunks as father fed the limbs through. One very cold day it was a close call when he almost sawed through a numb finger. He was a sickly shade of green as mother, a registered nurse, phoned the doctor.

There weren’t any antibiotics to be given and whatever she did, it worked and he

healed. There was no OSHA, helmets, safety goggles, ear protection, or anything close to them. You had to be very alert, follow instructions and have great reflexes. Other hazards were wood pieces kicked off the saw, sawdust up the nose and in the eyes, and splinters.

We used the sawdust in the barn under the cows, and the wood smelled different depending on what kind it was. The “iron wood” as we called it was really different because it was so hard and heavy. It was actually American Hornbeam and had beautiful smooth gray bark and was a pleasure to hold. It had no rough dirty bark or splintered ends, and burned for a long time. Every Saturday father got a load of wood and backed it up by the house. We kids had the job of unloading



Woodpile by Nancy Kern

and carrying it onto the porch to stack for the coming week. Smaller pieces went into the wood box to start the fires, and the big pieces were stacked by size. This way you could zip out in the cold and easily pick out the sizes you needed.

Usually mother kept the fires going. When fires went out we shoveled out ashes and carried them outside in metal coal scuttles or pails. They got spread on walkways so we

wouldn’t slip and the rest placed on the gardens. It was one of the best materials ever for getting a good grip on ice. We eventually switched to an oil furnace, but never completely eliminated wood. The wood pellets are easier to use, but people are missing out on an incredible experience and connection to the natural world if you don’t use the woodpile, a renewable, organic source of energy.



David Lee

Kelly Drahushuk tells the story of the artist Sanford Gifford the cemetery in Hudson.

Annual cemetery tour explores the history of the city

By DAVID LEE

HUDSON — A tour of the historic Cedar Park Cemetery, 20 Columbia Turnpike, was conducted on Sunday, October 20. Organized through the Hudson Area Library, the tour has been an annual event for the past six years. It was led by the library's history room committee member and Spotty Dog Books and Ale proprietor Kelly Drahushuk who has done a lot of research into the histories of many of the luminaries resting in the cemetery's ground. There were about 50 people up for the hike. History room coordinator Barbara Shufelt says that capacity for the event is always full.

The tour included the final resting places of some of Hudson's first developers, the "proprietors" of the city. The tour visited the stones of artists

such as Sanford Gifford and notables such as the Andrews sisters and their niece who survived the sinking of the Titanic.

The tour stopped at the Evans Crypt which holds the remains of her own distant and recent family, among them veterans and a former Hudson mayor and owner of Evans Ale brewery. As presented by Ms. Drahushuk, the grave markers and their documentation provided a wonderful sketch of the history of the city, and by extension, the country.

And the fact that much of the history was written by white men was not ignored by Ms. Drahushuk, the final two stones on the tour being those of poet Maggie Estep who died in 2014, and Robert Lee Jones, a high school kid who died under a pile of tacklers during a varsity football game.

Letters

She sees no threat to rights in ballot Proposition 1

To the Editor:

Recently I noticed two signs sponsored by the NYS GOP. One suggested that girls' sports are in peril and the other maintained that parents would lose their control if Proposition 1 becomes an amendment to the New York State Constitution.

Proposition 1, if passed by the voters, would enshrine women's reproductive rights in New York State. If passed it would prevent opponents from rescinding LGBTQ rights and would prohibit public sector

employers from discriminating against older employees. There is no mention of attacking girls sports or usurping parental rights within the framework of this bill. However, the game plan for the GOP is to attempt to erode abortion rights, state by state. The NYS GOP is using fear and emotional manipulation in an effort to block important civil rights and critical health care for citizens of New York State.

I ask the readers to look up the wording of this proposed

amendment. Don't allow the GOP to distort the intent of this proposition.

Use the link below or do your own research. Let truth prevail!

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/2024/brad-hoylman-sigal/proposal-1-equal-rights-amendment>

In the words of a man revered by the Republican Party, Former President Ronald Reagan: "trust but verify..."

Rena Liggio
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He compares immigration press coverage then and now

To the Editor:

Immigration is the hot-button issue of the presidential campaign, as it has so often been in the history of our country. Shameful, vicious things are being said about those entering our country. Over a century ago, The Columbia Weekly Republican wrote this about the workers who came to toil in our brickyards: "The class of labor employed is . . . of the lower foreign element. . . They have few brains and follow like sheep. . ." (Columbia Weekly Republican, June 6, 1906) They were characterized as criminals and mental deficients. They were, as well, the great grandfathers and grandmothers of many of us living today and reading this.

This week, two revealing articles appeared, one in the Columbia Paper and another in The New York Times. The first (The Columbia Paper, October 17, 2024), entitled

"Canaan Board Looks at declining population in the town and county," reports that the population of that town has fallen over the past 14 years from 2,369 to 1,661. People over 65 years of age are now 33% of the population, up from 9%. Young people are now 20% of the population, down from 60%. Canaan is not unique in this population shift. New York State reports that, "Another result of the population shifts is that the labor shortage is more acute in rural areas."

If you talk with local business owners, you will often hear them say that they cannot find enough employees, so they cut back on the days they operate or reduce the services they offer. The Times article (New York Times Magazine, October 20, 2024), entitled "Expiration Date," documents the dairy industry's extreme reliance on immigrant labor. "There aren't a whole lot of people that grow

up in the city that are looking to work 16-hour days. . . to find out that twice a day you're going to get cow dung splattered on your clothes. . ." Grocery prices are extremely sensitive to the availability of low-cost, imported workers who are willing to perform grueling, physically challenging labor.

A look back over the history of Columbia County will reveal that we have always relied on immigrant labor, from the Palatines, who suffered enormously coming here as indentured servants, to slaves, and on to the waves of Irish, Italians and young, southern Black men who made bricks. If you want a new roof, a good meal out or a home health care worker to help you to the bathroom when you reach 95 years of age, if you want affordable food when you do your shopping, think twice about the ugly politics of the moment.

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The annual Hawthorne Valley Harvest Festival was held on Sunday, October 13, rain or shine, and there was a little of both. People gathered on the grounds of the school and farm for food, music, crafts, games, vendors of craft and an up-close look at birds of prey, not to mention a fantastic puppet show. The Hawthorne Valley Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Luke Franco, plays "Sir Duke" by Stevie Wonder. Standing center is vocalist Gaby Kozel.



David Lee

Friends of the Chatham Public Library bring 'Music in the Library' series

CHATHAM — The Friends of the Chatham Public Library announce the fourth musical event in their concert series, Music in the Library. For the fall season, the friends have invited Standard Edition Trio to perform at the library, 11 Woodbridge Avenue, on Wednesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. Standard Edition brings a richness and intimacy to jazz classics, American Songbook standards and soulful duets. Robert Kelly, Andrea Lubbers and Courtney Shayne Karl provide the foundation for this enchanting trio with keyboard, bass and percussion accompanied by strong vocal harmonies.



Standard Edition Trio

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Like all programs and services at the library, the concert will be free and all are welcome.

The Friends of the Chatham Public Library is a volunteer organization whose goal is to support

the library in a manner that is consistent with the library's own goals. Funds received by the friends are used to sponsor a wide variety of library programs and events, including the Music in the Library concert series, the Library of Things where patrons can borrow practical tools, games and other items like a sewing machine or a bulb planter, and special

events for children and families such as Two By Two Animal Haven live animal shows and the annual Summer Reading Program for youth.

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of the Chatham Public Library to support their good work, visit <https://chathampubliclibrary.org/friends/>.



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BKO Chamber performers (l to r) Robert Reed, Mitsuko Suzuki and Uel Wade.

BKO celebrates autumn themed chamber music

CHATHAM — Dive into autumn with BKO Chamber Music. On Sunday, October 27, 3 to 4 p.m., violinist Mitsuko Suzuki and cellist Robert Reed will join pianist Uel Wade playing autumn music by composers who were moved by both the glories and the melancholy of the colorful season.


As usual for BKO, the music will be mostly unfamiliar but accessible, and many of the composers are familiar. "October: Song of Autumn" by Tchaikovsky indulges his characteristic yearning Romantic spirit. His "November: In the Troika" is a merry jaunt in the countryside. In "Autumn," Piazzolla offers his typical two-sided approach: the feral rhythms of the tango contrasted with the passionate yearnings of a

gypsy soul. Wade will play "Feuilles Mortes," a prelude thick with Debussy-rich, gorgeous colors. Also a "Sketch" by Amy Beach in late Romantic style. The trio will play "Pale Yellow" and "Brilliant Blue" by Jennifer Higdon. "Autumn Song" by Paul Moravec is a lyrical piece transcribed from flute. In "Approaching Autumn" Mark Abel has captured an amazing variety of musical colors, with quivering leaves and threatening storms. And what program would be complete without the iconic "Autumn Leaves" in a samba version by Daniel Rojas.

The concert is at the Wade-Hunter Studio, 40 Church St. Admission is \$30, kids are free. Reserve tickets at uel@uelwade.org or 518-392-4697. Walk-ins welcome.

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