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November's ballot proposition 1: New York's ERA



By DEBORAH E. LANS

GHENT — There is only one state-wide proposition on the ballot this November: a state constitutional amendment that would broaden equality protections in New York.

Currently, the state constitution prohibits discrimination only on the basis of race and religion and, as such, is narrower than the state constitutional protections of the majority of other states. The proposed amendment would “modernize” New York’s constitution by add-

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David Lee

“En garde!” Kids in Kinderhook learn from the past

The third annual Kinderhook Library Miniature Renaissance Faire was held on Sunday, September 29. The event, held on the vacant lot across from the library on Sylvester Street, was the biggest yet. Among the many activities, vendors sold crafts, music was played, stories were told, sword duels were engaged, and a costume contest was judged by some of the teen volunteers. A group called Rogue Fencing of New York City and the Hudson Valley encouraged visitors to try their skills using soft foam swords. Among the sword fighters were Devin Lowell (l) and Owen Kenny (r).

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Molinaro and Riley run for 19th Congressional District



By LORNA CHEROT LITTLEWAY

GHENT — The 2024 general election for the recently reconfigured 19th Congressional District is a rematch of the 2022 midterm open seat election when the current Republican incumbent Marc Molinaro defeated Democratic challenger Josh Riley by slightly more than 2% of ballots cast. The 19th CD was one of four Hudson Valley districts to flip from Democrat to Republican, contributing to the GOP’s 8-vote majority in the House of Representatives.

The 19th CD includes all of Columbia, Broome, Chenango,

Cortland, Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, Tioga and Tompkins counties as well as parts of Otsego and Ulster counties.

In the 2022 Democratic primary Mr. Riley defeated Dutchess County entrepreneur Jamie Cheney with more than 60% of the vote.

The candidates were sent and returned questionnaires. Candidates were asked to write a statement and each candidate was asked to comment on Project 2025. Their answers are below:

Marcus Molinaro

Marc Molinaro, 48, a registered Republican, has been the Congressman for 2 years. He is on

the Republican and Conservative ballot lines.

Mr. Molinaro attended SUNY Dutchess. In 1995, Congressman Marc Molinaro was elected Mayor of Tivoli, becoming the youngest mayor in America. He later served as State Assemblyman and County Executive. Now in Congress, he serves on the House Committee on Agriculture, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, and the House Committee on Small Business.

The congressman resides in Catskill with his wife Corinne and children Abigail, Jack, Elias, and Theo.

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Roe Jan Library appoints new development committee chair

COPAKE — Betsy Myers has been named the chair of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library development committee. Library trustees Chris Atkins and Marilyn Gross previously co-chaired the committee.



Photo contributed
Betsy Myers

Pat Placona, president of the library's Board of Trustees, noted that Ms. Myers recently retired from the Doris Duke Foundation. "Betsy is going to elevate our development efforts to a new level as we embark on a journey to secure our future financial sustainability," Ms. Placona said in a press release.

"I am delighted to take on this new challenge," said Ms. Myers, a Copake resident who has served on the library's Finance Committee for several years, also in the release. "I am grateful that Chris and Marilyn will continue to serve on the Development Committee and help to manage our ongoing fundraising events, such as our Annual Appeal, the spring Gala, and the annual celebration of National Library Week."

Ms. Placona noted that while most libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System receive 80 percent or more of their funding from tax allocations, the funding received from the three towns served by the library — Ancram, Copake, and Hillsdale — accounts for less than 40 percent of the library's annual operating budget. The rest is raised through

annual fundraising campaigns. "While our long-term goal is to secure more predictable and stable public funding, in the meantime we will work toward obtaining resources to fund the library's operations over and above our tax allocations," said Ms. Placona. "Over the years, Betsy has spent quite a lot of time in the world of nonprofits and we're lucky to gain her expertise," she said.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library, which is chartered to serve Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale, is located at 9091 Route 22, approximately one mile south of the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 22 and 23. For information on hours and events, call 518.325-4101 or visit <http://www.roejanlibrary.org>, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/roejanlibrary/>, or on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/roejanlibrary/>.

Hundreds turn out for annual RoeJan Ramble

The weather on Saturday morning, September 21, was perfect as the riders set out from Copake Memorial Park for the annual RoeJan Ramble. The Ramble is a bicycle event that takes riders on a series of seven routes along the roads in the southeastern part of the county, the longest ride being a 100-mile ordeal for the very ambitious, and the shortest a 10-mile jaunt. Start times were staggered so that riders would come in at near the same hour of early afternoon. This was the 12th edition of the Ramble and there was a record over 700 cyclists signed up.



David Lee

Rural Housing Coalition honors achievements at annual meeting

ALBANY — The Rural Housing Coalition presented awards for championing the cause of rural housing and community development at a luncheon ceremony on Tuesday, September 24. Held at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center in Lake George, the awards program was part of a three-day annual meeting focused on revitalizing rural New York by strengthening housing and community development providers.

"We are pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of these people and this organization," said Michael J. Borges, executive director of the Rural Housing Coalition of New

York, in a press release. "They are leading the way in using state and federal grants to leverage private funding to boost affordable housing, main street revitalization and public infrastructure improvements in New York's rural communities."

State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106th) received Advocates of the Year, along with State Senator John Mannion (D-50th). These lawmakers sponsored A.9158 / S.3141A in the Assembly and Senate and were instrumental in securing its passage. The legislation will codify the Manufactured and Mobile Home Replacement Program

in New York State, increase the grant amount per unit from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and raise the administration fee from 7.5% to 10%. It addresses similar issues to the RESTORE and Access to Home programs, also legislative priorities for RHC. The measure awaits the Governor's signature.

"In a poll we commissioned last year, New Yorkers, no matter where they live, view housing affordability as a major challenge," said Mr. Borges. "We applaud our award recipients for making sure that New York State is helping to meet the need for housing in underserved areas like rural communities."

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Roe Jan School building has new optimistic broker

By DIANE VALDEN

COPAKE — Those familiar with the old Roeliff Jansen School building at 9065 Route 22, often lament that it has been vacant and left to decay for the past 25 years.

But a new “comprehensive brokerage firm specializing in premiere commercial real estate properties for sale or lease” now represents the owner and has an optimistic view of the old school’s future.

Thomas M. Cervone, a broker with the C.R. Properties Group LLC in Poughkeepsie has represented the owner—Markland Columbia LLC of the Bronx, for the past six months or so.

Mr. Cervone told The Columbia Paper this week that his firm is “actively marketing the property and is working with a number of potential buyers.” He is “cautiously optimistic” that the building and grounds can be sold for “an adaptive reuse” such as

“residential, the arts, education or seniors,” he said. “We do have strong customer interest.”

The online property listing at <https://crproperties.com/search-property-listings/?propertyId=RoeliffSU>, says the sale price is \$2,195,000 and the building is 92,810 square feet. Mr. Cervone said the total square footage including a storage building on the property is 100,000 square feet.

He said the property “has a lot of value and we’re not asking for a lot of money.” He pointed out the attractive “regional location” at the juncture of New York, Vermont and Massachusetts and called it “a beautiful setting.”

The main two-story school building was built in 1932 of brick and masonry with a slate roof. A one-story addition was built in 1962. The building sits on 39.30 acres.

The school became vacant in 1999, when the Taconic Hills

School District moved all its students to one new consolidated campus at 73 County Route 11A, Craryville. The first graduating class of the new merged home of the Titans was the class of 2000.

Today, passersby traveling on Route 22 may notice new plywood boards covering the windows (mostly first floor) and doors across the front of the building. Also trees, shrubs and all vegetation around the building visible from the front has been removed.

According to town officials the work is an effort by the owner to bring the structure and grounds into compliance with town and state property maintenance codes.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Erin Reis has written to the property owner several times over the past year and a half. The Notices of Violation/Orders to Remedy obtained by The Columbia Paper through the Freedom of

Information Act, repeatedly list the codes the building owner is in violation of and how the conditions must be remedied.

An April 2024 report of a structural assessment of the building done by the Barton and Loguidice, DPC, engineering firm, found that “the structure is generally in fair condition.”

That said, the report noted “because of roof leaks and window openings in the exterior walls, areas of structural timber roof framing and wood flooring have experienced surface deterioration and decay. This is causing excessive rot and deterioration to structural members and under certain loading conditions (build up of ice and snow) could cause partial collapse to the supporting system.

“The dilapidated, decayed, water damaged floor and wall support systems in the structure are posing an environmental threat with the presence of mildew and black mold.”

Work to remedy violations listed in a May 2024 letter from the building inspector to the owner include: securing and boarding of all windows and doors; repair of leaks, holes and collapsed portions of the roof to make the building weather tight; remove vegetation from all areas near the exterior surfaces of the building walls; prevent entry to the building except by those persons working on repairs; remove or cover peeling, chipping paint, furniture and debris and graffiti from the building exterior.

The May 2024 letter gave the owner a month to accomplish the needed remedies. In a phone conversation with the building inspector this week, Ms. Reis said the repair work is still in process and the town has not moved forward with imposing fines because the work is ongoing. She said she will continue to monitor the situation.

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The Ghent Playhouse announces its 50th season

GHENT — The Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, announces its 50th Anniversary Season — a lively mix of productions, special events and celebrations. The season includes the hysterical political satire “The Outsider,” a festive holiday concert by a musical singing group of local theater veterans, a staged-reading of Edith Wharton’s short story “Xingu,” and the madcap screwball comedy “Lend Me A Tenor.” Ending the season are a musical production, yet to be announced, and the 50th Anniversary Gala.

“The Ghent Playhouse has always been a gathering place for the community,” said Artistic Director Cathy Lee-Visscher in a press release. “In our 50-year history we’ve seen many changes and faced many challenges, yet we remain strong due to the unwavering support of our community. As we pass our half-century mark, we are looking back to celebrate the past while planning our vision for the future.”

Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are available online: \$23 for members, \$28 for nonmembers, and \$12 for students. Individual tickets and memberships can be purchased at GhentPlayhouse.org.

This season:

- “The Outsider”

Paul Smith’s political satire is a timely and hysterical comedy that skewers politics and celebrates democracy. In the midst of a political scandal, Lieutenant Governor Ned Nooley suddenly finds himself thrust into the position of governor. A pure policy wonk, Ned is the furthest thing from a politician. In fact, he is exactly what the public is looking for: the worst candidate

to ever run for public office... or is he?

Performances: two consecutive weekends, October 11–13 and 18–20.

- “Holiday Concert by Act Two”

This musical singing group of local theater veterans will perform a holiday concert. Festive fun for the whole family.

Performance: December 14

- “Xingu.”

The Ghent Playhouse is thrilled to present another staged reading featuring many familiar faces from the community. “Xingu” is an adapted version of Edith Wharton’s short story satirizing a snobby ladies’ literary lunch group.

Performances: January 18 and 19

• “Lend Me A Tenor” is a madcap, screwball comedy was a sensation on Broadway and London’s West End. Winner of three Tony and four Drama Desk Awards, it takes place on the biggest night in the history of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, with world-famous tenor Tito Merelli set to perform. Mayhem ensues when Tito arrives late and then passes out. Who will step in? Performances: two consecutive weekends, February 7–9 and 14–16

- Musical Production TBA

Performances: three consecutive weekends April 4–6, 11–13 and 18–20.

Join the Ghent Playhouse in June (date TBA) for their gala celebrating 50 years of the playhouse, formerly the Columbia Civic Players. The evening will offer food and drink, followed by a live performance showcasing many Ghent Playhouse favorites, recalling its 50-year history of stage productions guaranteed to spark fond memories.

Shaker Museum presents ‘Farmhouse/Whorehouse: An Artist Lecture’

CHATHAM — Shaker Museum, Suzanne Bocanegra, and Lili Taylor will present a one-night-only performance of Bocanegra’s “Farmhouse/Whorehouse: An Artist Lecture” by Bocanegra and starring Taylor. The performance is scheduled for Sunday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Crandell Theatre, 48 Main Street. Tickets ranging from \$25–\$35 are available at www.shakermuseum.us

Part artist lecture, part memoir, part cultural essay, the performance considers the lives of Bocanegra’s grandparents on their small farm in La Grange, TX, which was located across the road from the Chicken Ranch, the inspiration for the Broadway musical and film “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.” Using text, song, film, and projections, Bocanegra and Taylor tell a rambling story that examines the idyllic place the rural world occupies in our urban imagination, with occasional detours to explore the pastoral in art, homesteading, French painting in the 19th century, “Star Trek,” and various utopian communities throughout history, including the Shakers.

Bocanegra says, in a press release, “Every time Lili and I perform this piece, it’s a little different. This performance includes the premiere of a section inspired by my time spent in the Shaker Museum archives with Frances McDormand in preparation for our installation at the Knitting Mill in Kinderhook.”

Bocanegra employs theater to interrogate the history and practice of visual art, using large-scale video, performance and installation, as well as col-



Photo contributed

Lili Taylor performing “Farmhouse/Whorehouse”

lage, sculpture, and painting. Solo shows include “Wardrobe Test” (Art Cake, Brooklyn), “Poorly Watched Girls” (The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia), and “I Write the Songs” (Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs). She is the recipient of a Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship, a Danish Arts Council Fellowship, the Rome Prize and grants from New York Foundation for the Arts, Pollock-Krasner Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, and Sharpe Art Foundation.

Taylor is acclaimed for her film roles in “Say Anything...,” “Mystic Pizza,” “I Shot Andy Warhol,” “Dogfight,” and “Born on the Fourth of July.” Her television credits include “Six Feet Under,” “The X-Files,” “American Crime,” and “Almost Human.” On Broadway, Taylor has starred in “The Three Sisters” and “Marvin’s Room.” She is the recipient of the Screen Actors Guild Award, three Emmy Award nominations, four Independent Spirit Award nomi-

nations (and one award), and a special Golden Globe Award presented to the cast of Robert Altman’s “Short Cuts.”

“Farmhouse/Whorehouse” has previously been performed at venues including BAM, NYU Skirball, UCLA’s Center for the Art of Performance, Wexner Center for the Arts, SITE SANTE FE, The Fabric Workshop and Museum, and the Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston.

This one-night-only performance is presented as part of Cradled, an exhibition and program curated by Bocanegra and Frances McDormand for Shaker Museum at the Kinderhook Knitting Mill, 8 Hudson Street (www.kinderhookknittingmill.com). This exhibition showcases the craftsmanship of both adult and child-sized Shaker cradles and re-creates the environment in which they were used.

Shaker Museum’s programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Human trafficking — a bigger problem than you think

By DOUG LAROCQUE

Capital Region Independent Media

EAST GREENBUSH — If you were to ask many residents of the rural portions of the Capital Region, they might well tell you human trafficking is a big city, urban problem, it doesn't happen here in Columbia County.

According to the public officials and experts gathered at a September 24 gathering at the Rensselaer County Office Building, they would be wrong.

The NYS Assembly Minority Task Force brought together experts and others in the know for a two-hour forum to discuss the problem as it exists in Columbia and other Capital Region counties. According to a 2022 report from the NYS Interagency Task Force, there were 249 confirmed cases in the state while the National Human Trafficking Hotline reported 467 cases involving 622 victims over the same time-frame.

One of the attendees was Columbia County Undersheriff Jacqueline Salvatore, who tells The Columbia Paper, "It's prevalent everywhere. Just because you don't see it, doesn't mean it



Photo contributed
Columbia County Undersheriff Jacqueline Salvatore.

does not exist." She indicated it's not just a problem in the more urban Hudson area, but it can exist in the very rural areas of the county as well.

Undersheriff Salvatore says there has to be greater spotlight on the problem and more fund-

ing to help law enforcement deal with it. "There has to be a mechanism in place to help train officers on what to look for and where to look for it."

Online predators are another problem, says Washington County District Attorney Tony

Jordan. "I can think of four cases right off the top of my head, where children have been removed from the home following internet encounters." Kids put themselves out there without appreciating the vulnerability. "It's very real."

Rensselaer County District Attorney Mary Pat Donnelly bemoaned that New York and the nation's law are woefully outdated and need to be updated for today's technological age. She also said, "Funding is needed for law enforcement to be more proactive and for all around educational purposes."

Assemblyman Scott Bendett (R-107th) hosted the conference. He told The Columbia Paper, "Human trafficking is a brutal crime that destroys lives and it's happening right here in our own state. We cannot turn a blind eye any longer." Mr. Bendett represents the towns of Valatie, Kinderhook, Chatham and Ghent in Columbia County.

Assemblyman Brian Maher (R-101st) is co-chair of the task force. He labeled human trafficking as a multi-billion-dollar industry. He highlighted another area of concern—safety. Not only for victims but for those

providing services as well. He spoke of several instances where those attempting to provide help and shelter have actually been threatened themselves.

Housing for victims is another concern of Mr. Maher's, noting the funds available to place victims in hotel or motel rooms is very limited, often meaning low rate and sometimes, "not up to standard" housing is employed.

Others in attendance included representatives from the START Children's Center, Unity House, the YMCA, Crime Victim's Services from St. Peter's Health Partners, Nursing Coordinating personnel from the Glens Falls Hospital and private business concerns. Bill Batkay of Miller Industrial Engineering said, "It's critical the private sector becomes involved. The eye doesn't see what the mind doesn't know." Mr. Batkay said that government funding can only go so far and the problem needs to be addressed by the business community as well.

The task force plans more listening and learning sessions around the state, including New York City, Buffalo, Central New York and the Hudson Valley.

Learn to install child restraints correctly October 5

KINDERHOOK — The data is unambiguous. Child-restraint systems save lives. According to the National Safety Council, 599 children under the age of 13 died in traffic crashes in 2022. Of those tragic fatalities, 189 were unrestrained, and many of the others were inadequately restrained at the time of the crash. The National Highway Safety Administration estimates "that car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants (younger than 1 year old) and by 54% for tod-

dlers (1 to 4 years old) in passenger cars. For infants and toddlers in light trucks, the corresponding reductions are 58% and 59%, respectively."

Recognizing the importance of the correct use of child-restraint systems, the Village of Kinderhook and the Valatie Rescue Squad invite parents, grandparents, and caregivers to learn about best practices for keeping children safe in vehicles. On October 5 from 1 to 4 p.m., trained instructors conduct a

drop-in workshop at Rothermel Park in the Village of Kinderhook. Demonstrators will show how to install and correctly use car-safety apparatus for optimum safety. Following the demonstration, participants are invited to make an appointment for an October 12 personalized car-seat inspection and/or installation. Both events are free and open to families no matter where they reside.

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Stewart's Shops donate \$50K to support women's health

Stewart's Shops and the Dake Family Fund recently donated \$50,000 to Columbia Memorial Health (CMH) to support CMH's new Women's Health Center. The new state-of-the-art center is a centralized hub specifically designed to provide the most advanced, integrated and comprehensive gynecological care possible. Pictured (l-r) are: CMH Foundation Executive Director Barbara Klassen, Stewart's Shops District Manager Nicole Johnson and CMH President and CEO Dorothy Urschel.



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Columbia Memorial Health President and CEO Dorothy Urschel, CMH Chief of Gynecology Dr. Edward Marici and CMH Foundation Board Chair James J. Armstrong cut the ribbon on CMH's new Women's Health Center in Hudson. Joining the celebration were numerous CMH staff and trustees, local and county officials, state Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-41st), and representatives from Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106th) and Congressman Marc Molinaro (R-19th).

CMH unveils new women's health center

Lacy Subaru and CGHS/SPCA team up for Subaru Loves Pets Month

HUDSON — Lacy Subaru is partnering with the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA) for Subaru Loves Pets Month, running from October 1 through October 19. As part of this collaboration, Lacy Subaru will be sponsoring pet adoptions, making it easier than ever for loving families to welcome a new furry friend into their homes.

During these special weeks, adoption fees will be completely waived for all pets at CGHS/SPCA, 111 Humane Society Road. This initiative ensures that more animals find the loving homes they deserve, while making it possible for families to expand their households

with a new companion without the upfront costs.

“Our past joint adoption events with Lacy Subaru have been tremendously successful, in finding forever homes for our amazing pets,” said CGHS/SPCA President/CEO Ron Perez in a press release. “For this opportunity to emphasize the importance of community-driven initiatives in helping animals in need, we are incredibly grateful for Lacy Subaru’s support in waiving adoption fees. This collaboration will make a significant impact, allowing more pets to find loving families in our community.”

For more information, visit www.cghs.org or call 518-828-6044.

HUDSON — Columbia Memorial Health (CMH) joined with community leaders and supporters to unveil its state-of-the-art Women's Health Center in the Medical Office Building on CMH's Hudson campus, September 26. The new center is a centralized hub for women that is specifically designed to provide the most advanced, integrated, and comprehensive gynecological care possible.

In a press release CMH President and CEO Dorothy M. Urschel said: “The Women's Health Center is a vital addition to our community. It will provide comprehensive, specialized care for women, ensuring they have the support and resources they need close to home. The new space provides a calming, healing environment. Our goal

is to improve health outcomes, offer compassionate care, and be a trusted partner for women throughout their lives and healthcare journey.”

James J. Armstrong, chair of the CMH Foundation Board, said in the release: “We are deeply grateful to each and every donor who made the Women's Health Center possible. Your generosity will have a lasting impact, providing women in our community with the care, support, and services they need for generations to come. This center is a testament to our community's shared belief in the importance of women's health, and we cannot thank you enough for your dedication to making this dream a reality.”

Women's Health Center surgeon and chief of gynecology

Edward Marici, DO, said in the release: “The opening of the Women's Health Center is a significant milestone for advancing women's health in our community. This facility will allow us to offer comprehensive services — from preventative screenings to advanced, minimally invasive surgical treatments — all under one roof. With cutting-edge technology and a patient-centered approach, we can ensure the best possible outcomes for women at every stage of their health journey.”

The Center was made possible by grants from Stewart's Shops and the Dake Family Fund, Fenimore Asset Management, and donations to the Columbia Memorial Health Foundation.

Celebrate autumn with dahlias, antiques, and sweet treats

KINDERHOOK — Mercantile at the Vanderpoel House will host The Dahlia Event, a celebration of local flower farm Damsel Garden, and its early-fall blooms, on Saturday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nestled within the Columbia County Historical Society's Vanderpoel House, 16 Broad Street, the Mercantile invites visitors to step back in time and enjoy a day filled with the beauty of autumn.

Attendees will find buckets of fresh dahlias, grown at Stuyvesant's Damsel Garden, as well as an edited selection of antique books about flowers, gardening, and farming, dahlia cookies from



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Dahlias

Kinderhook's Dough & Batter, and other floral gifts. And as it

is a party, Old Chatham's Crummy Baker will provide a dahlia cake and cupcakes for guests.

“The Dahlia Event at The Mercantile is more than just a shopping experience; it's a celebration of the season and our local community,” explains CCHS Executive Director Lisa Weilbacker in a press release. “We're thrilled to bring together the exquisite dahlias from Damsel Garden, the culinary talents of Dough & Batter and Crummy Baker, and our carefully curated collection of antiques in the beautiful setting of the Vanderpoel House.”

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Chatham appoints Bordell director of innovation, curriculum, and assessment

CHATHAM — The Board of Education has appointed Terry Bordell as Chatham Central School District's new director of innovation, curriculum, and assessment, starting November 12. Earlier in his career, Mr. Bordell was a long-time English teacher, varsity girls basketball coach, and assistant principal at Chatham High School. He is currently the chief school improvement officer at Questar III BOCES, where he leads Questar's Office of School Improvement, a department dedicated to continuously improving programs and increasing academic achievement of students region wide.

"Having worked here for nearly 16 years and knowing Chatham is a great school district with an excellent teacher-leader structure, I'm really looking forward to being back in the classroom working with our teachers again and having a direct hand in making the educational experience for our students really great," Mr. Bordell said in a press release.

In between his time at Chatham and Questar, Mr. Bordell was the assistant director of professional review for the City School District of Albany.

"Throughout my career, it has been my goal to always make sure that the students

come first. I've always embraced new ideas and have been fortunate enough to work with some amazing colleagues to make innovation in school successful," Mr. Bordell said.

Mr. Bordell holds a certificate of advanced study in educational administration from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, a master's degree in English from Northern Arizona University, and a bachelor's degree in secondary English education from SUNY Buffalo. He is certified in NYS as a school building and school district leader.

"I am thrilled that Terry is

joining our team here in Chatham," said Andrew Kourt, Chatham's superintendent of schools, also in the release. "He is a motivational leader who knows how to bring teams of educators together with the goal of providing the very best programs and experiences for our students. His experience leading regional educators combined with his knowledge and relationships within our school community helped make Terry the best candidate for this position."

At home, Mr. Bordell and his wife are the parents of a 16-year-old daughter, who keeps them busy supporting her at basketball practices and

games, as well as in her other endeavors. Their family also includes a beagle-lab mix they rescued from a shelter. Mr. Bordell says he loves to travel and is a voracious reader. His most recent reads range from "The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness" by Jonathan Haidt to Stephen King's "You Like It Darker."

The Board appointed Mr. Bordell at its September 24 meeting to replace Chatham's former administrator of educational services, Lisa Cala Ruud, who left the district in July to accept a superintendent position in Vermont.

Academic Honors

Dean's List: SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2024 dean's list. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the dean's list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Local students include:

Catherine Parungao, Niverville; and Ashlie Tillou, New Lebanon.

President's List: SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2024 president's list. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the president's list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Local students include:

Ashley Perreault, New Lebanon; and Luciana Kibunja, New Lebanon.

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BALLOT PROPOSITION

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ing to the list of protected characteristics: ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, and it would also thereby preclude laws interfering with reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

A “yes” vote on the proposition would add the new protections to the state constitution and a “no” vote would leave them out of the constitution.

None of the additions would diminish the broad existing protections of race and religion.

While many of the characteristics identified by the proposed amendment are currently protected by state laws, proponents of the amendment explain that there are several reasons to add them to the constitution as well. First, New York’s constitution is said to lack a “modern vision of equality.” As the New York State Bar Association put it in a publication supporting the amendment, “many individuals are themselves members of numerous communities, identities, and protected classes, and true equality and justice demands protections that recognize the interconnected nature of discrimination.”

Second, under state laws, as distinct from the constitution, actions challenged as discriminatory are tested by the courts under standards that are less rigorous than those applied to constitutional protections. In other words, there is a higher level of protection for these classifications when the protection is constitutionally mandated.

Third, it is easier to amend or eliminate a law than a provision of the constitution, as discussed below, and therefore a constitutional protection is less subject to the winds of political change. Thus, if there were, for example, a change in public attitudes to abortion or protecting gender identity, the protections that are currently only a matter of statute law could be changed by a simple legislative vote, whereas changing the constitution would require several legislative votes and then concurrence of the voters.

According to Columbia Law School’s Center for Gender and Sexuality Law, the effect of the amendment would be threefold:

“1. It would broadly prohibit discrimination by the government on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, disability or sex including preg-

nancy and pregnancy outcomes, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

“2. It would prohibit...policies and practices that have a discriminatory impact. Discriminatory impact occurs when policies, practices, rules, or other systems that appear to be neutral result in a disproportionate impact on a protected group.

“3. It would...treat restrictions to access to reproductive health care, including abortion and contraception, as a form of sex discrimination...[and] prohibit criminalizing people for various pregnancy outcomes” such as surgical or pharmaceutical abortion procedures.

The New York State Bar Association, in supporting Proposition 1, notes that it “will halt the confusion, government intrusion and deliberation” on issues such as infertility treatments and family planning that are now being seen in other states in the country where restrictive abortion laws and laws on access to fertility treatments are increasingly popular.

The ballot measure is supported by numerous rights organizations, non-profits and coalitions as well as the state and county Democratic committees.

Opponents of Proposition 1 include the state Republican party, which argues, first, that abortion has long been legal in New York and is not under any

threat of modification or repeal. In fact, Republicans introduced a number of anti-abortion bills in the state legislature in 2023–2024, some of which are still pending. In addition, the ballot proposition itself was challenged by a state legislator, and a lower court struck the proposal from the ballot; an appellate court later restored it to the 2024 ballot.

The party also urges that because of the expansive and “ambiguous” language of the proposed amendment, it would create a constitutional right to medical transgender procedures without parental consent and a right for biological males to participate in female sports teams.

The state Republican party website also asserts that the amendment would have a “chilling effect on free speech for religious organizations or charitable groups providing medical, educational, or other services including adoptions and foster care” and “would establish constitutional protections for ‘reverse discrimination’ programs, such as reparations for slavery or programs establishing quotas for admissions to academic institutions or participation in government grants or contracting.”

In fact, if the proposition passes, the full scope and effect of the amendment would, as is true generally for new legislation, be the subject of interpretation by the courts over time,

addressing real, not hypothetical, disputes. If a national abortion ban were enacted by Congress, it would override the protections of the state constitution insofar as abortion is concerned, according to Constitutional Law Scholar Stephen J. Clark, of Albany Law School.

In New York, the state constitution can only be amended in two ways: through a proposal made at a constitutional convention (which can only be held every 20 years) and approved by the voters; in 2017 the voters rejected holding a convention; or, if the measure is passed in two consecutive sessions of the state legislature (both the Senate and the Assembly) and then approved by the voters. The amendment proposed by Proposition 1 arrives on the 2024 ballot by the second route, having passed the state Senate and the state Assembly in both 2022 and 2023 by majorities of at least two-to-one. Its fate is now up to the voters.

The complete text of the proposed amendment, highlighting the changes to the existing constitutional provision, can be found on the Board of Elections website, <https://elections.ny.gov/2024-statewide-ballot-proposal>.

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MOLINARO AND RILEY

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Candidate statement:

I’m a son of the Hudson Valley. Growing up, my family struggled and relied on food stamps.

In Congress, I’ve delivered results for working class families like the one I grew up in. I’m ranked the most bipartisan in New York and top five in Congress for passing bills on local issues like affordability, crime, supporting those with disabilities, protecting Social Security, and preserving our environment.

My opponent Josh Riley is a DC lawyer who got rich off the backs of working people. His law firm was paid to silence sexual assault victims for serial predator Harvey Weinstein. And the border policy Riley was paid to write lets criminals in, bankrupts Social Security, and kills American jobs by giving his corporate clients cheap immigrant labor.

I’m running to continue my fight for a community that is safe and affordable for all people, and no I don’t support Project 2025.

For more information on the candidate, go to <https://www.marcforus.com/>

Josh Riley

Josh Riley, 43, is a registered Democrat, will be on the Democrat and Working Families ballot lines.

Mr. Riley was born in Endicott and attended the College of William & Mary and Harvard Law. He is an attorney who currently lives in Ithaca with his wife Monica Kohli and their two children.

Candidate statement:

My family worked in the local factories in Endicott for generations until our community was sold out and those opportunities disappeared. I’m running for Congress to take on the corrupt politicians and special interests who put themselves ahead of us. I’ll always put Upstate New York first, and I don’t take any corporate PAC money — because my vote isn’t for sale.

I know career politicians are in it for themselves, and working people are paying the price. That’s why I want to clean house with term limits and a ban on dark money in our politics. I trust women to make their own healthcare decisions, which is why I’ll always protect abortion access and stand up to extremists who would take



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Marc Molinaro



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Josh Riley

those personal decisions away. And I know Upstate families are struggling to make ends

meet, so I’ll take on corporate price gougers and fight to lower costs.

For more information on the candidate, go to www.joshrileyforcongress.com

Library hosts film screening with filmmaker

COPAKE — Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, has announced a special screening of the documentary “Hudson, America” on Saturday, October 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. The screening will be followed by a discussion with one of the filmmakers, Zuzka Kurtz, offering attendees a unique opportunity to engage with the creative minds behind the film.

“Hudson, America” chronicles the lives of six first-generation high school students from the Bangladeshi Muslim community in Hudson, over seven transformative years. Against the backdrop of major cultural shifts, divisive political landscapes, and the global pandemic, Mahmuda, Jahed, Ramisa, Saddique, Farzana, and Jabin navigate personal identity struggles while contending with their conservative parents’ expectations of the American Dream.

The film, directed by Ms. Kurtz and Geoffrey Hug, is an intimate portrayal of generational conflicts, resilience, and the complexities of immigration in modern America.

Ms. Kurtz, a Czech-born artist and filmmaker based in New York City, has an extensive career in documentary filmmaking. She has collaborated with Mr. Hug on multi-



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“Hudson, America”

ple award-winning short films, including “Blade #1” and “7 Ways 2 Skin A Cat.” Her work has been featured on platforms such as Amazon Prime, PBS, and in prestigious festivals worldwide. Ms. Kurtz will be present for a post-screening discussion to delve deeper into the film’s themes and production journey.

This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

For information on hours and events, call 518.325-4101 or visit <http://www.roejanlibrary.org>, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/roejanlibrary>, or on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/roejanlibrary/>.



Half Waif

PS21 hosts Half Waif’s album release show

CHATHAM — On October 5 at 6 p.m. PS21 presents Chatham-based singer, songwriter, and producer Nandi Rose, who records and performs internationally as Half Waif, premieres the songs from her new record “See You At The Maypole,” released October 4 on ANTI- Records (Mavis Staples, Tom Waits, Fleet Foxes). The performance includes Elori Saxl.

With the ability to “turn her voice into a choir” (The New York Times), Rose leads an eight-piece ensemble through this complex work, which grows out of her classical piano training towards pop songwriting styles with experimental electronic production and expansive arrangements. The songs — performed live for the

first time at PS21—each feature their own choreographed movement, with lyrics that focus on themes of fertility, loss, motherhood, mortality, and the role of nature in healing.

Hudson Valley-based experimental electronic composer Saxl, whose music is “more serene than Steve Reich, more textured than Philip Glass” (Jayson Greene, Pitchfork), transforms the rich resonances of experimental electronics, digitally processed recordings of natural sounds, and traditional chamber music orchestration into hypnotic counterpoint.

PS21’s Pavilion Theater is at 2980 Route 66. Tickets and information are at ps21chatham.org



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“Nosferatu”

Crandell Theatre brings ‘Nosferatu’ to life with music

CHATHAM — The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main Street, will go back to its roots on Friday, October 4 at 7 p.m. and screen the silent horror classic “Nosferatu,” directed by film pioneer F.W. Murnau (“Sunrise,” “Faust”). Musician and silent film historian Ben Model will accompany the film on theater organ, brought in for one very special night, allowing the audience to experience the film just as it sounded upon its original release in 1922.

“Nosferatu” is an Expressionist fever dream full of looming shadows and emerging film techniques Murnau used to great effect. Unlike other silent film directors of the era, Murnau shot this unauthorized and freely adapted version of Bram Stoker’s “Dracula” on location,

in the Carpathian mountains. He also used negative exposure, stop-motion and low-angle camera positions, to give his sinister, taloned vampire Graf Orlok an altogether otherworldly presence on the big screen.

Model is one of the nation’s leading silent film accompanists, and performs on both piano and theater organ. Over the past four decades, he has created and performed thousands of live scores for several hundred silent films, carrying on a tradition he learned from silent film organist Lee Erwin (1919–2000). He is a resident film accompanist at the Museum of Modern Art (NY) and at the Library of Congress’ Packard Campus Theatre, is a regular at festivals such as the TCM Classic Film Festival,

Capitolfest and the Kansas Silent Film Festival, and performs regularly at historic theaters, museums, schools and other venues around the US and internationally.

This early Halloween treat is \$25 for the general public and \$20 for Crandell members. Tickets: <https://crandelltheatre.org/film/nosferatu/>

For more information, visit crandelltheatre.org, or call 518.392-3445

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

CONTINUING EVENTS

Mondays

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

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

First Mondays

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS: Live a physically safe, vibrant and functional life, Malden Bridge Community Center, 1087 Albany Turnpike, 10 to 11 am with Ihor Evanick. Get more info at nncc1info@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. October 14 book "The Measure" by Nikki Erlick. 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. Registration, info@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518-828-1792 X 101.

Mondays, Tuesdays

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

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. buckenroth@newlebanoncsd.org.

Mondays, Thursdays

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

Tuesdays

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

QUIGONG/TAI CHI, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 10-11 am, free. Learn various Qigong sets, work on traditional Tai Chi Form. No registration required for in-person sessions. Through September 24. To access Zoom stream: programs@hudsonarealibrary.org.

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

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

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

First Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

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. 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. October 23 book is "The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson. 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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE IT & TAKE IT: CRAFTS MEETUP FOR ADULTS, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6:30 pm. 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.

New in the park at Art Omi

Join Art Omi, 1405 County Rte 22, Ghent, on Sunday, October 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. for a tour through the Architecture Fields to explore new works by Jimenez Lai and Young Projects. Led by Lai, Young Projects, and Julia van den Hout, Senior Architecture Curator and Program Director of Art Omi: Architecture, the tour will shed light on the evolution of the large-scale new commissions from conception to completion. Discover how Lai's "Outcasts from the Underground" and Young Projects' "Match House" transform the landscape in new ways. This event is free and open to the public. Advanced registration appreciated at <https://artomi.org/event/new-in-the-park-architecture-tour/>



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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

HALLOWEEN

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

October 12
SHOCKTOBERFEST MOVIE NIGHT, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 7 pm. Join horror aficionado Bruce Hallenbeck for two nights with Edgar Allan Poe, Vincent Price, and Roger Corman. On Friday evening, get spooked by the 1962 collection "Tales of Terror," and Saturday come enjoy the classic "Masque of the Red Death." Light refreshments will be served, and costumes are highly encouraged. <https://kinderhooklibrary.org/>

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

October 3
BLOOD DRIVE, Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787, 201 Harry Howard Ave. 1- 6 pm. Make an appointment to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

STITCH AND SIP, Valatie Free Library, 1036 Kinderhook Street, 5-7 pm, free. Class for beginners or advanced. Sew, sip, and support while creating and connecting. To register email valatiefreelibrary@gmail.com. 518 758-9321, valatielibrary.net.

October 5
BIRD WALK, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, meet 8 am at the parking lot, to spot fall migrants and waterfowl on Hudson River. Previous trips have spotted Egrets. Alan Devoe Bird Club & Friends of Clermont event. Coordinator Marian Sole 203-710-9096

CHURCH FAIR, Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 County Route 22, West Ghent, 9 am-2 pm. Kitchen counter breakfast & lunch, bake sale, silent auction, 50/50 raffle & more. 518-828-5946.

FLU SHOT/COVID BOOSTER CLINIC, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, 10-11:30 am. Staff from the Columbia County Department of Health will hold a drive-thru Flu and Covid (if available). The senior flu shot will be available. Registration will be required. Check www.roe-janlibrary.org for a registration link.

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 the park. Bring your own tools and gloves.

PET FOOD DRIVE for Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA Pet Food Bank, ShopRite, 351 Fairview Ave, Greenport, 10 am- 2 pm. With guest celebrity Mid-Day Host Bill Williams from WBPM 92.9/96.5, collection of pet food. CGHS/SPCA gives away 50,000 lbs. of free food every year, and needs your help because the Food Bank is very low.

OCTOBER FEAST, Village of Chatham, Main Street, 11 am-4 pm. Harvest celebration of the local food, drink and music with fun activities for the whole family. Performing on the main stage outside Chatham Brewing will be Insolent Willies, Love Button and Whiskey Highway. The Crandell Theatre hosts a free screening of "Ratatouille" with special surprises for kids. CABA hosts a Doggie Costume Contest and Parade. To enter contact Peter Cervi at 646-4407 or gvzervi@aol.com. For more information go to visitchathamny.com

ART OMI PAVILIONS @ CHATHAM GROUNDBREAKING, 3105 Route 66, Chatham, 2 pm. Art Omi welcomes community members, official representatives, and broader Art Omi family to mark the start of this new project. www.artomipavilions.org

October 6
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION, Columbia County Fire Training Center, 50 Grandinetti Drive, Ghent (in Commerce Park, entrance on Route 66), 8 am-noon. Proof of residency required, rain or shine. Free. Residents with large quantities must contact Solid Waste Administrative Office prior to participating. Visit www.solidwaste.columbiacountyny.com for additional information or call 518-828-2737 re: proper disposal or handling of household hazardous waste.

INTERFAITH BLESSING OF ANIMALS, Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA, 111 Humane Society Road, Claverack, 12:30 pm. Rev. Gary Paul Gelfenbien blesses animals in honor of feast of St. Francis (patron saint of all animals). All welcome. Dogs on leashes, cats & small animals in carriers, horses & livestock on trailers. Bring photos of animals unable to attend. Rain or shine.

FIRE SAFETY MONTH Open House & Youth Activities, East Chatham Firehouse, 14 Frisbee Street, 1:30 pm on. Youth poster contest, obstacle course, "Touch a truck" begin at 1:30 pm; baking contest 4:30 pm; potluck dinner 5 pm and Bingo 6 pm.

October 7, November 9
LA LECHE LEAGUE, Hudson Area Library Children's Area, 51 N. 5th Street, 4-5:30 pm, free. Support and advice for nursing families. Call Connie for more information: 518-392-5854 or 518-965-8295

October 8,15
CHAIR YOGA WITH KATHY SCHNEIDER-DOYLE, on Zoom, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 4 pm, free. Chair yoga creates a safe space for movement and balance. Kathy, MS, RN, AEA, RYT 200, has been a community health nurse for 43 years and an instructor in aquatics and yoga for over ten years. Email merka@chatham.k12.ny.us to register.

October 9
BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT, Taghkanic Firehouse, 631 Old Route 82, 2-3:30 pm. Free. Artists, crafters, knitters, sewers, woodworkers, or makers of any kind can bring their project to work on. Those who have no project can come find out about a new hobby. Debbie Colgrove gives sewing machine demo. Snacks served. Questions? Contact taghkanic60plus@gmail.com

BLOOD DRIVE, American Legion Post 42, 34 Woodbridge Ave, Chatham, noon- 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 11
BLOOD DRIVE, Taconic Hills High School, 73 Route 11A, Craryville, 8:30 am- 2:30 pm. Make an appointment to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S COOKING

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

October 5
CHICKEN BBQ, West Ghent Volunteer Fire Company, 74 Bender Blvd, 3-6 pm. Take-out only. Half chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, dessert. \$15. Prepared by Aim 2 Please Catering. Limited meals. Call Kim 518-653-3660, Jeff 518-821-1780 & leave message. Call station & leave message. 518-828-6478. Message on Facebook. All proceeds go to firehouse.

DUTCH SUPPER, Stockport Volunteer Fire Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary, 128 County Route 25, take-out 3:30 to 6 p.m. eat-in 4 to 6 p.m. Dinner includes: baked ham, homemade sauerkraut and beet relish, mashed potatoes, hotdogs, baked beans, dinner roll, cake. \$16. Call for pre-sale tickets: Shirley 518-821-4461 or Sharon 518-755-7851 or contact any auxiliary member.

PASTA SUPPER, Elizaville Methodist Church, 740 Cty Rte. 2, intersection of Cty Rtes 2 & 19, 4:30-6:30 pm. Eat-in or take-out. \$12 adults, \$6 children 3-8, free for 3 & under. Dinner includes salad, pasta, bread, dessert. Contact Cissy at 845-756-2338 or Kim at 845-332-2626. On the day of event call 845-756-5602.

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October 11

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

October 12

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

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

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. familyresourcecenterscc.org.

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

Tuesdays

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

FAMILY STORYTIME, Valatie Free Library, 1036 Kinderhook St, 10-11 am. Read, dance, 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

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/>.

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. hudsonareallibrary.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.

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 12

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

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

AT THE MOVIES

October 3

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

October 4

NOSFERATU, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, 7 pm, \$25 general public, \$20 members. Ben Model will accompany the film on theater organ allowing the audience to experience the film just as it sounded upon its original release in 1922. Tickets: <https://crandelltheatre.org/film/nosferatu/>. Visit crandelltheatre.org, 518 392-3445

October 4,6

NOSFERATU WITH RADIOHEAD: A Silents Synced Film, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, times vary, \$18, \$16 Superstar Members. Radiohead's KID A (2000) / Amnesiac (2001), paired with Nosferatu (1923). Directed and remixed by Josh Frank. www.themoviehouse.net

October 5

LES CONTES D'HOFFMAN, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, 1 pm, \$28, \$23 Superstar Members. Met Live: Season Opener. Sung in French. www.themoviehouse.net

RATATOUILLE, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 1 pm, free. crandelltheatre.org

HUDSON, AMERICA, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rte 22, Copake, 2-4 pm. Screening of the documentary by filmmakers Zuzka Kurtz and Geoffrey Hug. Following the screening will be a discussion of the film with Kurtz. www.roejanlibrary.org

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

October 5,13

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

October 5,6

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

October 8

ENO, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, 7 pm, \$18, \$16 Superstar Members. Special Art House Presentation. One Night Only. www.themoviehouse.net

October 9

YESTERDAY, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 5:30 pm, \$11 adults, \$7 children, \$8 members. crandelltheatre.org

DAYTIME REVOLUTION, The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 7:30 pm, \$11 adults, \$7 children, \$8 members. crandelltheatre.org

October 12

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

MAKING MUSIC

Thursdays

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

First Friday

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

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

Friday

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

Sunday

ARMEN DONELIAN SOLO PIANO, Isaan Thai Star Restaurant, Hudson, 6-9pm. Through December 8 (except October 20, 27 and November 17). www.armendone-lian.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 4-6

2024 HUDSON JAZZ FESTIVAL: SOUNDS AROUND TOWN, Popup Jazz Performances - Various Locations, Hudson. In conjunction with the 2024 Hudson Jazz Festival, enjoy free pop-up performances by Bard College Jazz musicians and composers and local jazz artists. Locations include Hudson Amtrak Station, 7th Street Park, Padrona, Return Brewing, and many more. Check out <https://hudsonhall.org> for the full schedule.

October 5

HALF WAIF ALBUM RELEASE SHOW with Elori Saxl, PS21 Pavilion Theater, 2980 Route 66, Chatham, 6 pm, \$40 priority, \$30 general admission, \$15 student/youth. Chatham-based singer, songwriter, and producer Nandi Rose, who records and performs as Half Waif, premieres the songs from her new record "See You At The Maypole." ps21chatham.org

October 6

CLARION CONCERTS, The Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, 2950 Church St, Pine Plains, 3 pm, \$35, free for students. Melissa White, violin, and Pallavi Mahidhara, piano. www.clarionconcerts.org

October 12

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

LISTEN & LEARN**October 3**

LAND CAMP: Wetland & fen management. Overmountain Conservation Area, 138 Catalano Road, Ancram, 4-6 pm. Columbia Land Conservancy program to learn from experts and try land management techniques. Walk 0.25 miles through old field & wet meadow. Waterproof footwear suggested. Visit ColumbiaLand.org/Events to register.

October 4

RESOURCE ROUNDTABLE SERIES, Canaan Congregational Church, 1670 Cty Rte 5, 10:30 am. Free. Rachel Cole of Healthcare Consortium discusses resources available to seniors, saving on prescription medication cost, development in funding for additional senior housing; provides applications for Medicaid, the Medicare Savings Plan, Elderly Pharmaceutical and Insurance Coverage (EPIC). roole@columbia-healthnet.org.

TIME TO TALK: Understanding the Effects of Addictive Substances and Behaviors on the Adolescent and Adult Brain, Time & Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, 6 pm, free. A special presentation by Dr. Stephen L. Dewey. Sponsored by the Francis J. Greenberger Foundation and Columbia County Mental Health Center. For more information, go to timeandspace.org or 518 822-8100.

October 5

MAKE A CUSTOM TURKEY WING, Morey-Devereaux House at Old Austerlitz, 11550 State Route 22, 10 am-noon. Robin Ziegler leads a class to make "Turkey Wing" whisk broom using natural broom com. Keep brooms simple or to customize with embellishments. Class size limited to 10. Fee \$30/ members of Austerlitz Historical Society; \$35 non-members. Sign up by email: admin@oldausterlitz.org or call 518-392-0062.

THE SLOW DEATH OF SLAVERY in Dutch New York: A Cultural, Economic, and Demographic History, 1700-1827, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, Visitor Center, 4 pm. Author Michael J. Douma talks about his new book. Free. Space limited, reservations encouraged at bookeo.com/clermont.

October 6

BACK TO NATURE: PUTTING YOUR GARDEN TO BED, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, 1-2 pm, free. Join Master Gardener Frieda Pierce for an informative and hands-on session about how to ready your garden for the colder months ahead. For information call 518 325-4101 or www.roejanlibrary.org.

ARCHITECTURE TOUR, Art Omi Sculpture & Architecture Park, 1405 County Rte 22, Ghent, 1-3 pm, free. Explore new works by Jimenez Lai and Young Projects. Advanced registration appreciated. <https://artomi.org>

JANET MACKIN Weekend Gallery Talk, Roeliff Jansen Historical Society, 8 Miles Road, Copake Falls, 2-4 pm. Free. Copake Grange Historian provides special insight into history of Copake Grange. Books about local history and special merchandise will be on sale, including reproductions of iconic movie posters from the Copake Theatre. www.roeliffjansenhs.org

October 7

AUTHOR TALK AND BOOK SIGNING WITH RUTH BASS, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 6:30 pm. Bass has published her fifth novel, "The Triangle, a Tale of Love and Death," inspired by her many years as a police reporter for the Berkshire Eagle in Pittsfield, MA. Offered in partnership with the Chatham Bookstore. Books will be for sale and Bass will sign copies. <https://chathampubliclibrary.org/>

October 10

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

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

October 10, 17, 24, 31

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

October 13

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

DANCE**First Sundays**

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

ON STAGE**Thursdays**

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

Thru October 13

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

October 6

FARMHOUSE/WHOREHOUSE: AN ARTIST LECTURE, the Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, 7:30 pm, \$25-\$35. Shaker Museum, Suzanne Bocanegra, and Lili Taylor will present a one-night-only performance of Bocanegra's artist lecture. www.shakermuseum.us

October 11-13, 18-20

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

ON VIEW

ART OMI, 1405 CR 22, Ghent. Newmark Gallery open daily 9 am-4 pm. Shaboom: Presumed Ignorant, October 5-January 26. Opening Saturday, October 5, 5-8 pm. 518 392-4747. artomi.org

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

SPENCERTOWN ACADEMY ARTS CTR, 790 Rt 203. Members' Art Show, October 5-November 3. Opening reception October 5, 4-6 pm. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm. Spencertownacademy.org. 518 392-3693.

FilmColumbia 2024 to honor actor Walton Goggins

CHATHAM — FilmColumbia, celebrating its 24th year, returns to the Crandell Theatre, 48 Main Street, this October 18 to 27 with 50+ of the best domestic and international features, documentaries and shorts, including many fresh from the festival circuit that have not yet opened commercially. Columbia County's longest running film festival, FilmColumbia has screened more than 650 films; 106 have gone on to receive Academy Award nominations.

This year the festival will feature a number of on-stage, in-person interviews with filmmakers and stars, including the festival's 2024 Honoree, Emmy-nominated actor and area resident Walton Goggins. Known for his ability to create complex characters and blend comedy and drama, fan-favorite Walton Goggins stars in "The Uninvited," a new comedy/drama about a mysterious party crasher written and directed by his wife, Nadia Connors. A hit at South by Southwest, the film also stars Elizabeth Reaser, Pedro Pascal and Rufus Sewell. It will screen at FilmColumbia on Saturday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m., followed by an on-stage conversation with Director/



Photo contributed

"The Uninvited"

Writer Nadia Connors.

Goggins will be recognized at the annual FilmColumbia Kick-Off Party, this year held on Sunday, October 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. Hosted at the home of Jack Shear, Crandell Theatre benefactor, the party features a full bar, and appetizers and buffet catered by Bimi's Canteen, a popular restaurant on Chatham's Main Street.

More rare FilmColumbia screenings include Pedro Almodóvar's very first film in English, "The Room Next Door" (Friday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m.). The drama stars Tilda Swinton and Julianne Moore and went on to win

Venice's Golden Lion for best film. Director Steve McQueen's WWII drama "Blitz" (Wednesday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m.), starring Saoirse Ronan, avoids the stereotypical British characters found in most other wartime films and instead focuses on a working-class London family based on real people. The festival will also include the American premiere of "Endurance" (Thursday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m.), the latest film from Oscar-winning couple Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin ("Meru," "Free Solo," "Nyad"). The documentary traces the shipwreck and miraculous survival of the

28-man Shackleton expedition to Antarctica in 1915 and was co-produced by area resident and longtime Vasarhelyi/Chin collaborator Bob Eisenhardt.

The Children's International Shorts Program, the annual free Saturday screening of animated and live-action shorts, will be shown on Saturday, October 19, at 10:30 a.m. Curator Patti Greaney of GIRALDI Media has programmed another set of kid-appropriate short films from around the world. The best deal of the entire festival, this morning program is the festival's free gift to the community.

FilmColumbia is curated by Co-Executive and Co-Artistic

Directors Peter Biskind and Laurence Kardish. Biskind is a nationally recognized film historian, cultural critic and best-selling author. Kardish is senior curator emeritus for film and media at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. The festival is run by longtime Festival Director Calliope Nicholas, who is also co-director at Millay Arts in Austerlitz.

To purchase tickets to the Kick-Off Party honoring Goggins, which includes admission to his film and television screenings, visit the 2024 Festival Kick-Off Party event page at crandelltheatre.org. The full schedule of films and events is available online at crandelltheatre.org/filmcolumbia. The week of the festival the Crandell Theatre website's landing page will transition to FilmColumbia.

All other FilmColumbia tickets, including All-Film Passes, go on sale to Crandell Theatre members on October 5 at 9 a.m. and to the general public on October 12 at 9 a.m. For more information visit FilmColumbia Ticket Info at crandelltheatre.org/filmcolumbia/ticket-info-2/

For more information, visit crandelltheatre.org, or call 518 392-3445.



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Get free soup, sandwich at Presbyterian Church

VALATIE — Free Soup and Sandwich Saturdays occur the second Saturday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Valatie, 3212 Church Street.

The next meal will be held

October 12. The menu will consist of tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. It's an opportunity to meet and visit with others in the community. All are encouraged to join church members.

Douma discusses 'slow death of slavery'

CLERMONT — Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, Visitor Center, hosts a talk with author Michael J. Douma about his new book "The Slow Death of Slavery in Dutch New York: A Cultural, Economic, and Demographic History, 1700-1827," Saturday, October 5 at 4 p.m.

Through an extensive and careful look at the data behind slavery in New York, Professor Douma overturns many of the common assumptions of slavery in the state. Through his research, he argues that slavery in 18th-century New York was mostly rural, heavily Dutch, and generally profitable through the cultivation

of wheat. The enslaved population of New York grew under its own accord, was relatively mobile, and played an essential role in negotiating emancipation.

Mr. Douma is associate research professor at the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, where he is also the director of the Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics. He has written extensively on the history of the Dutch in the United States.

This event is free to attend. Space is limited, reservations strongly encouraged. Reserve a seat at bookeo.com/clermont

Salad, bread, dessert come with your pasta

ELIZAVILLE — The Elizaville Methodist Church holds a Pasta Supper at the Church Hall, 740 County Route 2 at the intersection of Columbia County Routes 2 and 19, Saturday, October 5 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Eat-in or take-out meals are available. Dinner costs \$12

for adults, \$6 for children 3 to 8 and free for children 3 and under.

Pasta dinner includes salad, pasta, bread and dessert. For information contact Cissy at 845-756-2338 or Kim at 845-332-2626. On the day of event call 845-756-5602.

Make your own 'turkey wing' whisk broom

AUSTERLITZ — The Austerlitz Historical Society presents a Workshop and Talk with Robin Ziegler, who leads a class on making a custom "Turkey Wing" whisk broom using natural broom corn (also known as sorghum wheat) at the Morey-Devereaux House at Old Austerlitz, 11550 State Route 22, Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Broom corn captures dirt rather than pushing it around, so it's well-suited for sweeping. Participants can choose to make their brooms rustic and simple or to customize them with embellishments.

Class size is limited to 10. Supplies to make the basic



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Turkey wing whisk broom.

broom will be provided; additional embellishments will be available for a fee.

The registration fee is \$30 for members of the Austerlitz

Historical Society, and \$35 for non-members.

To sign up email admin@oldausterlitz.org or call 518-392-0062.

Pitch in to improve River Street Park

VALATIE — The Village of Valatie, the Valatie Climate Smart Committee, and friends of River Street Park host a pair of volunteer days this fall to manage invasive species, clear trails, and make other improvements at the park. Meet at the gazebo.

The volunteer days will be held on the first Saturday of October and November from

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at River Street Park. Village of Valatie Community Volunteer Days at River Street Park are slated for October 5 and November 2. Over the past few seasons, the group has made significant progress managing invasive bitersweet vine, protecting trees and supporting important local riparian habitat. Community members who enjoy River

Street Park are invited to give a little time and toil to support it.

Volunteer efforts will include cutting back vines and removing other invasive plants, trail maintenance/accessibility, picnic table repair and other projects. Bring your own tools and gloves. Volunteers don't need to stay the whole time.

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Join the Columbia Land Conservancy for a guided seed collection walk

GHENT — Join the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC), Philmont Public Library and Claverack Free Library on a guided walk to collect seeds from native pollinator plants. These plants provide important food sources and habitats for animals like bees, butterflies, and birds.

The event will be held on October 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Siegel-Kline Kill, 1452 Church Street.

Participants will walk about one mile along the Meadow Loop trail, a mostly flat grass path, stopping often to discuss

plants and collect seeds.

Attendees should bring water, weather-appropriate clothing and footwear, sunscreen, and pruning shears if possible. Cameras, smartphones, or journals for note-taking are recommended for this program. No dogs.

CLC is offering this program for free to the public with a suggested \$5 donation. This gift will allow CLC to continue offering programs like these at no cost and support land conservation work.

Visit ColumbiaLand.org/Events to register.

Now is the time to dispose of hazardous waste

GHENT — Columbia County sponsors a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event Sunday, October 6, between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, at the Columbia County Fire Training Center, 50 Grandinetti Drive, (in the Commerce Park, entrance on Route 66). Proof of residency will be required and this collection will be held rain or shine. There will be no charge to participate in this collection.

Residents with large quantities (full pickup or van loads) of material must contact the Solid Waste Administrative Office prior to participating. Visit the website: www.solidwaste.columbiacountyny.com for additional information or contact the Solid Waste Administrative Offices at 518-828-2737 regarding proper disposal or handling of household hazardous waste.

Bring animals for blessing at shelter

CLAVERACK — The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA, 111 Humane Society Road, hosts an interfaith blessing of the animals in honor of the feast of St. Francis (patron saint of all animals), Sunday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m. at the animal

shelter, rain or shine.

All are welcome: dogs on leashes, cats and small animals in carriers, horses and livestock in trailers. The celebrant is the Reverend Gary Paul Gelfenbien. Bring photos of animals unable to attend to be blessed.

Celebrate Fire Safety Month in East Chatham

EAST CHATHAM — The East Chatham Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary host an Open House and family activities to celebrate Fire Safety Month at the firehouse, 14 Frisbee Street, Sunday, October 6 throughout the afternoon and into the evening.

The Open House and youth activities such as, a youth poster contest, an obstacle course and “Touch a truck” begin at 1:30 p.m. There’ll be a baking contest at 4:30 p.m.; a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. and Bingo at 6 p.m.

PLEASE!
RECYCLE

Leisler Institute hosts talk on ‘When Independence Led to Chaos’

HUDSON — On Thursday, October 10, 6 to 7:30 p.m., the Jacob Leisler Institute for the Study of Early New York History, in collaboration with the Hudson Area Library, hosts a presentation on how authority in the North American Dutch Reformed church was determined. The event, called “When Independence Led to Chaos: Authority in the Early Eighteenth Century Dutch Reformed Church,” presented by Kenneth P. Shefsiek, will be held at the library, 51 N5th Steet. To register visit <https://historyroom.hudsonarealibrary.org/history-room-programs>. This presentation is the fourth in a series of Leisler Lectures for 2024.

In the mid-18th century, the Dutch Reformed church in North America was divided about whether the Dutch church in America would remain subordinate to the Classis of Amsterdam, an ecclesiastical assembly situated in the metropolis, or whether the American Dutch would become independent of that august assembly. Regardless on which side they stood, all believed that the American church had been subordinate to Amsterdam since the early days of New Netherland. They had, however, misremembered their past. Rather, the Dutch church in America had only become subordinate to Amsterdam in the early years of the 18th century at the request of a group of American ministers. Those men had sought to tie themselves closer to Amsterdam in response to the chaos created in New York by one troublesome minister, Rev. Bernardus Freeman, who had destabilized the church from Schenectady to Long Island.

Dr. Shefsiek is an associate professor of Early American and Public History at the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW). He holds graduate degrees in history, historic preservation, and music, including a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Georgia. Before joining UNCW in 2012, he



Image contributed

Domine Bernardus Freeman (collection of the Jacob Leisler Institute).

served as curator of education at Historic Huguenot Street and executive director of the Geneva Historical Society. His first book, “Set in Stone: Creating and Commemorating a Hudson Valley Culture” (SUNY Press, 2017), explores ethnocultural transformation in colonial New York through a microhistorical exploration of a French-speaking community established in a Dutch cultural region in an English colony. That study received the Hendricks Award from the New Netherland Institute in 2017. His current book project, “A God of Order,” considers the challenges the Reformed churches in colonial America faced as they transported European ecclesiastical governing models to a colonial context. Related articles have appeared in *de Halve Maen*, *The Journal of Presbyterian History*, *New York History*, and *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*.

The Jacob Leisler Library Lectures are made partially pos-

sible through the generous support of the Van Dyke Family Foundation, HRBT Foundation, and Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation.

The Hudson Area Library History Room houses a collection that pertains to the history of the City of Hudson, Greenport and Stockport; as well as Columbia County and New York State. The History Room also hosts the Local History Speaker Series at the library, offering free monthly talks on diverse topics related to local history.

The History Room is open Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays 6 to 8 p.m. and by appointment. Online research requests for information on local history are available at historyroom.hudsonarealibrary.org/. This is a free service to the public. To inquire about an appointment email brenda.shufelt@hudsonarealibrary.org or call 518 828-1792 x106.

Stephentown Fire Department history told

STEPHENTOWN — Rik McClave presents a history of the Stepentown Volunteer Fire Department at the next meeting of the Stepentown Historical Society, Stepentown Heritage Center, 4 Staples Road, Sunday, October 6 at 2 p.m.

Learn about Stepentown’s emergency services, how they started, how they have grown, and how technology has changed things. For more

information call 518-729-9334.

The Stepentown Volunteer Fire Department began in 1939, shortly after companies from neighboring Averill Park and Hancock were needed to respond to a major fire in Stepentown. An earlier attempt to establish a town fire department in 1924 did not last. In its 85 years, many volunteers have contributed hours and hours of training and service to the town

through the SVFD. Some notable times were the flood of 2009 and the three-year period of house and barn arsons beginning in 1968, when a fire call could happen every 10 days.

Mr. McClave has volunteered for the SVFD for 61 years, 47 as an emergency medical technician firefighter. He is a past chief and over the years has held every possible office in the organization except treasurer.

Food bank supplies are running low

GREENPORT — Help feed hungry pets by contributing to a Pet Food Drive for the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA Pet Food Bank at ShopRite, 351 Fairview Avenue, with guest celebrity mid-day radio host Bill Williams from WBPM 92.9/96.5, Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Food Bank is available to any family having trouble feeding their pets because of financial hardship. The food bank is a free service of CGHS/SPCA and is open every day from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CGHS/SPCA gives away 50,000 lbs. of free food every year, now food bank supplies are running low.

Investigate a new hobby or BYOP

TAGHKANIC — The Taghkanic Senior Network invites those interested to BYOP! Bring Your Own Project to the Taghkanic Firehouse, 631 Old Route 82, October 9, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

This is a free event!

If you're an artist, crafter, knitter, sewer, woodworker or a maker of any kind, bring a

project you're working on. If you don't have a project, but you're curious about a potential new hobby, come see what your neighbors are up to. Special guest Debbie Colgrove will give a demonstration for those interested in learning how to use a sewing machine. Snacks served. Questions? Contact taghkanic60plus@gmail.com

County legionnaires meet in Stockport

STOCKPORT — The Columbia County American Legion meets at Hudson American Legion Post 184, 107 County Route 25, Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m. For directions or to become a member of the American Legion contact Eric at 518-755-4225.

Devoe club field trips are not just for birders

CLERMONT — The Alan Devoe Bird Club's free fall field trips welcome everyone who wants to get outside, take a walk at delightful locations, and join in the fun of spotting diverse bird-life in this region. All birding experience levels, from none to expert, as well as the curious, are welcomed, and walks are led by friendly, experienced leaders. Pre-registration is not required, but appreciated. Children must bring an adult with them. Most walks begin in the morning when birds are more active and last about two hours, but attendees can leave earlier.

The 66-year-old club offers free field trips in all but the summer months, partnering with regional organizations. It contributes its citizen science data to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

The nonprofit, all-volunteer bird club is named after the late naturalist Alan Devoe with a conservation mission to share a love for nature and wildlife, especially birds. It owns and maintains the 150-acre Powell Wildlife Sanctuary on Hunt Club Road in Old Chatham for free, year-round public enjoyment. The sanctuary offers trails, a bird



Photo by Alan Devoe Bird Club

An Olana field trip was led by Dr. Bill Cook, biology professor emeritus, Columbia-Greene Community College.

blind overlooking Riley's Pond with resident beavers, and a Hudson Valley view from the cliffs of Dorson's Rock.

The club welcomes new members and offers many ways to support its mission via service on committees or its board, or joining its many activities. See www.AlanDevoeBirdClub.org

Upcoming field trips are:

- Saturday, October 5, coordinator Marian Sole 203-710-9096, meet 8 a.m. at the parking lot of the Clermont State Historic site, 1 Clermont Avenue, to spot fall migrants and waterfowl on the Hudson River. Previous trips have spotted Egrets, organized with the Friends of Clermont
- Sunday, October 13, coordi-

nator Frank Smith 916-254-1237, Overmountain Conservation Area, 138 Catalano Road, Ancram, meet 8 a.m. at parking area west of Route 22. Explore this large Columbia Land Conservancy area. Sparrows, grassland birds, migrants, and a nice mix of habitat await

• Saturday, October 26, coordinator Joan Scheu 845-702-7564, Siegel-Kline Kill Conservation Area, 1452 County Route 21 (Garage Place), Ghent, meet 8 a.m. in the main parking lot. This walk has been organized with Columbia Land Conservancy. Siegel-Kline is a 55-acre conservation area host to large sycamore trees, fields, stream and flood plain forest.

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Obituaries

Martha Ruth Heseltine (1944 - 2024)

HUDSON - On August 8, 2024, Martha Ruth Heseltine passed away following a long, brave battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was 80.

Martha was born May 19, 1944, in Hudson, NY, to Arthur Kenneth Heins and Ruth Evelyn (Hodge) Heins and raised in Valatie, NY. She resided in Stamford, CT (Jan. 2024 until her passing), Harwich Port, MA (Nov. 1994 - Jan. 2024), and Chatham Center and Valatie, NY (May 1944 - Nov. 1994.)

A graduate of Ichabod Crane Central School, Valatie, NY, Martha achieved an associate's degree at Albany Business College, Albany, NY. Following her graduation, she worked at her father's farm equipment machinery business, Heins Equipment Co., Inc., as a bookkeeper and then as a secretary at Canada Dry Corporation in Hudson, NY.

While at Albany Business College, Martha was introduced through a common friend to the love of her life, David Jeffrey Heseltine. David was a young, handsome, fun-loving man who recently moved from Erie, PA, to Old Chatham, NY, and also had a passion for horses. They married on May 1, 1965, and bought a small horse farm in Chatham Center, NY, where they raised their two children, Audra and Jeffrey. When David began a lifetime career at General Electric Corporation in Schenectady, NY, Martha happily assumed the role of mom and homemaker.

After raising her children to elementary school age, Martha returned to work in 1980 as a special education aide at Mary E. Dardess Elementary School, Chatham, NY, and was attendance coordinator for the district until moving to Cape Cod in 1994.

Family was the essence of Martha's life. She loved her children to her core and ensured they were raised with the same hard-working values with which she was raised. Martha treasured the large family gatherings on the holidays, summer barbecues



and special events, watching the cousins play together in their younger years. Later on, when Jeffrey married and had two children, she relished her time with her grandchildren.

Martha took pride in her community and jumped at the chance to volunteer her time to community groups that she and the family supported. She was a generous and kind-hearted woman with a work-ethic like none other. She took pride in doing her best at every task she accepted and ensured that everyone around her had great experiences.

As an active equestrian from the time she was a child, Martha was a member, Honorary Secretary and Field Master of the Old Chatham Hunt Club, Old Chatham, NY; District Commissioner of the Old Chatham Pony Club; and a member of the Taconic Hunt Club and 4-H club. Martha also served on the Tri-Village Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Martha loved being around horses and horseback riding. She had a special connection with horses and reveled in teaching children how to ride, respect and care for them. She spent much of life taking her children to Pony Club, horse shows and combined training events and encouraged her daughter to pursue eventing as a sport. Many of the families' most cherished memories involved long trail rides around Columbia County, NY, and trips to hunter paces and fox hunts with lifelong friends.

When Martha and David retired to Cape Cod, they joined Allen Harbor Yacht Club, Harwich Port, MA, where David served as Flag Officer and Commodore and Martha was an active member and Stewart. She also served on the Harwich Extension and

volunteered at the Harwich Family Pantry and Garden Club. Martha had a passion for gardening and, in her later years, would spend hours each day planting and pruning her flower and vegetable gardens.

On Cape Cod, Martha and David began sailing and bought a 31-foot Island Packet sailboat, which they used to cruise each summer for 15 years around the Northeast coast. From Northern Maine to Southern, NJ, they traveled making cherished memories and meeting people from around the world. Martha learned to love sailing alongside her husband and the adventures they experienced at sea. Every family gathering during those years was filled with stories of places they visited, people they met and storms they encountered.

Martha is survived by husband David Jeffrey Heseltine of Stamford, CT, Harwich Port, MA and Chatham Center, NY; daughter Audra Jean Hession and husband Robert Hession of Stamford, CT; son Jeffrey Dean Heseltine, wife Rachel and grandchildren, Owen and Tabitha, of Chesterville, ME; sisters Dorothy Louise Wemitt, Valatie, NY; Barbara Jean Williams and husband Larry Williams of Fuquay Varina, NC, and eight nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Arthur Kenneth (Bud) Heins, Jr. and his wife Suzanne (Sue) Marie Heins of Valatie.

A funeral service is to be held at Wenk Funeral Home, 21 Payn Avenue, Chatham, NY, on October 12 at 11:00AM. Following the service, there will be an interment at Old Chatham Union Cemetery, 300 Shaker Museum Rd, Old Chatham, NY, where Martha Heseltine will be laid to rest.

Family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate Martha's life, sharing memories and honoring her legacy at Jackson's Old Chatham House, 646 Albany Turnpike, Old Chatham, NY. In lieu of flowers and gifts, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

PAID OBITUARY

Gail J.G. Sheridan (1936 - 2024)

WEST LEBANON — Gail J. (Gross) Sheridan passed away at the age of 87, September 23, 2024. She was born November 24, 1936, the only child of George and Julia (Kay) Gross of Astoria, Queens. She grew up in the city and was accepted at Hunter College High School. After graduation she briefly attended Hunter College and then worked in Manhattan for several years. She met her beloved husband, Raymond on a ski trip. As the story goes, he was the ski instructor who tripped up the bus steps and they fell for each other. They married in January 1959 and enjoyed 59 wonderful years together. They settled in West Lebanon and raised four children.

Mrs. Sheridan was a stay-at-home mom, a Girl Scout leader, a party planner for many community events and the organizer of family camping trips. She was a member of the NLCS booster club and volunteered at the Joseph Hooper Free Library, (now the New Lebanon Library) as librarian and board member. She also was particularly proud to be a volunteer for the American Cancer Society with her mother for many years. She was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church in New Lebanon, where she and her husband were active in the Parish Family Organization.

Later while working for Ceramaseal in New Lebanon as the receptionist, she excelled at a variety of tasks including organizing company functions. Upon retirement, she enjoyed numerous tent camping trips with her husband to the Florida Keys, Rhode Island, Cape Cod and Lake George. They loved to cruise



Gail Sheridan

together to warm places, and loved visiting and talking to friends everywhere they went. She loved flea markets, collecting glassware, the color aqua, and striking up conversations with random people. She loved butterflies, sparkles, England Brothers and a great sale!

She was predeceased by her parents; her young son, Michael and her husband, Raymond. She leaves behind three children. Susan Fredette (Emile) of Randolph, VT, Brian Sheridan (Bonnie) of Durham, NC, and Janet Horvath (Pete Baker) of Auburn, NH; six grandchildren, Nicholas Becker, Brendan Sheridan (Amanda Mercer) and Benjamin Sheridan of NC, Shane Horvath (Chelsea) of NH, Michaela (Justin) Horvath Cox and Evan (Emily) Horvath of SC; five great-grandchildren, Wyatt Dailey of NC, and Melanie Young, Ella Horvath and Brayden Ray Horvath of NH, and her newest, Callan Cox of SC; her sister-in-law, Loretta and families of her nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held September 28, 2024 at the

Hall & Higgins Funeral Home, Stephentown, followed by Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception and interment in the Cemetery of the Evergreens, New Lebanon.

"May every sunrise hold promise and every sunset hold more peace. Fly high with the butterflies Gail."

Kenneth A. Birdsall (1953 - 2024)

GREENPORT — Kenneth A. Birdsall, 71, of Greenport died peacefully at home Tuesday, September 24, 2024 following a long illness. "Ken" was born in Sharon, CT, April 28, 1953. He was predeceased by his mother, Mildred (Ferris) Birdsall and stepfather, Meral Birdsall.

He was an oil deliveryman with Taylor Oil in Dover Plains for many years until his retirement. He is survived by a daughter, Heather Birdsall of Lakeville, CT. He was prede-



Ken Birdsall

ceased by one son, Kenneth Birdsall, Jr. in 2011.

There are no calling hours. Services were private at Sacco Funeral Home, Greenport. His ashes will be buried at the family cemetery in Pine Plains.

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Obituaries

Herman Stickles, Sr. (1937 - 2024)

ALBANY — Herman E. Stickles, Sr., 86, of Hudson passed away Friday, September 20, 2024 at Albany Medical Center. He was born December 22, 1937 in Rhinebeck, the son of the late Raymond E. Stickles, Sr. and Sylvia Dubois Scism Stickles.

In his younger days, he was a farmer for many years and was very knowledgeable in agriculture. When he wasn't busy being a great father, his passions included listening to classic country music and playing his guitars. Not only was he an amazing storyteller but he was a friend to all, helped everyone who needed it and could always be counted on.

His biggest desire was to be reunited with his loving wife. He will be truly missed by many.

Mr. Stickles is survived by: a son and three daughters, Herman "Duke" Stickles, Jr., of Philmont, Sylvia Stevens (Erwin "Rig") of Cabot, VT, Marie Shook of Hudson, Flora MacDonald (Jan) of Columbiaville; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Joseph Stickles of Pine Plains, Conrad Stickles of Amenia and Thomas Stickles of Millerton; four sisters, Lu-Ann Brizzie of Millerton, Sylvia Wendover of Athens, Alice Palmer of Ancramdale and Marie Cade of

Pine Plains; many nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

He was predeceased by his wife of almost 60 years, Beverly Ann Stickles; two daughters, Brenda Stickles and Terry Wendover; a son, Peter Stickles; a son-in-law, Ray Shook; three brothers, David Stickles of Millerton, Raymond Stickles of Pine Plains, Robert Stickles of Hudson and a sister, Beverly Brazee of Sharon, CT.

Calling hours are Saturday, October 5, 2024 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 7749 South Main Street, Pine Plains. Family and friends are invited to attend. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Pine Plains.

Carolyn F. Russo (1930 - 2024)

HUDSON — Carolyn Frances Russo died September 24, 2024. She was born in Hudson, April 29, 1930 to the late Francesco "Chi Chi" and Lena (Cariseo) Russo. She resided in Hudson for her entire life.

At 16, she began her employment career at Newberry's 5 & 10 cent store, then worked at the Farm Bureau and spent 30 years at IBM, Kingston, commuting daily with her brother John. While at IBM she was active in numerous events and programs, including serving as the president of the IBM Club.

She was a proud and popular graduate of the Hudson High School Class of 1947. She worked on every HHS1947 reunion committee.

She enjoyed crocheting, needlepoint and reading. She was a volunteer at the Hudson Library for more than 20 years.

A very private person, she was devoted to her church and her family. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and an active member of Sacred Heart/Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine.

She was known as a giving person; she took care of others. She took care of her parents, then her sister, Mary. She was always there for her nieces

and nephews, attending events, and parties and always so generous to them. She was their second mother. She will be missed by them most of all.

She is survived by: a brother, John (Margaret) Russo; her nieces, Donna (Frank) O'Neil, Michele (Tim) Hutchings; her nephews, Anthony (Kathy) Sandagato, Joseph (Debbie) Sandagato, Francis (Renee) Abitabile and her godson and nephew, Philip (Christine) Abitabile; cousins, great-nephews and -nieces and great, great-nephews and -nieces. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by sisters and brothers-in-law, Christina (Joseph) Sandagato, Mary (Antonio "Tiney") Abitabile and her loving nephew, Michael Sandagato.

She requested a small private ceremony, with a closed casket. Family and friends attended a service officiated by Fr. Steven Yusko at Bates and Anderson, September 28. After the service, friends and family paid their respects to her before she was taken to her final resting place next to her parents at Hudson Cedar Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to a cause of one's choice.

Frederick W. Kruger, III (1958 - 2024)

STEPHENTOWN — It is with great sadness that his family shares news of the unexpected passing of Frederick W. Kruger, III, September 27, 2024 at his home.

"Fred" was born December 11, 1958 to his parents, Edna and Fred Kruger of Lebanon Springs. He was a 1976 graduate of New Lebanon Central School. He attended Berkshire Community College where he studied hotel and restaurant management. He worked at several well-known establishments in the Berkshires, learning his trade. In 1998 he became the proprietor of Hanson's Restaurant in Hancock, MA, which under his direction became



Fred Kruger, III

Powderhounds. He successfully operated Powderhounds until 2023.

He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Janet. He leaves: a sister, Barbara Brooke (Glenn); niece, Kate (Ryan); nephew, Christopher (Renee), and their children Liz and Josie. He also leaves his dog, Fritz.

His family thanks his close friends Don and Inge Decrosta, Steve Beach and Lenny Brown

and many others he reached out to for their unselfish support and friendship during these past few weeks.

His family will always remember his dry sense of humor and the fantastic Thanksgivings he hosted at the restaurant, open to friends and family who might want to join the festivities.

All were invited to a visitation in his memory at Hall and Higgins Funeral Home, Stephentown, October 2, 2024. A private committal will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to one's local animal shelter and that everyone hug your dear ones.

Charlotte M. Koch (1945 - 2024)

RHINEBECK — Charlotte M. Koch, 79, passed away September 25, 2024 at the Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck.

She was born January 23, 1945 in Queens, to the late Otto and Meta (Meinking) Bock.

She was the kind of extraordinary woman who was never recognized as a hero. Many called her "Ma," "Momma Koch," "Oma" and other affectionate names. Some just called her Mrs. Koch.

She was a lunch lady at Germantown Central School. She later went to work at a Ferncliff Nursing Home in the food service department for many years until her retirement. While at Ferncliff she became a union organizer and she succeeded with support.

Most of all she was a woman who tried to make sure all of those in her life were protected and taken care of even in times when she wasn't.

She always had an open door for anyone in need. She



Charlotte Koch

was a great friend and mother to many.

She is survived by: her daughters, Loraine (Robert) Koch of College Park, MD, Nissa (Michael) Mortellaro of Red Hook and Heather Koch of Red Hook; her beloved grandchildren, Krista Beneway, Matthew Mortellaro and Gavyn (Emma) Whitton; her great-granddaughter, Evangeline Mahler; her brother, Scott Bock; and her family by love not by blood.

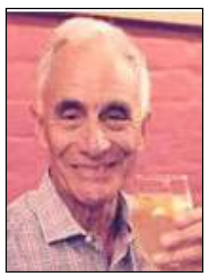
In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, Jeannette and George.

A funeral service was held at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes, 7461 South Broadway, Red Hook, September 29.

Frank E. Santacroce (1938 - 2024)

GERMANTOWN — Beloved husband, father, grandfather and uncle, Frank Edward Santacroce passed away in the early hours of September 24, 2024 at the age of 86.

He was born in Manhattan, July 28, 1938 to the late Frank and Theo (nee Walsh) Santacroce. He is survived by: his loving wife of 61 years, Gloria Santacroce (nee Bartolotta); his two daughters, Andrea Tejedor (Jose) and Krista Santacroce (David Lebovitz); his three grandchildren, Leandra, Seraph and Jacob; and his siblings, Gail Hertzog (Jim) and John Santacroce (Ruth).



Frank Santacroce

He dedicated himself to caring for his family, friends, community and country. At the age of 21 he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and served for four years. Subsequently he began his 30-year career at IBM and became an active volunteer for the Germantown Lions Club.

Calling hours will be held Sunday, October 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home, 110 Green Street, Hudson. A memorial Mass is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 10 a.m. at the Church of the Resurrection in Germantown.

In lieu of flowers, his family would like to memorialize his life in a heartfelt, meaningful way, by bringing end-of-life care to others. Donations are requested to be sent to Regional Hospice, 30 Milestone Road, Danbury, CT 06810, or online at <https://regionalhospice.org/>

Dorothy F. Dresdner (1941 - 2024)

GHENT — Dorothy Frances Dresdner, 83, of Hudson died Friday, September 27, 2024 at Ghent Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center.

Born in Lynbrook, April 4, 1941, she was the daughter of the late Edgar and Florence (White) Dresdner.

She was an LPN at Columbia Memorial Hospital for many years. Until recent years, she was



Dorothy Dresdner

an active member of the Southern Columbia Rescue Squad. She is survived by: her

sister-in-law, Rosalie Dresdner; several nieces and one nephew. Graveside committal prayers at Linlithgo Cemetery will be announced in October. Arrangements are with the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport. To leave online condolences visit www.saccofuneralhome.com

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Public Notices

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

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 ILLUMEN ELECTRICAL SERVICES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/01/2024. Office loc: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 443 Frisbee St, East Chatham, NY 12060. Reg Agent: Lynn Van Allen, 443 Frisbee St, East Chatham, NY 12060. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 BETTER TOMORROW REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/15/2024. Office loc: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Adam Michael Coacher, 90 Church St, Apt 4, Philmont, NY 12565. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Good Dog Stays LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/07/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc.: 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Secure scan home inspection services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/27/2024. 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 Levi Klauber: Po box 303 Niverville NY 12130. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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 York 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
 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 Formation of North Vernon LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/17/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Dakota Lynne Dudley: 11526 State Route 22, Austerlitz, NY 12017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of KALOONEY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/28/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to KALOONEY LLC: 1840 ROUTE 9H, HUDSON, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of One Kinderhook Street, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/20/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to One Kinderhook Street, LLC: 222 East 44th Street, Apartment 16F, New York, New York 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Qualification of Wawarsing East Solar LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/5/24. Office location: Columbia County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/5/22. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 160 Fairview Ave., Ste 812-140, Hudson, NY 12534. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St. Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Finlo-BR II LLC, 160 Fairview Ave., Ste 812-140, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: any lawful activity.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Four Corners Chatham, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/20/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Four Corners Chatham, LLC: 1 Kinderhook Street, Chatham, New York 12037.. Purpose: Any lawful 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 Chew Family LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/13/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 14 Sharon Drive, Tivoli, NY 12583. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of I. Stewart Hayward Agency, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/19/2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 5229 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19139. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of LIGHT, SPIRIT, BODY WELLNESS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/03/2022. 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 Erica Wall: 23 High St. Chatham, NY 12037. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 4221 COUNTY RT 7 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/16/24. 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, c/o Mohammed Ibrahim & Louise Schmitt, 4221 County Route 7, Craryville, NY 12521. 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 Eichybusch Road, Kinderhook, NY 12106. 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 SANDEX PROPERTY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/16/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to SANDEX PROPERTY, LLC: 14 Brown Rd., Copake, NY 12516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of KPIServices LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/10/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to KPIServices LLC: 147 Washington Road Copake NY 12516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Hierophant Films LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Emma Baiada: 235 Bradleys Crossing Road, East Chatham, NY 12060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 LIT HIVE LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 7/30/2024 Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE ST #112 ALBANY, NY 12207 General Purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Hop Around Hudson LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/08/2024. 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 Austin Howes : 440 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 TWIN WOLVES HEALING ARTS LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 3/13/2024 Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to CAITLIN MARGARET WHITE DAVIS 607 NEW YORK 295, EAST CHATHAM, NY 12060 General Purpose

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 The name of the Foreign Limited Liability Company is: FLATBROOK STORAGE, LLC. App. For Authority filed with the Dept. of State of NY on 08/14/2024. Jurisdiction: Montana and the date of its organization is 05/15/2024. Office location in New York: Columbia County. The Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) is designated as the agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Flatbrook Storage, LLC, 61 Flints Crossing Road, Canaan, NY 12029. Address maintained in its jurisdiction is: 661 Doney Way, Bozeman, MT 59718. The authorized office in its jurisdiction of organization where a copy of its Articles of Organization can be obtained is: State of Montana, Secretary of State, Montana Capitol Building, Room 260, PO Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620. Purpose: any lawful act.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Parkside Studios HV LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/02/2024. 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 Gregory Wittler: 116 State Route 9H, Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Notice of Formation of Mansfield Road Farm, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/30/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Peter Yates: 143 Whitehill Road, Hillsdale, NY, 12529. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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 Notice of Formation of KTG Events & Consulting. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2024. 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 Catherine Giovannucci: 84 Paddock Pl. Hudson NY 12534. 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
 Articles of Organization of Dad's Big Buck Paradise LLC (hereinafter the Company) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 29, 2024. The office of the Company is located in Columbia County, New York. The Company has designated the Secretary of the State of New York as its agent upon which process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company is 475 County Route 3, Ancramdale, NY 12503. The purpose of the Company shall be to conduct any lawful business or activity whatsoever, as permitted by applicable law.

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

Public Notices

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
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 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 Czynewski: 34 Regal Road, Stuyvesant, NY 12173. 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.

Surf and turf on firehouse menu

ANCRAM — The Ancram Fire Company hosts its annual Lobster and Beef Barbecue at the firehouse, 1306 County Route 7, Saturday, October 12.

The lobster and beef barbecue meal, eat-in or take-out, is served from 3 to 6 p.m. and consists of a whole steamed lobster, a bag of steamed clams, barbecued roast beef, potato, corn, rolls and drinks with ice cream for dessert. Barbecue tickets cost \$40/person and reservations may be made by calling 518-329-3430.

Tickets for the fire company's annual fund drive raffle are available for \$5 each. First prize is \$1,000 cash, second prize \$500 and five third prizes of \$100 each. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the barbecue until 4 p.m. when the winning tickets will be drawn.

A hot sub sounds good right now

CANAAN — A Hot Sub Sale takes place at the Canaan Protective Fire Company firehouse, 2126 Route 295, October 11, 5 to 8 p.m., eat-in or take-out.

The cost is \$13 for adults; \$7 kids for pepperoni or meatball subs, tossed salad, a beverage and dessert.

Give input, review NYF project proposals

COPAKE — Join town officials for a second community meeting, a Copake Downtown Public Workshop on the \$4.5 Million New York Forward (NYF) Proposal at Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Thursday, October 10 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Participants will review all of the proposed downtown revitalization projects. Attend in-person or join online through the

project website at www.copakewaterfronts.com/nyforward or with Google Meet at meet.google.com/sus-rrby-uyz or by phone at: +1 650-817-8787 (PIN: 195260363)

Take the New York Forward Survey by visiting: www.copakewaterfronts.com/nyforward. Want more information? Contact Supervisor Richard Wolf at: copakesupervisor@townofcopake.org

Adults invited to explore 'eternal mysteries'

HUDSON — After Dark Programming: Eternal Mysteries is a free event to kick-off the spooky season at the FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Avenue, October 11 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Only adults aged 18 and over will be admitted for this special event which offers the opportunity to:

- Partake in a palm reading session with Psychic Readings by Lauren

- Re-energize with crystals curated by KarmicKat

- Look to the future with a tarot card reading by Madame Aly

- Learn about the history of the spiritualism movement in Hudson and take a selfie with a ghostly apparition.

Spirited seasonal snacks and mocktails will be available for purchase. Spooky dress and costumes are encouraged.

This event is made possible, in part, by a grant award from The

Obituaries

Anne M. Soika (1949 - 2024)



Anne Soika

KINDRERHOOK — Anne Marie (Friot) Soika passed away September 28, 2024 at her daughter's home under the care of her loving husband, Robert. Anne and Robert were happily married for more than 50 years.

Born July 3, 1949 to Howard and Hilda Friot, she grew up in Heuvelton, and was a sister to Joey Friot, Richard Friot, Lawrence Friot, Laura Pirie and Cinci Weaver.

She was a graduate of Russell Sage College where she met her husband and lifelong college friends, Janey and Cindy S. She looked forward to get-togethers and the "donut" cards she received throughout the years. The letters always brought smiles to her face.

While raising her family (and never missing a game or meet) she earned a master's degree in education from the College of St. Rose and became a dedicated educator for more than 27 years. She taught special education, and kindergarten through third grade at Ichabod Crane. If you learned to read, write or count at ICC, chances are Mrs. Soika helped along the way. She adored her students and enjoyed the friendships she fostered with the other teachers. Especially Betsy M, who

would affectionately become known as "Aunt Betsy" to her grandchildren. As well as Corrie W, whose daughter Liz would ultimately become an integral part of her extended family and caretaking team in later years. In retirement Mrs. Soika quietly prepared food for children in need through the community BackPack program. She also spent her spare time as the voice and pen of Valentino — one of ICC's former therapy dogs — responding to letters the children wrote about their experiences with bullying. She was always happy and eager to help and to make a difference in children's lives.

She was an avid gardener who maintained her beautiful flower beds almost as neat and orderly as the floors and countertops in her home. Weeds (or dust) didn't stand a chance on her watch! She loved touring her gardens with family and friends, and she especially

enjoyed chatting with longtime friend and neighbor, Linda H., while viewing each other's plantings.

Mr. and Mrs. Soika were parishioners of Kinderhook's St. Paul's Church, where she proudly kept linens spotless and crisply ironed. In later years, she enjoyed her time riding to services with good friends, Penny and Frank, who were always there to lend a hand.

Mrs. Soika is survived by: husband, Robert; son, Douglas (Sara) Soika; daughter Carolyn (Charlie) Switzer; and grandchildren, Kailey, Abigail, Julia and Aiden, all of whom she doted on. If there was one legacy she was most proud of, it was her grandchildren.

Her family extends heartfelt thanks to friends and caregivers: Karin, Michele, Marya, Tish, Aja and Joy. "We couldn't have asked for a better team."

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at 40 Falls Road, Hudson, Friday, October 4, 5 to 8 p.m..

Funeral Mass will be held at St. Paul's Church, 6 Sylvester Street, Kinderhook, Saturday, October 5 at 2 p.m.

Interment will follow at the church's columbarium.

Rosemarie D. Curcio (1929 - 2024)



Rosie Curcio

GHENT — Rosemarie Donne Curcio, 95, a resident of Ghent, died September 28, 2024. Mrs. Curcio spent her life caring for others. She was a loving wife and mother who raised her only son by serving as an example of strength and kindness.

Born February 25, 1929 in Hudson, she was the daughter of Anthony and Mary Agnes (Brunese) Donne. In 1946, she graduated from Roeliff Jansen High School. In 1949, she was a member of the first graduating class of the Columbia Memorial School of Nursing. Her working life was spent as a nurse, first at the Rip Van Winkle Clinic in Philmont, then Columbia Memorial Hospital, Pine Haven Nursing Home and the Firemen's Home.

In the spring 1950, she married Louis Curcio, Sr., of Hudson. She supported him in his work, often bringing him lunch at the barber shop in Philmont. In the home they built together and that she carefully tended to, she loved watching the birds, growing tomatoes for sauce, baking banana nut bread. She lent a helping hand to all of her wonderful neighbors, and they often lent a hand to her. Those who knew "Rosie" will never forget her combination of

strength and compassion.

Mrs. Curcio is survived by: her son, Louis, Jr., and daughter-in-law, Jeanne; several nieces, nephews, and cousins, including John Carroll and Phillip Carroll of Amenia, Jean Leggett of Dover Plains and Edythe Dossin of Eastpointe, MI. She was predeceased by: her nephew, Thomas Cody; her lifelong friends, Nancy Berninger and Marilyn Johnston, and Louis Sr., her husband of 62 years.

Family will receive friends at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home, Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 3 to 5 p.m. A Requiem Mass will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hudson, Friday, October 4, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at the Cedar Park Cemetery.



Image contributed

Image contains a stylized Maltese cross, a symbol used in firefighting, along with portraits of J.W. Edmonds and the Fox Sisters, all of whom were known for their involvement in the Spiritualism movement—making contact with those who have passed. J.W. Edmonds also had a local fire company named after him.

Senator Hinchey hosts open house on October 7

HUDSON — Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-41st) invites community members to the grand opening of her new Hudson Satellite Office. The open house will be held on Monday, October 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 160 Fairview Avenue. This public event offers district residents the chance to visit with Senator Hinchey and her team and join in a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“We’re excited to open our new Satellite Office in Hudson, making it easier for folks in Columbia and Greene counties to visit us in person. Our office is here as a resource for everyone, ready to provide answers and help our neighbors access the services they deserve. Our open house is a great opportunity to get acquainted with our team, and we hope to see everyone there,” said Senator Hinchey in a press release.

The Hudson Satellite Office will officially open on Wednesday, September 9, with regular office hours every Wednesday by appointment from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office is ADA-accessible, and free parking is available onsite.

In just three and a half years, 82 of Senator Hinchey’s bills have been signed into law, making her a leading advocate fighting for rural and Hudson Valley communities in the State



Photo Contributed
Senator Michelle Hinchey

Senate. Her top priorities include expanding healthcare access, improving cell service, upgrading aging infrastructure, creating affordable housing opportunities, addressing the climate crisis, and ensuring that everyone can afford to live in their communities. As chair of the Senate Agriculture and Food Committee, Senator Hinchey has delivered four of the strongest NYS Agriculture budgets in recent history.

Constituents can subscribe to Senator Hinchey’s newsletter at www.nysenate.gov/or follow her on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to receive legislative updates, news about her travels across the 41st Senate District, and information on upcoming office events.

CRIM acquires the Times-Journal

COBLESKILL — Capital Region Independent Media (CRIM) is proud to welcome the Cobleskill Times-Journal (T-J) into its family of newspapers. CRIM President Mark Vinciguerra announced the sale on October 1.

The paper and The Printers, a commercial printing enterprise, have been owned by Jim Poole and his wife Sandy since 1992. In announcing the sale, Mr. Poole said, “Mark knows the value of local news and he very much recognizes that people in rural communities can’t get reliable news without dependable papers.” Mr. Poole also recognized CRIM’s focus on digital as well as print media, saying “He’ll raise the Times-Journal to a level it hasn’t been before.”

For his part, Mr. Vinciguerra said, “I am very much looking forward to working with members of the T-J team and to carry on Jim’s work and continue to bring quality local news and information to the area.”

Mr. Poole stated, “Much of the Times-Journal’s success stems from its staff that is dedicated to the news business.” He added, “Just as

important are the devoted readers who interact with the paper every week.” Mr. Poole started as a reporter for the Times-Journal in 1977 and became editor in 1979, before purchasing the publication in 1992.

Capital Region Independent Media currently publishes seven weekly papers: The Granville Sentinel, Whitehall Times, Washington County Free Press, Ravena Herald, Greenville Pioneer, The Columbia Paper and the Lakes Region Free Press in Vermont. CRIM also publishes many special magazines focusing on communities in its coverage area. The company has two robust websites, NYVTmedia.com and TheUpstater.com. These sites keep readers up to date on breaking news, sports, special events coverage as well as weekly news broadcasts. CRIM is also noted for its community involvement, such as the Best of Washington County and Lakes Region, The Top 5ive awards presentation and their Feed your Mind, Feed a Family program, that in conjunction with area supermarkets and community businesses,

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Letters

Copake resident reviews failed immigration bipartisan bill

To the Editor:

One of Congressman Molinaro’s recent TV ads had me wondering. The voiceover says something like “Josh Riley wrote the bill giving amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants.” The banner reads “S. 744” and the ad includes an old photo of Riley with former Minnesota Senator Al Franken.

That last part was what I found curious. So I Googled S. 744 and it turns out that it was the 2013 Senate attempt at comprehensive immigration reform. It was co-written by “the Gang of Eight” – four GOP Senators, Jeff Flake

(AZ), John McCain (AZ), Lindsey Graham (SC) and Marco Rubio (FL) along with four Democrats Chuck Schumer (NY), Michael Bennett (CO), Bob Menendez (NJ) and Dick Durbin (IL). Rather than being a “radical Liberal” proposal, the bill had bi-partisan support receiving over two-thirds approval in the Senate – 68 Yea to 32 Nay – with 14 Republicans voting for the bill. It was the hardline Tea Party House Republicans who killed the bill by blocking it from coming to a floor vote. Nearly every political analyst agreed at the time that had S.

744 been voted on, it would have passed. S. 744 had broad bipartisan support because it included 40,000 new border agents, a talent-based immigration system and replacing the “pay-for-entry” abuses in the H1B visa program with preference for students with STEM backgrounds.

This ad is just the latest example of deception by Marc Molinaro, along with his repeating the outrageous lie that Haitians are eating pets in Ohio. I guess Molinaro knows that if he tells the truth, he loses.

Joseph Cannisi
Copake

CLC affordable farmland project with Hussman Hollow Flower Farm

LIVINGSTON — In 2021, a landowner in Livingston contacted the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) to explore conservation options for a small piece of farmland. Although these requests are common, this property was unique. It was a small, vacant plot owned by someone who wasn’t actively farming it, but the owner wanted to use it to help a local farmer. The land includes prime farmland and streamside forest and is located along the Taghkanic Creek.

CLC staff visited the land and saw its potential as a productive farm. The landowner agreed to donate the property, which CLC protected with a conservation easement. Then, CLC began a search to find a local farmer interested in buying the land at an

affordable price. CLC convened a committee of independent reviewers and published a Request for Proposals in English and Spanish to reach a larger audience. Qualified buyers were asked to submit their vision and commitments for using the property.

That search led to Blake Hill, owner of Hussman Hollow Flower Farm. Mr. Hill had been renting land, which made it hard for him to grow his business. In July 2024, Blake officially purchased the land. The conservation agreement also protects the land’s natural features, like the wooded area by Taghkanic Creek.

Mr. Hill said, in a press release, “Many of these flowers I’m growing will be distributed through the Hudson Valley Flower Collective, which brings

together other small farms like mine and connects them with local designers. It’s great to be able to grow on protected land and be part of such a thriving farm community. I never thought this would be possible — thanks, CLC!”

Sam Calhoun, CLC’s Conservation Projects Manager, who coordinated this project, said, also in the release, “We’re all so happy for Blake, and excited for more projects like this one in the future.”

The Columbia Land Conservancy brings people together to conserve, appreciate, and enjoy land. For nearly 40 years, CLC has collaborated with individuals, communities, and partners to ensure Columbia County is a livable, resilient place. For additional information, call 518.392-5252 or visit ColumbiaLand.org.

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help stock food pantries for the holiday season.

Mr. Vinciguerra's vast newspaper experience includes stints with the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review and the Syracuse Post Standard. As a publisher, Mr. Vinciguerra noticed that as daily papers changed and con-

tracted their coverage there were opportunities in weeklies, both as essential news for readers and valuable advertising outlets for businesses.

Mr. Poole will remain with the Times-Journal during the transition and plans to continue as a reporter.

Town celebrates Community Day

Ghent Community Day on Saturday, September 28 featured many community information tables including the Harlem Valley Rail Trail table manned by Chuck Wood, Catherine Barufaldi and Ghent Town Supervisor Craig Simmons (standing l). The next portion of the trail to be constructed runs from Ghent to the Chatham terminus.



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