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## K'hook opens door to state housing funds

By EMILIA TEASDALE

VALATIE—At their regular meeting on November 4, the Kinderhook Town Board passed a Pro-Housing Communities Resolution. Passing the resolution is part of the board's plan to be able to apply for state grants and part of updating their over 20 year old Comprehensive Plan.

The resolution reads that the government of Kinderhook believes that the lack of housing for “all ages and income levels” negatively impacts the state’s economic growth and community’s well-

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David Lee

### These horses offer a service to veterans

On Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, a gathering was convened at the Equine Advocates horse rescue sanctuary in Chatham to honor the six military caisson horses that are living in retirement at the facility. Veterans, friends and family members gathered to meet the horses that had been employed by the United States military as parade animals, drawing the caissons for the funerals of soldiers and dignitaries including President Ronald Reagan and General Colin Powell. Attendees included former Columbia County Veterans Service Agency Director and Command Sergeant Major Gary Flaherty who acknowledged the work that Equine Advocates does, and the great value that horses can have as therapy animals for veterans. Caisson horses King and Luke have a moment during the meet-and-greet at Equine Advocates. King is a 22-year-old percheron who served for 16 years as a caisson horse at Arlington National Cemetery. For more photos from Veterans Day see Page 20 of this issue.



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# Prop 1 passed handily, embedding anti-discrimination law in the state constitution

By DEBORAH E. LANS

GHENT — Concerned that future legislatures might tilt to the right, New York State legislators placed Proposition 1 on the statewide ballot this year. The proposition passed with a statewide vote of more than 60% in favor. As a result, the New York constitution, and not simply state statutes, will now protect New Yorkers against numerous forms of discrimination.

In Columbia County, the measure passed with more than 60% support, with the substantial majority of voting districts affirming the measure. (Only Livingston districts 2 and 4, Ghent 5, Stockport 1 and Kinderhook 6 and 7

voted against the measure.)

Conversely, in Greene County, the vote was 54% “no” and only 46% “yes” — begging the question why Columbia and Greene are dubbed the “Twin Counties.”

To amend the state’s constitution, the legislature was required to pass the proposed amendment in two legislative sessions. Then the public was required to approve the measure in an election. Proposition One has now passed all three hurdles.

Previously, the state constitution (as distinct from state statutes) protected against discrimination only on the basis of race, color, religion and creed — protections that had not been

revisited since 1938 and that were narrower than the protections afforded by many other state constitutions. The amendment now adds to the list of protected characteristics: ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes.

The benefit of amending the constitution, given that most of these protections already exist in state statutes, is severalfold according to the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) which supported the measure. First, actions challenged as discriminatory under state statutes are subject to less rigorous stan-

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# Committee honors Joseph and Leonard Cesternino

HUDSON — The Columbia County Honor a Veteran Committee will be honoring Tech 4 Joseph Cesternino and PFC Leonard Cesternino on Monday, November 25 at 401 State Street in the Supervisors Chambers starting at 9 a.m. The public is invited.

Leonard Cesternino was born on November 18, 1923, to Anthony and Jenny (Giovanni Giffo) Cesternino in Hudson. Growing up in Hudson, he attended Hudson High School where he played basketball and softball and was recognized as a fine athlete. After graduating in 1941, he worked for Mohawk Novelty Plant in Hudson.

He enlisted in the United States Army on February 12, 1943, in Hudson. After basic training he received additional training as an artilleryman at Fort Bragg, NC. He was assigned to A battery, 125th Field Artillery Battalion, 34th Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operation. He was involved in continual action in North Africa and Italy. The 125th Field Artillery Battalion distinguished itself in WWII. The battalion fired over 250,000 rounds of artillery ammunition in 480 days of combat, more than any other battalion.

On November 29, 1943, while engaged with the enemy north of the Voltorno River near Scapoli, Italy, an After-Action Report stated that Pvt. Cesternino was one of two killed along with 19 others wounded as a result of a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire that disabled two guns and started the ammunition pits on fire.

His mother received notification from the War Department that her eldest son was killed. His remains were interred in the Allied cemetery in Carano, Italy. At the request of the family, his remains were exhumed two years later and reinterred in Cedar Park Cemetery, Hudson, with full military honors.

For his service Private Leonard Cesternino was awarded the Purple Heart, WWII Victory Medal, EAME Medal, the Good Conduct Medal.

He left behind his mother,

father and ten brothers and sisters. He was 20 years old.

His brother Joseph S. Cesternino was born November 23, 1925, also in Hudson. He grew up in Hudson and attended Hudson High School. Prior to his service he worked as a shipping clerk.

Joseph Cesternino enlisted in the United States Army on March 8, 1944. After basic training at Camp Stewart, GA, where he qualified with the 30-caliber machine gun and the M1 rifle, Technician Fourth Grade Cesternino was assigned to the 455th AntiAircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion in the European Theater of Operation. This unit landed in Normandy and raced across France and Germany until May 1945. He joined this unit January 16, 1945, and for the next year and four months served as a dispatch clerk along with other duties. The 455th AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion was issued a Letter of Commendation by General George S. Patton for their exemplary service in helping to defeat the Nazi regime.

T/4 Joseph Cesternino was honorably discharged on May 16, 1946, at Fort Dix, NJ. For his service he was awarded the

following: EAME Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.

Returning home, he married Elizabeth Coons. Mr. Cesternino worked for the Atlas Cement Co, then the Sutterley Brick Co. and was the foreman for the Laborer's International Union in Albany. He started his own business Cesternino Construction Co. with his two sons and retired after 20 years.

Mr. Cesternino died on September 10, 2020, and was buried in West Ghent Cemetery. His wife predeceased him. He left behind two sons, Gary and Joseph, six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was 94 years old.



Photo contributed Questar III BOCES culinary student Jonathan Loyola from Ichabod Crane Central School District serves cranberry sauce to veterans and active duty service members.

## Questar III BOCES hosts veterans' luncheons

HUDSON — Culinary arts students and staff at Questar III BOCES' Robert H. Gibson Technical School in Troy and Donald R. Kline Technical School in Hudson held their annual Veterans Day Luncheon for local veterans on Thursday, November 7 and served about 250 guests.

The luncheon was initiated by students who wanted a way to show their appreciation to local veterans. The event helps the students prepare for a career in the culinary arts, where they might be involved in preparing and serving meals on a large scale, such as in a catering environment.

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being, and that “the housing crisis” has had “negative effects at regional and local levels.” And so “we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities.”

The resolution also says that the board believes in supporting housing production of “all kinds” that bring multiple benefits including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents. But also they believe in the evidence that “infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits.”

The Pro-Housing Communities pledge in the resolution says that the town endeavors to: streamline permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units and supportive housing. They also pledge to adopt policies that affirmatively further fair housing; incorporate region-

al housing needs into planning decisions; increase development capacity for residential uses; and enact policies that encourage a broad range of housing development.

All board members voted in favor of the resolution.

Board member Sally Naramore, who is also co-chairing the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, brought the resolution to the board. At the meeting, she pointed out that there are state grants to support community building for housing and Main Street programs for mixed use buildings, as well as grants for Agrotourism.

“There is money here from the state,” she told her fellow board members.

In July 2023, Governor Kathy Hochul signed Executive Order 30 creating the Pro-Housing Community Program, a policy designed “to reward local governments that are working hard to address New York’s housing crisis.” According to the state, there are two ways to achieve the certification. First, if the municipality

can show through the permitting documentation that they have approved either: permits increasing their housing stock by 0.33% over the past year or permits increasing their housing stock by 1% over the past three years. At the meeting, Councilwoman Naramore said the town had not increased housing by 1% in the past three years but, she pointed out, none of the zoning rulings in that time had increased or decreased housing.

For localities that have not seen housing growth, the state says that they can still be certified as a Pro-Housing Community by submitting their data and passing the Pro-Housing Resolution.

Localities must achieve the Pro-Housing Communities certification to apply to key discretionary funding programs, including the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), the NY Forward program, the Regional Council Capital Fund, capital projects from the Market New York program, and the New York Main Street program.

The towns of Ancram, Chatham, New Lebanon, Copake, Ghent, Hillsdale and Stuyvesant, and the village of Philmont and the City of Hudson were recently named

Pro-Housing Communities by the state.

In New Lebanon, Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling told The Columbia Paper when her town received the certification earlier this year that it “can help ensure that our community can continue to grow and prosper, our local businesses can find employees who can afford to live here and seniors and young families can afford to stay here.” More specifically, the supervisor indicated money from the program can make the town more attractive to potential developers by helping to elevate the added costs of installing a well and septic.

In Kinderhook, the largest town in the county population-wise, the board is moving forward with Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Plan Update and received a \$10,000 to help with that work. They hired Michael Allen, of ReGrowth, who recently worked with the Town of Chatham on updating their Comprehensive Plan. The committee will be meeting with Mr. Allen at their next meeting on November 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Martin H. Glynn Municipal Building at 3211 Church Street. The meeting is open to the public.

Mr. Allen will be taking a tour of the town and discussing

Phase 1, which is community outreach and input.

Also at the November 4 Town Board meeting:

- The board held a public hearing on the 2025 proposed budget with no comments from the public. The budget, which was passed at a special meeting on November 12, is on the town’s website at [www.kinderhook-ny.gov](http://www.kinderhook-ny.gov)

- The Climate Smart Committee held an event with PureSky, the company it is partnering with for Community Solar, in late October. Committee Chair Melissa Miller told the board that they had some residents sign-up for the solar program at the event but would like more. If the town is able to get a certain number of residents to sign up for the program the town will receive grant funds. There is more information also on the town’s website

- The board approved a motion to set the speed limit on Round Lake Road to 30 mph, as it is on that part of the road which is in the Town of Chatham.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Glynn Building.

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## PROP 1

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dards of review in court than those challenged by virtue of constitutional protections; that means that the justification for actions that affect the protected categories or characteristics must be stronger when the constitution is the basis for the challenge.

Second, it is easier to amend a statute than the constitution, so a

shift in control of the state legislature could more easily result in withdrawal of protections that are “only” a matter of laws than it could in those that are embedded in the constitution; that means that a shift in legislative control cannot easily result in the cessation of the protections.

Finally, as the NYSBA explained: the amendment “will

halt the confusion, [state] government intrusion and deliberation” on issues such as infertility treatments and family planning.

Opponents of the proposition had focused on two claims: that the amendment would allow boys (or, more accurately, transgender girls) to play in girls sports, pave the way for transgender procedures without parental consent and grant new rights (mainly, to vote) to non-citizen immigrants. The claims miss the mark according to scholars in the area, because the first possibility is already the case by virtue of state statutes and

because voting rights are limited to citizens by the U.S. Constitution.

That said, the full impact of the amendment will only be seen, as is always the case in the law, as cases are brought testing questioned practices.

Locally, just re-elected State Senator Michelle Hinchey responded to the passage of the amendment by saying: “Equality is a fundamental right, and our nation cannot truly be free if even one of us is denied it. Our communities are safest when everyone feels included and valued — when all our neighbors

can live in a society that supports them. Proposition 1 doesn’t create new laws; it safeguards the ones we already have by enshrining them in our State Constitution. It protects our right to reproductive healthcare, including abortion, and ensures that no one faces discrimination for being LGBTQ+, having a disability, or because of their background. These are the values we stand for in New York and the Hudson Valley, and it’s inspiring to see voters turning out in overwhelming support for Prop 1 in this election.”

# Habitat for Humanity is accepting homeownership applications

HUDSON — Columbia-Greene Habitat for Humanity (CGHFH), a non-profit organization committed to providing homeownership opportunities for average and lower income residents, will be accepting applications for its homeownership program through November 30. Currently, CGHFH has two projects under construction.

The first project is located in Valatie, and is a full-home rehab of an existing structure,

and will become a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home of approximately 1,100 square feet.

The second project is located in Niverville, and is a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home of approximately 900 square feet.

The Niverville home is the inaugural build of CGHFH’s Rural Starter Home Initiative featuring simple to operate, affordable, all electric, high-performance dwellings that are efficiently designed for a predicted yearly energy need of only

12,616 KWH, about 1/3 that area’s typical comparable home. The estimated power usage will additionally allow the homeowner to install a roof-top solar system sufficient to power the entire house. To serve the needs of a greater number of local families in both Columbia and Greene counties, CGHFH expects to significantly expand its Rural Starter Home Initiative in the coming months.

The CGHFH homeownership program is for households

with a total gross annual income of between 50 and 75% of Columbia County’s Area Median Income (AMI). The 2024 AMI for Columbia County is \$106,400. This means that depending on size, families with gross annual incomes of between \$53,200 and \$79,800, and who additionally meet the CGHFH homeownership eligibility criteria may be considered for the two homes that are now under construction.

Habitat homeownership is

based on an applicant’s: need for housing; ability to repay an affordable mortgage equal to 30% of your household income; willingness to partner on the construction of your home and other Habitat projects through Habitat’s “Sweat Equity” program.

For an in-depth review of the CGHFH Homeownership Eligibility Criteria, and for homeownership applications visit [www.columbiagreenehabitat.org/own-a-home](http://www.columbiagreenehabitat.org/own-a-home).



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# Fire risk remains elevated, drought drags on

By DIANE VALDEN

GHENT—The continued lack of precipitation has prompted the National Weather Service in Albany to issue a Special Weather Statement this week. The statement applies to all of Columbia County.

The November 13 NWS statement says there is an “elevated risk for fire spread today...

“The combination of prolonged dry weather, northerly winds up to 15 mph, relative humidity values between 25% and 35% and dry fuels will contribute to an elevated risk of fire spread today for portions

of eastern New York, including the eastern Catskills, Capital District, Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Taconics.

“There is a statewide burn ban in effect through November 30. Use extra caution if handling any potential ignition sources, such as machinery or matches, and ensure to properly extinguish or dispose cigarette butts.” Refer to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation website (dec.ny.gov) for information on burn restrictions.

The WTEN Storm Tracker weather forecast for the next

seven days calls for cool and dry weather with no appreciable rain in sight. There is just a chance of isolated showers on Monday, November 18.

In a November 12 statement Governor Kathy Hochul provided an update on wildfires burning across New York State and has deployed a multi-agency response to fires in Orange and Ulster counties in close coordination with local fire departments and first responders.

“Aerial investigation shows the Jennings Creek/Sterling State Park wildfire, which is in both New York and New Jersey, now encompasses 5,000 acres,

half of which is in New York, and is 10% contained in both states. The fire in the Town of Denning, Ulster County, is 95% contained within 630 acres,” the governor said.

On Sunday, November 10, smoke from these fires drifted into Columbia County. The smoke hung over the landscape like a milky haze and a smoky smell filled the air. An Air Quality Health Advisory was issued to alert sensitive groups to take necessary precautions because ozone and/or fine particle levels were expected to exceed an AQI value of 100.

WTEN reported November

12 that a crew from the Greenport Fire Department recently went to Orange and Sullivan counties to battle the Jennings Creek Fire.

Governor Hochul also announced a statewide burn ban is in effect until November 30 due to an increased fire risk as the State continues to experience drought conditions. This burn ban prohibits the starting of outdoor fires statewide for purposes of brush and debris disposal, as well as uncontained campfires, and open fires used for cooking.

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## Valatie man faces rape charge

BALLSTON — The Saratoga County Sheriff’s Office responded to an inactive sexual assault complaint on Westside Drive in the town of Ballston, Saratoga County, November 8 at 10:36 a.m.

Investigation into the complaint, led to the arrest of Shane A. Morris, 29, of Valatie for first degree rape, a class B felony; first degree criminal contempt, a class E felony, and second degree menacing, a class A misdemeanor, according to a press release from the Saratoga County Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Morris is accused of engaging in vaginal sexual contact with another person by forcible compulsion and of violating a court order by placing the protected person in reasonable fear of physical injury, serious physical injury, or death by displaying a baseball bat. He was arraigned before Justice Ellwood A. Sloat Jr. in the Malta Town Court and sent to the Saratoga County Jail in lieu of bail, bond, or partially-secured bond pending further proceedings. — *Diane Valden*

## AG releases footage from investigation into death of Hillsdale man

NEW YORK CITY—New York Attorney General Letitia James recently released police body-worn camera footage that her office obtained as part of its ongoing investigation into the death of James A. Dellea, 48, of Hillsdale, who died September 11 following an encounter with members of the New York State Police in Saratoga County, according to a press release from the Attorney General’s Office.

On the afternoon of September 11, NYSP troopers responding to a 911 call followed Mr. Dellea as he drove to and parked in a parking lot on State Route 9. The troopers approached Mr. Dellea while he sat in his car, holding a long gun. During the encounter, one of the troopers, who was off-duty at the time, fired his weapon, striking Mr. Dellea. Mr. Dellea was pronounced dead at the scene. Troopers recovered one long gun at the scene.

The Office of Special Investigation (OSI) of the Attorney General’s Office released footage from body-worn cameras that NYSP troopers were equipped with during the incident. The release



SP body cam footage  
*This is a frame from State Police body cam footage showing the Dellea vehicle and the butt of a long gun sticking out the passenger side window.*

of this footage follows Attorney General James’ directive that camera footage obtained by her office during an OSI investigation be released to the public to increase transparency and strengthen public trust in these matters.

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Section 70-b, OSI assesses every incident reported to it where a police officer or a peace officer, including a corrections officer, may have caused the death of a person by an act or omission. Under the law, the officer may be on-duty or off-duty, and the decedent may be armed or unarmed. Also, the decedent

may or may not be in custody or incarcerated. If OSI’s assessment indicates an officer may have caused the death, OSI proceeds to conduct a full investigation of the incident.

The release of this footage is not an expression of any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of any party in a criminal matter or any opinion as to how or whether any individual may be charged with a crime.

The footage may be seen at <https://ag.ny.gov/osi/footage/james-dellea>

The Attorney General warns that the video contains content that viewers may find disturbing.

## SPs issue 9,000+ tickets during Halloween DWI enforcement

LIVINGSTON—The New York State Police issued a total of 9,984 tickets statewide during the annual DWI Halloween Enforcement campaign which started Thursday, October 31 and continued through Sunday, November 3.

During the campaign, State Police utilized sobriety checkpoints, additional DWI patrols, and ticketed distracted drivers who used handheld electronic devices. Troopers also used both marked State Police vehicles and Concealed Identity Traffic Enforcement (CITE) vehicles as part of this crackdown in order to more easily identify motorists who were violating the law. These vehicles blend in with everyday traffic but are unmistakable as emergency vehicles once the emergency lighting is activated. Troopers arrested 176 peo-

ple for DWI and investigated 964 accidents, which resulted in three fatalities.

As part of the enforcement, Troopers also targeted speeding and aggressive drivers across the state. Here is a sampling of the total tickets issued: Speeding 3,590; Distracted Driving 270; Seatbelt violations 370; Move Over Law 129.

During the 2023 Halloween DWI enforcement period, which was one day longer than the 2024 enforcement, the State Police issued 13,115 total tickets and arrested 207 people for DWI.

In Troop K, eastern Hudson Valley, the following tickets were issued: 29 for DWI, 498 for speeding, 37 for distracted driving, 26 for child restraint and seatbelt violations, 13 for move over violations, total tickets including other violations 1,022.

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## Give lifesaving blood, get new socks

COPAKE FALLS — It's been 30 years since the iconic show "Friends" first aired, and this November, the American Red Cross asks donors to gather their friends and be there for patients by making a blood or platelet donation.

Festive activities and busy calendars this time of year can disrupt normal routines, leading to a drop in blood donation appointments. Eligible individuals are encouraged to make donating blood a priority, especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets.

To celebrate 30 years of "Friends," all who come to give November 18 to December 8 will receive two pairs of custom Friends + Red Cross socks, while supplies last, in partnership with Warner Bros. Discovery Global Consumer Products. Donors can keep a

pair and gift a pair. For more details, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Friends](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Friends).

Those who want to help patients make memories this holiday season can book a blood or platelet donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Those who come to donate through November 17 will get a \$10 egift card to a merchant of choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,000 gift cards. Certain terms apply. See [RedCrossBlood.org/Thanks](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Thanks).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

- November 23, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Our Lady of Hope Church, 8074 State Route 22, Copake Falls.

## Poinsettias can bring holiday cheer

COPAKE — The Copake Poinsettia Committee will deliver poinsettias to local people who are shut-ins or have recently lost a loved one, or who are simply in need of holiday cheer.

The group is a committee

of local not for profit—Copake Community Service, Inc.

Anyone who knows of anyone who would be happy to receive a poinsettia is asked to call Vana Hotaling at 518-755-1196, no later than November 24.



Photo contributed

Ribbon cutting at the reopening at the Old Klaverack Brewery/Tasting Room.

## Old Klaverack Brewery holds reopening celebration

GREENPORT — The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand reopening of Old Klaverack Brewery/Tasting Room, 350 Fairview Avenue, with a ribbon cutting. At the event, Katy and Erik Bell, owners of Old Klaverack Brewery, used the giant cham-

ber scissors to cut the ribbon and ceremonially welcome their neighbors and customers to their brewery.

In 2023 Old Klaverack Brewery got recognized with the Vassar Award: Best Brewery in the Hudson Valley. Their Spookrock IPA won 1st in the Best Hazy IPA category and

their Samuel B Webb Blueberry Sour won 2nd in Best Sour Series.

For more information on Old Klaverack Brewery, visit [www.oldklaverackbrewery.com](http://www.oldklaverackbrewery.com). For more information on the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, visit [www.columbiachamber-ny.com](http://www.columbiachamber-ny.com).

## Price Chopper raises money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

GHENT — Price Chopper/Market 32 is raising funds for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. During the month of October, customers can round up their change at the checkout, 100% of which will go directly to local Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Price Chopper will match all donations, up to \$10,000.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals helps fund life-saving treatments, innovative research, vital medical equipment, and comforting child life services at 170 children's hospitals across the U.S. and Canada. The fol-

lowing hospitals, local to Price Chopper and Market 32 customers, are part of the network: Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, Boston Children's Hospital, Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Mechanicsville, PA, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla, Mohawk Valley Health System in Utica, Samaritan Medical Center in Watertown, The University of Vermont Children's Hospital in Burlington, VT, and Upstate

Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse.

"We are pleased to join with our customers and teammates to continue to fuel Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as they lead the way in funding life-saving treatments, education, and research, and changing kids' health by providing member hospitals with the critical funding that is needed," said Pam Cerrone, Price Chopper/Market 32's director of community relations, also in the release.

For additional information, visit [www.pricechopper.com](http://www.pricechopper.com)

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# UAlbany welcomes new students for fall 2024

ALBANY — The University at Albany is welcoming students back to campus for the start of the fall 2024 semester, including some 5,430 new Great Danes.

More than 2,800 first-year students, from 32,320 applicants, are joining UAlbany's Class of 2028, with 223 students selected to be part of the university's Honors College, and 226 students enrolled as Presidential Scholars.

In addition, more than 1,000 transfer students, including about 200 transfers from the College of Saint Rose, and 1,630 new graduate students are joining the campus community this fall.

The Class of 2028 is among the most diverse in university history, with 55.6 percent coming from historically underrepresented groups. Students also hail from 23 different states and 33 countries. The class boasts an overall high school average of 90.3 percent.

The following students are joining the University at Albany for the fall of 2024:

Katie Lutz, Ancramdale, majoring in Biology; Ashley Doyle, Austerlitz, majoring in

Nursing; Dylan Kasper, Canaan, majoring in Non-matriculated; Erika Holleron, Canaan, majoring in Art History; Christa Gitto of Chatham, majoring in Non-matriculated; James Lavelle, Chatham, majoring in Social Welfare (nondegree); Hannah Spock, Chatham, majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies-Environmental Science; Charles White III, Chatham, majoring in Criminal Justice (MA); Kira Ploof, Chatham, majoring in Human Development; Lily Morris, Chatham, majoring in Studio Art (MFA); Richard Fischer, Chatham, majoring in Political Science; Maggie Huston, Chatham, majoring in Information Science (MS); Sarah Hatchett, Claverack, majoring in Non-matriculated; Lauryn Germond, Copake, majoring in Psychology (intended); Patrick Mahar, Craryville, majoring in Cybersecurity (BS); Shea Mudge, Elizaville, majoring in Biology (intended); Nick Fleming, Elizaville, majoring in Non-matriculated; Cameron Quinn, Germantown, majoring in Communication; Jaden Velez, Germantown, majoring in Communication (intended); Bradley Del Pozzo,

Germantown, majoring in Business Administration; Zoe Winden, Germantown, majoring in Computer Science (combined-intended); Sarah Winden, Germantown, majoring in Mathematics (nondegree); Jordan Wyant, Germantown, majoring in Business Administration; Owen Watson, Germantown, majoring in Cybersecurity (BS); Briana Pechacek, Ghent, majoring in Nursing; Tyler Kneller, Ghent, majoring in Communication; Brooke-Lyn Doyle, Ghent, majoring in Early Childhood/Childhood Education; Christopher Restifo, Ghent, majoring in Open Major; Alyssa Mowris, Hillsdale, majoring in Business Administration (intended); Camille Parlman, Hudson, majoring in Non-matriculated; Magdalena Ramos, Hudson, majoring in Music (intended); Daisy Castellanos, Hudson, majoring in Interdisciplinary-Documentary Studies (intended); Hannah Koskowski, Hudson, majoring in Nursing; Lauren Meicht, Hudson, majoring in Psychology; Larry Walker, Hudson, majoring in Emergency Preparedness, Homeland

Security & Cybersecurity; Griffin Howard, Hudson, majoring in Criminal Justice; Ruby Engelhart, Hudson, majoring in Computer Science (Combined); Ewelina Kras, Hudson, majoring in Environmental and Sustainable Engineering (MS); Mahim Wali, Hudson, majoring in Business Administration (intended); Simon Rowe, Hudson, majoring in Chemistry; Molly Delaney, Hudson, majoring in Business Administration; Jordan Moon of Hudson, majoring in Cybersecurity (BS); Abby Canuteson, Kinderhook, majoring in Data Science (MS); Annika Boras, Kinderhook, majoring in Non-matriculated; Amanda Lyons, Kinderhook, majoring in Psychology (intended); Amber van Moessner, Kinderhook, majoring in Mental Health Counseling (MS); Brianna Harrington, Kinderhook, majoring in Public Health (intended); Ariana Melanson, Kinderhook, majoring in Business Administration (intended); Ren Cruz, Kinderhook, majoring in Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security & Cybersecurity; Jori Jefferson,

Niverville, majoring in Business Economics; Mason Haberek, Niverville, majoring in Nanoscale Engineering (intended); Brittany Clarke, Philmont, majoring in Social Welfare (Advanced Standing) (MSW); Mariah Kratt, Stuyvesant, majoring in Public Health; Kate Reddy, Stuyvesant Falls, majoring in Anthropology (PhD); Shannon Verbraska, Valatie, majoring in Curriculum Development & Instructional Technology (MS); Danielle Bradway, Valatie, majoring in Social Welfare-Part Time (MSW); Wyatt Dolge, Valatie, majoring in Computer Science (combined-intended); John Wheeler, Valatie, majoring in Mathematics; Stephanie Phillips, Valatie, majoring in Physics; Madeline Grout, Valatie, majoring in Business Administration (MBA); Coltin Luckfield, Valatie, majoring in Professional Accountancy (MS); Theodore Lerman, Valatie, majoring in Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security & Cybersecurity; Simon Papas, Valatie, majoring in Business Administration; Olana Schillinger, Valatie, majoring in Non-matriculated.

## Chatham High School and Shakespeare & Co present 'As You Like It'

Celebrating its 25th year at Chatham High School, The Fall Festival of Shakespeare is back, and this year the school is putting on "As You Like It." On November 15 and 16 at 7 p.m., an intrepid company of Chatham students will be performing in the High School auditorium on Woodbridge Avenue. Tickets are \$5 at the door. The following weekend, Chatham's show will be the concluding performance of the Fall Festival on November 24 at 3:30 p.m. in Lenox, MA, on Shakespeare & Company's Tina Packer Playhouse stage. Tickets for that performance are \$16 for general audiences and \$10 for students - visit [Shakespeare.org](http://Shakespeare.org) or call 413-637-3353. Pictured (l to r) are Chatham High School's Aidan Brennan, Brianna Reyome, Paxton Brownell, Mira Pierce, and Aurora Jones.



## TH Dollars for Scholars raffles off spa basket

Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars Class of 2025 is raffling a spa basket. \$5 a ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. For tickets text or call Betsy Manzi 845 594-4590. Cash App/ Venmo/ Apple Pay/ and cash are all accepted. The basket includes a \$100 Bodhi Spa (Hudson) gift card, \$100 225 Warren Bar and Grill and a few other smaller gifts. Drawing will be held at the Alumni Basketball event on January 4 at Taconic Hills. For more information about Dollars for Scholars, go to [www.taconichills.k12.ny.us](http://www.taconichills.k12.ny.us)



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# Small Works: Regional Fine Arts and Crafts opens in Spencertown

SPENCERTOWN – Spencertown Academy Arts Center presents Small Works 2024: Regional Fine Arts and Crafts featuring more than 150 small artworks, including acrylic, gouache, oil, pastel, and watercolor paintings, pen and ink and charcoal drawings, encaustics, ceramics, printmaking, collage, mixed media, photography, fiber art, wood, metal, and basketry. On Saturday, November 16, there will be an opening reception from 3 to 5 p.m. and the exhibit will remain on display through December 15. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free and the artworks are for sale; a portion of the proceeds benefits the academy.

“This is a different format for a Spencertown Academy exhibition. In many of our shows, the larger works take over. Here, we are allowing the smaller works a center stage,” said Curator Meryl Enerson in a press release. “The combination of 2D and 3D works, including an array of fine crafts, presents a great diversity of media. The show’s focus is on quality arts and crafts measuring 12-inches or less in any dimension.”

Spencertown Academy’s Gallery Curatorial Committee selected the works from over 300 submissions to an open call for art earlier this year. The 73 artists include Carolyn Abrams (Lenox, MA), Jeffrey All (Spencertown), Fern Apfel (Kinderhook), Holly Aragi (Sheffield, MA), Deborah Bayly (Poestenkill), Leslie Blank (Ghent), Stephanie Blumenthal (Sheffield, MA), William Bracken (Averill Park), Elizabeth Buttler (Housatonic, MA), Deborah Carter (Lenox, MA), James Coe (Hannacroix), Howard Danelowitz (Hillsdale), Amanda Filli (Kinderhook), Katy Flammia (Hudson), Meryl Freeman (Ghent), Cecilia Friederichs (Valatie), Pat Frik (Housatonic, MA), Gail Giles (Chatham), Robin Guthridge (North Chatham), Terrence Hanlon (Pittsfield, MA), Nicholas Haylett (Kinderhook), Nancy Henry (Albany), Catherine Herman (Glenmont), Shaari Horowitz (Sharon, CT),

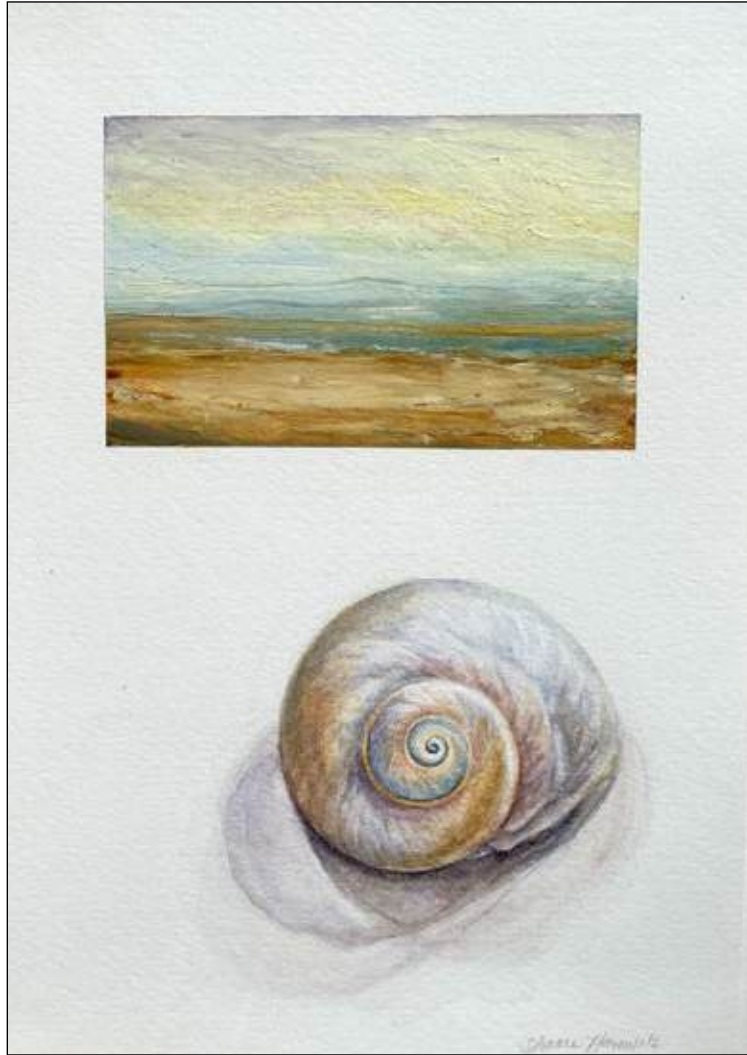


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John Huffaker (Stephentown), Marcelene Isaacson (Lenox, MA), Yoko Izu (Catskill), ML Kammel (Tyringham, MA), Lisa Kaplan (Craryville), Morgan Kent (Richmond, MA), Bruce Laird (Lee, MA), Mara Lefebvre (Latham), Sue LeGere (Rensselaer), Pattie Lipman (Stephentown), Shaina Loew-Banayan (Austerlitz), Allison Marchese (Old Chatham), Ellen Marsh (Hudson), Adrianna Maselli-Theriault (Palenville), Joshua McKeon (East Chatham), Suzanne Michael (East Chatham), Melanie Mintz (Germantown), Kevin Mooney (Troy), Jan Moseman (East Chatham), Lauren Nelson (Rhinebeck), Wendy Nooney (Albany), Susan Nowogrodzki (East Greenbush), Moira O’Grady (Chatham), Joan Oliver (Rensselaer), Clarke Olsen (Spencertown), Barbara Patton (Pittsfield, MA), Andrew Pellettieri (Kinderhook), Sybil Perry (Cornwall Bridge, CT), Amy Pressman (West Stockbridge, MA), Catherine Ramey (Stephentown), Diane

Reutter (Chatham), Julie Scott (Great Barrington, MA), Ruth Seidler (Great Barrington, MA), Israel Singer (Castleton-on-Hudson), Margo Singer (Castleton-on-Hudson), Margie Skaggs (West Stockbridge, MA), Audrie Sturman (Slingerlands), Laurie Sussman (Hudson), Santana Tirone (Ancram), Maggie Tobin (Chatham), Marsha Lia Walton (Delmar), Celeste Watman (Otis, MA), Steven Wildermuth (Ghent), Emily Willcut (Pittsfield, MA), Denis Wogan (Easthampton, MA), Nina Yankovic (Williamstown, MA), Rebecca Zeh (Ballston Lake), and Denee Zeigler (Troy).

Founded in 1972, Spencertown Academy Arts Center is a cultural center and community resource serving Columbia County, the Berkshires, and the Capital region. Housed in a landmark 1847 Greek Revival schoolhouse, the academy is located at 790 State Route 203. For more information, contact info@spencertownacademy.org.

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Anneke Schaul-Yoder and Derin Oge.

## Academy presents Classical Sunday with Schaul-Yoder and Oge November 17

SPENCERTOWN — Spencertown Academy Arts Center presents Classical Sunday with cellist Anneke Schaul-Yoder and pianist Derin Oge on Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m. at the academy’s Blanche Grubin Auditorium. The unusual and virtuosic program will include the spiritual and intricate music of JS Bach’s “D Major Gamba Sonata,” Lena Auerbach’s charming and surprising “Preludes,” and Beethoven’s heroic yet contemplative “A Major Sonata.” General admission tickets (\$25 public, \$20 academy members) are available via www.spencertownacademy.org.

“Anneke Schaul-Yoder and Derin Oge are bringing an exciting program of repertoire for cello and piano having performed in both period instrument and modern ensembles at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and other venues in New York and beyond,” said Jan Douglas, member of the Academy Music Committee and head of Classical Sunday programming, in a press release. “We are in for a wonderful afternoon.”

Schaul-Yoder and Oge have been making music together since 2008, first as members of the Piano Music & Song Trio (with composer Jordan McLean on trumpet) and later in the trio Eudemonia (with Alice Jones on flute), as well as a piano/cello duo. They focus on eclectic programs of music with vibrant rhythms and elegant textures. “Green Age,” the duo’s record of works by Martinu and McLean, is available from System Dialing Records.

A native of Istanbul and long-time resident of Brooklyn, Oge brings a worldly and eclectic view to the music that she plays. With classical and contemporary training, she is at home on the concert stage and in the club. She was trained at Mimar Sinan University, and holds a masters degree from Purchase Conservatory under the tutelage of Paul Ostrovsky, where she later served on piano faculty. She has played extensively with Piano

Music & Song Trio, a chamber ensemble that performs arrangements of Impressionist and Romantic songs for trumpet, piano, and cello. Oge is also a founding member of Occasional Noise Trio with trombone and percussion. She has played at such venues as Cornelia Street Café, Mozarteum University, Peter de Grote Festival, The Stone, Flushing Town Hall, Barbes, Roerich Museum, and Symphony Space. In addition, her performance of Mozart’s “Sonata in Bb Major” has been recorded for the European Broadcast Union.

Schaul-Yoder has performed in period-instrument and modern ensembles at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and the 92nd Street Y. A chamber musician across the genre spectrum, she plays regularly with the Piano Music & Song Trio; Eudemonia, which presents eclectic programs for flute, cello, and piano; the soprano/continuo Suore Project, which aims to research and record a comprehensive survey of works by 17th-century Italian nuns; and SIREN Baroque, the internationally acclaimed early music ensemble. Schaul-Yoder has been a featured guest on “A Prairie Home Companion,” and appeared on Lincoln Center’s “American Songbook” series, televised on PBS. She has also recorded with the Lumineers, Shawn Mendes, and members of Arcade Fire and Antibalas. She studied with Julia Lichten and Marcy Rosen at Yale, Purchase Conservatory, and Mannes and she plays on a French cello from 1713 by Jacques Boquay.

This program is 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.

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

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## Calendar

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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.

### FARMERS MARKETS

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

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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

**November 14**  
**A PICKLEBALL CLINIC**, Spencertown Park, Rte. 203, 9 am. For Austerlitz residents. Led by a professional instructor. The clinic is intended for beginners. For information, email [kkaplan@austerlitzny.com](mailto:kkaplan@austerlitzny.com).

**November 16**  
**DEVOE BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIP** to Tomhannock Reservoir. 8:30 am. Meet in Pittstown at intersection of Lake Shore Drive & NY Route 7. Bring spotting scope or share, look for waterfowl, possible shorebirds. Coordinator: Naomi Lloyd 518-596-5964

**COLUMBIA NE REPAIR CAFE**, New Lebanon Community Center, 523 SR 20, 10 am-2 pm. All types of broken items fixed for free by skilled volunteers. Refreshments & conversation with your neighbors. For more information [Columbianerepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:Columbianerepaircafe@gmail.com)

**TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER** for Stephentown Memorial Library, Four Fat Fowl, 473 NY-43, Stephentown. Appetizers, drinks 5:30 pm, trivia 6 pm, prizes awarded 8:15 pm. Individuals and teams of up to 6 players invited. Individual ticket \$40; table of 4 \$150; table of 6 \$225. Ticket includes appetizers, sandwiches, dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks. Beer, wine, cider available to purchase. Learn more and purchase tickets at: <https://stephentown-memorial-library.square.site/2024-trivia-fundraiser>

**November 17**  
**BINGO!** Taghkanic Firehouse, 631 Old Rte 82, West Taghkanic, 2-3:30 pm. Free admission. Family fun, All ages welcome. Snacks served, prizes. Bring your own beverages, no alcohol permitted on premises. Questions? [taghkanic60plus@gmail.com](mailto:taghkanic60plus@gmail.com)

**November 19**  
**SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR/CRAFT ACTIVITY**, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 2 pm. Enjoy light refreshments and make a star garland with recycled book pages. All materials provided.

**LICHEN WALK**, Borden's Pond Public Conservation Area, 1628 Route 203, Ghent, 3-4:30 pm. Guided walk with lichenologist James Lendemer. Learn about importance of lichen to the environment, how to identify common species in Columbia County. Mile walk over forested, packed earth with exposed roots. Bring water, wear weather-appropriate clothing, footwear. Social, leashed dogs welcome, bring bags for waste. \$5 Register at <https://columbialand.org/event/lichen-walk>

**November 21**  
**WARM UP AMERICA**, Valatie Presbyterian Church, 3212 Church Street, 2-4 pm. Group makes warm things for others in need. Create afghans out of knitted squares or use yarn provided to make mittens, hats, scarves, neck warmers. Work at home or at the meeting. Many charities benefit.

**MAKE YOUR OWN MEDICINE** Drop-in Workshop, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Greenport, 2-4 pm. Meet at Wagon House Education Center. Free. Learn about plants & their power to heal. Create your own piece of herbal medicine to take home. Open to all ages; offered in English & Spanish. Visit [OLANA.org](http://OLANA.org).

### One more weekend to enjoy 'Nunsense'

The Two Of Us Productions' "Nunsense" is playing for a final weekend on November 15, 16 and 17 at the Theater at the Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. Call for group rates. For reservations visit [www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org](http://www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org) or call 518 329-6293.



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**November 22**  
**OLANA STAR PARTY**, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Greenport, 6-10 pm. Free. Spend evening looking up at the cosmos. Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association projects real-time astro-images of galaxies & nebulae inside while Saturn, Jupiter, other objects are visible with the aid of powerful telescopes outdoors. Special star-tours 7 & 9 pm. Expert guide points out visible constellations. Light refreshments Pre-registration encouraged. Rain and/or cloud date November 23. Visit [OLANA.org](http://OLANA.org).

**November 23**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**, Our Lady of Hope, 8074 State Route 22, Copake Falls, 8 am- 1 pm. Book a blood or platelet donation appointment by using Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**HOLIDAY WREATH WORKSHOP**, Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 479 Route 66, 9:30 am noon. Master Gardeners teach participants to use natural materials to craft their own holiday wreaths. \$40 includes all materials & completed wreath. Limited seating. Registration closes November 16 or when all spots filled. Register at [ccecolumbiagreene.org/wreath-workshop-hudson](http://ccecolumbiagreene.org/wreath-workshop-hudson) or 518-828-3346 x209 | [cb974@cornell.edu](mailto:cb974@cornell.edu)

**ARTMAKING IN THE AFTERNOON**, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Greenport, Wagon House Education Center, 1-4 pm. Free. Hands-on artmaking using professional materials and a series of prompts to get creativity flowing. Drop in program, all materials provided. All ages welcome. Visit [OLANA.org](http://OLANA.org).

### WHAT'S COOKING

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

**Wednesdays, Thursdays**  
**VIRTUAL COOKING CLASSES FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES**, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, Pick-up 4-6 pm, Cooking Class on Zoom 5:30-6:30 pm. Join the Sylvia Center and the Hudson Area Library for a six-week virtual cooking program geared towards families with children ages 18 and younger. During each hour-long class, a Chef Educator guides participants through a seasonal vegetarian recipe. Through December 18/19. No class on November 27/28. Registration: [programs@hudsonarealibrary.org](mailto:programs@hudsonarealibrary.org) or call 518 828-1792 x101.

**November 15**  
**FREE COMMUNITY PASTA DINNER**, Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 County Route 22, West Ghent, 6 pm. 518-828-5946.

**November 16**  
**DRIVE-THROUGH TURKEY DINNER**, Valatie First Presbyterian Church, 3212 Church Street, 3:30-6:30 pm. Roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, green beans, cranberry sauce, pie. \$19. Advance tickets recommended. For ticket sales and information call 518-758-9658.

**FALL FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI DINNER**, Churchtown Firehouse, 2219 County Route 27, 5-6:30 pm, spaghetti, appetizers, dessert; take-outs available; DJ music until 8:30 pm; raffles; \$20. Hosted by Everlasting Hope Animal Rescue to raise money for Feline Infectious Peritonitis treatment for a kitten. Call 518-821-8292 with questions or to reserve for parties of 4 or more.

**November 21**  
**FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR HOMETOWN HEROES**, Chatham Firehouse, 10 Hoffman Street, 5:30-7:30 pm. Christ Our Emmanuel Lutheran Church hosts free spaghetti dinner for hometown heroes and their families. Salad, bread, spaghetti, meatballs, homemade desserts.

**November 26**  
**PRE-THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE**, Elizaville United Methodist Church, 740 County Rte 2, 4 to 6 pm. Pies, cakes, cookies, cannolis & more available. Pie pre-orders will be accepted until November 15 by contacting Kim at 845-332-2626. On the date of the event, can call the Church Hall at 845-756-5602

### FOR KIDS

**November 16**  
**CACTUSHEAD PUPPET SHOW**, FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson, 10:30 am- noon, free. Rod puppets & shadow scenes tell this story, which teaches teamwork makes the dream work. Make a craft to celebrate autumn. No reservation needed. 518-822-1875, [sarah@fasnyfiremuseum.com](mailto:sarah@fasnyfiremuseum.com)

**November 18 through November 30**  
**TAKE HOME ACTIVITIES**, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave. Take home activities: Word Games. [chathampubliclibrary.org](http://chathampubliclibrary.org)

**November 21**  
**STEM BUGS!**, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 10:30 am. "The Backyard Bug Book" by Lauren Davidson. Children will get to search through edible dirt for gummy worms and other edible insects. For kids of all ages. [www.roejanlibrary.org](http://www.roejanlibrary.org)



**ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB,** Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 3 pm. Get creative with Miss Becky. Come see what crafty art project she's got planned for this month. Designed for school-aged crafters who are able to follow directions and use scissors and other crafting supplies independently. [chathampubliclibrary.org](http://chathampubliclibrary.org)

**November 23**  
**CYANOTYPE CELEBRATION,** 327 Warren St, 9:30am-noon, free. Children will learn to create their own cyanotype prints employing this early photographic technique. Cyanotypes use a photosensitive solution to dye surfaces which come into direct contact with sunlight. Ages 7 - 10. Registration required (limited capacity). <https://hudsonhall.org>

**CRAFTY KIDS STORY HOUR:** Happy Thanksgiving! Clermont State Historic Site Visitor Center, 1 Clermont Ave, 1 pm. Sit in cozy children's space, listen to stories about grand feasts, funny turkeys, historical perspectives, being thankful. Afterward make paper bag turkeys—a centerpiece for Thanksgiving table. Space limited. Free. Must register in advance at [bookoo.com/Clermont](http://bookoo.com/Clermont)

**AT THE MOVIES**

**November 22**  
**COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT,** New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6:30 pm. A screening of a current film suitable for teen and adult audiences. Visit [www.newlebanonlibrary.org](http://www.newlebanonlibrary.org) for title.

**November 30**  
**FAMILY FILM SCREENING,** The Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, noon-2 pm. Join the library the Saturday after Thanksgiving for a free family movie. They will be showing "Paddington" (2014) in the Community Room. Free popcorn and refreshments will be provided. [www.roejanlibrary.org](http://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](http://basilicahudson.org/programs/jupiter-nights).

**First Friday**  
**LINDA WORSTER,** New Lebanon Library, 6:30 pm, free. Singer/songwriter gives virtual concert. Visit [newlebanonlibrary.org](http://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](http://Copakegrange.org).

**Friday**  
**OPEN MIC WITH LOKI,** Lightforms Art Center, 743 Columbia St, Hudson, 8-10 pm. Refreshments provided, donations appreciated. [lightformsart-center.com](http://lightformsart-center.com).

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

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

**November 17**  
**CLASSICAL SUNDAY,** Spencertown Academy Arts Center, 790 State Rte 203, 3 pm, \$25 public, \$20 academy members. With cellist Anneke Schaul-Yoder and pianist Derin Oge. The program will include JS Bach's "D Major Gamba Sonata," Lena Auerbach's "Preludes," and Beethoven's "A Major Sonata." [www.spencertownacademy.org](http://www.spencertownacademy.org)

**November 23**  
**SEASON OF LIGHT & HOPE FAMILY CONCERT,** The Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, 1-2 p.m., free. For all ages. Celebrate the spirit of the season with local musicians John and Ann Marie Farrell. Call 518-325-4101 or <http://www.roejanlibrary.org>

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

**DRIVE THROUGH HISTORY** Road Trips, Columbia County Historical Society, free. Explore Columbia County with themed self-guided road trips. Itineraries: [cchsny.org/drive-through-history.html](http://cchsny.org/drive-through-history.html).

**ONE-ON-ONE JOB SEARCH** HELP, Hudson Area Library, virtual event. Beth Gordon helps with resume, brushing up interview skills. Appointments [programs@hudsonarealibrary.org](mailto:programs@hudsonarealibrary.org), 518 828-1792 X 101.

**November 15**  
**THE GIFT OF NEURODIVERSITY,** Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School Music Room, 330 County Rte 21C, Ghent, 3:30 pm. Joe Harris presents an exploration of empathy, self-knowledge, and forgiveness, as tools of the therapeutic educator, parent, and community member. This talk will encompass a range of important topics that are relevant to all children, not just those who are neurodivergent. Open to the public; donations welcomed. <https://school.hawthornevalley.org>

**November 16**  
**CALL ME ON VIDEO,** North Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rte 203, 10 am, free. TechTalk series, presented by Catherine Forbes, helps attendees learn how to better understand and navigate FaceTime, What's App, Skype and Zoom. Reservations are not required. [northchathamlibrary.org](http://northchathamlibrary.org)

**November 17**  
**ARE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WEAPONS OF WAR?** Old Chatham Quaker Meetinghouse, 539 County Route 13, 12:30 pm. Tom Ellis defines economic sanctions, describes US sanctions in Afghanistan, Iran and Venezuela, references US domestic reasons for imposing foreign sanctions. Free, open to public. Moderated discussion follows. Refreshments. More info 518-610-3735 or [www.oldchatham-quakers.org](http://www.oldchatham-quakers.org)

**November 21**  
**PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS,** Greenport Community Hall, 500 Town Hall Drive, 1 pm. Columbia County Sheriff's deputy addresses meeting of Greenport Seniors. Meeting open to all seniors who reside in Columbia County.

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**The Two of Us Productions**  
*in collaboration with*  
**Copake Grange & RARE Inc. present:**



**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**  
**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 3pm**  
**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**  
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# EVENTS Calendar

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## ON STAGE

### Thursdays

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

### November 15-17

NUNSENSE, The Two Of Us Productions, Copake Grange Hall, 628 Empire Road, Friday and Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 3 pm, \$20, \$15 students & seniors. Subscription Pass for the 2025 season available. Visit [www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org](http://www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org) or call 518 329-6293.

### November 15,16, 24

AS YOU LIKE IT, Chatham High School auditorium, 50 Woodbridge Ave, and Elayne P. Bernstein Theatre, Shakespeare & Company, 70 Kemble Street, Lenox, MA, Nov. 15-16 at 7 pm in Chatham, Nov. 24 at 3:30 pm in Lenox, \$5 in Chatham, \$16 for general audiences and \$10 for students in Lenox. One of Shakespeare's romantic comedies, is a romp through the magical Forest of Arden. Shepherds, sheep, and exiled nobles mingle in the Forest. Hilarity and love ensue. [Shakespeare.org](http://Shakespeare.org) or call 413-637-3353.

### November 16

REAL PEOPLE REAL STORIES, Ancram Center for the Arts, 1330 County Route 7, 3 pm, \$25 general admission, \$15 with student ID. This special edition of RPRS presents stories organized around a single theme – Things Said and Unsaid – and will include a brief interview with each storyteller. Tickets at [ancramcenter.org](http://ancramcenter.org)

### November 23

THE WILLOWS, Spencertown Academy Arts Center, 790 State Rte 203, 7:30 pm, \$20 public, \$15 academy members. A theatrical conjuring of Algernon Blackwood's 1909 supernatural psychedelic horror story. [www.spencertown-academy.org](http://www.spencertown-academy.org)

## ON VIEW

LABspace, 2642 Rt 23, Hillsdale.

Susan Carr: rituals, October 5-November 24. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm, no appt necessary. [julielab-space@gmail.com](mailto:julielab-space@gmail.com). 917 749-2857.

LIGHTFORMS Art Center, 743

Columbia St, Hudson. Metamorphosis of Fear, November 8-30. Fri 3-7, Sat-Sun 12-6 pm. By appointment 917 330-6262. [lightformsartcenter.com](http://lightformsartcenter.com)

ROE JAN COMMUNITY

LIBRARY, 9091 Rt 22, Hillsdale. Clair de Lune, traditional ink on paper drawings by Edwing Gomez Flores. Open library hours. [roejanlibrary.org](http://roejanlibrary.org).

SPENCERTOWN ACADEMY ARTS CTR, 790 Rt 203. Small Works 2024: Regional Fine Arts and Crafts, November 15-December 15. Opening reception November 16, 3-5 pm. Admission is free and the artworks are for sale; a portion of the proceeds benefits the academy. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm. [Spencertownacademy.org](http://Spencertownacademy.org). 518 392-3693.

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS, 261 NY-344, Copake Falls. Artist Studio Tour 2024, Saturday, November 30, from 10 am-4 pm, \$25. Sixteen artists, who live and work in lower Columbia County, will open their studio doors and allow visitors to view their work. A portion of the proceeds will benefit St. John in the Wilderness. To purchase tickets visit <https://stjohnw.org/event/artist-studio-tour-2024> or contact Marjorie Hoog 917 623-7790.

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

WINDOW ON HUDSON, 43 S 3rd St, Hudson. Alyson Pou, The Coleus Project: A Constellation of Coleus Creatures, October 24-December 1. Artist talk The Healing Power of Plants, November 16, 2 pm. [windowon-hudson.org](http://windowon-hudson.org).

## Get baked goods in time for Thanksgiving

ELIZAVILLE — The Elizaville United Methodist Church, 740 Columbia County Route 2, holds a Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale in the church hall, Tuesday, November 26 from 4 to 6 p.m.

A variety of baked goods

including pies, cakes, cookies, cannolis and more will be available. Pie pre-orders will be accepted until November 15 by contacting Kim at 845-332-2626. On the date of the event, call the Church Hall at 845-756-5602.

## Bingo promises fun for the whole family

WEST TAGHKANIC — Taghkanic Senior Network presents Bingo, back by popular demand, at the Taghkanic Firehouse

631 Old Route 82, Sunday, November 17, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

All ages are welcome at this

family fun event. Admission is free. Snacks will be served and prizes awarded.

Bring your own beverages, no alcohol permitted on premises.

Questions? Contact [taghkanic60plus@gmail.com](mailto:taghkanic60plus@gmail.com)

## Winter is coming, get ready at Repair Cafe

NEW LEBANON — The Columbia NE Repair Cafe invites the community to bring broken items to be repaired for free by local fixers at the New Lebanon Community Center, 523 State Route 20, Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Repair Cafe is back just in time to help residents do a little house cleaning before winter sets in. Local fixers will be on hand to darn and make knitting repairs on those sweaters and socks needed to keep warm, sharpen knives for holiday

feasting, and much more. At this Repair Cafe, repair coaches will work on: bicycles, clocks, lamps, mending of clothing and other textiles, small wood furniture, leather and more. Clothing or textiles to be mended must be clean. There is a two item limit per person.

A Repair Cafe event is a community and volunteer-run activity that is free to all. Local fixers rewire lamps and repair vacuum cleaners to divert items with more life in them from going into the landfill. These

events impart lifelong valuable fixing skills and bring neighbors together to help one another. For more information find the Columbia NE Repair Cafe on Facebook. To volunteer or contact someone email [columbianerepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:columbianerepaircafe@gmail.com).

This event is co-sponsored by the New Lebanon Climate Smart Community, the Columbia NE Repair Cafe, the towns of Austerlitz, Chatham, New Lebanon, and the Village of East Nassau.

## Puppets tell tale of pursuing their dreams

HUDSON — Visit the FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Avenue, November 16 from 10:30 a.m. until noon for a free puppet show by the Cactushead Puppets.

The puppets tell a hilarious tale of four lovable farm animals, who set out to pursue their dreams of becoming world-famous musicians. Along the way, they encounter a fortune, foil some robbers, and learn how to work together in harmony.

This production features adorable rod puppets and elaborate shadow scenes to tell this story, which gently teaches what all of our firefighters know: teamwork makes the dream work. After the show, meet the puppeteers of Cactushead Puppets, and make a fun craft to celebrate the autumn season.

All activities and crafts are free and will be indoors. Free admission to the museum will



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Meet the Cactushead Puppets.

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

The museum is open

Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.; phone: 518-822-1875, email: [sarah@fasnyfiremuseum.com](mailto:sarah@fasnyfiremuseum.com)




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## Ellis speaks about economic sanctions

OLD CHATHAM—Tom Ellis speaks at Old Chatham Quaker Meeting at its Meetinghouse, 539 County Route 13, Sunday, November 17, 12:30 p.m. on “Are Economic Sanctions Weapons of War?”

The lecture will define economic sanctions, give a brief history of economic sanctions, describe the U.S. sanctions in Afghanistan, Iran and Venezuela, reference U.S. domestic reasons for imposing foreign sanctions, cite The Center for Economic and Policy Research report, consider whether economic sanctions

are acts of war, explore whether sanctions are ever justified and appropriate, cite lies told in support of economic sanctions.

Free and open to the public. A moderated discussion will follow. Refreshments provided. For more information call 518-610-3735. Get directions at [www.oldchathamquakers.org](http://www.oldchathamquakers.org).

Mr. Ellis lives in and works as a social studies teacher at a private school in Albany, and has college degrees in economics, elementary education, and history. He has been an environmental health and peace activist for more than 40 years.

## Historians meet and dine on potluck meal

NEW LEBANON—The Lebanon Valley Historical Society holds its annual meeting and potluck supper in the community hall at the Church of the Immaculate Conception,

732 U.S. Route 20, November 18 at 5 p.m. Members who attend are encouraged to bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. For more information call 518-894-8762.

## Deputy speaks about scams

GREENPORT—A Columbia County Sheriff's Office deputy will talk about scams and how to protect yourself at the next meeting of the Greenport Seniors at the Greenport

Community Hall, 500 Town Hall Drive, November 21 at 1 p.m. The meeting is open to all seniors who reside in Columbia County.

## Dive into lichen biology with Lendemmer

GHENT—It's a fungus! It's a plant! No, it's lichen! Take a Lichen Walk Borden's Pond Public Conservation Area, 1628 Route 203, November 19, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Commonly thought to be either a plant or a fungus, lichen is a composite organism of the two types of life forms living together. During this guided nature walk, dive into the biology of lichen with lichenologist James Lendemmer. Learn about the importance of lichen to the environment and how to identify the most common species in Columbia County.

The Columbia Land Conservancy “knows you'll be lichen this program and leaving with lots of new information!”

Participants will walk about one mile along the Streamside and Tamarack trails, which both feature forested, packed earth with exposed roots. Bring water



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See lichen like this at Borden's Pond.

and wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Social, leashed dogs are welcome, but bring bags for waste.

Participate in this program for a suggested \$5 donation.

This gift will allow CLC to continue offering programs like these and support land conservation work. Register at <https://columbialand.org/event/lichen-walk>.

## Warm Up America gathers at the Presbyterian Church

VALATIE—Warm Up America is a group of people who make warm things for others in need. They meet at the Valatie Presbyterian Church on the third Thursday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. to lay out all sizes of afghans from knitted or crocheted squares that have been made and donat-

ed by members of the community. Some people take the laid-out squares home and sew them together, some put a border around them, and some put a label on the finished project. Some people use the yarn provided, to make mittens, hats, scarves, neck warmers, etc. at home and then donate them.

Anyone interested in helping should stop by November 21 to see what goes on at a meeting. The group has yarn to be used for any of the donated projects. Many charities would be glad to receive your gifts of time and talent. Email [georgem@berk.com](mailto:georgem@berk.com) with questions.

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## Library hosts 'Season of Light & Hope' family concert

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library invites families and community members of all ages to celebrate the spirit of the season with the "Season of Light and Hope Family Concert" featuring local musicians John and Ann Marie Farrell. Join them for an uplifting afternoon of music, laughter, and learning on Saturday, November 23, from 1 to 2 p.m.



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**John and Ann Marie Farrell performing.**

This joyful concert, led by John Farrell, an acclaimed songwriter and founder of the nonprofit organization Bridges of Peace and Hope, and Ann Marie Farrell, a retired elementary school teacher and long-time musical partner, promises an engaging mix of original and familiar songs. Known for his work promoting peace and understanding, John Farrell has spent over 25 years performing in schools worldwide, and his music encourages values of gratitude, humor, respect, and empathy.

Through Literacy Award. With eight albums and three picture books to his name, including the notable Stargazer's Alphabet, his music and stories have captivated audiences around the world.

This family-friendly concert is free and open to the public.

The concert includes interactive songs perfect for all ages, from Thanksgiving themes to festive tunes about the winter season. John Farrell's work has been recognized with a Parents Choice Award and a Dove Foundation Award, and he was honored by Judith's Reading Room with the Freedom

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 [www.roejanlibrary.org](http://www.roejanlibrary.org), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/roejanlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/roejanlibrary), or on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/roejanlibrary/](http://www.instagram.com/roejanlibrary/).

## Church hosts free spaghetti dinner for hometown heroes

CHATHAM—In recognition of the critical service that police, firefighters and EMTs provide to the community, and the service and sacrifice of active military and veterans, Christ Our Emmanuel Lutheran Church (COEC) hosts a free spaghetti dinner for hometown heroes and their families. The event will be held Thursday, November 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Chatham Firehouse, 10 Hoffman Street. The menu includes salad, bread, spaghetti, meatballs and a variety of

homemade desserts.

The event will be held in support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) "God's Work. Our Hands." program by which nearly 10,000 congregations provide a day of service for the benefit of their communities. Across the country, thousands of ELCA members will be engaging in service work to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love.

## Take-out a Thanksgiving meal or get it delivered

GERMANTOWN — A Community Thanksgiving Dinner takes place November 28, 11 a.m. to noon, with take-outs from the Germantown Library, Hover Room (back parking lot), 31 Palatine Park Road. Delivery is also available. Reservations are required for either take-out or delivery by November 25.

Meals are free, donations are appreciated. The meal includes turkey, potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, apple sauce and pie.

For reservations or more information call Jim Lawlor at 518-929-8495 or Donna Diehl 518-537-6405. Donation checks may be made payable to Jim Lawlor or Donna Diehl and mailed to P.O. Box 321, Germantown 12526.



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*Spend your evening looking up at the cosmos.*

## Olana events include Star Party, November 22

GREENPORT — The next free Third Thursday at Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, takes place Thursday, November 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy free house access and landscape tours. Advanced reservations are not available; timed-entry house tickets and guided landscape tickets can be reserved on-site, day-of, in the Museum Store. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.

To learn more, visit: [www.olana.org/thirdthursdays](http://www.olana.org/thirdthursdays)

For further inquiries call ticketing at 518-751-0344 or email [tickets@olana.org](mailto:tickets@olana.org).

Free programs happening on-site include:

- Make Your Own Medicine Drop-in Workshop, Thursday, November 21, 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about plants and their power to heal with community organiz-

er/bridge, psycho-spiritual, embodiment and medicine guide, and founder of Casa Finca, Suanny Ugegui. Create your own piece of herbal medicine to take home and practice slowing down and reconnecting with the natural world. Program ends with an invitation to watch the sunset, weather permitting. Open to all ages; offered in English and Spanish. Meet at the Wagon House Education Center.

- Olana Star Party, Friday, November 22, 6 to 10 p.m. Spend your evening looking up at the cosmos in the spirit of Frederic Church's celestial-inspired paintings! During this free, drop-in program, learn more about the night sky and when viewable planets and deep-sky objects are visible from Olana State Historic Site. Members of the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association will project real-time astro-images

of galaxies and nebulae inside while Saturn, Jupiter and other objects will be visible with the aid of additional powerful telescopes outdoors. Special star-tours will be held at 7 and 9 p.m., when an expert guide will point out the evening's visible constellations.

Light refreshments will be served. Drop-in anytime during the duration of the program. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure up to date info on viewing conditions. Rain and/or cloud date will be Saturday, November 23. Visit [olana.org](http://olana.org).

- Artmaking in the Afternoon, Saturday, November 23, 1 to 4 p.m. Join The Olana Partnership educators for hands-on artmaking using professional materials and a series of prompts to get your creativity flowing. Drop in program; all materials provided, all ages welcome. Located in the Wagon House Education Center.

## Help feed the community this Thanksgiving

HUDSON—Hudson First Presbyterian Church's annual Thanksgiving Drive returns, delivering and hosting a much needed Thanksgiving meal to those most in need. It only happens with the public's support.

For more than 50 years, First Presbyterian Church, 369 Warren Street, Hudson has served a delicious Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings free of charge to 300+ community members who need it most.

Church volunteers deliver meals right to doors, and host a community sit down dinner at Solaris, 360 Warren Street.

The church asks for support from the public, friends new and old, neighbors, longtime residents and new arrivals, to help feed the elderly, homebound, homeless and vulnerable community members who receive and rely upon this service.



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*Thanksgiving meals available to those in need.*

A contribution goes to all the wholesome ingredients that go into the massive Thanksgiving meal, potatoes, cranberry sauce, turkeys, sprouts, stuffing, and more! No contribution is too small, the church is grateful for all the support it gets. Consider contributing to this vital and beloved annual effort to feed neighbors. To make a donation to the annual Thanksgiving fund

go to [www.gofundme.com/f/help-first-pres-hudson-feed-the-community](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-first-pres-hudson-feed-the-community).

Anyone who is in need of a meal this Thanksgiving should let the church know by emailing [firstpresbyterianchurchhudson@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianchurchhudson@gmail.com) or by calling the office at 518-828-4275 or message them through Facebook or Instagram. Learn more at [firstpresHUDSON.org](http://firstpresHUDSON.org)



## Obituaries

### Ann V.W. Overly (1943 - 2024)

CHATHAM—Born March 4, 1943 to the late Jerome and Ann Wemitt of Chatham, Ann Veronica Wemitt Overly, 81, was the oldest of 10. She died November 2, 2024 at 8:38 p.m., surrounded by her forever friend, the love of her life and former husband Robert “Bob” Overly; her children, “her jelly beans and chickadees,” Ann Margaret “Margie” Muse (husband, Steve Muse), Patrick Robert Overly (wife, Agnes Overly) and Heather Rebekah Molina (late husband Raymond Molina, Jr., who watched, then greeted her in heaven as Jesus took her hand.)

“What a privilege to sing worship songs over her, hearing what she loved and thanking her for all she was to us with final I love yous as she was taken into the presence of Jesus as sepsis ended her life.”

She will be dearly missed by her large family, her church family, community, the staff and residents of Riverside but especially her “grandbabies” as she called them, Emma, Elise,

Lylah, Abigail and fur-grands, Rosie Posie, Roxy and Jemmibear.

After graduating Chatham High School, she was accepted into the Columbia Memorial School of Nursing. Her love of people and caring for people didn't just span 50 years as a registered nurse, but a lifetime of reaching out to people. Even in the later years to make



Ann Overly

someone's day would leave Hershey's Kisses on chairs, beds, desks or wherever to reach out to another life. She wanted to make a person's day but also open the way to talk about Jesus and hope to others.

She was a homemaker, extreme canner and knew how to stretch the finances. She brewed pots of coffee daily. One could hear the hum of the sewing machine as she made clothes for her children or triangle slings for the American Red Cross and matching Christmas jammies before it was popular. She was way ahead of the times. Everything was homemade. The sound of her whistle made one stop and listen to the mesmerizing sound. Piano lessons were taken as music always filled the home with classical, Christian gospel but especially Big Band. She was a voracious reader and commanded the English language in her letter writing. She gleaned from reading her Bible, devotionals, concordances, how to pray, magazines, cookbooks, medical journals, keeping up on the latest drug knowledge to help her patients. If someone

needed a prayer, she was a prayer warrior that would storm heaven. The telephone was made especially for her as she had a gift of gab and if one needed news to spread, she had already signed up for the job. Her favorite thing to do was wish someone a singing Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas, then laugh afterwards as she knew she got you up.

For years, she took tap and jazz dance and loved performing on stage. She and her husband square danced, could clear a floor dancing and they even got on Pete Williams Television Show. She made holidays into traditions that are still carried out today. From Christmas wrapping paper to match bows to a single detail of the ordinary to make it extraordinary to impact her family's life. A table scape at holidays set the tone for the meal to come.

Burial will be private. Her family invites all to come to a Remembering and Celebrating the Life of Ms. Overly event at Steve and Margie Muse's Home, 728 Canaan Road, Canaan, November 17, 2024 at 1 p.m. Join them for food, laughter, tears, hugs and just a time of being. Arrangements are with the Wenk Funeral Home, 21 Payn Avenue, Chatham. Send online condolences and/or read the obituary in its entirety at wenkfuneral-home.com.

### Elizabeth M. LaValley (1938 - 2024)

GHENT—Elizabeth M. LaValley, 86, of Hudson died peacefully Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at Whittier Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Facility in Ghent. Born September 9, 1938 in Hudson, she was the daughter of the late James and Josephine (Kataroski) Buckley. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy in Hudson. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Donald E. LaValley in 1990. Survivors include: her



Elizabeth LaValley

three sons, Donald T., Aaron M. and Greg J. LaValley; daughters, Theresa L. Sauca LaValley, Bridget L. LaValley Killstrom; grandchildren, Donald LaValley, Justin, Christopher, John P., Joshua and Jeremy Killstrom, Nadene, Seth and

Michelle Sauca, Amanda, Kayla and AJ LaValley; her great-grandchildren, Chris, Hunter and Zack LaValley, Evan P. Killstrom, Jemma Killstrom, Isis, Axton, Gabby (Nack) and Trinity LaValley, Kaylee and Noah Couitt, Sophie and Kasey Shultis, Kaden, Abby and Ava LaValley.

There are no services at this time. Arrangements are with the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport. To leave online condolences visit [www.saccofuneralhome.com](http://www.saccofuneralhome.com)

### William E. Akin, Sr. (1935 - 2024)

GHENT—William “Bill” E. Akin, Sr., of Ghent, son of the late Edward Akin and Mary Plass, passed away November 9, 2024 with his partner of 20 years, Carole Ganson, by his side.

He worked most of his life as an auto mechanic, and even had his own working garage he built himself. He was a former race car driver at Lebanon Valley and enjoyed working on cars. Deer season was his favorite. He participated in rifle, bow and black powder season with varying success; he was passionate about it.

He is survived by, and will be deeply missed by: his daughter, Bonnie Akin-Wheeler; grand-



Bill Akin, Sr.

son, William Akin, III (Jennifer Akin); granddaughter, Ashley Akin; daughter-in-law, Rita Akin (Jack McCagg); four great-grandchildren, William Akin, IV, Wesley and Jacob Akin, and Nicholas Butta, Jr.; siblings, Helen Brand, Walter Akin and Frederick Akin; 16 nieces and nephews, and his long-time partner, Carole Ganson, as well as her son and daughters, Chuck

Ganson (Tara), Debbie Brosen (John), Donna Keeler (Patrick); grandchildren, Cody, Calob and Connor Ganson, Dillon and Travis Keeler, Andy and Dan Reutzel; great-grandchild Ethan Reutzel, and many, many friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edward Akin and Mary Plass; wife of 50 years, Ann (Rossman); son, William E. Akin Jr.; siblings, Shirley Pulver, Joan Decker and Edward Akin.

A memorial service only will be held Wednesday, November 20, 4 p.m. at the French, Gifford, Preiter & Blasl Funeral Home, 25 Railroad Avenue, Chatham. Condolences may be conveyed at [frenchgifford.com](http://frenchgifford.com).

### Sonia M.B. Roosa (1933 - 2024)

HUDSON—Sonia Marie (Bortugno) Roosa, 91, of Kinderhook passed away November 6, 2024 in Hudson, surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born in Yonkers to Sophia (Piekarski) and Christopher Bortugno. When she was in high school, she and her family moved to Columbia County, where she lived out the rest of life. She was an active member of her community. She participated in the ladies auxiliaries of the Stuyvesant Falls Fire Department and Valatie Rescue Squad. She lived her faith and participated in many ministries at The Church of St. Joseph in Stuyvesant Falls. She was an apostle of the Sisters of the Resurrection, as well as a member of the Red Hat Society.

She enjoyed visiting her family near and far, collecting lighthouses, and her wine time that included Millie and Diane.

Her greatest joy was her family. She was a mother figure to many and loved by all. She is survived by; her sisters, Elaine (Robert) Metz and Elizabeth Hollis; her daughter, Susann (Douglas) Park; son, Edward (Atsuko) Roosa; daughter-in-law, Rachel Kaszowski; her grandchildren, Angel Roosa, Jessica Doss (James Marsh), Christine (Brian) Beck, Harley (Jennifer) Roosa, Douglas Park, David Park, Jeremy (Heather) Park, Jennifer (Salvador) Garfias, and Matthew Roosa; great-



Sonia Roosa

grandchildren, Aubrey (Timothy) Stewart, Robert Park, Christopher Doss, Layla Park, Caitlyn Beck, Semaj Marsh, Maddison Park, Salvador Garfias, Kinsley Park and Sophia Garfias, and great-great-grandchildren, Skylar Mae and Titus Marcel Stewart.

She was preceded in death by: her spouse, Richard Roosa; her parents; her brother, Christopher (Joan) Bortugno; brother-in-law, Robert Hollis and sons, Richard (Adrienne) Roosa and Steven Roosa.

She was beloved by many and will be missed for her compassion, fiery spirit and words of wisdom.

Family and friends paid their respects during calling hours November 9 at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home in Valatie.

A funeral Mass was held November 11 at The Church of St. Joseph in Stuyvesant Falls. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Stuyvesant Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Stuyvesant Falls Fire Department or The Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls.

### Shirley A. Kasper (1931 - 2024)

LINLITHGO—Shirley Ann Kasper entered eternal sleep November 3, 2024. She leaves behind her children, Linda Delaney, Carol (John) Rose, Paula (Roger) Roache, Kenneth (Lynn) Kasper, and Christopher (Joanne) Kasper; as well as 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was so proud of them all. She was best known as Germantown's longest serving school bus driver and ran the Taconic Associates Driving School in Hudson and Catskill for many years with her husband, Al. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

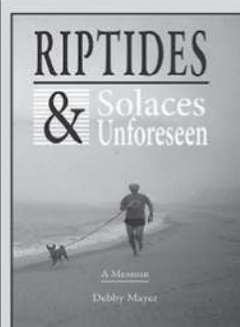
She was predeceased by:



Shirley Kasper

her husband, Alfred Kasper; her son, David Kasper, and her son-in-law, James Delaney, Sr. Services will be held Thursday, November 14, 2024 at Bates and Anderson Funeral Home, Green Street, Hudson with visitation from 10 a.m. to noon followed by a graveside service at the Nativity Church Cemetery in Linlithgo.

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## Obituaries

### Patricia M. Cumberbatch (1939 - 2024)

WILLIAMSTOWN, MA—Patricia “Pat” Margaret Cumberbatch, 85, of Williamstown, MA, passed away November 7, 2024. Born July 23, 1939 in North Adams, MA, she was the daughter of Ruth M. (Nagle) and Howard L. Cummings.



Pat  
Cumberbatch

She was a graduate of St. Joseph’s High School in North Adams and the College of Our Lady of the Elms in 1961. She began teaching in Kinderhook in 1961 and retired from the Ichabod Crane Central School District in 1994.

On October 12, 1963, she married Oliver “Whitey” Cumberbatch. He passed away

August 2, 1986. Many years were spent with her companion, Jacob Novak enjoying time on Cape Cod and winters in Little Torch Key, Florida. He passed January 19, 2008. Following his death, she relocated to Williamstown, MA.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Besides her parents,

she was predeceased by: her siblings, Robert, Phillip and John Cummings and Ruth Vachereau.

She leaves nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews and a great-grand niece, all of whom called her “Auntie.”

A funeral Mass for her was held November 12, 2024 at St. John the Baptist Church, Rt. 9, Valatie. Burial followed at the Kinderhook Cemetery, Kinderhook. Donations may be made in her memory, to the Williamstown Commons Activity Fund.

Arrangements are with the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie.

### Robert T. Dodd, Jr. (1936 - 2024)

HILLSDALE—Robert Taylor Dodd, Jr., was born on Fordham Road in the Bronx, July 11, 1936, to Edith Gwendolyn Dodd, homemaker, and Robert T. Dodd, Sr., engineer. The small family moved to Teaneck, NJ, when “Bob” was four years old. A talented student and musician as a child, he was a valedictorian of his high school class of 1954 and attended Cornell University, majoring in geosciences. After graduation, he and his long-time sweetheart, Marya Jo Roof, married in Teaneck and started their long life together.



Robert  
Dodd, Jr.

Continuing his education as a newlywed, he attended Princeton University for graduate school. For his dissertation, he took on the challenge of mapping the geological structures of one of his favorite childhood haunts, Bear Mountain, in Harriman State Park. As he worked on his research he stayed onsite at a group camp he eventually helped to nurture for many years, Camp Trexler. After earning his PhD in geology, he served in the Air Force until 1965. Notably, he worked on a project for the Apollo 11 mission: determining the geologic texture of the surface of the Moon. He resigned his commission to enter academia as one of the founding members of the newly formed Earth and Space Sciences department at SUNY Stony Brook, where he was a professor for more than 35 years. He and his wife raised their three children in a home they built in Port Jefferson.

During his long and distinguished career, he taught students in courses that ranged from basic science requirements to graduate-level studies in geoscience. A talented lecturer and natural teacher, he infused his courses with humor and erudition, making even the most complex discussions interesting and engaging. That humor carried over into his writing, and he published several books on meteorites, his academic specialty, as well as fiction, his passion. He also published several short stories in national magazines like *The Saturday Evening Post*.

Travel was another passion, and throughout his life Bob took both personal and professional trips to Germany, England, France, Iceland, Denmark and across the United States, most often with his wife by his side.

At home, ever the musician himself, he could be heard whistling beautiful melodies

from the classical music he loved, and just as often could be seen conducting along with whatever he was listening to.

He was a talented and accomplished gardener all of his adult life. He would plant seeds in the late winter, coaxing them into seedlings and plants under bright lights in the basement, then cultivating gardens full of flowers, fruits and vegetables. The acre on which he and his wife spent the last 25 years of their lives together was his pride and joy, as summers saw the riotous colors of marigolds, dahlias, zinnias, hydrangeas, cosmos, and others. His “victory gardens” were replete with zucchini, eggplant, beans, peppers, pattypan, jerusalem artichokes, sometimes even corn.

As his wife began to show signs of what eventually was diagnosed as Alzheimer’s disease, he stepped up his household responsibilities, caring tirelessly for her until the end of his life. He was diagnosed with late-stage pancreatic cancer October 13, 2024 and died just three weeks later, November 3. He passed peacefully in his sleep, with his wife sleeping at his side. He was 88 years old.

He is survived by: his wife of 66 years, Marya; son, Robert; daughters, Melissa (David) Coombs and Amy Scatenato; eight grandsons, Robert, Ian, Christopher, Anthony, Luke, Nathaniel, Ryan and Dominic; one granddaughter, Molly; and one great-grandson, Leo.

“Opa’ taught us that the world is small and the universe is vast, he made us laugh with his razor-sharp wit and unique sense of humor, and he was a model for how to hold onto what is right in a world that often rewards the opposite. He will be missed endlessly by all who loved him so dearly.”

A memorial service will be officiated by Reverend John Thompson, December 27, 2 p.m. from the Church of St. John’s in the Wilderness, Copake Falls. Arrangements are with the Peck and Peck Funeral Home, 8063 Route 22, Copake. Express condolences and read the obituary in its entirety at [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net).

### David H. Wheeler, Jr. (1958 - 2024)

ALBANY—David H. Wheeler, Jr., 66, of Craryville passed away November 8, 2024 at Albany Medical Center. He was born in Sharon, CT, June 29, 1958 to the late David H. Wheeler, Sr. and Lorraine (Greene) Wheeler. He spent most of his life in and around the Harlem Valley area where he attended trade school to become a carpenter and tradesman. He started out doing framing, roofing and general repairs. Being a skilled craftsman led him to become caretaker for the Rheinstrom Farm in Copake, which is known

today as the Rheinstrom Hill Audubon Sanctuary and Center.

He was a hard worker who dedicated himself to the property. This coupled with his love for the outdoors and being an avid sportsman he enjoyed the wildlife and the ponds thoroughly. As a fisherman he enjoyed both casting a line and using a fly. A true conservationist, he also enjoyed hunting deer and turkey. He was also a loving father, brother and friend.

He is survived by: his son, David Wheeler, III, of Sharon,

CT; his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Gail Wheeler also of CT, and his nephew, Adam Wheeler of Utah.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Brad Wheeler.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences will take place Monday, November 18, 2024 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 8063 Route 22, Copake. Donations in his memory may be made to Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Research, 504 RXR Plaza, Uniondale 11556.

### Frederick T. Cluthe (1971 - 2024)

PHILMONT—Frederick Tyler Cluthe, 53, passed away at home November 10, 2024. He was born in New York City February 9, 1971 to Margaret Morgan Cluthe and Herbert Frederick Cluthe, Jr. He was a chef and the owner of Tyler’s Kitchen Food Truck in Philmont. He is survived by: his mother, Margaret Morgan, and sister and brother-in-law, Kirsten Cluthe and Daniel Costa. He was predeceased by his father, Herbert Frederick Cluthe, Jr.

He attended Avon Old School in Farmington, CT, where he was an A student and top athlete. His athletic abilities got him a scholarship to Pepperdine University, where he studied political science. He attended graduate school at Northern Arizona University and moved into the culinary world as an apprentice chef at

his mother’s restaurant in Bradley Beach, NJ. He soon became head chef and from there moved on to restaurants throughout New Jersey and New York before opening his food truck, Tyler’s Kitchen. He was also a Tampa Bay football fan long before Tom Brady was their quarterback, and knew enough sports trivia that he could have been a bonafide sportscaster.

He was a beloved member of his community by those who he enthusiastically cooked for and served at numerous Philmont community dinners, as well as the friends and customers who grabbed a breakfast burrito or smashburger from his bright blue truck on a sunny weekend day. He always had music playing in the truck—most often Phish or Blues Traveler—and was happy to step out from his kitchen to

sit with anyone who wanted to chill out at one of his brightly-colored picnic tables and chat for a bit. His caring, easy-going personality made him a joy to be around and we will miss him dearly.

His family will host a celebration of his life at the Philmont Cooperative, the center of the community that he loved so much, Friday, November 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. All who knew him are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Philmont Cooperative in his name. Mail donations in his name to: Philmont Cooperative, P.O. Box 32, Philmont 12565.

Arrangements are with the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport. To leave online condolences visit [www.saccofuneralhome.com](http://www.saccofuneralhome.com)

### Emma B. Finkle (1934 - 2024)

GREENPORT—Emma Belle Finkle, 90, of Greenport died suddenly at home Tuesday, November 5, 2024. She was born and lived in Copake. After her retirement she moved to Greenport.

She will be missed by: her children, Margaret “Peggy,”

Beverly, Kathy, Pauline and Joey; sisters, Faith, Rosemary and Ether; brothers, Clayton and Harry; many grand and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by: children, John and Debbie; one sister, Pat; brothers, Roger, Herbie and Georgie.

Memorial services are incomplete and will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are with the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport. To leave online condolences visit [www.saccofuneralhome.com](http://www.saccofuneralhome.com)



# Public Notices

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 CHURCHTOWN POLO, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 8/8/2024 Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to 54 STATE ST, STE 804, ALBANY, NY, 12207 General Purpose

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 LORENTZ HOSPITALITY LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 10/2/2024 Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to 41 STATE ST, STE 112, ALBANY, NY, US 12207 General Purpose

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 RECLAIMING FITNESS LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 10/16/2024 Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to 41 STATE ST, STE 112, ALBANY, NY, 12207 General Purpose

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

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

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 573 E. KERLEY CORNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/14/2023. Office location: Columbia SSNY desg. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 551 WARREN STREET, SUITE 3F, HUDSON, NY 12534. Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Spruce Ridge Apartment Management LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2024. 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 Lemery Greisler LLC: 60 Railroad Place, Suite 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Brittani Kukon Solutions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Brittani Kukon: 104 Banks Ln. Germantown, NY 12526. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of VILLA SEREIA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/28/2024. 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 VILLA SEREIA LLC: 197 Hull Rd., Elizaville, NY 12523. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 BORGO TOPINO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/2024. Office loc: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Amanda N. Miller, 6370 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Spruce Ridge RE Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2024. 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 Lemery Greisler LLC: 60 Railroad Place, Suite 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 The name of the LLC is Minds Racing 2024 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 6, 2024. New York office location: 5384 Route 9H & 23, Town of Livingston, County of Columbia, 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: Minds Racing 2024 LLC; 5384 Route 9H & 23, 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 Maple Lane Landscape Center LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2024. 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 Lemery Greisler LLC: 60 Railroad Place, Suite 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 The name of the LLC is New York Mountain-view, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 20, 2024. New York office location: 34 Timberee Lane, Town of Kinderhook, County of Columbia and the State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: New York Mountain-view, LLC; 34 Timberee Lane, Valatie, New York 12184. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Two Friesians Property Company LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/06/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Elizabeth Faulkner: 197 Hurley Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of MOTHERLAND NY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/05/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to INC AUTHORITY RA: 42 BROADWAY, FL. 12-200, NEW YORK, NY, 10004. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of STOVEPIPE ALLEY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Stovepipe Alley Associates, LLC: 157 Torre Rock Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 The name of the LLC is Dotori Ranch LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 30, 2024. New York office location: 21 North Seventh Street, City of Hudson, County of Columbia, 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: Dotori Ranch LLC; 21 North Seventh Street, 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 HUDSON SUN POWER, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/28/2024. 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 HUDSON SUN POWER, LLC: 752 Warren Street, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.



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**COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**  
 NOTICE TO RESIDENTS  
 Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Mellenville Fire District located in the Town of Claverack and Ghent, Columbia County, State of New York that the Board of Fire Commissioners did at its regular meeting on the 3rd day of October, 2024 pass a resolution to surplus of its 1999 LaVerne Pumper of the Mellenville Fire District, said resolution having been adopted subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-g (7.) of the General Municipal Law.  
 Dated October 3, 2024  
 Timothy Teaney/Secretary of the MFD  
 Mellenville, New York

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of 3025 Route 9 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2024. 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 Lemery Greisler LLC: 60 Railroad Place, Suite 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Top Tier Exteriors LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/2024. 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 Top Tier Exteriors LLC: 75 Winslow Rd Lot 32 East Nassau NY 12062. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of heHa, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/01/2024. 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 Harold Ehrlich: 107 Golf Course Rd., Crayville, NY 12521. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 The name of the LLC is GFK1, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 4, 2024. New York office location: 1 Broad Street, Village of Kinderhook, County of Columbia and State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: GFK1, LLC; P.O. Box 5449, Incline Village, Nevada 89450-5449. Purpose/Character of business: Any lawful business purpose permitted under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. This notification is made pursuant to Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of County Route 28 Apartments LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/2024. 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 Lemery Greisler LLC: 60 Railroad Place, Suite 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Mellenville Fire District  
**NOTICE IS**  
 HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Mellenville Fire District will take place on Tuesday December 10th, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Mellenville Fire House, for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing the on January 1st, 2025 and ending on December 31st 2029. All voters registered with the Columbia County Board of Elections on or before November 18th, 2024 shall be eligible to vote.  
 Candidates for the District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Mellenville Fire District, at the Fire House at PO Box 81 Mellenville, New York 12544, no later than twenty days before the election, November 20th, 2024.  
 Timothy M. Teaney/Secretary of the MFD  
 IT#49 (328)

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 The name of the LLC is Minds Racing LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 22, 2024. New York office location: 5384 Route 9H & 23, Town of Livingston, County of Columbia and the State of New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: Minds Racing LLC; 5384 Route 9H & 23, 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 BID NOTICE**  
 COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS FUEL BIDS

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Make it Make Sense Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/07/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Emma Blecker: 63 State Route 203, Spencertown, NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Make it Make Sense Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/07/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Emma Blecker: 63 State Route 203, Spencertown, NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Copake Fire District invites submission of bids for No. 2 Fuel Oil for the Copake Firehouse located at 390 County Route 7A (Center Hill Rd), Copake, NY 12516. Bids for the year 2025-2026 heating season are to be mailed to the above address with "BID" placed on the envelope, and received no later than December 9, 2024. Bids will be publicly read at the Copake Board of Fire Commissioners meeting held on December 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Copake Fire Station. A contract will be issued from the accepted bidder. All bids must include a lock-in price for 5,500 gallons of fuel and an annual cleaning of boilers, propane and diesel.  
 The Copake Fire District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid best suited for its specific needs.  
 Bidding shall be in accordance with the instructions to Bidders.  
 By Order of the Copake Board of Fire Commissioners  
 Jennifer Mosher, Secretary  
 November 7, 2024





Public Notices

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of JKWR Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/22/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Jon Rowe III: 366 County Route 22 Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of LUCINDA ROONEY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/08/2024. 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 LUCINDA ROONEY, LLC: PO Box 352, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of 188 Cortland Drive LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/23/2024. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Thomas A Davis: PO Box 613, Kinderhook, NY 12106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

# Kids invited to make paper bag turkeys

CLERMONT—A Crafty Kids Story Hour! Happy Thanksgiving! Takes place in the Visitor Center at Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, Saturday, November 23 at 1 p.m.



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Join staff for a Thanksgiving story hour. Sit in the cozy children's space and listen to stories about grand feasts, funny turkeys, historical perspectives,

and being thankful. After storytime, make paper bag turkeys—the perfect DIY centerpiece for a Thanksgiving table. Space is limited. This event is free of charge, but visitors must register in advance at [bookeo.com/Clermont](https://bookeo.com/Clermont)

ENTERTAINMENT

By LORNA CHEROT LITTLEWAY

# Barrington Stage Company closes its season with 'Primary Trust'

THE BARRINGTON STAGE COMPANY closed its 30th anniversary season with "Primary Trust," the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Drama winner, on October 13. Stylistically, the play written by Eboni Booth has much in common with Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." Like the Stage Manager character in "Our Town" Kenneth (Justin Weaks), the protagonist in "Primary Trust," directs many of his lines out to the audience. The other characters too break the fourth wall convention.

"Primary Trust" is a poignant, short play (90 minutes) with humor. Its theme is loneliness/aloneness. (An excellent essay "Lonely? You're Not Alone" by Literary and Artistic Coordinator Moira O'Sullivan is included in the playbill.) The time period is "before smart phones."

Kenneth, a 38-year-old bookstore clerk, introduces himself to the audience describing his hometown, Cranberry, NY – population 15,000 located 40 miles outside of Rochester. His community is "mostly white, some Blacks and a Cambodian" enclave. Kenneth's mother moved with her son from the Bronx. She died when Kenneth was 10. He spent the next 8 years in an orphanage and a series of foster homes until he aged out of the system.

Kenneth has worked at the same bookstore for 20 years. His boss Sam (C. David Johnson) gives him 25-cent raises every four months. Though Kenneth and Sam clearly get along, Kenneth always declines Sam's invitation for him to spend Thanksgiving with him and his wife, Lulu.

Kenneth's tension is palpable as he reveals his routine

life. At the end of every workday and on the weekends too, Kenneth goes to Wally's, a local bar, where he is a regular, "who sits in a corner" alone and drinks mai tais until closing with his imaginary best friend Bert (Kyle Haden). Kenneth conjured up Bert shortly after being orphaned. Sam knows about Bert and accepts his employee's idiosyncrasy.

Bert is with Kenneth always. Bert helps Kenneth relieve his anxiety, which manifests as tightness in the chest, with a breathing exercise that is effective by the count of seven going backwards from 10. A specific cause of Kenneth's anxiety is news that Sam is selling the bookstore and moving to Arizona due to a "bad ticker" where there is "sunshine all the time."

Kenneth will have to find a new job and the prospect of change is very stressful. Bert methodically talks Kenneth through other retail jobs he might consider but to no avail. Kenneth admits to the audience, "I've never found anything else." However Kenneth is encouraged when Corrina (Hilary Ward), a waitress at Wally's, tells him the Primary Trust bank is opening a new branch nearby. Kenneth is familiar with Primary Trust. His mother worked at one of their branches.

After a somewhat awkward interview, Kenneth, silently coached by Bert, is hired by the bank manager (played by Johnson) who likens Kenneth to "my brain-damaged brother." The manager emphasizes to Kenneth the importance of "cross sales" – selling customers additional products like credit and debit cards – and the importance of "high solutions."

The interview ends with the manager lauding the Friday night co-worker tradition of



Photo contributed

Justin Weaks (l) and Kyle Haden (r) in "Primary Trust" at Barrington Stage Company.

"happy hour." Kenneth simply replies, "I've never gone to happy hour with anyone."

Kenneth is quite good at his job, efficient and affable. The manager notes that after two months on the job Kenneth ranks third in cross sales solutions. The manager challenges Kenneth to top Frankie, the highest solutions co-worker for the past four years.

Kenneth's success baffles him. He tells the audience, "I should have been happy. Work was good. It was better than I could have imagined. But I felt quiet and lonely. Why did I want to howl like a wild animal?" Kenneth shares that his mother "made me happy." And that if she were more than 10 minutes late coming home from work, he would

become "inconsolable."

Kenneth, also, shares Bert's origin. One day when he returned home from school, Kenneth found his mother dead on the bathroom floor. He moved her into the pantry closet, where he locked himself in with his mother's corpse. Six days later Kenneth was "rescued" by a social worker named Bert, who got him a knapsack to replace the trash bags he carried his belongings in. Bert, also, promised to visit Kenneth daily during the two weeks he would transition to an orphanage. "He never showed up." So Kenneth created his "imaginary Bert."

Kenneth returns to Wally's and has done so everyday for three weeks in search of Bert.

Kenneth becomes very upset when Bert begs off having mai tais with him. Kenneth thinks Bert's rejection is due to his new life. Kenneth experiences a panic attack but aids himself through recovery though it takes him to the count of three backwards from 10.

An encounter with a disgruntled customer (Ward) rattles Kenneth into making an error on her deposit slip and as tensions escalate Kenneth speaks uncharacteristically rudely to her. The manager resolves the issue, shooing home the now satisfied customer and assuring Kenneth he is not in trouble. In fact Kenneth is Primary Trust's #1 solutions salesman. "Get a suit! Get a date! We're going to the Radisson!"

In his final moments with the audience Kenneth reports he has Thanksgiving with Sam and Lulu; he joins his co-workers for Happy Hour at Chili's every Friday; he has returned to school to study Spanish for a planned trip to Spain. There is no more Bert. But Kenneth did see his mother in her "big red hat" at the Radisson award dinner, where he delivered an acceptance speech.

Kenneth closes the show with, "I like having friends."

The cast of Weaks, Haden, Johnson and Ward are splendid. Special kudos to Johnson and Ward for carrying off the feat of playing multiple, distinctive characters with aplomb. The staging by director Jennifer Chang is inventive. The set and costume designs by Baron Pugh and Danielle Preston, respectively, are appropriately drab save for Wally's neon lit sign and floral tops for the wait staff.

I look forward to Barrington Stage Company's 31st season.

For more information <https://barringtonstageco.org/>



## THROUGH THE WOODS

By NANCY JANE KERN

# Smoky skies again

OVER THE WEEKEND the morning fog was a strange, ash gray, and came across the field in waves and wisps. It was reminiscent of the bluish smoke of the summer of 2023 Canadian fires. On the porch, the same haze was in my yard. My eyes burned, my throat became irritated, and I returned indoors. I could still smell the smoke on me. The daily gray wave intensity varied with little relief unless the wind direction changed, and it was worse on Sunday afternoon. DEC issued unsettling air quality reports.

Friends wondered what this was doing to water supplies, plants, animals, and insects. The smoke was irritating but how toxic was it? Since it was forest woodsmoke the toxicity was better than factory chemicals although it had a more chemical essence than 2023. I wondered if it came from drops of fire-retardant liquids. An occasional deer came through to eat the bird corn on the lawn. Gray squirrels were absent as well as birds and insects.

Life was quiet and I began to worry. I was safe inside with an air purifier and allergy medicine. I began searching online and thought of childhood memories.

My grandfather kept bees, and I often watched him use a hand-held smoker. The smoke calmed the bees, and he used clean wood chips in the smoker that wouldn't harm the honeybees. Birds have an interesting breathing system with no diaphragm like we have. Air flows in and out of their nostrils by body muscle contractions against air sacs, and the air sacs may also enter some of their bones. As the sacs are squeezed the air passes through the lungs and out of the nostrils providing oxygen levels necessary for a bird's high metabolism. Birds are susceptible to smoke, particles, and pollutants which can cause infections and death. During my church service, we mourned the death of a young volunteer firefighter and prayed for all the firefighters and our Columbia County volunteers who were



Forest Fire

Nancy Kern

helping. I was driving through Yosemite National Park in the 1970s and didn't realize a large part of the forest was burning out of control. Rangers rerouted

us and it was very unnerving to see the smoke and fire in the underbrush near us.

Eventually, the ancient Phoenix bird rises from the ashes, and the

forest returns with new vigor, feeding on the nutrient-rich ash. The earth is good at healing itself, and it is on this hope we need to focus.

## SOFT PAWS

By CHARLENE MARCHAND

# CGHS has the right cat for you

THOUGH IT SEEMS as if we've neglected our feline friends in this column, they certainly have not been neglected at our Columbia-Greene shelter. Our cat rooms are bursting at the seams with a beautiful and diversified section of adoptees, one more interesting and exotic than the other. To say we have an abundance of kittens is an understatement. We need your HELP! They need forever homes! Cats make relatively easy and reasonable-to-maintain companions for any age, but are especially appropriate for our seniors and the housebound. Indoor cats often have little need for "extra" veterinary intervention. Once treated, they don't pick up fleas, ticks, worms, and mites. Their dry food diet can be left out, eliminating the need to "get home to feed the cat." A canned food dish can be offered once or twice a day. Most of our companion kitties can be left alone for a couple of days, as long as water and litter needs are attended to with a quick "sitter check."

Grooming (unless it's your passion) and nail care require-



*Pictured with CGHS/SPCA Adoption Counselor Gia Chiarito are Pongo and Rex, a bonded pair of guinea pigs that must find a home together. These two are a bit shy at first, but they open up quickly and really love to be held. They did live with kids in their previous home, so they are very used to being handled.*

ments are easy to accomplish. My favorite grooming tool for

my felines is a flea comb. I can get down deep to get out the

dead and shedding hair coat. I've yet to need to clean the ears of any of my indoor cats. Nails are done weekly with my fingernail clippers – but for those who are neurotic about potential "picks," we occasionally have gorgeous declawed companions available. Many cat owners on blood-thinning medication require the placement safety net of a declawed cat.

Some clients mention that hairballs can be a nuisance – do we have a product for you! In addition to the Katalax and Laxatone products which can be applied to the tongue weekly to prevent hairballs, the Pounce company has come out with a cat treat with Hairball Gel inside of it. My guys love the treats, and when used regularly, I find that the incidence of cough and wretch seem centuries old. Many brands of dry cat food have hairball prevention formulas also.

Cats have great mental health, and they excel at the ability to entertain themselves. But most importantly, the love, attention, affection and comfort they bestow, repays us one

hundredfold for our hospitality to them.

Keep in mind that our staff knows the feline you can choose that would be great with your resident cat...or a perfect kitty who would love to live with your dog...or the individual who prefers "I want to be alone." Want a great barn cat or office cat? We'll hand pick them for you!

Feel free to call us with any questions at 518 828-6044 or visit our website at [www.cghs.org](http://www.cghs.org). Our Food Bank is open to any from the public in need of pet food or for those wishing to donate food from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Spay/neuter clinics for cats are \$100 male or female, including a rabies vaccination and a 5-in-1 feline distemper combination vaccination. Nail clipping services are available every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the shelter for a donation of \$10 for cats and \$15 for dogs (currently prepaid only).

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# Ancram presents 'Real People Real Stories' on November 17

ANCRAM — Ancram Center for the Arts announced that its perennial audience favorite "Real People Real Stories" will return on Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m.

"Real People Real Stories" (RPRS) features area residents sharing surprising true tales and has been a signature part of every Ancram Center season since 2016. This special edition of RPRS presents stories organized around a single theme — Things Said and Unsaid — and will include a brief interview with each storyteller.

The three storytellers will untangle the consequences of the things they wish they'd said, the things they couldn't say, and the questions they



Photos contributed  
Sarah Katan, Anne Undeland and Jan Hopkins Trachtman.

wish they'd asked along the way.

An unwelcome birthday pie and an unpleasant encounter at a historic site: Sarah Katan's story is about gathering the courage to ask for what you want.

Jan Hopkins Trachtman's story goes back seven generations to Alsace and a remarkable woman who traveled

across the ocean and half the country to Ohio. This is a story about how filling the gaps in a family history can bring you home.

Anne Undeland's story is about two little girls and how a few feet might as well be a million miles. This is a story about bearing the weight of not being able to tell long-held secrets.

This production of RPRS is made possible, in part, by generous support from Stewart's Shops and Herrington Fuels. Tickets can be purchased online at ancramcenter.org, or at the door. Price: \$25 general admission, \$15 with student ID.

For tickets and information visit [www.ancramcenter.org](http://www.ancramcenter.org).

# State grants for arts are available through CREATE

CATSKILL—Council for Resources to Enrich the Arts, Technology & Education (CREATE) has announced that Statewide Community Regrant applications opened November 1. Grants will be available for artist and cultural organizations in Greene, Columbia and Schoharie counties for Community Projects (up to \$5,000), Arts Education Projects (up to \$3,000) and Individual Artist Projects (now up to \$3,000).

Get the application process started by going to [www.createcouncil.org/grants/scr-resources/](http://www.createcouncil.org/grants/scr-resources/) and registering for

a required seminar and reviewing the 2025 SCR guidelines.

Locally there will be a grant seminar at the Claverack Library, 9 Route 9H, on November 14 at 5:30 p.m. and at the CREATE Council on the Arts, 398 Main Street, Catskill, on November 18 at 5:30 p.m.

CREATE is a nonprofit arts service organization providing essential services to artists, arts organizations, cultural and educational institutions, civic groups, community agencies and the general public. They serve Greene, Columbia and Schoharie counties.

## PS21 hosts show Cirque in Tivoli

Zach Levine, development manager, and Kelly Mackerer, director of operations, with PS21 in Chatham hosted Cirque Kikasse Sante in Tivoli earlier this fall, with an audience of over 500 enjoying popcorn and non-alcoholic beverages and an extraordinary performance. This performance was a preview of PS21's Hudson Valley CirqueFest initiative, coming in 2025, the first US-based international contemporary circus arts festival.



Peter Flierl



Barbara Slate

## Let's Be Creative!

Sometimes the only thing left to do is cry. It's difficult to be creative when you are sad, unless you are writing about being distressed, then the feeling can help. Crying is normal and healthy. Don't shy away from shedding tears if you feel the need to release. Crying helps the body and mind by restoring emotional balance. After a good cry, let the creativity flow.



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Keynote speaker Anna Cortese.

# Veterans Day observed in Hudson

By DAVID LEE

HUDON—The Hudson Veterans Day observances began at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 11, with the placing of a wreath at the veterans monument in the 7th Street Park by Hudson VFW Post 1314 Commander Joseph Drabick and American Legion Post 184 Commander Eric DeKraai.

A parade commenced from there to the Columbia County Courthouse where a program was presented. Reverend Richard Washburn delivered the invocation. Hudson Mayor Kamal Johnson thanked the veterans for all of the community work they do all year. He also thanked the Hudson High School Band who performed on their day off.

The keynote speaker was former Army Nurse Ret. Lt. Colonel Anna Cortese. She spoke of two of her personal heroes – predecessors and “women warriors who overcame impossible odds and paved the way for future military women like me.”

She told the story of the WASPS Women Airforce Service Pilots, one of whom, Lillian Yonally, told Ms. Cortese how she trained young pilots and towed gunnery practice targets. Ms. Yonally also made rare color photographs of the program. Her second hero, Army Nurse 1st Lieutenant Diane Carlson vol-

unteered for one of the more dangerous evacuation hospitals in Vietnam. After the war she founded the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project. The monument in Washington, DC was completed in 1993.

“These two women continued on despite difficulties, opposition and discouragement. They brought honor, healing and hope to otherwise forgotten women who served during WWII and Vietnam,” She said.

Vocalist Michale Hofmann sang “Song of Peace” by Jean Sibelius, lyrics by Lloyd Stone.

A special recognition was made of the work of and Columbia County Veterans organizer Vince Grimaldi, a Vietnam veteran, life member of of the VFW Post 1314 and 50-year member

## Veterans Day in Canaan and Chatham



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Town Supervisor Brenda Adams speaks at the Veteran's Monument in the Town of Canaan.



RE Lindmark

In the Village of Chatham, a crowd stands in front of the gazebo, across the street from the Veterans' Memorial on the Village Green at Park Row and Main Street.