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Is the odd man out yet?

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON—When should local voters cast their ballots? Currently some local elections take place on odd-numbered years. But the state legislature thinks those elections should be held only on even-numbered years and they want Governor Kathy Hochul to sign their bill into law.

But a committee of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors wants the governor not to sign the bill. Members of the County Government Committee of the Board of Supervisors have proposed a statement urging Governor Hochul not to sign the proposed law. The issue came up at the Government Committee meeting June 21.

Officials of some other New York counties have already spoken out against the no-odd-year elections. The Columbia County committee's proposal is now with the county attorney for review,

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Lance Wheeler

Graduates accept diplomas with a roof to keep them dry

All of the school districts in Columbia County held their graduation ceremonies Friday, June 23. Some had to move inside due to the rainy weather while Ithabod Crane Central School District stayed outside under on and off downpours. Pictured are students in the Hudson City School District waiting to go into the auditorium. For more graduation photos see pages 12-13 in this issue.

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Young scientists pursue research in G'town

By DEBORAH E. LANS

GERMANTOWN—The infiltration of microplastics in the Hudson River Watershed. The effect of diet on ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder). The use of Transdirect Current Stimulation for depression. The relationship between screen time and memory.

These heady topics are among the areas of research being conducted by sophomores, juniors and one senior who are members of Germantown High School's Science Research program, whose projects were recently presented by the students to a group of professional mentors, parents and classmates.

Senior Sophia Erling wanted to research an area of local importance. She was aware of studies of the presence of microplastics in local plants and farm soils but saw that there was a void: studies of their presence in the water and sediment of local tributaries of the Hudson River.

Microplastics are the tiny fragments, beads and particles that result from the degradation of plastics. For example, clothing made of polyester contains plastics and every time we wash an item made with polyester it sheds microplastics. Microplastic fragments break off when we twist the cap off a plastic water bottle. Tires shed fragments as a car travels.



Deborah E. Lans

Sophia Erling (l), a Germantown senior, and Deandrea Edwards, just finishing her sophomore year.

Heating and preparing an infant's formula in a plastic bottle releases millions of microplastic particles into the liquid.

Microplastics are in our cosmetics, take-out coffee cups, bags and much more, and they find their way into our air, water and soil and thus into the foods we eat, the air we breathe and the water we drink.

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"Hudson Has Heart" May 2023 Community Member award recipient Tim Martin poses for the camera with the Hudson City School District Board of Education at the June 6 school board meeting.



Austin Crosier

"Hudson Has Heart" May 2023 Student award recipients Neshath Khan (second from l) and Kara Sullivan (third from l) and Staff award recipient Kayani Isle (l) receive their awards on June 7 from Superintendent Spindler.



Photo contributed

All four Student award recipients (l to r) Kamryn LaPage, Antonio Gambino, Neshath and Kara.

May 2023 'Hudson Has Heart' award recipients announced

HUDSON—At the June 6 Hudson City School District Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Lisamarie Spindler publicly announced the recipients of the "Hudson Has Heart" awards, representing May 2023.

In October 2022, the Hudson City School District announced the launch of a monthly recognition titled the "Hudson Has Heart" Awards to acknowledge the selfless contributions and passionate members that make the Hudson City School District community

what it is. Individuals considered are nominated by peers for making a positive difference in Hudson City School District by selfless, passionate actions and being dedicated to the district.

For the first time in the history of the award, four students—Neshath Khan, Antonio Gambino, Kara Sullivan and Kamryn LaPage, the four class officers for Hudson Senior High School—were selected at the same time.

"These four recipients from the Senior High School have shown a tremendous amount

of leadership, responsibility, accountability and character this school year," Dr. Spindler said in a press release. "Through fundraising efforts, class activities and embracing Bluehawk pride, these four class representatives have gone above and beyond for their school community in an effort to bridge local organizations to the district."

In the staff category, Senior High School teacher Kayani Isle was honored for her commitment to supporting scholars and providing life-changing

opportunities.

"Kayani Isle is the advisor of the Class of 2023, is involved in numerous clubs and provides countless language opportunities for our student body through foreign and American Sign Language," Dr. Spindler said. "Kayani's nominator said, 'for everyone, she has made it her mission to show kindness to all and encourages others around her to do the same.'"

Tim Martin was selected as the recipient of the Community Member award based on his

contributions in the local media by highlighting the athletic accomplishments of Hudson's scholar-athletes.

"Tim Martin has been known for his spectacular ability to capture moments in time of our scholar-athletes. Whether it be through an amazing photo or a captivating story transcribing the action of an athletic contest, Tim has proven to have a passionate heart for Hudson's athletic programs," Dr. Spindler said.

Robert Burns honored by Hartwick College

ONEONTA—Robert Burns, of Copake, was awarded the Outstanding First-Year Student Award in Physics during Hartwick College's Honors

Convocation on May 3.

The award is presented to a first-year student in recognition of outstanding achievement in physics.

Olivia Chandler graduates from Hamilton College

CLINTON—Olivia Chandler, Valatie, received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 21, in a Commencement ceremony concluding the college's 211th year.

A government major, Ms. Chandler graduated cum laude with departmental honors in government and completed a

thesis titled "From Eco-Utopia to Reality: Building a Praxis of Social Ecology."

Hamilton's 500 graduates now join an alumni body of more than 23,000, many of whom have made important contributions to business, the professions, government and the arts. Learn more at www.hamilton.edu

G'town Garden Club awards scholarship

GERMANTOWN—This year the Germantown Garden Club has awarded a \$500 scholarship to Zoe Fox. Zoe, a senior at Germantown High School, will be attending Columbia-Greene Community College in the fall and upon graduation, will transfer to a four-year school to finish her bachelor's degree. She plans on pursuing a career as an environmental scientist.

A High Honor Roll student, Zoe's excellence in high school and her future endeavors in college make the Germantown Garden Club proud to award her this scholarship, according to a press release. Her other activi-



Zoe Fox

ties in high school included serving as Captain for Modified Soccer, and participating in JV Basketball, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Basketball, and the GSA Club. She also is a volunteer for the Germantown Fire Department and the Germantown After School Program. Zoe is the daughter of Renee Fox of Germantown.

Each year, the Germantown

Garden Club awards a scholarship to a graduating Germantown High School senior who intends to pursue college studies related to horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, botany, biology, plant pathology, forestry, agronomy, environmental concerns, city planning, land management, and/or allied subjects. Funding for scholarships is derived from many sources, including the club's Annual Plant Sale and the Holiday Open House.

For more information, call Fran Bufi, club president, at 518-537-4868.

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Interns work at DA's office over summer

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG
HUDSON—At its full board meeting June 14 the Columbia County Board of Supervisors authorized the County District Attorney (DA) to accept a grant of \$14,280 from Columbia-Greene Community College and to hire three students at that college as full-time interns in the DA's office. That office will use the money to pay each student intern \$17/hour.

The board also authorized

the County Department of Human Services to give \$145,152 to Twin County Recovery Services (TCRS), so that TCRS can provide a substance abuse program previously provided by Catholic Charities. The money comes from the State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS).

- In other business the board:
- Appointed Peggy Moon to serve as Columbia County

Business Representative on the Columbia Greene Workforce Development Board until June 30, 2025. Ms Moon is vice president of finance and administration for PGS Millwork, Inc. On the Workforce Development Board, she is to finish the term of Maryanne Lee

- Authorized the County Sheriff to purchase a replacement for a Ford Taurus that "was totaled" along with accept-

ing insurance reimbursement checks for the totaled vehicle. The new vehicle is to cost \$65,000. The insurance reimbursement amounts to \$52,510

- Authorized the County Highway Department to purchase a Bobcat Compact Track Loader—with bucket, broom, and brush cutter—for \$357.91 more than it was given permission to spend for it last October. The original maximum price allowed was \$80,000, but since

then the price increased

- Authorized the County Office for the Aging (OFA) Administrator to accept an insurance check of \$6,499.97 to repair an OFA vehicle "due to an automobile accident"

- Authorized the Highway Department to sell unusable shop equipment, sanders and obsolete vehicle repair parts by auction.

In total, the board adopted 29 resolutions.

BOCES adds 6% for long list of services

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG
GHENT—Questar III BOCES has tentatively budgeted \$96,169,062 for the 2023-24 school year, which runs from July 1 this year through June 30 next year. This is \$5.3 million (5.9%) higher than the \$90,846,893 adopted for 2022-23.

Questar provides various services and programs for schools in 21 districts in Columbia, Greene and Rensselaer counties. Each component district purchases the services it wants each year. These services include Career

& Technical Education (CTE), Career Studies, and a variety of general education and special education programs and classes. Some programs and classes take place at Questar's own facilities, some take place in its component district buildings, and some take place at least partly at employment sites, colleges, and other institutions.

In addition, every year each component district pays an administrative/rent/capital fee based on its enrollment. The administrative/capital/rent fee for Columbia County districts in 2023-24 will be:

- Chatham: \$248,315
- Germantown: \$139,991
- Hudson: \$425,795
- Ichabod Crane: \$493,014
- New Lebanon: \$107,489
- Taconic Hills: \$302,200

Questar's governing board will continue with the same 11 people in 2023-24 as in 2021-22, Dan Sherman reported. The members from Columbia County are: Edmund Brooks of Valatie, Mary Daly of Hudson, Nadine Gazzola of Taconic Hills, and Melony Spock of Chatham. Ms. Gazzola has been the Board President since 2021.

New York State BOCES (Boards of Cooperative Educational Services) provide programs and services that school districts are unable to offer on their own or that are more economical to share with other districts. Questar III is the BOCES for Columbia and parts of Rensselaer and Greene counties.

BOCES themselves share some services. For example, Capital District BOCES provides food services to some Questar III districts, such as the Hudson City School District.

BOCES budgets are deter-

mined by revenue generated rather than predetermined expenditures. The BOCES revenue largely comes from the school districts it provides with services. Throughout the school year the budget is adjusted as enrollment in programs fluctuates.

Information about Questar's final expenditures for 2022-23 will be available after Questar's board approves that year's audited financial statements, "typically" around December, said Mr. Sherman, Questar's director of communications.

Claverack Democrats choose Town Board candidates

CLAVERACK—On June 11, the Claverack Democratic Caucus unanimously chose Selha Graham and Tracy Hennige as their candidates to run for Town Board on the November 2023 ballot. On May 25, the Claverack Democrats unanimously endorsed Chris Liberati-Conant for Columbia County District Attorney.

"The Claverack Democratic Committee is excited to have Selha Graham and Tracy Hennige as candidates in the upcoming election for Claverack Town Board," said Stephanie Sussman, chair of the Claverack Democrats in a press release. "Both have a

record of commitment to public service and are ready to work hard on behalf of everyone who calls Claverack their home."

Ms. Graham is a local entrepreneur specializing in developing businesses with a community need. In 2017, she co-founded Rolling Grocer 19, a community-driven response to the immediate challenges of food and economic insecurity that exists in Columbia County. Ms. Graham was also appointed to the City of Hudson Tourism Board and is an elected member of the Hudson City School District Board.

"Receiving the Claverack Democratic nomination for Town Councilmember is an honor. I believe in community, service, and a better Claverack for everyone. My focus as an elected official will be to enact common sense goals that make Claverack a better place to live, work, and play," said Mr. Graham, also in the release.

Ms. Hennige is an associate attorney at the New York State Department of Health with experience in the oversight of complex litigation, contract negotiation, and policy development. She will also bring eight years of business experience in project management and budget oversight to the Town Board. A lover of animals, Ms. Hennige has volunteered as a foster mom for Peppertree Rescue, opening her home to dogs searching for their forever homes.

"I am honored to accept the nomination by the Claverack Democrats for Town Councilmember," said Ms. Hennige. "There are many issues facing Claverack residents. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves, getting to work, and delivering solutions for the people of Claverack."

"Claverack has a real opportunity to elect new, ambitious leaders that want to make Claverack work better," said Sam Hodge, chair of the Columbia County Democratic Committee and resident of Claverack. "I am excited to see



Photo contributed

Democratic candidates for Claverack Town Board Tracy Hennige (l) and Selha Graham.

Selha and Tracy be elected this November, they each bring a breadth of experience and something unique to the table."

Mr. Liberati-Conant has more than a decade of broad legal experience as a trial and appellate lawyer and public defender. Most recently, he served in the office of the New York State Attorney General in the Litigation Bureau and in Appeals and Opinions. He has also clerked for New York's highest court, the Court of Appeals, and for a New York State Supreme Court Acting Justice, as well as served as a public defender with Mental Health Hygiene Legal Service. An independent-minded Democrat, Mr. Liberati-Conant shares the mainstream values of Columbia County families and is active in the community, volunteering for his local fire

department. Mr. Liberati-Conant stated, "I am honored to be endorsed by the Claverack Democrats. Their organization, outreach, and civic engagement are second to none. I look forward to working with them to achieving a victory in November that will bring fairness, justice, and safety to all of the people in this county."

Ms. Sussman added, "Chris will bring much needed integrity and fairness to the District Attorney's office. We are excited about the vision Chris has to revamp the DA's office, including creating specialized bureaus, and providing and encouraging treatment instead of incarceration for the opioid and mental health crises."

For more information, visit claverackdemocrats.org

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Last respects paid to fallen firefighter

By DIANE VALDEN

ANCRAM—Anqram firefighter Stewart G. Hunt was laid to rest in Ancram Union Cemetery following a full firematic funeral from the Peck and Peck Funeral Home and Our Lady of Hope Church, both in Copake Falls, Saturday, June 24.

Greenport Fire Department Chaplain Richard Washburn officiated.

A light rain fell as friends, family and more than 150 firefighters from Columbia, Dutchess and Berkshire counties gathered to pay last respects to their brother firefighter who died in the line of duty while at an Ancram Fire Company



Pictured, Firefighter Stewart Hunt's father, William "Bill" Hunt, an Ancram firefighter himself and former Columbia County Fire Coordinator, bids a final farewell to his son at the cemetery.

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emergency call June 15. He was 37-years-old and leaves his wife, their young son and his parents.

The Ancram Fire Company is accepting donations to help offset the cost of the funeral for Mr. Hunt. Donations may be sent to: Ancram Fire Company, P.O. Box 8, Ancram 12502.

Checks should be made payable to the Ancram Fire Company with Stewart Guy Hunt noted on the memo line.

The fire company plans to accept donations for a trust fund for Mr. Hunt's five-year-old son, Zachary, at a later date.

To contact Diane Valden email dvalden@columbiapaper.com



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Accident #1 occurred at 12:13 p.m. An involved vehicle ended up near some lawn chairs for sale on the property of the Canaan General Store.



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Accident #2 occurred at 3:04 p.m. The smashed vehicles can be seen strewn around the crossroads.

Two accidents blamed on flashing light

By DIANE VALDEN

CANAAN—Officials say that a traffic light that was flashing instead of cycling normally was the probable cause of two separate accidents at the intersection of routes 22 and 295, June 25.

Columbia County 911 dispatched Canaan and Red Rock firefighters at 12:13 p.m. for a two car accident at the intersec-

tion of Route 22 and Route 295 in the Town of Canaan. Red Rock Firefighters were not needed per Command and were returned to service.

Chatham Rescue was on scene and reported one person refused medical treatment. State Police investigated.

Firefighters were back in service at 12:43 p.m.

Three hours later at the same

traffic light, Columbia County 911 dispatched Canaan and Red Rock firefighters at 3:04 p.m. for another two car accident. Red Rock firefighters were not needed per Canaan Car 1 and were returned to service.

Chatham Rescue transported one person the to Berkshire Medical Center. State Police investigated. Firefighters were back in service at 3:09 p.m.

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Harris faces attempted murder indictment

HUDSON—A Columbia County grand jury indicted Tremaine Harris on several charges, including attempted murder, June 26. County Court Judge Jonathan D. Nichols arraigned him, according to a press release from the Columbia County District Attorney's Office.

The grand jury charged Mr. Harris, 22, of Florida, who was staying in Ghent at the time of the crimes, with two counts of second degree attempted murder, a class B armed felony; first degree assault, a class B armed felony; third degree criminal possession of a weapon, a class D felony; first degree reckless endangerment, a class

D armed felony; and first degree reckless endangerment, a class D armed felony.

Mr. Harris is accused of driving to a private residence estate in Clermont, June 10, 2022, where he used a shotgun to shoot a man in the leg.

He also fired multiple shots at other people on the property. He later led Hudson Police on a chase through Hudson, which ended at the corner of Second and Warren Streets.

At arraignment Judge Nichols sent Mr. Harris to jail. He issued an order of protection on behalf of the victim.

The Public Defender represents Mr. Harris.

Sheriff says: Beware of door-to-door scammers

GREENPORT—According to a June 23 Scammer Alert Facebook post by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, "It appears that the same group of individuals who were 'selling' loads of stone last year are back. This time they're selling blacktop."

Sheriff Donald Krapf asks the public to "be mindful of individuals knocking on your doors to attempt to sell you anything."

"If in doubt, always ask for an estimate with business and insurance information, consult with a family member or neighbor or simply say 'No thank you.'"

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Heroes needed now: Give blood or platelets

GHENT—The American Red Cross wants everyone to enjoy a safe and fun Fourth of July, which includes ensuring a strong blood supply for patients in hospitals across the country, according to a press release.

There has been a concerning shortfall in blood donations in recent weeks, and the upcoming holiday could put a further strain on donations, as millions celebrate with family vacations and other seasonal activities.

Donors of all blood types, especially those with type B negative or O negative blood as well as platelet donors, are needed to make an appointment to give now to ensure blood remains available for patients this summer.

To encourage blood donations, the Red Cross offers the following to those who come to give in the coming weeks:

- All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma through June 30 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of their choice. Those who come to give in June will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a backyard theater package. Details for both offers can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/June.

- All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma July 1 to 11 will receive an exclusive Red Cross dry bag, while supplies last. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/gifts.

Plus, donors at any participating “Give a Pint, Get a Pint” blood drive through June 30 will receive a voucher redeemable for one prepackaged pint of ice cream or gelato at any Stewart’s Shops.

By scheduling and keeping

appointments right now, donors can help ensure patients relying on blood donations also get to enjoy their summer. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross has several tips to make sure people celebrate the Fourth of July safely.

Fireworks safety:
•Skip fireworks at home. Attend a public show or celebrate with glow sticks or noise makers instead

- Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution

- Wear eye protection when lighting fireworks

- Light only one firework at a time, and never attempt to relight “a dud.”

Grill safety:
•Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, deck, tree branches or anything that could catch fire

- Don’t add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use

- Make sure everyone, including pets, stays away from the grill

- Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill to help keep the chef safe

- Wash your hands before preparing the food

- Don’t leave food out in the hot sun. Keep perishable foods in a cooler with plenty of ice or freezer gel packs.

For additional tips, including water safety, beach safety and water park safety, visit redcross.org/watersafety.



Photo contributed

The ribbon cutting at George Hildebrandt Inc., with members of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.

Hildebrandt celebrates 80 years

HUDSON — George Hildebrandt Inc., a transportation company that offers regional flatbed shipping, tie and tarp, and logistic services, is celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2023.

The family-owned and operated trucking business started in 1943 when George Hildebrandt purchased his first truck to haul fruit and produce from upstate New York to New York City. Mr. Hildebrandt eventually expanded the size of his fleet, providing shipping services to businesses across the Northeast.

With hopes of carrying on the family legacy, Mr. Hildebrandt introduced the trucking business to his grandsons, Alfred Bartolotta and Rudy Hayes, at an early age.

“It’s remarkable to witness the transformation and growth that our company has had over the decades,” said Mr. Hayes, owner. “We owe much of our success to my grandfather, George Hildebrandt. His leadership and high standards provided a strong foundation for our company.”

Mr. Hayes said growing up, his grandfather instilled in him traditional values and three essential ingredients for success – safety, customer satisfaction, and employee respect.

“We adhere to these guiding principles – time and time again – building trust and consistency with our clients,” said Mr. Hayes.

While Mr. Hildebrandt had the vision and entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Hayes and his son,

James Hayes, agree that this milestone would not be possible if it wasn’t for their past and present company drivers and employees.

“Our drivers are the backbone of our success. Without them, we don’t have a company,” said James Hayes, operations manager. “We look forward to celebrating our 80th anniversary with them this year.”

George Hildebrandt Inc. plans to commemorate this momentous occasion with all-staff parties, picnics, and celebrations at their eight terminals located in Hudson; Rensselaer; Buchanan; Burlington, NJ; Portsmouth, NH; Bristol, CT; Baltimore, MD; and Aberdeen, MD.

Summerfest is back on Main Street July 8

CHATHAM—On Saturday, July 8, Chatham welcomes back Summerfest, a summer festival for all ages on the village’s Main Street. Presented by Metzwood Insurance, this year’s festival runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and boasts live music, vendors and lots of activities.

Summerfest’s two main stages are located at either end of the festival—one at Chatham Brewery at 59 Main Street (hosting Rich Hallenbeck’s new band, The Landing Party, from 1 to 3 p.m.) and the other at Yanni’s Restaurant at 29 Hudson Avenue (hosting Joe Adee and The Lugnuts from 1 to 4 p.m.). In addition, The Garage at Chatham will bring a strings performance to the festival. A pie-eating contest (one for adults and one for the under-16 set), sponsored by Chatham’s own Pieconic, promises to be lots of messy fun, and the village invites anyone and everyone (of all levels and ages) to show off their baking skills and compete for

the blue ribbon in The Great Chatham Bake-Off.

There will lots of entertainment for the kids—miniature horses from the High & Mighty Therapeutic Riding Center, a strolling magician, tie-dyeing at Off the Rails, children’s games from the 1800’s and a scavenger hunt, courtesy of the Columbia County Historical Society, a prize wheel with the Chatham Area Girl Scouts, and stage action class and theater games from Zoe Wohlfield of The Rooted Voyagers. The historic Crandell Theater will have two events for all ages -- the movie “Indiana Jones and The Dial of Destiny” will be shown at 1 p.m. (free to those aged 18 and under) and the Columbia County Youth Theater will put on a free performance of “Could You Hug a Cactus,” a musical for all ages, at the Crandell at 11 a.m. And Summerfest wouldn’t be complete without a fire engine for the young kids to check out.

Local restaurants Bimi’s

Cheese Shop, Chatham Brewery, Napoli Pizza and Cucina (who will be serving pizza on their patio), Chatham Grill (who will have a margarita tent outside), and Fiesta Café will be open during the festival. Stay and have drinks or dinner in the village afterwards at Blue Plate, People’s Pub, or the newly opened Bimi’s Canteen & Bar. There will be plenty of food trucks, including mini doughnuts from Adirondack Kettle Corn, the Chuckwagon, Pixie Floss Cotton Candy, and The Hungry Traveler.

A full list of activities and vendors can be found at www.chathamsummerfest.com, as well as a map and all the details. Please note: Attendees wishing to join in the pie-eating contest or The Great Chatham Bake Off, please sign up in advance via the website. And Summerfest still has space for new vendors. Please see the website for times, parking info, and more detail.

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Chatham's Baccaro, Scheriff, Jeralds sign on to college sports

Three Chatham Panthers made their commitment to college sports official during a letter signing ceremony held at Chatham High School on June 7. Pictured (l to r): Jacob Baccaro will be playing basketball for Columbia-Greene Community College; Amelia Scheriff will be playing volleyball for Hudson Valley Community College; and Timothy Jeralds will be heading to Utica University and their track and field team.

Photo contributed

Berkshire Country Day School 8th grade class photo (l to r, top to bottom): Henry Richardson-Smith, Samuel Glockner, Oliver Newman, Nicholas Shaknes, Lukas Friedemann, John Vipond, Dylan Muellers, Reese Cook-Dubin, Declan Duffy, Gabriel Hesse, Benjamin Glockner, Clay Steven, Oliver Lamb, Matilda Heaton Wellenstein, Aliyah Hood, Lucy Klatka, Skylar Trienens, Aurora Mills, Juliet Hopkins, Lucille Sylvester and Marianna Bartz.



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Berkshire Country Day School celebrates students, teachers

LENOX—Berkshire Country Day School celebrates each of the 21 students who graduated from the 8th grade and the collective 123 years of teaching among three retiring teachers. The alumni speaker at graduation was Donald Fawcett '82.

BCD proudly supports the graduates as they move on to

secondary schools including Avenues of the World School, Chatham High School, Emma Willard School, Indian Mountain School, Millbrook School, Miss Hall's School, Montclair High School, Monument Mountain High School, Northfield Mount Hermon School, Pittsfield High

School, Red Hook High School, and The Taft School.

Head of School Mary Warner addressed the graduates: "You are at a point in your life when you have the tools to recognize problems and start to work on potential solutions. Your generation has work to do, and I believe you will have

an incredible impact on the lives and the environment around you."

Local graduates include: Declan Duffy, Chatham; Lukas Friedemann, Hudson; Gabriel Hesse, Ghent; Oliver Lamb, Canaan; Oliver Newman, Ghent; Nicholas Shaknes, Ghent; Lucy Sylvester, Chatham; and Skylar Trienens, Chatham.

BCD is an independent school serving 122 students with a faculty and staff of 31. It is accredited by the Association of Independent Schools in New England (AISNE) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).
www.berkshirecountryday.org

Local students graduate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

TROY—On May 20, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) awarded a total of 1,988 degrees - 152 doctoral degrees, 390 master's degrees, and 1,446 bachelor's degrees - to 1,957 students, some of whom earned multiple degrees.

The following local students earned degrees:

Delana Bonci, of Craryville, graduated with a BS in Biomedical Engineering; and Wyatt Gibbons, of Elizaville, graduated with a MS in Physics.

Students graduate from SUNY Delhi

DELHI—Over 800 students graduated from SUNY Delhi in the spring of 2023. Commencement was held Saturday, May 13, with certificates, associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees conferred upon the classes of fall 2022 and spring 2023.

Local students include:

Taylor Shackelton, Copake, graduated with an Associate in Applied Science in Construction Technology; Brandon Bashford, Stuyvesant, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; and Nancy Johnson, Hudson, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Truax named to SUNYAC Honor Roll

POTSDAM—Sasha Truax, a resident of New Lebanon, was one of 123 SUNY Potsdam student-athletes to earn a spot on the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll, the conference announced this morn-

ing.

Ms. Truax is a sophomore member of the SUNY Potsdam Women's Swimming & Diving team and a Music Education major. Athletes named to the academic honor roll had a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA for the year.

Academic Honors

President's List:

SUNY Canton

CANTON—SUNY Canton President Zvi Szafran recognizes students for earning a spot on the spring 2023 President's List.

To earn a spot on the president's list, full-time students must earn a 3.75 or greater GPA during a single semester. A complete list of all honor students runs on www.canton.edu.

Local students include: Genna Ihlenburg, Hudson, a Legal Studies major; and Olivia Vanalphen, Hudson, a Veterinary Service Administration major.

SUNY Potsdam

POTSDAM—The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named 716 students to the president's list, in recognition of their academic excellence in the spring 2023 semester. The SUNY Potsdam students were honored for earning top marks by President Suzanne Smith.

To achieve the honor of being on the president's list, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The students included: Bailey Lapo-McDermott, Valatie, whose major is Music Business; Julia Saxby, Valatie, whose major is Music Education; and Sasha Truax, New Lebanon, majoring in Music Education.

Siena College

LOUDONVILLE—Sienna College names local students to the president's list for the spring 2023 semester.

Local students include: Grace Cammarata, Valatie, and Josef Reed, Ghent.

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2023 primary results announced

GHENT—The Columbia County Board of Elections has released the unofficial results from Tuesday's primary elections. The only countywide race was for two of the Democratic Party candidates for county judgeships. In that race Brian Herman received the most votes at 1,987 with Michael Howard receiving 1,950 and Mark Portin receiving 1,786. There were 1,142 blank (or "undervotes") and 6 voided (or "overvotes"). There were 13 write-ins. Registered Democrats in the county were asked to



vote for up to two candidates since there will be two open county judge seats this November.

Earlier this year it was announced that both Columbia County Judge Richard M. Koweek and Judge Jonathan D. Nichols will be stepping down. Judge Nichols' 10-year-term expires at the end of 2023 and Judge Koweek's 10-year-term expires at the end of 2031, leaving eight years remaining in his unexpired term. The county

Republicans have two candidates running in November to fill the seats – Joyce Crawford and Robert Gibson.

Unofficial results include in-person Election Day voting on June 27, early voting—which started on June 17 and ran through June 25—and most absentee ballots. According to the Board of Elections, "They do not include absentee ballots received within the last few days, or affidavit (provisional) ballots."

There were also Democratic Party primaries for council

members in Hudson and a Republican primary for highway superintendent candidates in New Lebanon.

In Hudson's 1st Ward, where Democratic residents were asked to vote for two, Margaret Morris received 129 votes, Gary Purnhagen received 71 and Tod Randall Martin received 63.

In Hudson's 2nd Ward, Dewan Sarowar received 109 votes, Mohammed Rony received 86 and Kevron Trone Lee received 47. Registered Democrats were asked to vote for two candidates.

In Hudson's 3rd Ward, also where residents were asked to vote for two, Shershah Mizan received 76 votes, Lola Roberts received 73 and Daniel Schmeder received 62.

In New Lebanon, registered Republican voters voted for Peter McCagg (35 votes) over Jeffrey Winstock (33 votes) to run for town Highway Superintendent in November.

For more on the election results go to www.columbia-county.ny.com—**Emilia Teasdale**

IS THE ODD MAN

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before it is revised and given to the full County Board of Supervisors for a vote.

The county supervisors do most of their voting at regular full board meetings, and the next regular full board meeting is July 12. Information on when Governor Hochul could sign the law was not available.

The proposed law would only affect elections for town council members, supervisors, clerks, and tax collectors, said Columbia County Board of Elections Democratic Commissioner Erin Stamper on June 26. The first officials affected would be those "elected in an odd-numbered year after 2025," whose term would be reduced, according to Spectrum News June 9.

It would not affect elections for town justices, county judges, the county district attorney, the county clerk or any city or

village officials. Changing the dates of the elections not currently affected would require an amendment to the state constitution, said Ms. Stamper. And state "lawmakers plan to introduce a constitutional amendment next session" to allow that, Spectrum News said.

The law's supporters say the change will get more people to vote for local officials, because more people go to the polls on even years, when elections take place for federal and state officials. In addition, it could save public money if some years had no elections.

Opponents of the proposed law say that in even years, national and state issues distract attention from local ones.

Spectrum News, which covered the proposal in early June, quoted the NY State Association of Counties, saying that more than half the

county leaders across the state's 62 counties, Democrats as well as Republicans, have contacted the organization to voice their opposition.

At the Government Committee Meeting June 21, Supervisor Ron Knott (R-Stuyvesant) introduced the committee's proposed statement by sharing a similar proposal from the Saratoga County legislature. Mr. Knott said that putting local elections in the same years as elections for national and state offices "takes away the importance of local elections." By running in the odd numbered years, "we can pay more attention to our local issues," he said. In addition, adding local elections to presidential, governor, and US senate elections "puts an undue burden" on the County Board of Elections.

"I think local issues will be lost," when someone runs in a presidential or gubernatorial election year, added Matt Murell (R-Stockport), Chairman of

the Columbia County Board of Supervisors. In addition, he said, the new proposed law was introduced late and rushed through.

Supervisor Kippy Weigelt (R-Claverack) said, "I've never seen a problem with off-year ballots."

In local elections people vote for the person, not the party, said Supervisor Brenda Adams (D-Canaan). She acknowledged, "We hear from more people in even years." However, "Does this new law usurp home rule?"

Supervisor Michael Chameides (D-Hudson, 3rd Ward) pointed out that some election terms are mandated by the state constitution.

County Board of Elections Republican Commissioner Kelly Simmons said, "There's a lot more work that goes into presidential elections." She said that local elections in such years would result in "a very packed ballot."

Other reasons to keep odd-

year elections for local positions, the committee's draft statement says, include:

- The way the legislature approved the proposed law. A bill sponsor indicated that hearings would be held on the proposal, but they were not. The proposed legislation circumvented the legislative committee process, limiting public input

- Concerns that the current ballot counting technology would not be able to adequately meet the demands of the increased ballot size.

So why adopt a mostly-even-year election requirement? State Senator James Skoufis (D, 42nd), the Senate sponsor of the proposal, told Spectrum News: "Right now... in a lot of these local, town, and county elections, you have 20 or so percent of voters deciding the outcome for the entire jurisdiction. Why are you afraid of 50, 60, 70 percent of voters determining who should hold these local positions?"

YOUNG SCIENTISTS

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The Science Research program, sponsored by SUNY Albany since 1994, is a three-year class that allows students to learn scientific research techniques. Students completing the course earn not only high school credits but also 12 college credits, and they gain skills in reading scientific articles, conducting academic and field research, and the art of oral and written presentation.

Each student, once (s)he has identified a topic, is required to identify and recruit a mentor—a professional in the student's chosen area of research who helps to define the research and construct a field research project. At Germantown, the class teacher, Dale Strong, works with the students as well, and the students discuss their progress with the group as a whole, which helps to hone the topics and research.

After her search for a mentor (who can literally be located anywhere in the world) Sophia found Maija Niemisto, who currently works with the New York State Water Resources Institute, which is part of Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and who (among other things) spent 10 years working with Hudson River Sloop "Clearwater" living on and teaching about the Hudson.

After extensive research about microplastics and sampling techniques, Sophia designed a study to test water and sediment from six tributaries of the Hudson River, diversified to represent rural environments like the Stockport Creek in Stockport and Roeliff Jansen Kill in Linlithgo and urban ones, like the Posten Kill Creek in Troy and Fall Kill Creek in Poughkeepsie.

She conducted the study during the summer between her junior and senior years. The results surprised her. While, as expected, microplastics were found in all the sediment samples and all but one of the water samples, the highest particle count in water came from a rural location—the Stockport Creek. The highest count in sediment also came from a rural location—the Roeliff Jansen Kill.

The health implications of human ingestion of microplastics are only beginning to be studied, but scientists believe the consequences include respiratory illnesses, cancer, the disruption of the endocrine system and gastrointestinal ailments.

Sophia plans to attend Montana State University next year, which is known for its research programs, on a pre-med track. She will continue her work by learning about the health effects of microplastics.

Deandrea Edwards is just

finishing her first year (as a sophomore) in the Science Research program. She was diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) when she was eight and is formulating a topic that will consider the effect of the foods we eat on ADHD.

ADHD, a neuropsychiatric disorder, affects more than 7 in 100 children and 5 in 100 adults. Studies read by Deandrea have seen that a person with ADHD has an altered gut microbiome compared to "neurotypical" (non-ADHD) control subjects. The gut microbiome consists of the various microorganisms that live in our digestive tracts.

Among the questions that Deandrea is considering for further study: what is the difference in the effect on the gut microbiome of an infant's being breast fed or formula fed and is there an effect on the development of ADHD? Does Red 40 dye (a synthetic food dye common in dairy products, sweets and beverages) affect

the gut microbiome, setting up children to suffer from ADHD?

Deandrea expects to conduct some 90 hours of research into these areas this summer. Once she finds a mentor (she is on the hunt now), she expects to refine her topic and design a research protocol.

The students in the class credit their teacher, Dale Strong, with creating a fun, collaborative and challenging setting in which to grow their skills. In turn, Mr. Strong, who is retiring this year, credits the students with having the initiative to pursue topics that interest them, the persistence to find a mentor, slog through mountains of paperwork, and hone reading, analytical and presentation skills to a high level.

Fortunately for Germantown, another teacher will continue the work of the Science Research program and, in Mr. Strong's words, "open students' minds to topics they would never explore in other science classes."

Free artist-led workshops offered at AOH

ANCRAM—Angram Opera House (AOH) will offer two writing workshops led by Summer Play Lab artists Emily Rubin (“Cancer Cabaret”) and Seth McNeill (“Bullet”). The workshops are free, but space is limited, and registration is required. To participate, visit ancramoperahouse.org/workshops.

First up, on July 6, 3 to 5 p.m., is ‘The Write Treatment Workshop’ developed by writer Rubin as a way of giving back to Mount Sinai Medical Center after she completed treatment for breast cancer there in 2011.

This workshop engages cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers in the craft of writing as a creative and therapeutic practice. To this day, ‘The Write Treatment Workshop’ continues to be offered to cancer patients at Mount Sinai Hospital where, according to Alison Snow, Mount Sinai’s assistant director of Cancer Supportive Services, it is “the most successful program of all the programs the hospital offers.”

Rubin will share her story of cancer and writing, as well as excerpts from the ‘Write Treatment Anthology Vol. 1,’ a

publication assembled from the writings of Mount Sinai cancer patients. Workshop participants will write from a prompt and share what they have written with the group.

On July 8, 10 a.m. to noon, playwright and theater artist McNeill will demonstrate, through free-writing exercises, discussion, and sharing of work, how the interruptions and self-contradictions in normal conversations and stream of consciousness can, when captured on paper, resemble an absurdist play. In this workshop, called ‘Monodialogue,’

participants will construct self-dialogues that reveal character in ways that a perfectly crafted monologue never could.

Angram Opera House’s 2023 Play Lab Residency Program showcases innovative works-in-progress that challenge conventions and offer unique perspectives on the human experience. A double bill of Rubin and McNeill’s works-in-progress will be presented on July 9 at 4 p.m., live at AOH. These works-in-development are:

‘Bullet’ by McNeill: Delves into the depth of a solo play

deconstructed through a hilariously failed TED talk. This piece unravels themes of depression, isolation, family trauma, and the internal struggle of artists finding their place in the world.

‘Cancer Cabaret’ by Rubin, Maryann DeLeo, and Christine Koenig, with music by Michael Ingle: Experience the transformative power of musical theater as these artists, who are also cancer survivors, interpret life’s difficult moments and triumphs through song and storytelling. Visit www.ancramoperahouse.org

The Crandell hosts ‘Succession’ star Brian Cox

CHATHAM—The Crandell Theatre, 48 Main Street, has announced that ‘Succession’ star Brian Cox will join FilmColumbia’s Peter Biskind live on stage in a special Q+A on Thursday, July 6, at 7 p.m. to benefit the renovation and restoration of Chatham’s historic theater. Cox and Biskind will discuss Cox’s ‘Succession’ character, media titan Logan Roy, and the staggering success of the acclaimed HBO series. Tickets are \$25 per person. All proceeds from the event will benefit the restoration fund.



Photo contributed

Brian Cox

When ‘Succession’ debuted in 2018 it became a cultural phenomenon across four seasons. Created by Jesse Armstrong, the series also stars Jeremy Strong, Sarah Snook, Matthew Macfadyen and Kieran Culkin. Cox’s portrayal of Roy, the family patriarch, earned him a Primetime Emmy nomination, a Golden Globe Award and a legion of new fans. Nearly 3 million tuned in for the finale on May 28 and

some 8.7 million watched each episode on demand in its final season.

Cox, a part-time resident of Columbia County and friend of the Crandell, spent his formative years going to the local movie house in his native Dundee, Scotland. He is committed to the Crandell’s mission to remain a thriving, independent centerpiece of the community. In 2018 he was hon-

ored for his long and illustrious career during FilmColumbia XIX, when four of his independent films, including ‘L.I.E.,” opened the festival.

Trained as a Shakespearean actor, Cox broke out in Michael Mann’s 1986 film ‘Manhunter’ playing serial killer Hannibal Lecter before returning to his roots on the stage. He starred in many productions with the Royal National Theatre, Royal

Court and the Royal Shakespeare Company, notably playing Titus Andronicus and King Lear. His subsequent roles span across more than 200 films and television shows, including ‘Adaptation,’ ‘X-Men 2,’ ‘Braveheart,’ ‘Rushmore,’ ‘Fantastic Mr. Fox,’ ‘Zodiac,’ ‘Rise of the Planet of the Apes,’ ‘Coriolanus,’ ‘Churchill,’ ‘Penny Dreadful,’ and ‘Deadwood.’

Crandell board member and author Biskind is a contributor to Vanity Fair and Esquire and the former executive editor of Premiere. His latest book, ‘Pandora’s Box: How Guts, Guile, and Greed Upended TV,’ about the streaming revolution, will be released this fall. He is the author of five previous books, including the best-seller ‘Easy Riders, Raging Bulls: How the Sex-Drugs-and-Rock ‘n’ Roll Generation Saved Hollywood.’ He is also the co-executive director and co-artistic director with Laurence

Kardish of FilmColumbia, the Crandell’s signature annual festival, run by festival director Calliope Nicholas, that screens the very best pre-release American and international films for ten days in late October.

Tickets may be purchased online or at the Crandell Box Office the evening of the event.

Claverack Republicans host Disco Night July 6

ELECTION 2023

MELLENVILLE—The 2023 season of the Summer Concert Series (Music In The Park) will kick off Thursday, July 6 with a special ‘Disco Night’ presentation featuring dance contests, best-dressed contests and other related activities at the Claverack Town Park, 91 Church Street.

This event is the first in the ‘retooled’ series designed to increase audience participation and interaction to enhance the feeling of community throughout the two-month series.

Disco was a musical phenomenon that sprang up in the later 1970s and lasted into the early ‘80s. Disco music is ready-made for dancing and is typified by galloping rhythms (generally ranging from 110 to 120 beats per minute), syncopated bass-lines, music synthesizers,

funky guitars and upfront vocals. Some of the big names coming out of the disco era were the Bee Gees, Donna Summer, KC and the Sunshine Band, Earth Wind And Fire, and the Village People. The disco era also marked when producers became as integral to the sound as the artists themselves.

Disco thrived in urban areas where elaborate clubs sprang up (such as Manhattan’s Studio 54) to accommodate the dancers who often sported extravagant outfits and partied in the flashing lights, loud music and an over-the-top atmosphere.

Disco faded in popularity in the states in the early/mid 80s but it had a major influence on up-and-coming styles such as hip-hop/funk and electronic dance music and remnants can still be heard today, particularly on European music produc-

tions.

The event will feature DJ Charlie, who spent many years performing in local and regional bands. A record and CD collector for nearly six decades, he was a contributor to the book ‘Teen Beat Mayhem,’ which is considered an essential tool for exploring the garage band phenomenon.

He will be featured again as DJ for a 1950s ‘Sock Hop’ Thursday, August 3, also part of the Summer Concert Series.

The event will also be a promotion for the Mellenville/Philmont Food Pantry. Attendees are asked (but not required) to bring non-perishable food items for donation to the pantry which serves the entire town of Claverack.

The Summer Concert Series is hosted by the Claverack Republican Club. The grounds open at 6 p.m. with the music

getting underway at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Refreshments are available at the snack bar.

Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately, particularly for the special events, in order to be part of the various contests. Come to dance and be seen or just come to see.

For more information visit www.ClaverackRepublicans.com

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Bindlestiff holds events in Kingston and Hudson

HUDSON—Bindlestiff Family Variety Arts, Inc. has announced free public performances of Bindlestiff's Flatbed Follies, an outdoor, mobile circus show, in Kingston and Hudson on July 7 and 8. Support from an NEA Challenge America award, from The Spark of Hudson, the City of Hudson Common Council, and other funders makes these activities accessible for all. Shows will be bilingual in Spanish and English, and the 3 p.m. shows in each city will be ASL interpreted. July 9 is the rain date, with one Hudson show at 1 p.m. and a Kingston show at 6 p.m., same locations.

On July 7, in partnership with MyKingstonKids, Bindlestiff's Flatbed Follies will set up in Kingston's Barmann Park to provide two free performances of circus acts, including tight-wire walking, acrobatics, juggling, physical comedy, aerial arts, and vaudeville style acts like plate spinning.

Shows, at 3 and 5 p.m., will be led by bilingual ringmasters and ASL interpreted. Family-friendly activities, including circus skills workshops at 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., provide a full afternoon of joy.

In Hudson on July 8, the Bindlestiff Flatbed Follies trucks will set up on lower Warren Street between Front Street and First Street, with a block-party style event from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

In addition to Bindlestiff's professional cast shows at 3 and 5 p.m., there will be circus skills workshops for all, performances by Bindlestiff's Cirkus After School students, and activities and information offered by Operation Unite New York, Columbia County Healthcare Consortium, The Flow Chart Foundation, and other agencies. Kite's Nest Re-Gen Program will be there with their bicycle-powered Smoothie station, The Toolshed will offer a solar-powered charging station, and favorite local food vendors will offer



Maika Schulz

Bindlestiff's Flatbed Follies

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To learn more about The Bindlestiff Family Cirkus' pro-

grams in Columbia County, New York City, and beyond, visit www.bindlestiff.org and

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EVENTS *Calendar*

To have an event listed here, send the information (including date, time, street address and cost if any) via email to news@columbiapaper.com or mail to The Columbia Paper, PO Box 482, Ghent, NY 12075-0482, at least two weeks before the event.

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

CONTINUING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

FIBER ARTS CIRCLE, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 1-3 pm, free. All levels, experiences welcome. claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

Mondays, Saturdays
COMMUNITY STRENGTH TRAINING, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 10 am, \$10. Led by Jennifer Lawrence of The Firm Exercise Studio. Pre-registration required: ps21chatham.org.

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

TAI CHI/QIGONG, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 10-11 am, free. Learn various Qigong sets, work on traditional Tai Chi Form with instructor Curt Anthon. Hudsonarealibrary.org, 518 828-1792.

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

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

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

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT CLASSES, Women's Health Center at CMH Campus, 71 Prospect Ave, Hudson, 4:30 pm, free. For pregnant women, breastfeeding moms & their families. 518 828-1400 to sign up or learn more.

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

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

Second Tuesdays
TRI-VILLAGE SENIORS, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1010 Kinderhook St, Valatie, 1 pm. clmatheke@nycap.rr.com.

Third Tuesdays
TECH HELP, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave or virtual, 2:45-5 pm. One-on-one session with tech expert Lloyd the Geek for help with laptops, tablets, smart phones. Appointments 518 392-3666. chathampubliclibrary.org.

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

Last Tuesdays
SENIOR COFFEE HOUR, Hillsdale House, 1 Anthony St, 10-11:30 am. Coffee, donuts, conversation. jslapenn@gmail.com.

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays
COVID VACCINATION CLINIC, Columbia County Department of Health, 325 Columbia St, Hudson, 1-3:30 pm. columbiacountynyhealth.com.

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

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

YOGA, PS21, 2980 Rt 66, Chatham, 10:30 am, \$20. Led by Sondra Loring. Registration: ps21chatham.org.

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

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

CHATHAM/GHENT SENIORS, West Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 CR 22, 1 pm. Refreshments, guest speaker. Oct: Mark Clarke speaks about County veterans who served in several wars. ghentny@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 6-7:30 pm. Peer-led support group for family members, caregivers, loved ones of individuals living with mental illness. Virtual link available. Registration: namiccny.org/event/virtual-family-support-group/2023-02-01. Info: 518 336-0246, namiccny@gmail.com.

Fourth Wednesdays
BOOK GROUP, Hudson Area Library, virtual, 5-6 pm. Register, programs@hudsonarealibrary.org, 518-828-1792 X101.

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

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

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

PILATES, PS21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 10:30 am, \$20. Led by Peggy Wallin-Hart. Through Oct 5. Registration: ps21chatham.org.

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

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

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

CHESS CLUB, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 3:30-5 pm. Open to all ages, skill levels. roejanlibrary.org.

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

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

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.

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

First Thursdays
CHATHAM ROOTS GENEALOGY, Chatham Public Library, virtual event, 3-4 pm, free. Michelle LeClair leads beginners & experts in search for family. Space limited, registration michelle@leclairdesign.com.

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

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

BOARD MEETING, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 6 pm. Public welcome. Agenda & materials on website week ahead of time. 518 794-8844. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

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

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

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

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

Fridays
ROE JAN FOOD PANTRY, 2684 Rt 23 (basement of the Sheriff's Substation), Hillsdale, 10 am-noon with appointments as needed. Call ahead if possible: Betty White 518 325-3977 or Vernetta Moore 413 446-9431. Questions roejanfoodpantry@gmail.com.

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

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

TECH TALKS, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, by appt. Use library laptop or bring your own. Call 518 794-8844 to make an appt.

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

First & Third Fridays
LEBANON VALLEY SENIORS, New Lebanon Firehouse, 523 Rt 20, 1 pm. For ages 55 & up. New members welcome. 518 733-0009, lebanonsenioreciti-zens@gmail.com.

Second Fridays
CLAVERRACK SENIORS, Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Rt 9H, Claverack, 1 pm. July 14: annual picnic at Claverack Park, 3-5 pm, hot dogs, beverages, cutlery & plates provided, bring dish to share. Upcoming trip: July 26, Erie Canal \$35-\$45, food on own. New members welcome. Sign up: 518 610-1766.

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

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

Saturdays
PARENT-TO-PARENT Support Group, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 9:30 am, free. For parents, guardians at any stage of parenting. claveracklibrary.org, 518 851-7120.

CLOTHING BARN, North Chatham United Methodist Church, 4274 Rt 203, 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Bring clothing, shoe donations. 518 766-3535, northchathammethodistchurch.org.

ROE JAN FRIENDS BOOK-SHOP, basement of Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 10 am-2 pm. CDs, DVDs. Books, Masks required. @roejanfriendsbookshop.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY GIVING, Copake Grange, 628 Empire Rd, 10 am-noon. Healthy nonperishable foods; personal hygiene products; nutritional snacks (individual packets); winter hats, gloves, socks, boots. Limited supply NK95 masks to pick up, limit 2 per person. copakegrange.org

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

Second Saturdays
2COND SATURDAY Hudson Gallery Crawl, locations vary, 5-8 pm. Galleries, restaurants, shops open late. Pop-up galleries, markets, buskers, concerts, food trucks, community activated art programming. hudson-gallerycrawl.com, IG: @hudson-gallerycrawl.

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

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

ANIME MONTHLY MOVIE, Claverack Library, 9 Rt 9H, 1 Pm, free. Check website for details: claveracklibrary.org.

First Sundays
BOOK GROUP, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 11 am. July: The Forger's Spell: A True Story of Vermeer, Nazis, and the Greatest Art Hoax of the Century" by Edward Dolnick. Meeting in person, bring mask. Newlebanonlibrary.org.

FUN ON FIRST SUNDAY, Clark Institute, 225 South St, Williamstown, noon-5 pm. Free admission, activities between 1-4 pm. www.clarkart.edu.

First & Third Sundays
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson Ave, 2 pm, free. For adults. Learn basics, explore new formats, meet new people, develop your characters. kinderhooklibrary.org.

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

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

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

FARMERS MARKETS

Fridays
CHATHAM, 248 Rt 295, 3-7 pm. Vendors, entertainment, special events. Rain or shine. Schedule, more: visitchathamny.com/chatham-farms-market. Through Oct 6.

Saturdays
COPAKE HILLSDALE, Roe Jan Park, Rt 22, Copake, 9 am-1 pm. Vendors, music, children's activities, more. Through Nov 18. copakehilldalefarmermarket.com.

KINDERHOOK, intersection of Rt 9 & Hudson St, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Over 25 vendors, live music, food, special events. kinderhookfarmersmarket.com.

HUDSON, corner of 6th St & Columbia St, 9 am-1 pm. Over 30 vendors, food, live music. Through Nov 18. hudsonnyfarmersmarket@gmail.com, 518 300-3496.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 1
QUEECHY LAKE BOAT PARADE, Canaan, boats line up 1:30 pm between Berkshire Farm beaches, 2 pm parade. Public welcome for award ceremony at Berkshire Farm beach following parade. Rain date: July 2. peterjfiel@gmail.com.

GERMANTOWN INDEPENDENCE DAY Fireworks, Palatine Park grounds, 50 Palatine Park Road, 4 to 11 pm, fireworks start 9:30 pm. Rain date July 8, \$15/car limited parking onsite; \$5/person walk-ins, free for kids 5 & under. Food, music, vendors, beer, games.

July 4
OPEN HOUSE, Malden Bridge Community Center, 1087 Albany Tpk, 10 am. Strawberry shortcake, beverages, \$5. Reading of Declaration of Independence & singing of patriotic songs, 11 am. Silent auction.

MaldenBridgecc.org.
INDEPENDENCE DAY AT CLERMONT, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Ave, 11 am-5 pm, \$15/car. Demonstrations, lectures, readings, children's crafts. friendsofclermont.org/events.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Through June 30
ADOPTION FEES WAIVED for cat, dog & pocket pet adoptions at Columbia-Greene Humane Society, 111 Humane Society Rd, Hudson. Applications: cghs.org.

Through August 13
BARD SUMMERSCAPE, Bard Fisher Center, 60 Manor Rd, Annandale, admission. Full schedule, tickets: fishercenter.bard.edu/whats-on/programs/summerscape.

June 30
CHALK IT UP, Germantown Library, 31 Palatine Park Rd, 5-7 pm, free. Hot dogs, lemonade, chalk provided. RSVP for headcount: germantownlibrary.org/events.

July 1
PHILMONT COMMUNITY DAY, throughout village, 7 am-10 pm. Fishing derby, vendors, artisans, crafts people, food, music, entertainment, history event, Mardi Gras parade step-off from Pine Haven 4 pm, block party. philmontcommunityday@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE, Copake Memorial Park Building, 305 Mountain View Rd, 8 am-1 pm. Appointments: 800 RED-CROSS, redcrossblood.org, Red Cross Blood Donor App.

BINGO IN THE PARK, Palatine Park, 50 Palatine Park Rd, 4:30-6:30 pm, free. Games & prizes for all ages. german-townlibrary.org.

July 2
50TH YEAR CELEBRATION PARTY, TSL, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 6 pm, \$75 & up. Live music, big tent BBQ, archival highlights from TSL's first 50 years. Tickets: timeandspace.org.

July 7-9
A GARDEN OF DISCONTENT: Anxiety and Wellbeing in Times of Crisis, Basilica Hudson, 110 S Front St. Video installation, animations by Anita Glesta. Screening & reception, Fri 5-8 pm; open screening hours, Sat 11 am-2 pm; screening & panel discussion, Sun 3 pm. basilica-hudson.org.

WHAT'S COOKING

Wednesdays
FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAY, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 5-7:30 pm. Rotation of local food trucks. claveracklibrary.org.

June 29
BERNIE'S BLUE LINE BBQ, First Presbyterian Church of Valatie, 3212 Church St, 4-7 pm, \$15. Smoked chicken piece, 6 oz of pulled pork, salt potatoes with Tuscan herb butter, coleslaw, 2 mini cornbread muffins, cookies. Advance tickets recommended: 518 929-2318.

July 2
COMMUNITY PICNIC, St John in the Wilderness, 261 Rt 344,

Copake Falls, noon, free. Public welcome. Bring lawn chair or blanket. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Drinks, Watermelon, Cookies provided. Games. stjohwn@fairpoint.net.

FOR KIDS

Ongoing
LEARNING KITS, Philmont Public Library, 101 Main St. Home learning resources on variety of subjects, borrow for up to three weeks. Complete list of available packets at philmontlibrary.com.

Through June 30
REGISTRATION OPEN for Ghent Summer Recreation Program held at West Ghent Community Center, 1041 CR 22, weekdays July 5-Aug 4, 8:30 am-2:30 pm. For ages 6 & up. Primary Ghent residents, \$50/child or \$100/family, non-Ghent residents, \$175/child. Application: townofghent.org/town-life/parks-recreation.

Through July 1
REGISTRATION OPEN for campers for Hillsdale Summer Recreation Program that runs July 10-Aug 18 for children ages 5-13. Details, application: hillsdaleny.com/summer-youth-program.

June 29
FAMILY MOVIE & CRAFT, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 1-3 pm, free. Sherlock Gnomes. claveracklibrary.org.

PAPER JAR STARS, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 1:30-2:30 pm, free. For ages 12 & up. Write notes to yourself, fold them into stars to keep in jar for whenever you need a happy thought. newlebanonlibrary.org.

July 3-28
ART OF SUMMER PROGRAM, Art School of Columbia County, 1198 Rt 21C, Ghent, 9 am-noon for ages 6-9, 1-4 pm for ages 10-13, \$245. Four week-long sessions offered. Children participate in unique art experience, projects. Registration: artschoolofcolumbia-county.org.

July 5-26
YOU CAN DO A GRAPHIC NOVEL, Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 6-7:30 pm, free. Workshop for tweens/teens led by Barbara Slate. Registration: kleinr@chatham.k12.ny.us. chathampubliclibrary.org, 518 392-3666.

July 6
FRIENDSHIP JEWELRY EXTRAVAGANZA, New Lebanon Library, 550 Rt 20, 1:30 pm, free. For all ages. Make friendship bracelets & matching puzzle piece friendship necklaces.

Newlebanonlibrary.org, 518 794-8844.
WORLD OF ANIMALS PROGRAM, N Chatham Free Library, 4287 Rt 203, 4 pm, free. By Robinson's Wildlife Lectures; assortment of reptiles, birds of prey presented. Northchathamlibrary.org.

SUMMER READING KICK OFF PARTY, Rothermel Park, Kinderhook, 5 pm, free. Featuring Two by Two Animal Haven. Sign up for summer reading program. Light refreshments provided. Kinderhooklibrary.org.

July 7, 14, 21, 28 August 4, 11
DROP IN HUDSON FISHING PROGRAM, Nutten Hook, Ice House Rd, Stuyvesant, 9 am-noon, free. Equipment, fishing instruction provided. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult to fish. ccswcd.org/mud-creek-elc.html.

AT THE MOVIES

Through June 29
THE FLASH, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

June 30
80 FOR BRADY, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rt 9H, 2-5 pm, free. claveracklibrary.org.

June 30-July 11
INDIANA JONES & THE DIAL OF DESTINY, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, times vary, \$11. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

July 2
TEOREMA, The Moviehouse, 48 Main St, Millerton, times vary, \$16. The Great Italian Auteurs series. Tickets: the-moviehouse.net.

MAKING MUSIC

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

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

July 1
MUSIC IN THE PARK, Copake Memorial Park, 305 Mountain View Rd, 6-8 pm, free. The Velvet Frog. Food & refreshments available for purchase.

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EVENTS Calendar

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BORIS GILTBURG, Tannery Pond, 110 Darrow Rd, New Lebanon, 7:30 pm, \$40. Piano. Capital Region Classical series. Tickets: capitalregion-classical.org/tannery-pond-concerts.

July 2
MISS PAULA & HONKYTONK HAYRIDE, Chaseholm Farm, 115 Chase Rd, Pine Plains, 5-8 pm, admission. Vintage twang & retro country. Tickets: chaseholmfarm.com.

PLENA LIBRE, PS 21, 2890 Rt 66, Chatham, 6 pm, \$10-\$35. Afro-Latin ensemble. Tickets: ps21chatham.org.

July 5
JOE HENRY, Clark Art Institute, 225 South St, 6 pm, free. Bring own seating, picnic. Concert near Reflecting Pool. clarkart.edu/events.

July 6
MUSIC IN THE PARK, Claverack Town Park, 91 Church St, grounds open 6 pm, music 7-9 pm, free. Disco night featuring DJ Charlie; dance contest, best dressed contest, more. Refreshments available for purchase. 518 851-7570.

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@chatham.k12.ny.us.

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

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

June 29
LOCAL HISTORY TALK, Hudson Area Library, 51 N 5th St, 6 pm, free. Dr Voorhees presents on role of women in Leisler's Rebellion. hudsonarealibrary.org.

July 1, September 2, October 7
HILLSDALE: OUR STORY & PORTRAITS, special screenings presented at Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market, 9140 Rt 22, Hillsdale, 10 am-1 pm. Two-part video documentary on Hillsdale created by Julia Brandi & Marilyn Herrington. Roeliffjansens@gmail.com.

July 2
BIRDING IN THE HUDSON VALLEY, Old Austerlitz, 11550 Rt 22, 2 pm, free. Author Kathryn Schneider offers tips, guidance, encouragement for bird enthusiasts of all levels. Oldausterlitz.org, 518 821-2877.

July 5
J MAE BARIZO, Roe Jan Community Library, 9091 Rt 22, Copake, 5:30 pm, free. Part of Roe Jan Writers Series. Poet reads, discusses new book. roejanlibrary.org.

July 6
THINK GLOBAL: ACT LOCAL: Living as if All Life Mattered, Inn at Shaker Mill Falls, 40 Cherry Lane, Canaan, noon-5 pm, free. Event to inform, educate, and promote a sustainable future. RSVP: contact@creed.info.

WRITE TREATMENT WORKSHOP, Ancram Opera House, 1330 CR 7, 3-5 pm. For cancer patients, survivors, caregivers to experience writing as creative, therapeutic practice. Space limited, RSVP: ancramoperahouse.org.

BRIAN COX IN CONVERSATION, Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St, Chatham, 7 pm, \$25. Succession star joins FilmColumbia Peter Briskind for live Q&A to benefit theater restoration fund. Tickets: crandelltheatre.org.

July 7
OUR HOSPITAL, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 6 pm, free. Book event with author Samuel Shem. Reservations: hudsonhall.org.

DANCE

Through July 2
MARK MORRIS DANCE COMPANY, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, times vary, \$65 & up. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

June 29
TE AO MANA, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, pay what you choose. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

June 30
SOLE DEFINED, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, pay what you choose. Tickets: jacobspillow.org, 413 243-0745.

July 5-9
DUTCH NATIONAL BALLET, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, times vary, \$60. Program includes Variations for Two Couples, Two & Only, The Vertiginous Thrill of Exactitude, Grand Pas Classique, Five Tangos. Tickets: jacobspillow.org.

July 5
ICE DANCE INTERNATIONAL, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, chose what you pay. Tickets: jacobspillow.org.

July 6
QUERENCIA DANCE COMPANY, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, chose what you pay. Tickets: jacobspillow.org.

July 7
WAHEEDWORKS, Jacob's Pillow, 358 George Carter Rd, Becket, 6 pm, chose what you pay. Tickets: jacobspillow.org.

ON STAGE

Through July 2
42ND STREET, Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Rt 203, Chatham, times vary, \$45. Tap musical. Tickets: machaydntheatre.org.

June 29
ROMEO & JULIET, Ruins at Sassafras, 194 Darrow Rd, New Lebanon, 7 pm, free. The Rooted Voyageurs present abridged version of play. Donations accepted. rootedvoyageurs@gmail.com.

June 30
ROMEO & JULIET, Spencertown Park, Rt 203, 7 pm, free. The Rooted Voyageurs present abridged version of play. Donations accepted. rootedvoyageurs@gmail.com.

July 1
ROMEO & JULIET, Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market, Roe

Jan Park, Hillsdale, 11:30 am, free. The Rooted Voyageurs present abridged version of play. Donations accepted. rootedvoyageurs@gmail.com.

ROMEO & JULIET, Sabba Winery, 383 Pitts Rd, Old Chatham, 6 pm, free. The Rooted Voyageurs present abridged version of play. Donations accepted. rootedvoyageurs@gmail.com.

July 1-2
DO YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE SING? A Dream Role Cabaret, Kinderhook Elks Lodge, 2750 Rt 9H, Sat doors open 5 pm, Sun doors open 1 pm, \$40 meal & show, \$20 show. Upstage Productions presents over 20 musical numbers. Tickets: brewterri@yahoo.com, 2530eln@gmail.com.

July 6-16
FOOTLOOSE, Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Rt 203, Chatham, times vary, \$45. Musical. Tickets: machaydntheatre.org

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LOCAL MUSIC REVIEW

By Lorna Cherot Littleway

Guy Davis

SPORTING A SOFT-BRIMMED HAT, open neck shirt, floral patterned vest and slacks in warm tones of brown, maroon, blue and red, blues musician-songwriter-singer Guy Davis played a 2-set, 19-song concert before a sold out audience at the Spencertown Academy, Saturday, June 10. Add a turquoise encrusted leather wristband, the multi-talented Davis struck a handsome and amiable figure, seated between guitar and banjo.

Blues music incorporates a steady foot stomp and is ripe with imagery of motion – railroads, rivers, traveling from town to town, and women, both pretty and low down. Said Davis, “I look up to low down women. Without them I wouldn’t have a career.” He opened on electric guitar with his own composition, “Lime Town”:

*I’m going to Lime Town
To see my pony run
I’ve got a black beauty
Going to have some fun.*

Other virtues of the lady include hips 6 feet wide and a willingness to bring him his running shoes. The gravely voiced Davis followed with a ballad, “Got Your Letter in My Pocket” and a fun, funky blues song, “Baby Please Don’t Go.”

Davis, son of theater royalty Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, sprinkled political commentary among his songs, referring to “#45” (former President Donald Trump) as “Cheeto” and “Orange Man.” Davis told a story about a White House bid to bridge the “racial divide” with a program of “cotton pickers on banjo” that brought him to the Oval Office. Davis said that he jumped on to the Resolute Desk to demonstrate his 3-finger style of play with the middle finger pointed up. Effort abandoned and story told, Davis then banjo picked “Shaky Pudding.”

Davis followed with a song that he wrote, “Watch Over Me,” which he would sing to his son to help him sleep. “Then he learned the song, would sing it to me and I’d fall asleep.”

Davis invited the audience to sing along on “Spoon Full” assigning them the lyrics “It’s Alright, It’s Alright” and the refrain “that Spoon that Spoon that Spoon Full.”

Davis’ blues is heavily influenced by folk and he offered his rendition of Bob Dylan’s “Just Like a Woman.” The second half of the program included Dylan’s “Lay Lady Lay.”

Davis revealed that his next song, “Kisses Sweeter Than Wine,” widely acknowledged Pete Seeger and Lee Hays of The Weavers as the writers; but that Lead Belly, though never credited, was also one of the writers. Lead Belly died two years before the song’s release in 1951.

Davis closed the first half of the program with a traditional blues song, “Riley Brown,” in the style of Sonny Terry with “a lot of whoopin’ an’ hollerin’” and again invited the audience to sing along. “Riley Brown” tells of an escaped prisoner eluding sheriffs’ hound dogs. The audience sang: “He long gone, he long gone, like a turkey through the corn.” The ditty was dedicated to #45.

Davis did not rest during the intermission but mingled with the audience.

The second half included more songs of motion, “61 Highway Is the Loneliest Road I Know;” women, “Mother Maybelle Better Butter Biscuit Babe,” “Low Down Women” who treated your poor son wrong and Muddy Waters’ “My Eyes Get Me in Trouble.”

“I love pretty women, Any woman can join my pack.” Add another song whose title was not given, but included much shoulder rolling as Davis impersonated pretty women.

In an earlier interview with The Columbia Paper (6/1/23), Davis characterized some of his songs as political and social awareness. “Palestine Oh Palestine,” which Davis described as a “lament for Palestinians” was an example. The audience was asked to sing the lyrics a mother sings to her child: “Palestine Oh Palestine, Palestine Oh Palestine, Where have you gone?” Where have you gone? Later in the song an Israeli mother sings to her child: “Israel, Israel is our home.” “It Was You” offered more commentary on #45. Davis impishly sings a long list of misdeeds interspersed with the refrain, “Well I Won’t Get in Trouble Cause I Told Them It Was You.” The audience lustily joined in the singing of the refrain.

Davis spoke about the pandemic and how the “isolation was nearly unbearable” yet spawned “Coffee With Kokomo,” a series of 400 half-hour radio podcasts over one year.

Davis, a two-time Grammy nominee, closed out the program with a little slide guitar and the song “I’m Not Going Ta Marry or Settle Down.”

Davis’ presentation was part of the Spencertown Academy Arts Center’s Roots & Shoots concert series. Up next is the Emily Duff Band, Saturday, July 8, 8pm.

Clermont’s July 4th packed with history

CLERMONT—On July 4, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, celebrates “Independence Day at Clermont,” 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Arryl Lawn.

Spend July 4th at the home of one of the drafters of the Declaration of Independence. The day will include demonstrations and displays of daily life for the people who lived and worked at Clermont and the surrounding areas at the dawn of the American Revolution. Demonstrations



Photo contributed

Reenactors portray the daily life of colonists at the dawn of the Revolutionary War.

and presentation subjects include farming, cooking, woodworking, blacksmithing and laundry. In the performance tent, children and adults will be entertained by the songs and stories of Thomas Hooker Hanford.

Heather Bruegl gives a lecture called “Freedom for Who? Indigenous Nations and America’s Independence.” July 4, 1776 was a pivotal day for what would become the United States of America. But it was also a day that forever changed life for the Indigenous Nations that called this land home. Learn about how the freedom for one nation took the freedom of others.

There will also be readings of Frederick Douglass’ speech “What to the Slave is the Fourth

of July?” The event will end with a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

A food truck and an ice cream truck will be available throughout the day to sate appetites and sweet teeth. There will be crafts for kids.

Independence Day at Clermont ends with a reading of the Declaration of Independence. There will be an entry charge of \$15 per car. Clermont’s gates will close at sunset. No fireworks are included in the event this year.

P’mont is in a Mardi Gras state of mind

PHILMONT—Philmont Community Day 2023 is set for Saturday, July 1, all day.

The schedule for the day includes:

- All day, the Interactive Sidewalk on Main Street presented by the Girl Scouts and the Philmont Library

- 7 a.m., sign up at the Philmont Rod & Gun Club for the fishing derby hosted by the club; registered vendors, artisans and crafts people should set up their tables along Maple Avenue

- 8 to 10 a.m. Fishing Derby hosted by the Rod & Gun Club

- 8:30 a.m., grab breakfast at the Philmont Firehouse. Food will be available there all day, like burgers and hot dogs for lunch and fried dough

- 9 a.m. Community Day is in full swing. Vendor, artisan and craft tables and nonprofit information tables line Maple Avenue, music and entertainment begins on the Village Green

- 10 a.m to 2 p.m., Philmont History event by Village

Historian Shawn Jennings at the Philmont Library

- 3:30 p.m., line up for the Mardi Gras-themed parade at Pine Haven. Businesses and organizations showcased, join in on the fun, all welcome

- 4 p.m., parade steps off from Pine Haven, travels down Main Street to Rock Street

- 6 to 10 p.m. Block Party on Canal Street with music, food and dancing.

For more info email philmontcommunityday@gmail.com

Hear about ‘Birding the Hudson Valley’

AUSTERLITZ—Birding the Hudson Valley is the topic of the Austerlitz Historical Society’s third in a series of monthly talks—this one featuring author Kathryn Schneider, Sunday, July 2 at 2 p.m.

The program, free and open to the public, is at the Old Austerlitz Barn, 11550 State Route 22.

The presentation with photos and slides from Ms. Schneider’s recent book about her birding adventures and observations will be replete with tips, guidance and encouragement for bird enthusiasts of all levels to leave their backyard bird feeders and explore the



Kathryn Schneider

rich diversity of bird life in Columbia County and beyond. Visit www.oldausterlitz.org for more information.



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Ride a pig to school? They did in Austerlitz

SPENCERTOWN—The Austerlitz History Center, 812 Route 203, opens July 1, 9 a.m. to noon, with a new exhibit called “Education in Austerlitz,” which reviews the town’s schools from the first one-room schools opened in the early 1800s to the closing in 1970 of the last local school in Spencertown. The exhibit will remain on display for the remainder of 2023.

The state’s Common School Act of 1812 marked the true start of public education in New York. Every town was divided into neighborhood school districts, each with its own one-room school. The Town of Austerlitz, formed in 1818, started with 18 district schoolhouses, their student populations ranging from 10 to 45.

The Spencertown Academy, opened in 1847, brought high school education to the town. It was a private school which charged tuition. The Academy’s full catalog from 1856 is dis-



Students in front of the Morehouse Corners one-room school, c. 1915.

played, as well as eighth grade state established free public Regents exams given at the high schools the Academy in 1867. After the closed in 1870. Its building

became the public Spencertown Union Free School in 1871, housing grades 1 through 12.

The school centralization movement of the mid-20th century, which followed a long period of decline in rural populations, brought about the end of local schooling in Austerlitz. The one-room schools were all gone by 1955. The Spencertown school kept going as a branch school of the Chatham Central school district, serving only grades one through four after 1960. And then it closed in 1970, all local students attending school in Chatham thereafter.

The History Center exhibit includes many photographs, including those of 10 of the one-room schools, and many class photos of village of Austerlitz and Spencertown schools ranging from the 1890s to 1969. There are also written memories of school life by a former teacher and former students. Life was “much simpler” then, as one graduate noted,

remembering how three Austerlitz boys, in the days before school buses, often rode the family pig to and from the schoolhouse.

Also on display are school artifacts, including a desk from the Morehouse Corners school, a bell used in the last year of the Austerlitz school, and a bewildering array of scientific apparatus—some identified and some a mystery—used in the Spencertown school many decades ago. These items were found in the attic of the school when it closed in 1970 by Marion Ulmer, who taught in that last year.

The Austerlitz History Center is generally open on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m., and at other times as arranged with Town Historian Tom Moreland (tmoreland@austerlitzny.com). The Center’s permanent exhibits cover the history of the Austerlitz area from its settlement in the 1750s to the 21st century.

Community briefs

Community welcome to come for picnic

COPAKE FALLS—A Community Picnic will be held at the Church of St. John in the Wilderness, 261 State Route 344, Sunday, July 2, noon to 4 p.m.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon, lemonade, iced tea, desserts will be offered. Games for all to enjoy will be available. The picnic is free and open to the community. Get more information at 518-329-3674 or www.stjohnw.org

Transform your relationship with nature

GHENT—The Nature Institute, 20 May Hill Road, presents “Seeing-Reading-Writing, Transforming Our Relationship to Language and Nature,” a workshop with Ryan Shea and Scott Edward Anderson, Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost is a sliding scale fee of \$50 to \$200.

To register email info@natureinstitute.org or call 518-672-0116 by the Wednesday, July 5 registration deadline.

For more information go to natureinstitute.org/events

Drop in to learn how to fish

STUYVESANT—The Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center with the Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District host a Drop In Hudson Fishing Program at Nutten Hook on the Hudson River, Ice House Road, Fridays: July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 11, 9 a.m. to noon. Those interested in learning how to fish as well as a free and fun family activity can bring themselves to Nutten Hook and Mud Creek will bring the equipment and bait.

This is a drop-in program, no reservations are required.

All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult to fish. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact 518-267-3313 or leanna.ogrady@ccswcd.org www.facebook.com/MudcreekELC

Sell your stuff at garage sale

VALATIE—The Knights of Columbus at St. John the Baptist Church, 1025 Kinderhook Street, seek vendors for their annual Garage Sale to be held September 9. The sale has been an annual event for the past five years.

The cost of table rental is \$15. Contact Michael at mjbarber@ymail.com

Boats suit up for July 1 lake parade

CANAAN—The Queechy Lake Club announced its annual celebration of America’s Declaration of Independence will take place, Saturday, July 1, 2 p.m. with the Queechy Lake Boat Parade, an iconic, humorous and creative event.

Participating boats line up at 1:30 p.m. and the parade begins at 2. Boats should line up along the shore between the Berkshire Farm beaches, much closer to the middle of the lake than in the small cove. Do not line up in front of Tremper’s Property Association, the eastern shore.

This year participants will make an additional lap around the parade route. Gary Grill’s boat, a bright blue pontoon boat, will lead the flotilla. Competitors should line up behind that boat and wait for



Mr. Grill to give the signal to start the parade.

Participants and the public can gather at the Berkshire Farm Beach immediately following the parade for the annual awards ceremony where winners will be announced and prizes awarded. A list of winners will be posted on the Queechy Lake Club Facebook page.

The rain date is Sunday, July 2 at 2 p.m. If there is a rain delay, registered entrants will be notified via email and/or Queechy Lake Club Facebook page.—Peter Flierl

The Lost Ship of Queechy Lake in last year’s parade.

Photo contributed

Vendors, crafters needed for fair

VALATIE—The Tri-Village Branch Auxiliary of Columbia Memorial Health seeks vendors and crafters for its Vendor/Craft/Tag Fair at St. Luke’s Church, Route 9, Saturday, August 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All proceeds directly benefit patients at Columbia Memorial Health. Contact Deb Pulver at 518-392-2569 to reserve a table.

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LOCAL HISTORY

By Tom Moreland, *Austerlitz Town Historian*

Austerlitz remembers the Reamers' Spencertown store



Tom and Carole Reamer surrounded by 13 of their former employees. (L to r) sitting: Patti Mattick, Kay Everding, Elaine Rossi, Mary Hiebeler, Mitzi Lobdell, Meg Williams, Ms. Reamer, Mr. Reamer, Sandy Fischer, Lucy Keegan, Maria Ostrander, (standing) David Harrison, Suzette Booy, Robin McIntosh and Jason Greening.

Photo contributed

FROM 1973 TO 2001 TOM AND CAROLE REAMER ran the Spencertown County Store in the heart of the hamlet. On June 11 the Austerlitz Historical Society held a memory-fest at the Old Austerlitz barn as the Reamers, 13 of their former employees and an audience of town residents reflected on a unique store operated by rather unique owners.

Most of the former employees had worked at the store as teenagers. Now in their 40s to 60s, they fondly remembered what had been their first job. The Reamers, they reported, had treated their staff like family, and instilled in them work habits that served them well in adulthood.

The Reamers, age 33 when they bought the store and 61 when they sold it, were full time, fully committed owners. They lived in the apartment above the store, always accessible to their customers. They sold just about everything, but the main draw was their extensive array of baked goods.

The store was the welcoming meeting place and social center of Spencertown and the town of Austerlitz. Everyone came to “the store,” which, as former employee David Harrison observed, served as “a bridge” between local long-time

residents and the many weekenders and retirees moving up from the New York City area. Austerlitz enjoyed the greatest growth spurt in its history -- its population increasing by 45% -- in the 1970s, the first decade of the Reamers store.

The town’s residents seemed to view the store as “their store.” The Reamers readily extended credit to those unable to pay upfront, keeping track of the credits in “the book.” Never once in 28 years, Tom Reamer told the audience, had anyone failed to make good on their debt.

The closing of the Spencertown store during the 2020 pandemic left a social void in the hamlet. The building has recently been extensively renovated by its current owner, whose plans for a reopening are not known. The consensus at the June 11 gathering was that no one today could hope to create a general store such as the Reamers had opened a half-century ago. But the opening of some facility to serve again as the town’s meeting place is something many ardently desire.

Mr. Reamer’s book about the store and community, “Spencertown Days” (2022), can be purchased from the Austerlitz Historical Society (P.O. Box 144, Austerlitz, NY 12017), or at the Austerlitz History Center in Spencertown.

Roe Jan Writers Series hosts J. Mae Barizo

COPAKE—The Roeliff Jansen Community Library will host local Hillsdale author J. Mae Barizo for the next installment of the Roe Jan Writers Series on Wednesday, July 5, both in-person and on Zoom from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Ms. Barizo will read from and discuss her new book of poetry “Tender Machines,” published by Tupelo Press in 2023.

Spanning two decades, the poems in “Tender Machines” are set against the backdrop of changing landscapes—post 9-11 Manhattan, Manila, northern Mojave desert—as Ms. Barizo considers love and disaster, its impetus and aftermath. Punctuated by contrapuntal precision, Ms. Barizo’s lyrics swing between the domestic and the surreal, charting the city, motherhood, and an immigrant family’s haunted inheritance.

Ms. Barizo is a poet, essayist, and multidisciplinary artist. She is the author of two books of poetry, “The Cumulus

Effect” (Four Way Books, 2015) and “Tender Machines.” Her book of hybrid essays on John Cage and the poetics of sound was a finalist for the Megaphone Prize and the Graywolf Nonfiction Prize. She is also the recipient of fellowships and awards from Bennington College, Mellon Foundation, Critical Minded, Jerome Foundation and Poets House. Recent writing appears in Poetry, Ploughshares, Esquire, Los Angeles Review of Books, Paris Review Daily, Boston Review, BookForum, among others. She is on the MFA faculty of The New School and lives in New York City and Hillsdale.

This program will be presented in person and online. For login information, email director@roejanlibrary.org.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library is located at 9091 Route 22, approximately one mile south of the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 22 and 23.

‘Puff’ and picnic at Empire Farm

COPAKE—Empire Farm, 556 Empire Road, opens to the public for a Puff Puff Picnic event every Saturday throughout the summer starting July 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Described as a “BYOB friendly, 21+ event,” the \$50 admission fee includes: a food voucher for \$20 worth of freshly-prepared lunch foods, baked goods and ice cream; a private walking tour of the farm’s state licensed organic cannabis farm and a tasting ticket to partake in a cannabis sample with “signature paper or chillum.”

Visitors can bring their mat to the yoga deck overlooking the Hudson Valley for a yoga session for all ages and abilities at 1 p.m. Picnic in a “farm chic” spot complete with pillows, blankets, a basket and the view.

The onsite farmer’s market is also open with seasonal garden items, local specialty treats, ice cream and gifts.

All proceeds from the event benefit the FarmOn!



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Greenhouse full of cannabis.

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DQ keeps the donations coming

The 14th annual Columbia-Greene Humane Society Day Fundraiser was held at the Ghent Dairy Queen, May 13. The event raised \$1,800. This brings the cumulative total raised by the event since it began to more than \$15,000. The humane society thanks Dairy Queen owner Martin Silver for his unwavering generosity, and to all the DQ customers who made this day such a success. Pictured (l-r) are: CGHS/SPCA Volunteer Special Event Coordinator Jennifer Newton, Mr. Silver, CGHS/SPCA President/CEO Ron Perez, and Honey the cat, who has now been adopted.

Roe Jan Library benefit golf tournament is July 16

C O P A K E — The Undermountain Golf Course will be holding a golf tournament fundraiser for Roeliff Jansen Community Library on Sunday, July 16, beginning at 8 a.m.

Entry fee for this tournament includes a BBQ chicken lunch and a donation to the Roeliff Jansen Community Library. The entry fee is \$90 for non-members and \$75 for members of the Undermountain Golf Course. Cart rental is \$10 per person and those who do not wish to golf can join the BBQ chicken lunch at 2:30 p.m. for only \$30. The 2-person 18 hole scramble will include prizes for men's, women's, and mixed teams.

To learn more and pre-register online, visit <https://undermountaingolf.com/league-event-schedules/>.

Participants can also fill out an entry form and send it to the Undermountain Golf Course on or before July 9. Entry forms can be found online at <https://www.roejanlibrary.org/fundraising-events/> and at the library.

The Undermountain Golf Course is located at 274

Undermountain Road. For more information, call 518-329-4444 or email service@undermountaingolf.com

Roeliff Jansen Community Library, which is chartered to serve Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale, is located at 9091 Route 22. For information on hours and events, call 518-325-4101 or visit <http://www.roejanlibrary.org>, <https://www.facebook.com/roejanlibrary> or <https://www.instagram.com/roejanlibrary/>

NCFL announces summer kids' programs

NORTH CHATHAM— Discover a world of fun and fascination in the back garden of the North Chatham Free Library (NCFL). This summer's programs include:

- Robinson's Wildlife Lectures - World of Animals Program, returning by popular demand, will feature an assortment of reptiles and birds of prey. Both entertaining and educational, presenter Brian Robinson will provide examples of successful environmental efforts as well as the inspiration to solve the problems of today and the future. July 6 at 4 p.m.

- Next up is Mineral Mania Geodes, where you can become aware about the earth's crust and investigate how rocks were formed. Find out how to identify and classify both rocks and minerals. Finally, break open your own geode and bring home the amazing crystals inside. For grades 3-6, limited to 20. July 13 at 4 p.m. Register northchathamlibrary@gmail.com

- Join Julie Stepanek's Ukulele Family Program and learn the fundamentals of playing this versatile instrument. No experience is necessary, and ukuleles

are provided. July 20 at 4 p.m. Register northchathamlibrary@gmail.com

- Explore the Sharon Connecticut's Audubon Center's Animal Menagerie program. Understand what you can do to nurture wildlife where birds and people prosper. By acquiring knowledge about conservation, you can help transform local communities into places where species live and thrive in harmony. July 27 at 4 p.m.

- And finally, through Cornell's Cooperative Extension Program, master gardener Shelly will demonstrate planting cool season plants that you can take home and transplant in your own gardens for autumn harvest. July 3 at 4 p.m. Register northchathamlibrary@gmail.com

On Saturday, August 12, NCFL invites participants of all ages to participate in the following:

- Ice Cream Social at 3 p.m.
- Operation Safe Child ID, from 3 to 5 p.m., is a statewide program administered by members of the Chatham Police Department, who will provide parents with an identification card for their children contain-

ing pertinent physical information to give law enforcement officials a head start on a missing child as a proactive protection measure. Free and no registration required.

- Eager bicyclists and walkers are encouraged to compete in a race between the NCFL and the Valatie Free Library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Be sure to get your passport stamped at either library, both are located on the AHET (Albany-Hudson Electric Trail), to be entitled for prizes. First prize bike participants are eligible to enter a drawing for a free tune up valued at \$80 courtesy of Steiner's Sports and Velo Domestique and walkers can enter a raffle for free books. Participants can also win certificates for ice cream and books from the Chatham Book Store.

And for the literary minded attendees, author Mitzi Dorton will speak in the back garden at 4 p.m. about her new book, "Chief Corn Tassel," and how to get published.

For more information on these programs and events, email publicity@northchathamlibrary.org

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Obituaries

Ralph L. Graziano (1942 - 2023)

GREENPORT—Ralph L. Graziano, 80, of Greenport passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Born October 15, 1942 in Hudson, he was the only son of Ralph J. and Rose (Tiano) Graziano.

He held various jobs throughout his life, including manager of the A & P Tea Company, salesman at Terry Ryan Volkswagen, and owner of LaBella's Luncheonette. He most recently served more than 20 years with Columbia County Corrections, retiring as captain.



Ralph Graziano

He loved visiting with his cousins in Canada, and taking walks along the boardwalk and beach at the Jersey Shore with his family.

He took extreme pride in maintaining his home, yard and pool. His greatest enjoyment came from spending time with his grandchildren, who were

the light of his life.

Left to forever remember him: is the love of his life and wife of 58 years, Julia (Carlucci) Graziano; daughter, Kimberly (James) McClelland; son, Ralph (Stacy) Graziano; grandchildren, Ashlyn, Ryan, Alaina and Kaleigh, along with grandpups, Tucker and Kelce.

Funeral services will be at the convenience of the Graziano family. Arrangements are with the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Donna Lawton (1952 - 2023)

LIVINGSTON—Donna Lawton, age 70, recently of Livingston and formerly of Troy, died peacefully Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Livingston Nursing and Rehab.

Born October 25, 1952 in Boston, MA, she was the daughter of the late Leon and Bertha (Murano) Brayman. She loved scary movies, orange soda and her dear friends.

Surviving are: her brother, Frand Milano; one sister, Anita Pack; nieces, Tina, Tammy and



Donna Lawton

Tabatha and nephew Frank Ashby. Services and cremation were held June 26, 2023 at Albany Rural Cemetery and Crematory. Arrangements were with the Sacco Funeral Home, Greenport.

Kenneth J. Bathrick (1946 - 2023)

GREENPORT—Kenneth James Bathrick, 76, of Greenport passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Born August 30, 1946 in Hudson, he was the son of Kenneth and Catherine (McCagg) Bathrick.

He was a self-employed painter. He was always there for

everyone who needed help at any moment. He enjoyed fishing, an occasional casino trip, and treasure hunting at garage and yard sales.

He is survived by: his sisters, Stardust Smith and Mildred "Shirley" Speer; granddaughter, Therelea Bathrick; special friend, Robert McDowell; many

nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson will be held Thursday, June 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Interment will be private. "Rest in peace Kenneth...we love you and will forever miss you."

Marsella A. Decker (1961 - 2023)

GHENT—Marsella A. Decker, 62, of Ghent died peacefully Monday, June 19, 2023.

Born in Hudson March 18, 1961, she was the daughter of the late James and Barbara (Dallas) Decker. She leaves

behind: her dear brother, Mark and wife Lori Decker as well as Nicholas and Riley Decker.

There are no service plans at this time. Arrangements are with the Sacco Funeral Home, Greenport.

Mamie L. McKissick (1938 - 2023)

GERMANTOWN—Mamie L. McKissick, 85, of Germantown went home to the lord Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at her home. Born February 4, 1938 in Leslie, GA, she was the daughter of the late Burrell and Willie L. (Martin) Robinson. She was a certified nurses aide and worked locally for many years doing the work she loved, caring for others.

She will be greatly missed by her loving family including: brothers, Roscoe and Ulysses Robinson, as well as her dear sisters, Claudia Boston and Clara Robinson.

There were no calling hours. She will be buried with her beloved husband at a private ceremony. Arrangements are with the Sacco Funeral Home, Greenport.

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Obituaries

Barbara M. Kipp (1925 - 2023)

CANAAN—Barbara Miriam Kipp passed peacefully at age 97 the evening of June 22 at home, after a gradual decline in health. She was surrounded and supported by her loving family during the last days of her life.

She was born July 1, 1925 in Pittsfield, MA, the daughter of the late Harold and Miriam (Bucke) Conklin.

She is survived by: two daughters, Jeanne B. Weller of Canaan and Judyth Huls-Kuder of Hutchinson Island, FL; son-in-law, David Weller of Canaan; seven grandchildren, Elise Weller of Canaan, Marcey Bemiss (Jim) of Canaan, Richard Huls (Solange) of Winter Haven, FL, Ramsey Huls of Austin, TX, Peter Deinna and Jason Deinna of Las Vegas, NV, and Frederick "Fritz" Harlfinger, IV, of East Nassau; eight great-grandchildren, Staff Sgt Joshua Weller (Katy) of Watertown, Nathan Bassett (Millenium) of



Barbara Kipp

Gadsden, TN, Caleb, Tobias and Timothy Jeralds of Canaan, Dania and Kyle Huls of Winter Haven, FL, Victoria Bemiss of Stuyvesant and five great-great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her longtime companion, John C. Haworth; daughter, Kathryn Harlfinger; great-great grandchild, Oliver Kip Bassett, and sisters, Patricia Odom and Ruth Chandler.

She was a voracious reader, often found with two or three books at the same time; and an avid crossword puzzler. Family was the most important thing to her, always putting their needs first. She was a wonderful cook and baker and enjoyed

entertaining both friends and family. She was frequently found to be the loudest cheerer at her great grandsons' sporting events.

Known to many as "Grandma B" she had a beautiful smile and will always be remembered for her love and graciousness.

She worked for many years at the Queechy Lake Inn, Queechy Lake Motel and Stonykill, working side by side with long time friends and owners Mickey and Al Tinger.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 29, 2023, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wenk Funeral Home, 21 Payn Avenue, Chatham with interment immediately following at the Cemetery of the Maples East Chatham.

Friends are invited to join the family for refreshments immediately following. For online condolences visit wenk-funeralhome.com

Anthony M. Scott

ALBANY—Anthony "Tony" Michael Scott, 85, of Stuyvesant passed away June 20, 2023 at Albany Medical Center.

He was born in Newton Hook to Michael Scott and Lucy Gamello. He worked as a production foreman at Grummond Olson in Athens for more than 25 years before he opened his own business, Scott's Aluminum Truck and Auto Body Repairs in Columbiaville.

He was a member of NFIB and Glencadia Rod & Gun Club in Stuyvesant. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and working around



Tony Scott

his yard. His greatest passion was his auto body shop and his '57 Chevy Belair. He won so many trophies, he dedicated part of his recreation room for display.

Mr. Scott was predeceased by: his wife, Marie; brothers, Michael, Angelo and Joseph Scott; his sisters-in-law, Marie,

Carol and Dorothy Scott.

He is survived by: his daughters, Deborah Doty (Russell), Tina (Brian) Harp; son, Mark (Terry) Scott; his brothers, Carlo (Elizabeth), James and Frank (Jean); sisters, Mary Barber (Bill), Elaine (Adam) Jakiela, Elizabeth (Joseph) Paone; several nieces, nephews and many cousins.

A celebration of his life will take place Monday, July 3, 2023, 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stuyvesant Falls. Arrangements are with the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, in Valatie.

Lee Dixon (1932 - 2023)

HUDSON—Beloved mother, Lee Dixon of Valatie passed away after a brief illness May 19, 2023.

An amazing music teacher, she was often found perched on the piano bench surrounded by happy children sitting in a circle on the floor. With her passion for music as choir and chorus director, singer and accompanist, many lives were touched by her music.

She was predeceased by both of her husbands and her daughter, Sally Degler. She is survived



Lee Dixon

by: her sons, Matt Reed of Valatie, David (Randy) Reed of Redwood City, CA; her daughter, Becca Morrow of West Tisbury, MA; her granddaughters, Kara Gioulis of Neptune, NJ, Madelyn Degler of Troy and her great-grandchildren,

Layla and Micah Gioulis.

A memorial concert and remembrance will be held at the First Congregational Church of Stockbridge, MA, Wednesday, July 12 at 3 p.m. followed by a reception.

Donations in her memory may be made to: Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Kathleen Kelly Memorial Fund, 800 North Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257-9503. Visit raymond-bondfh.com for her full obituary.

Andrew Parisella (1942 - 2023)

LIVINGSTON—Andrew Parisella, 81, of Hudson died peacefully Sunday, June 18, 2023 at Livingston Hills Nursing and Rehab. Born in Poughkeepsie April 15, 1942, he was the son of the late Charles and Esther (Thurston) Parisella. "Tony" was a real

estate broker throughout Dutchess County and surrounding areas for many years. He served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1965. He will be missed by: his loving wife, Aleksandra Parisella as well as, his stepson, Bozhil.

Calling hours and funeral

services were held June 27 at the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport. Burial will follow in the family plot at Cedar Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to a charity of one's choice.

Richard W. Klein, Jr. (1961 - 2023)

ALBANY—Richard W. Klein, Jr., 61, of Valatie died Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Albany Medical Center. Born in Hudson December 7, 1961, he was the son of Richard W. Klein, Sr., of Germantown and the late Shirley (Dunham) Klein.

He was a technician with Main-Care Energy in Chatham. He was a car show enthusiast and often attended those events with his father and nephew, Frankie.

He will be greatly missed by: his wife, Patricia A. (Oakley) Klein; his sons, Kevin (Victoria) Beahn, Michael (Christina) Beahn; brothers, Wayne Klein and Richie Okessen; sisters, Dora Klein and Rachel Klein,



Richard Klein

Brenda Griffin, Sandy Klein and Robin Dunham; grandsons, Michael E., Carter M. and Carson M. as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours and funeral services will be Friday, June 30, 2023 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Sacco Funeral Home, 700 Town Hall Drive, Greenport. Prayer services will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Deacon Dan Herrick officiating.

Edward S. Miller (1948 - 2023)

ANCRAM—Edward S. "Butch" Miller, 75, of Ancram passed away Monday, June 26, with his loving family by his side.

Born March 22, 1948 in Hudson, he was one of 14 children born to Leland and Elizabeth (Sigler) Miller.

"Butch" worked for Hildebrandt Trucking as a driver and mechanic, Meyers Tree Service, Keil Construction and JAA Manufactured Homes. His memberships included the Churchtown Fire Company, St. Thomas Lutheran Church and St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He enjoyed woodworking, dancing, and being outdoors. His greatest joy came with being around his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by: his children, Brenda Hart, Shannon Miller, Adam Osinskie, Robert Miller, Christina Miller, Angel Becker, and Joseph Landry; grandchildren, Hannah Hart, Mikaylin Williams, Emilee Dupre, Brycen Palmer, Adycen Osinskie, Carmella and Brianna Bonadonna, Shayla Hedgepeth,



Butch Miller

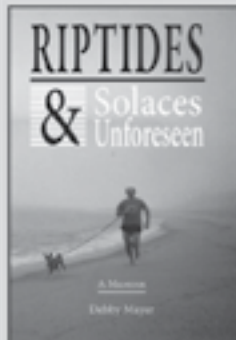
Madison, Corey and Zachary Landry, and Kalib Becker; great-grandchildren, Preston Lee and Delane Williams; his siblings, Margaret "Peggy" Miller, Leonard "Lenny" Miller (wife Melody), Robert "Bobby" Miller (companion Patricia Kipp), and Donald "Donnie" Miller (wife Linda), and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings, William "Billy," Marilyn "Mike," Clyde "Socks," Kenneth "Kenny," Leland "Red," Elizabeth "Liz," Jacob "Jake," Lawrence "Cappy", and James "Jimmy" Miller.

Visitation hours at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home are Friday, June 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a prayer service at 1:30 p.m.

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN BOARD MEETING PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Canaan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Canaan Town Hall, 1647 Country Route 5, Canaan, New York 12029, at 6:45 p.m. on July 10th, 2023 regarding the following proposed Local Laws:

Local Law No. 1 of year 2023 – regarding the separation of Town Clerk & Tax Collector duties (requires mandatory referendum)

Local Law No. 2 of year 2023 – regarding the revision of Town Clerk Salary (requires mandatory referendum)

Local Law No. 3 of year 2023 – regarding firefighters property tax exemption

Local Law No. 4 of year 2023 – regarding seniors property tax exemption

Local Law No. 5 of year 2023 – regarding low income / disabled property tax exemption

All Local Laws are available for review at the Town Clerk office during normal office hours.

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting will follow the hearing.

By Order of the Canaan Town Board Joshua S. Weisbuch Canaan Town Clerk

2T#26,27

NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

(Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law) Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Canaan, in the County of Columbia, for the year 2023, has been completed by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy thereof has been filed in the office of the Town/City Clerk on the 1st day of July, 2023, where the same will remain for public inspection.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2023.
Kimberly Smith
Assessor
Town of Canaan

1T#26

NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

CIRCA 1787 KINDERHOOK LLC

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is CIRCA 1787 KINDERHOOK LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on June 20, 2023.

THIRD: The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Columbia.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is Raymond D'Argenzio, 1301 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

FIFTH: The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose.

Dated: June 20, 2023
FREEMAN HOWARD, P.C.

441 East Allen Street
P.O. Box 1328
Hudson, New York 12534
6T#s 26,27,28,29,30,31

NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

(Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Copake, NY, in the County of Columbia, for the year 2023, has been completed by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy thereof has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk on the 30th day of June, 2023, where the same will remain for public inspection.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2023.

Town of Copake
Sole Assessor Lynn C. Hotaling

1T#26

NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Board of the Town of Copake, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Subdivision Regulations adopted by the Town Board on May 12, 1971 and pursuant to Section 276 of the Town Law on the application for a Boundary Line Adjustment of the property of Eric New located at 710 Yondervue Road in the Town of Copake.

Said land is bordered now or was formerly bordered by the following Lands of: Heather & Todd Mitchell; Eeva Mikkola & Mauricio Rubio' Vijoba Realty Co., LLC.

Said hearing will be held on the 6th day of July, 2023 at the Copake Town Hall at 230 Mountain View Road, at 6:30 p.m. at which time all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By order of the Chair,
Bob Haight

1T#26

Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Board of the Town of Copake, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Subdivision Regulations adopted by the Town Board on May 12, 1971 and pursuant to Section 276 of the Town Law on the application for a Boundary Line Adjustment of the property of Bradley M. Pitts & Antonia N. Grillkhes-Lasy and Katherine Wiberg & Brian Green located at 1088 & 1072 County Route 7A in the Town of Copake.

Said land is bordered now or was formerly bordered by the following Lands of: Zouros Family Limited Partnership; Stuart Freedman & Carla Craig; Shag Bark Farms, Inc.; John Legere; Martin & Esther Golden; Stephen Futrell & Thomas Goldsworthy.

Said hearing will be held on the 6th day of July, 2023 at the Copake Town Hall at 230 Mountain View Road, at 6:30 p.m. at which time all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By order of the Chair,
Bob Haight

1T#26

NOTICE

Copake Planning Board

Town of Copake
Notice of Public Hearing
The Planning Board of the Town of Copake, New York, will hold a public hearing pursuant to Subdivision Regulations adopted by the Town Board on May 12, 1971 and pursuant to Section 276 of the Town Law on the application for a Minor Subdivision of the property of Edward & Linda

Nielsen located at 129 Birch Hill Road in the Town of Copake.

Said land is bordered now or was formerly bordered by the following Lands of: Thomas & Dana Rugg, Trustees; William & Dawn Murphy; Laureen Harkness; Franco & Anna Mezzetta; Timothy & Judith Boomer; Virtus Nostra LLC; Michael Busch; Sonia Fernandez; Ireneusz Pyrzynski; Edward & Linda Nielsen; John Meszaros; Vincent & Amelia Gaudio; Catmast Development Corp.

Said hearing will be held on the 6th day of July, 2023 at the Copake Town Hall at 230 Mountain View Road, at 6:30 p.m. at which time all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By order of the Chair,
Bob Haight

1T#26

NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

(Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law) Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Gallatin, in the County of Columbia, for the year 2023, has been completed by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy thereof has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk on the 29th day of June 2023, where the same will remain for public inspection.

Dated this 1st day of July 2023.
Rene DeLeeuw Assessor
Town of Gallatin

1T#26

NOTICE

Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association Request for Proposals

The Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association, (HVRTA) is soliciting proposals for final design and construction documentation from a New York State licensed firm, for a section of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail that will lead to the eventual construction of this approximately 8-mile section of trail between Chatham and Philmont New York.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation through Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993.

HVRTA is requesting proposals for

1. Updated survey, Site Analyses and Routing Plan. To include detailed engineering design for restoration or replacement of four bridges along the corridor.

2. Presentations to HVRTA and various state and local agencies as well as public presentations.

3. Preliminary and Final Construction Documents. Bidding.

4. All permits
The 8-mile segment for this project includes state owned land and rail bed administered by OPRHP.

Proposals are due no later than 3:00 PM on July 20, 2023.

To receive the full RFP package contact HVRTA's Executive Director
Lisa DeLeeuw
PO Box 356
Millerton, NY 12546
518-789-9591
hvrta@fairpoint.net put HVRTA Chatham to Philmont Project in subject line.

1T#26

Notice

HEEL'S KITCHEN & CREAMERY, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/02/23. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2123. 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, 3321 Route 9, Valatie, NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

6T#s 26,27,28,29,30,31

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

Notice of Formation of Julie Halpin LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-04-27. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Julie Halpin: 66 Beacon Hill Rd EAST CHATHAM NY 12060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

6T#s 26,27,28,29,30,31

NOTICE

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Notice is hereby given to the enrolled Democrats of the Town of New Lebanon that a Caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for election to Town Offices at the General Election to be held on November 7, 2023 will be held at Meeting Hall at the Church of Immaculate Conception, 732 US Rte 20, New Lebanon, NY on July 10, 2023 at 6PM. Submitted by Margaret Munves, New Lebanon Democratic Town Chair

1T#26

NOTICE

Board of Education New Lebanon Central School Bids will be opened at:
Date: July 6th, 2023
Time: 10 am

Place New Lebanon CSD District Office
Specifications and Bid Forms For:

One used bus
66 passenger size
Bidder Information:
Name: Andrew Kourt
Address: 14665 Route 22, New Lebanon, NY 12125
Telephone: 518 794-7600 (option 3)

1T#26

Notice

Publication Notice: Poona LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 06/21/2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Poona LLC, 553 Bellevue Avenue, Apt. 11, Newport, RI 02840. Purpose: General business purposes.

6T#s 26,27,28,29,30,31

Notice

28th Street 1602 LLC. Filed 5/2/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 9 Willard Pl, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: General.

6T#s 21,22,23,24,25,26

Notice

Notice of formation of Lucky Homestead LLC. filed 5/14/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY is designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 103 Bate Rd, Craryville, NY 12521. Purpose: general.

6T#s 22,23,24,25,26,27

Notice

SILVCO PROPERTIES, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/25/23. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY

6T#s 22,23,24,25,26,27

Notice

Pink Dragon LLC. Filed 1/13/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for

desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporate Service Bureau., Inc., 283 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12206, which is also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 448 Route 23-B, Hudson, NY 12513.

6T#s 22,23,24,25,26,27

NOTICE

CNC Excavation LLC. CNC Excavation LLC filed the articles of organization with the New York department of state on 4/23/2023. Office location: Columbia county. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and is directed to forward service of process to 109 Orchard Rd Ghent NY 12075. Purpose: any lawful activity.

6T#s 23,24,25,26,27,28

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of LOTUCK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-04-24. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to United States Corporation Agent: 7014 13th Ave Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

6T#s 23,24,25,26,27,28

NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of LOTUCK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-04-24. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to United States Corporation Agent: 7014 13th Ave Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

6T#s 23,24,25,26,27,28

Notice

ASHKENOSH LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/8/23. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 57 Banks Ln., Apt. 1, Germantown, NY 12526, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

6T#s 24,25,26,27,28,29

Notice

Cups Coffee Germantown LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/18/2023. Office: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 33 Wynkoop Ln, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Purpose: any lawful act.

6T#s 24,25,26,27,28,29

NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Curb Appeal Hudson LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on May 31, 2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o 252 State Street, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: any lawful activity.

6T#s 24,25,26,27,28,29

Notice

MBR REALTY SERVICES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/9/23. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 89 Rockview Rd., Hillsdale, NY 12529. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

6T#s 24,25,26,27,28,29

Notice

Gilded Lily Tattoo, LLC. Filed 5/12/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 13 State Rte 9h, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: General.

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

process & shall mail to: c/o Aliz Swenson, 177 Chair Factory Rd, New Lebanon, NY 12125. Purpose: General.

6T#s 24,25,26,27,28,29

Notice

Rooted N Massage LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 5/17/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

6T#s 24,25,26,27,28,29

Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-02-03. 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 Sierra Shepard : 17 Spring St. Chatham NY 12037. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

6T#s 19,20,21,22,23,24

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is 204 Harry Howard Ave, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 16, 2023. New York office location: 353 White Mills Road, Town of Chatham, 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: 204 Harry Howard Ave, LLC; 353 White Mills Road, 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.

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

Body Rewinding Somatic Arts LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 6/2/23, Columbia Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

Notice

Columbia Traveling Veterinary Technology Services PLLC, a Prof. LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/31/2023. Office loc: Columbia County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O the PLLC, PO Box 298 Ancram, NY 12503. Purpose: To practice the profession of Veterinary Technology Services.

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

Notice

EVERYWHERE AND NOWHERE, LLC. Filed 5/12/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 13 State Rte 9h, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: General.

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gilded Lily Tattoo, LLC. Gilded Lily Tattoo, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on June 13, 2023. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Connell Johnson:

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

384 Sharptown Road, Lot 2, Stuyvesant, NY 12173. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

Notice

Hotel Consulting Service LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/1/2023. Cty: Columbia. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Patrick Horstmann, PO Box 58, Ancram, NY 12502. General Purpose

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is LOVE CRESCENT LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on June 12, 2023.

THIRD: The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is located is Columbia.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 114 Best Lane, Germantown, NY 12526.

FIFTH: The Company is organized for all lawful purposes, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose.

Dated: June 13, 2023
FREEMAN HOWARD, P.C.

441 East Allen Street
P.O. Box 1328
Hudson, New York 12534
6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

Notice

Loyalty Shipping LLC. Filed 3/26/23. Office: Columbia Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Andre Alert, 39 James St, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: General.

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

NOTICE

Name of the LLC: Miller and Sons Property Maintenance LLC

The LLC was formed on 6/8/2023

The office is located in Columbia County
The Registered Agent is: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228.

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

Notice

Notice of Formation of SWEETWOOD FARM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-05-14. 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 Raman Gardner: 71 Syring Road Malden Bridge NY 12115. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

Notice

Notice of Formation of UKRAINIAN FRIENDSHIP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/26/2023. Office location: Columbia SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 22 WEST END ROAD, HILLSDALE, NY, 12529. Any lawful purpose.

6T#s 25,26,27,28,29,30

Editorial

What can we say?

YOU CAN IMAGINE STEWART HUNT whether you knew him or not. I imagine he smiled a lot. Liked to help other people. It makes sense that he would be a volunteer firefighter in Columbia County.

He died June 15 while responding to an emergency call. He had an emergency of his own. He was 37.

There's an obituary from the Peck & Peck Funeral Homes on Page 19 of our June 22 issue. It says that other emergency personnel could not revive him. Those are the facts of his death as we have them. The facts of his life include his commitment to public service as a firefighter in three different volunteer fire companies (twice with the Ancram Fire Department) and as an emergency medical technician for the Community Rescue Squad. His father served on the Ancram Fire Department before him.

Stewart Hunt was a motor equipment operator for the county. You get the idea that he might be considered a regular guy, spending time with his wife Stephanie Shumsky-Hunt and their young son, Zachary.

He was that. But he clearly was more than regular. Much more. The people of this county of roughly 60,000 depend on neighbors like him to save our homes and our lives if it comes to that.

We casually expected Stewart Hunt to fulfill our expectations. He was doing that job when he lost his life.

For the last few days I've been wondering how to say goodbye and thank you to a person I may never have met. Certainly a contribution to the fund that the Ancram Fire Department is setting up as a college fund for Zachary. Mail a check to the AFD and write "Zachary's College fund" in the memo line.

Thank You Stewart Hunt.



Richard E. Lindmark

Letters

She'll vote on candidate's record

To the Editor:
I have been following the race for Columbia County District Attorney in the newspapers. When I come to a decision, I will vote on the candidate's experience and record. I could care less about their personali-

ties, their tax record, minor indiscretions that happened in the past and any minor issues that do not pertain to the job. So when one candidate's party attacks their opponent, it sends up a signal to me that their opponent has an excellent

record, so they go after him personally, not on the job he is doing. Hopefully Columbia County voters elects a DA with experience, not on redirect.

Victoria Grimaldi
Taghkanic

County Democrats welcome asylum seekers

To the Editor:
The United States receives a constant stream of immigrants seeking asylum every year. With thousands arriving in New York City every week, the City's policy of guaranteeing shelter for all homeless people is being strained. This has led Mayor Adams to resort to extraordinary measures, including asking some immigrants to volunteer to be relocated to hotels upstate at the City's expense.

Despite the limited scope of New York City's relocation efforts and its declared responsibility to finance both services and housing, Columbia County has joined several other coun-

ties in declaring a state of emergency. Since Mayor Adams has not given any indication that he intends to send any asylum seekers to Columbia County, it is not clear in what way a present or impending emergency exists in our county.

Words matter, and the tone of the county's press release, stating outright that anyone seeking asylum in this country is not welcome in Columbia County, does not reflect the values that are expected of us as Americans.

Those values recognize the terrible consequences that the lack of freedom, normalized hatred and systemic racism

impose. These deserve no place in our county.

The Columbia County Democratic Committee would like to declare that Democrats are ready to assist in any way we can to welcome those who are compelled to leave their country of origin. The asylum seekers coming here are enduring a most difficult situation in their lives and are deserving of our respect and compassion as they strive to start a new life in America.

Sam Hodge, chair
Columbia County
Democratic Committee

Ancram Opera House grateful for town funds

To the Editor:
On Thursday, May 18, the Ancram Town Board approved the town's Strategic Investments Committee's recommendation to allocate \$67,500 to Ancram Opera House. This funding will help to underwrite construction costs to create a new community room as part of our current capital renovation project. On behalf of the Ancram Opera House board of directors and the entire team, we are writing to express our gratitude for this essential support.

In fall 2021, Ancram Opera House acquired the building next door to our theater with the goal of transforming it into

artist and intern housing and a community meeting space. Once completed, the project will provide much needed space so that we can continue to expand our many community-based engagement programs. Some of the initiatives that will take residence in the community room include our ongoing storytelling program at Taconic Hills Elementary which serves 350 students each year, along with a wide array of free community workshops and classes in play writing, songwriting, storytelling and movement specifically designed for young people and seniors.

Central to Ancram Opera

House's mission is to provide residents of our town with opportunities to connect through the performing arts. We believe these encounters enrich and contribute to a vibrant and thriving place to live.

The Town of Ancram support combined with lead funding from the State of New York and the generosity of many community members is making this exciting project possible. We are so grateful to the town and everyone who has invested in this endeavor.

Jeffrey Mousseau & Paul Ricciardi, directors
Ancram Opera House

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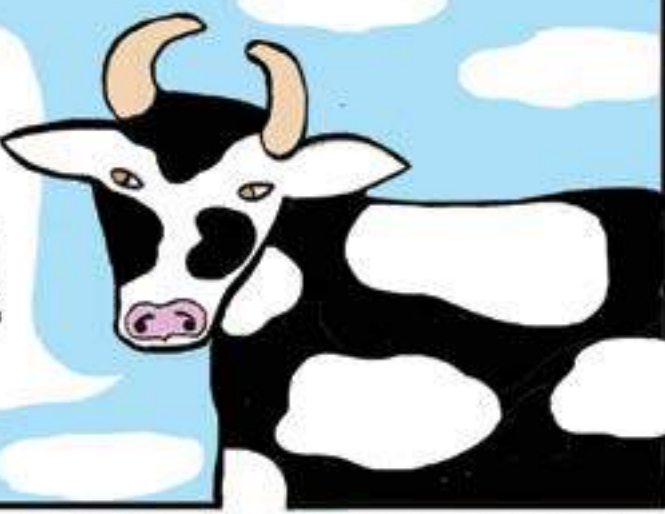


Let's Be Creative!

A good story has a beginning, middle, end, and twist. The twist is the surprise, the unexpected. Even if your story is thousands of pages, tell it in 3 to 5 sentences (also known as "the Pitch"). Sometimes this is the most difficult part of creating your story.

Pick out the twist:

My story is about a boy who lives on a farm. Henry loves his family, all his animals, and Sally, the girl next door. Henry can fly around earth in three seconds flat, morph into any form, and can read people's minds. The only thing he cannot do, but wants more than anything, is to be normal. In the end he sees that being a super hero is fun!



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If you picked "the only thing he cannot do, but wants more than anything, is to be normal", you are correct!

Strawberry shortcake puts the cherry on July 4th

MALDEN BRIDGE— Celebrate the Fourth of July with friends and neighbors at the Malden Bridge Community Center (MBCC) at the intersection of Route 66, Albany Turnpike and Shaker Museum Road in the hamlet.

Following the 4th of July community parade in nearby Old Chatham the members of MBCC will hold an open house while serving their famous strawberry shortcakes with freshly whipped cream donated by Stewart's Shops, along with a variety of drinks for a donation of \$5 per serving starting at 10

a.m. Take-outs will be available, but why not plan to stay and hear the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence at 11 a.m. and to join in the singing of patriotic songs? There will be many items donated by area merchants in a silent auction area on which attendees may bid. There is plenty of space for sitting and visiting while enjoying shortcake.

For more information visit the website at www.MaldenBridgecc.org or check the Facebook page.

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THROUGH THE WOODS

By Nancy Jane Kern

Those cute little fawns

THIS IS THE SEASON of birth and some of our cutest new babies are the offspring of our Virginia white-tailed deer. Fall is the mating season and over the winter the doe, or female deer, carries the developing fawn. The gestation period for our deer is about six months and birth takes place in May to possibly June. The new fawns are able to walk right away. They are kept hidden, aided by the protective coloration of a coat of white spotted reddish hair. The doe spends her free time almost constantly eating grass to replenish body stores lost to the fawn and to have enough nutrients to produce milk. In a few weeks, the fawn is strong enough to follow its mother and can usually keep up with her.

The fawn's greatest hazards are being killed by cars while crossing roads and being killed by dogs or predators like bobcats, and possibly the worst threat of all, hungry coyotes. I have actually seen coyotes following deer in the spring. I wondered if they follow a mother to find the fawn or follow her until she gives birth. At either point, the fawn could be grabbed and killed.

The female coyotes also have young and hungry pups that require a lot of meat. I usually find parts of fawns in my woods this time of year. It is sad, but everyone has to eat. Hopefully, a balance will be kept so predators do not exceed prey, and we do not see an excessive decline in our deer. The coyotes also eat many other animals including lots of field rodents.

I have several does with fawns around the house so they are now out of hiding. One doe has twins that are the cutest, and I see them for short periods of time and usually in my field. They can't walk through the thick grass so they leap above it in spring-loaded bounces. One has already come right up to the back of the house. They are very curious. Mom is never happy about this and eventually, the wayward child returns to safety.

The doe and fawn in the photo were seen at a mown field in Ghent. Mom saw



Nancy Jane Kern

me with the camera and flew away across the field. Junior took off after Mom at an incredible speed. The little legs were almost a blur and it seemed a miracle they didn't tangle. I believe this little one would have outrun a dog. Some accounts say a deer can reach speeds of 35 mph or more. To me, these pair were faster and quickly disappeared into the woods to safety. The fawn hoof prints are so tiny that maybe they leave less scent to be followed.

Last week a friend and I were driving along a Hillsdale dirt road and saw a doe getting a drink from a nearby brook. Beneath her was the tiniest little fawn searching mom for a drink of milk. We didn't wait to see if it had success because we didn't want to stress them.

In a few weeks, the fawns will start nibbling grass and soon be weaned. This relieves mom

from the milk burden and both can start strengthening and fattening up for the winter. As fall approaches the deer start turning a grayish color as winter hair grows in. This is when the fawns gradually lose their spots and become the color of the mother. Another smaller adult deer may be seen near a doe and fawn and is probably a previous female fawn. These may stay with their mother for up to two years.

The mother will strike at the older offspring to keep them at a distance from the new fawn. Male fawns usually leave their mother by one-year-old. The best line of defense for the fawn is the sharp hooved very protective mother. They are very successful in attacking and driving off a predator.

Be aware of this if approaching a fawn because you could receive serious injuries. If you find a fawn do not touch it and quietly retreat. Enjoy watching them from a distance. They grow quickly, and I will be observing their progress over the coming months. I look forward to seeing some have fawns of their own.

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Operation Unite NY hosts Black and Brown Family Exhibit

HUDSON—Since the 2009 Quadricentennial, Operation Unite NY has started to document Black and Brown families living and working in Hudson. The Hudson Sankofa Festival in 2022 documents the historic presence of Black and Brown families residing in Hudson and includes extended family members that return to their families centered in Hudson.

The Black and Brown Family Exhibition (BBFE) is the second part of a documentation project by Operation Unite NY. Photographer David McIntyre has worked extensively to bring this exhibition to fruition and will continue to assist in the curation of the exhibition moving forward.

The BBFE will be on July 6



Photos in the Black and Brown Family Exhibition at the Hudson Area Library.

David McIntyre

from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hudson Area Library Community Room, 51 N. 5th Street. No registration is

required. A third opportunity this summer will invite families who represent longtime residents

and first-generation residents in Hudson.

This exhibition is presented in partnership with the Hudson

Area Library and David McIntyre. For more information call 518 828-3612.

Fireworks light up sky in Germantown Saturday, July 1



GERMANTOWN — Independence Day Fireworks will illuminate the night sky around Germantown, Saturday, July 1. The event takes place from 4 to 11 p.m. In the event of rain, the event will be postponed until July 8.

Gates open to the Palatine

Park grounds, 50 Palatine Park Road, at 4 p.m., the fireworks show starts at 9:30 p.m.

Admission is \$15 per car with limited parking on site; \$5 per person for walk-ins, free for kids 5 and under. Food, music, vendors, beer and games will be available.

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