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## ICC adds AC to capital project proposal

By EMILIA TEASDALE

KINDERHOOK — The Ichabod Crane Board of Education had a long discussion about including air conditioning (AC) in the primary school to a proposed capital

improvement project at their regular meeting on September 9. They looked at the cost of adding AC to all the buildings in the district. That would be \$23.6 million. As the discussion

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David Lee

### Apple picking season workers at work

One of the Golden Harvest apple picking teams was working in the orchard on Monday, September 12. They were picking macouns. Nigel Nugent unloads his bucket into the bin. The buckets are carefully emptied from the bottom so as not to bruise them. These pickers are from Jamaica and are here at Golden Harvest, on Route 9 in Valatie, for a couple of months in the fall to harvest the crop after which they will return home. Many of them have worked at the orchard for several seasons. More photos on page B8.

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# Taghkanic's Community Forest: A county first

By DEBORAH E. LANS

TAGHKANIC — The idea of the “commons” — natural or other resources accessible to all and self-governed — is not new, but there was no communally-governed forest in Columbia County until recently. After three years of planning, Taghkanic now hosts our first such area, 502 acres of hardwood forest that

will be opened to the public in June 2026.

The Taghkanic Community Forest is part of a forest corridor that extends across multiple states and that plays a crucial role in maintaining regional forest connectivity and support for wildlife; the corridor connects the Hudson Highlands, the Catskill Mountains and the Green Mountains in

Vermont. In addition, the forest is part of the Taghkanic Headwaters region, supporting the health of the Taghkanic Creek which, in turn, supplies drinking water to Taghkanic, Hillsdale, Claverack, Copake and the City of Hudson.

In 2020 the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) began work on a Taghkanic Headwaters Conservation

Plan, in consultation with numerous stakeholders including the affected communities. In 2022 the plan was issued. The principal goal of the plan, as CLC stated it, was “to protect forests for clean water and wildlife while meeting the needs of local communities and landowners.” The idea of creating a community forest in

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# Columbia County gets ready to celebrate country's big birthday

By JEANETTE WOLFBERG

HUDSON — The United States of America's 250th birthday is coming, and Columbia County is gearing up for “celebration and reflection” pro-

grams, said County Historian William Better in a conversation August 26. Among the organizations working on these events are the 250th Committee (which Mr. Better chairs), the Columbia County

Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Clermont's Clarkson Chapel. Meanwhile, each community is planning its own celebration for July 4, 2026.

“Columbia County is really blessed to have a close connection with the Declaration of Independence,” said Mr. Better. Robert R. Livingston was on the Committee of Five who drafted it.

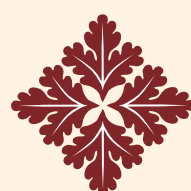
Philip Livingston was one of the 56 who signed it.

In Columbia County, the 250th Committee's projects include a

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# GOOD NEWS STORIES

## Give hope, stay prepared: Donate blood with Red Cross

CLAVERRACK — In September, the American Red Cross reminds people that giving blood now helps support patients the moment they need medical care. Donors of all types, especially those with types O positive and B negative blood, are asked to make an appointment to give.

National Preparedness Month is underway—a time to remember lifesaving blood products are an essential part of preparedness for every type of disaster, whether it be home fires or natural disasters, such as hurricanes, flooding and wildfires. Severe weather can disrupt blood collections by causing blood drive cancellations and impacting donors' ability to give. Additionally, trauma patients may need blood product transfusions within minutes of entering emergency rooms. Those who give now could help someone in dire moments.

People coming together to care for one another is the humanitarian spirit shared by the Red Cross community and fans of Peanuts for the past 75 years. Those who come to give by September 21 will receive an exclusive Red Cross x

Peanuts mystery bag with one of four special T-shirt designs, while supplies last. Thousands of golden tickets are also randomly hidden in mystery bags throughout the country. Donors who find a golden ticket when they open their bag can redeem it through an online form for all four T-shirts.

Those who come to give platelets September 22 through October 5, can also receive a classic Red Cross x Peanuts sweatshirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool, while supplies last. See RedCrossBlood.org/Peanuts for details on all offers.

To book a time to give blood or platelets, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Additionally, all who come to give September 22 through October 19 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email. Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Fall for details.

There is an upcoming blood donation opportunity September 27, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the A.B. Shaw Fire Company, 67 State Route 23, Claverack.

## Proceeds benefit all Columbia County ambulances

HUDSON — Hudson Rotary and Operation Unite NY present Community Hero Night, an evening of fun, food and entertainment at the Hudson Brewery, 99 South Third Street, September 19, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 each and include: 5:30 p.m. children's songs; 6 p.m. children's games and pizza, world music with Abby Lappen, food buffet and beverage; 6:30 p.m. DJ Clint dance party. Children 12 years and under free. For tickets use the accompanying QR code. Proceeds will help organizers



purchase equipment for all ambulances in Columbia County, Cairo, Greenville and support Operation Unite's Youth Services activities. For more information contact Elena Mosley at mail@networkforgood.com.

## Sale will benefit cat rescue missions

Two cat rescues team up for a Barn Blowout Sale at 4401 Route 23, Hudson, Friday, September 26 through Sunday, September 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Sale includes furniture, books, kitchenware, jewelry, clothing, puzzles, outdoor sporting items, pet supplies, home decor, antiques and other collectibles, baby and children's goods, artwork, appliances, home office, holiday décor and a dedicated cat section. Proceeds benefit AnimalKind & Kitten Angels.



Photo contributed

## Correction:

The chart with the story "C-GCC is using more technology with a smaller budget" (September 4, Issue 36) printed incorrectly. The chart below is the corrected one.

## COLUMBIA GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Budget 2025-26

	2025-26		2024-25		Change	
	\$	%	\$	%	Diff	%
<b>REVENUE</b>						
<b>Student Charges</b>	<b>5,464,131</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>5,785,486</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>-321,355</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
Regular Tuition	4,141,225	20.9	4,618,650	22.8	-477,425	-10.3
College in High School Tuition	455,700		451,425		4,275	
Continuing Ed Tuition	200,000		200,000		0	
Out of State Tuition	80,000		60,000		20,000	
Non-Resident Charges	80,000		60,000		20,000	
Student Fees	507,206		395,411		111,795	28.3
<b>State Operating Aid</b>	<b>2,829,326</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>2,825,053</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>4,273</b>	
<b>Columbia County's Contribution</b>	<b>3,398,533</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>3,403,896</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>-5,363</b>	
<b>Greene County's Contribution</b>	<b>3,049,817</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>3,044,454</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>5,363</b>	
<b>Charges to Other Counties</b>	<b>2,203,737</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>2,404,904</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>-201,167</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
<b>Grants, Gifts, &amp; Contracts</b>	<b>1,770,083</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,770,083</b>	
<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,077,905</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>2,653,490</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>1,575,585</b>	<b>-59.4</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-175,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,793,532</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20,292,283</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-498,751</b>	<b>-2.5</b>

## EXPENSES

<b>Salaries</b>	<b>9,140,973</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>9,730,677</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>-589,704</b>	<b>-6.1</b>
<b>Employee Medical &amp; Life Insurance</b>	<b>2,703,596</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>3,103,329</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>-399,733</b>	<b>-12.9</b>
<b>Retirements</b>	<b>1,165,056</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>1,470,652</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>-305,596</b>	<b>-20.8</b>
<b>Other Employee Benefits</b>	<b>884,654</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>880,240</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4,414</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous Contractual Expenses</b>	<b>2,014,895</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>1,866,099</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>148,796</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<b>Service &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>1,794,932</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>1,607,456</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>187,476</b>	<b>11.7</b>
<b>Contracted Professional Expenses</b>	<b>1,218,030</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>565,213</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>652,817</b>	<b>115.5</b>
<b>Faculty &amp; Staff Development</b>	<b>348,448</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>233,434</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>115,014</b>	<b>49.3</b>
<b>Learning Resources</b>	<b>240,948</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>90,948</b>	<b>60.6</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>685,183</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-403,183</b>	<b>-58.8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,793,532</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20,292,283</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-498,751</b>	<b>-2.5</b>

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# Assemblymember Barrett on hand for official pavilion opening

ANCRAM — Members of Ancram’s town board and Pavilion Committee, along with many residents, gathered September 10 to commemorate the official opening of the town’s new community pavilion.

Attending as an honored guest was NYS Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106th), to whom the town is grateful for her support in securing a \$125,000 grant to fund the building of the pavilion.

“The completion of the lovely new pavilion at Blass Field in the Town of Ancram is a terrific new addition to the community. I was pleased to help secure state funding for this project—saving the Town money—and giving residents, campers and families a comfortable place to gather and have fun,” Assemblymember Barrett said in a press release.



B. Docktor

Pictured (l-r), Town Councilmembers Bonnie Hundt and Colleen Lutz, who served on the Pavilion Committee along with Steve Olyha (not pictured), and Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106th).

Led by a committee that included Bonnie Hundt, Colleen Lutz and Steve Olyha and situated in Blass Memorial Field, adjacent to the town’s basketball court and ball field, the pavilion was completed in time to serve the Ancram summer camp. Taylor Price, Ancram summer camp director, said in the release, “The pavilion is such a welcome addition to the park as it offers the campers shelter from the summer’s heat and inclement weather. Parents of the children were quick to add they were thrilled with the added safety it provided.”

During the event Ancram artist and resident, Santina Tirone, presented town board members with a hand-painted picture of the pavilion, calling it appreciation for all that the town board does. The painting will be hung in the Town Hall for all to see.

Picnic benches placed under the pavilion were provided courtesy of Tom Miller, an Ancram town resident. In addition to the summer youth camp, since being erected the pavilion has been enjoyed by residents and visitors to the town.

The new pavilion is designed for use as a gathering place that will serve the community for many years to come. The Ancram pavilion is now open for residents to enjoy and is also available to rent for private events. Rental details can be found on the township website at [www.ancramny.org](http://www.ancramny.org) along with general rules and regulations for use.

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# Length of Metzler appointment, supervisor’s status dominate meeting

By DOUG La ROCQUE

NEW LEBANON—The length of councilman Scout Metzler’s appointment, debate over the scheduling of budget workshops and eventual vote on the proposed 2026 budget and presumed full-time versus part-time status of the town supervisor all played a role in the September meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board running three and half hours long.

Councilman Craig Skerkis claims the board’s appointment of Mr. Metzler to fill an open position of the board through November 4 (election day) was illegal, and that the term should expire at the end of the year. He cited guidance from a number of state

and private organizations. When Mr. Metzler was appointed, it was presumed that whoever won the November election to fill the open position, would be seated immediately.

Town Attorney John Tingley was present at the meeting and disagreed with Mr. Skerkis’s contention that Mr. Metzler’s appointment really runs through December 31. Mr. Tingley said that is the typical length of such an appointment, however, there is no case law saying an earlier termination of such an appointment is illegal. He claims such has never been challenged in court.

Councilman Skerkis then offered a motion to change the term of Mr. Metzler’s appointment to

end on December 31. Councilwoman Joanne Amlaw spoke in support, while Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling and Councilman Steve Powers expressed their opposition. That would mean the motion would fail on a tied vote, assuming Mr. Metzler abstained because the motion dealt with him personally. It quickly became clear, however, Mr. Metzler was debating whether he would indeed cast a ballot. Attorney Tingley strongly advised him to abstain indicting his participation was inappropriate.

Mr. Metzler decided he wanted more time to think it over and the resolution was tabled until the October meeting.

## Budget scheduling

Typically, the tentative 2026 town budget is presented to the Town Clerk by September 30 for verification, with the board scheduling three to four workshops before a public hearing and vote on the final budget, which is due by November 20. Councilmembers Skerkis and Amlaw pushed to have all the workshops completed and a final budget vote taken on November 3, one day before election day and when Mr. Metzler’s term of office is still slated to expire.

Why the move up of dates? Presumably, it is to change the scope of the Town Supervisor’s position. Councilman Skerkis posted on Facebook, “it is no secret that I do not feel our town needs a full-time

supervisor. It is also important to note that this is the time period and budget cycle we can do something about it.”

The supervisor’s position is currently full-time and can only be changed in the budget proposal. If a budget reducing the position to part-time were to pass, likewise the position could not be returned to full-time until 2027 at the earliest. If Mr. Metzler were to support the change and if the budget is approved on November 3, before his term expires, the reduction in scope would take effect on January 1, 2026.

Mr. Skerkis advocated for changing the supervisor back to part-time when he took office but at the March Town Council meeting, indicated he had

a change of mind saying with “all the town has going on it might be dangerous to do so.”

In his Facebook post, Skerkis said, “it shouldn’t be a mystery that there is an imbalance of power between the supervisor position and the rest of the town board members.”

Supervisor Houghtling defends the full-time position, noting she also serves as the bookkeeper, cites all the projects the town has going and the large amount of grant monies she has been able to secure for New Lebanon.

As was previously stated, it was a lengthy meeting so because of space considerations, the rest of the town council report will appear in next week’s edition.

# Canaan board reappoints assessor at meeting

By PETER FLIERL

CANAAN — At the Canaan Town Board on September 8, three members of the public were taking notes throughout the two-hour long meeting. Another, Jay Aronson, was invited to speak at the beginning of the evening to report on a survey being performed by the Columbia County Office for the Aging where she serves on its Advisory Council. The recent survey done by the town was dominated by seniors who accounted for 51%, of respondents.

The board passed resolutions, including:

- Renewal of the transfer station contract for three years noting record number of permits issued, an enclosure for the checker with a reduction of 6.27 tons last month and 47.45 year to date

- Replacing EV level 2 chargers while looking to Love’s and other locations for the charger for the future

- Adopted the Columbia County Hazardous Materials plan

- Support for revaluation coming in 2028

- Reappointed Kim Smith as Town Assessor for a six-year term through 2031.

Speed reduction requests for Routes 22 and 295, Route 295 and Vandenberg, and Route 22 and Love’s, along with request for a light at B3 are pending action and approval by the New York Department of Transportation.

Two members of the public at the meeting are running for Canaan Town Board, including: Suzanne Maielli, GOP, lifetime resident and Victoria Mills, member of the Climate Smart Advisory Committee.

# KISS program returns to local town halls

HUDSON — The County Clerk’s office announces the third quarter of the Columbia County K I S S Program. For the past 12 years, they have been offering community seniors the opportunity to shred their sensitive documents free of charge. They can drop by their local town halls and clerk’s office and securely place their documents in locked bins that will remain so until they are picked up and shredded. “I am happy to provide this service so that our seniors can rest easy knowing that nobody will have access or be able to

retrieve any information from their personal documents,” said County Clerk Holly Tanner in a press release.

This quarter’s K I S S Program will become available to seniors in all participating towns/villages and the City of Hudson until September 19. K I S S is an abbreviation for Keeping the Identities of Seniors Safe. It was designed to protect the identities of seniors while assisting them in shredding their private paperwork.

The K I S S program is provided quarterly, this

being the third quarter. The second quarter this year saw a large growth of seniors availing of this program where the county saw over 14,000 gallons of paper shredded, showing that is a valued and availed of service. From its inception the program has grown from two towns to 21, including the City of Hudson.

Again, this program is completely free and has zero costs to our tax payers. All seniors have to do is bring their personal documents to their local town halls or clerks on the dates provided. Place your documents in the

locked bins until the end of the quarter when they will be securely shredded.

Seniors are encouraged to contact their local halls or clerks for hours of town operation and any more information on the program. The next quarter’s dates will be provided to local clerks or town halls when as soon as they have them.

Denise Keegan, Columbia County Records Service Manager, is overseeing this. Contact her at 518- 822-0143 for any questions regarding this program.

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# Fight at Brookwood Center leads to felony charges

By DIANE VALDEN

CLAVERRACK — A trooper assigned to State Police Livingston responded to the Brookwood Secure Center for Youth, 419 County Route 29 (Spook Rock Road), for a report of a large fight in progress, September 10 at 5:20 p.m.

An investigation by State troopers and investigators determined that a fight occurred between three incarcerated individuals: an 18-year-old male victim, Malachi Simms, 19, and Richard Avila, 20. The victim suffered facial cuts and was taken to a local medical facility for treatment.

Mr. Simms was charged with first degree attempted assault, a class C felony; two counts of first degree knowingly making or possessing dangerous contraband in prison, class D felonies; and two counts of third degree criminal possession of a weapon: previous conviction, also class D felonies.

Mr. Avila was charged with second degree assault, a class D felony; first degree knowingly making or possessing dangerous contraband in prison, a class D felony; and third degree criminal possession of a weapon: previous conviction, a class D felony.



Lance Wheeler

Three people were injured in the late afternoon collision of two vehicles at the intersection of County Route 27 and State Route 9H, Claverack, September 14.

Both men were sent to the Columbia County Jail and were scheduled to appear in court September 16.

According to the state Office of Children and Family Services website, the youth served at Brookwood are male and female juvenile offenders and adolescent offenders who, while younger than 16, committed certain violent felonies and were convicted and sentenced in adult criminal court or via family court as part of Raise the Age legislation. Depending upon the

sentence, youth may remain in OCFS custody up to age 21.

## Claverack

State Police investigated a two vehicle accident at the County Route 27/ State Route 9H intersection September 14 at 5:20 p.m. A Nissan driven by P. Raup-Kounovsky, 37, of New Paltz was traveling north on County Route 27 when it failed to yield the right of way at the intersection with State Route 9H, according to State Police. The Nissan subsequently struck a

Cadillac that was traveling north on State Route 9H. As a result of the initial impact, the Cadillac continued off the west shoulder of State Route 9H and struck a telephone pole.

The driver and passenger in the Cadillac were transported to Albany Medical Center with what appeared to be non-life-threatening injuries. P. Raup-Kounovsky, the Nissan driver was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital, also with what appeared to be non-life-threatening injuries.

P. Raup-Kounovsky was issued a citation for failure

to yield right of way at an intersection.

## New Lebanon

A Ballston Spa woman was charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated (DWI).

A trooper assigned to State Police New Lebanon conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling westbound on State Route 20 in New Lebanon for a violation of the State Vehicle and Traffic Law, September 5 at 9:46 p.m.

Police said during the stop the operator of the vehicle, identified as Bridy A. Lucas, 55, of Ballston Spa displayed signs of intoxication. Further investigation revealed that a 13-year-old child was present in the vehicle at the time of the stop.

Ms. Lucas was taken into custody and transported to SP New Lebanon for processing. She submitted to a chemical breath test, which indicated a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.10%. The child was safely released to a sober third party.

As a result of the investigation, Ms. Lucas was charged with:

- Aggravated driving while intoxicated with a child passenger (Leandra's Law), a class E felony

- Driving while intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor

- Vehicle and Traffic Law Violation

Ms. Lucas was issued appearance tickets returnable in New Lebanon Court September 25.

## Chatham

The Columbia County Department of Health recently reported the following tobacco retailer was found in violation of Article 13-F; "Regulation of Tobacco Products, Herbal Cigarettes and Smoking Paraphernalia; Distribution to Minors" Section 1399-CC of the Public Health Law, State of New York: Charron's Market, 2 Church Street, Chatham, one violation May 23. The County Health Department is responsible for enforcement of the Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act, which prohibits the sale of all tobacco products to persons less than 21 years of age and requires public notification of violators.

For questions or information about the Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act contact the department of health at 518-828-3358.

To contact Diane Valden email [dvalden@columbiapaper.com](mailto:dvalden@columbiapaper.com)

## Tractor trailer barrels through guiderail into house

Two people were hurt when a tractor trailer crashed through a guiderail and into a house at 4350 Route 9G, Germantown, September 11 at 9:36 a.m. The Germantown Fire Hose Company and Northern Dutchess Paramedics were called to the scene. State Police report that a 2022 Freightliner traveling southbound on State Route 9G left the western shoulder of the roadway for unknown reasons and struck a guiderail. Upon impact the Freightliner Cascadia became separated from its trailer, causing the tractor to strike the residence. The trailer, which appeared to be carrying lumber, lost part of its load, and the lumber struck the side of the residence. The driver reported head pain and was transported to Albany Medical Center. The homeowner, who was outside on the lawn, was struck by debris, complained of neck and back pain and was transported to Northern Dutchess Hospital. No citations were issued.



State Police photo

## Petal gets a new home, man charged with cruelty

CLAVERRACK — The Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA (CGHS/SPCA) announced that Petal, a dog who came into the shelter in a severely emaciated state, has found her forever home.

When she first arrived at CGHS/SPCA, Petal weighed only 37 pounds, starving for her size. Through weeks of dedicated care, medical attention, and abundant love, she reached a healthy weight of 50+ pounds. On September 13, she was officially adopted by her new owner, Watson Hall.

Petal quickly became a staff favorite at CGHS/SPCA. Her gentle disposition and resilience in the face of hardship touched the hearts of all who cared for her. Staff members worked tirelessly to provide her with not only the food and medicine she deserved, but also the kindness, love and compassion necessary for her rehabilitation and to allow her to find trust again.

On September 12, Connell Johnson, 48, of Hudson, was arrested in connection with Petal's condition. He has been charged under Article 26, Section 353 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law (Cruelty to Animals). If convicted, he



Photo contributed

Pictured, Petal's adopter Watson Hall (l), Columbia County Sheriff Deputy Brian McSween and Petal.

faces up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. In addition, a conviction would place him on the Columbia County Animal Cruelty Registry, prohibiting him from owning animals for seven years. Mr. Johnson was arrested by Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy Brian McSween. CGHS/SPCA extends its deepest gratitude to Deputy McSween and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for their diligence, time, and commitment to seeking justice on Petal's behalf.

"Petal's story is one of resilience and hope. Her recovery is a testament to the incredible teamwork between law enforcement and our staff, who work hand-in-hand to protect animals and give them the second chances they deserve," CGHS/SPCA President/CEO and Cruelty Investigator Ron Perez said in a press release.

For more information about CGHS/SPCA, adoption opportunities, or ways to support the shelter's mission visit [www.cghs.org](http://www.cghs.org).

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## Light show to illuminate night sky after Cornhole for a Cause

CATSKILL—The skies over Catskill will come alive with a breathtaking drone light show as the grand finale to In Flight's Cornhole for a Cause at Dutchman's Landing Park, 10 Main Street, Saturday, September 20, noon to 8 p.m.

Presented by Sky Stage, the drone event promises to be a one-of-a-kind spectacle for the whole community.

In Flight's Cornhole for a Cause, a fundraiser, is presented by Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy and benefits In Flight, Inc., a nonprofit empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This year's fourth anniversary of the event will be bigger than ever.

The festival will feature a pay-to-play cornhole tournament, live music by The Second Chance Band, a 501st Legion Stormtrooper demonstration, local food vendors, raffles, auctions, costume contest, photo-booth and more—all leading up to the moment the Hudson River sky trans-

forms into a canvas of dazzling lights.

"This is going to be a truly magical experience. We're excited to bring something completely new to Catskill while raising vital funds for our programs," Jill Rodriguez, director of Philanthropy and External Affairs at In Flight, Inc, said in a press release.

The event is free to attend, with registration required and a \$50 per team fee to participate in the cornhole tournament.

All proceeds directly support In Flight, Inc.'s mission to help individuals with disabilities live meaningful and fulfilling lives.

For more information, to register, or to view the full schedule, visit [InFlightInc.org](http://InFlightInc.org).

The organization has programming and services in Dutchess, Columbia, Greene and Ulster Counties. For more information about In Flight, Inc, contact Ms. Rodriguez at 845-835-6060 x190 or [jrodriguez@inflight-inc.org](mailto:jrodriguez@inflight-inc.org).

## Greylock's hosts first Wealth Builders Youth SummerFest

PITTSFIELD, MA — More than 200 individuals, a mix of children and adults, made their way through the Youth Party on Monday, August 4 at Greylock's Community Empowerment Center (CEC) — and that was just day one of Greylock's Wealth Builders Youth SummerFest, a week-long series of events held August 4-9.

This year marked Greylock's first-ever Wealth Builders Youth SummerFest, with the theme "Rule Your Future," featuring several free events in Berkshire County and one in Hudson. These included the Youth Party at the CEC; "Must-Have Financial Tips and Tricks" on Thursday, August 7 at Hilltop Orchards; and Sundae and Savings on Friday, August 8 at The Spark of Hudson. Teen Golf Night at Baker's Golf, which was slated to be held that week, was rescheduled to Thursday, August 21 due to inclement weather.

Youth SummerFest directly ties into the credit union's rebranding of youth members up to the age of 22, now called Wealth Builders, who have access to a range of products, services, and education that can



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A young Wealth Builder playing a financial game inside the Community Empowerment Center.

help to bolster their financial wellness.

"Our very first Wealth Builders Youth SummerFest was a success all around. Whether it was enjoying the festival-like atmosphere at our Youth Party, to learning how to master the FAFSA at the financial aid event, to enjoying delicious ice cream and games, to mini golf, the thread that joined them all together was financial literacy. We showed that learning about finances can be fun

and exciting, and that's what being a Wealth Builder is all about," said Roberta McCulloch-Dews, vice president, marketing, in a press release.

Isabella Rosales, who participated in SummerFest, highlighted the community-building aspect of the event.

"Greylock Wealth Builders SummerFest was such an amazing thing to experience. People of all ages came together to have

fun. These educational activities taught us about many things including how to start saving your money — this was not only educational for the kids but for the adults too," said Isabella, who was accepted into the Greylock Wealth Ambassador Program, which kicks off this September.

To learn more about the Wealth Builders program, visit [www.greylock.org/wealth](http://www.greylock.org/wealth).

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## Price Chopper and customers raise over \$57K for Muscular Dystrophy Association

GHENT — Thanks to the incredible generosity of customers and teammates, Market 32 and Price Chopper are proud to announce a total donation of \$57,313.45 in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The recent in-store round-up campaign raised \$47,313.45, and Market 32 and Price Chopper matched the fundraiser by providing an additional \$10,000. The donation was revealed during a ceremonial check presentation at the Market 32 in Slingerlands.

The campaign, which ran from July 1-31, invited customers to round up their change to the nearest dollar at checkout to help fund MDA's critical work in accelerating research, enhancing care, and providing life-changing programs for children and adults living with muscular dystrophy, ALS, and related neuromuscular diseases.

"We're grateful to our customers and teammates who came together to make this campaign a success," said Blaine Bringham, Market 32 and Price Chopper president in a press release. "Every dollar raised helps MDA continue its mission to transform lives through science and support."

The money raised will help fund cutting-edge research leading to new treatments and therapies, nationwide care centers that



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Pictured (l to r) are Jody Plonski, Market 32 and Price Chopper SVP of Operations; Blaine Bringham, Market 32 and Price Chopper president; Michele McKeever, Market 32 and Price Chopper director of Customer Service; and Emilio Genzano, MDA All that Jazz event chair at the check presentation at the Market 32 in Slingerlands.

provide multidisciplinary support, and MDA summer camps that offer life-changing experiences for kids with neuromuscular diseases.

"Market 32 and Price Chopper have been true partners to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, helping us advance research, fund multidisciplinary care through our nationwide MDA Care Center Network, and create life-changing opportunities like MDA Summer Camp for families we serve," said Ruth Ann Dailey, the Muscular Dystrophy Association's chief development officer also in the release. "In just the past two decades, more than 25 new treatments for neuromuscular conditions

have been approved — progress made possible through the generosity of their leadership, employees, and customers. As we celebrate MDA's 75th anniversary, we are deeply grateful for this enduring partnership and legacy of progress, and we look forward to continuing the momentum for fam-

ilies today and for generations to come."

Market 32 and Price Chopper have a history of giving back to the communities they serve that dates back to their origins in 1932. This campaign is part of their ongoing efforts to support organizations that advance health and wellness.

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## Lantzy named Empire 8 Women's Tennis Player of the Week

ONEONTA — Samantha Lantzy '28, Valatie, earned the Empire 8 Women's Tennis Player of the Week honor on September 2. Ms. Lantzy made her debut at the No. 1 singles spot after a dominant debut season in 2024, helping lift the Hawks

to a 7-0 sweep over their cross-city rival, SUNY Oneonta. She made quick work of the Red Dragons' top player, defeating her in straight sets of 6-2, 6-2. She also partnered with Lily Vanuga to record a 6-1 win at second doubles.

## Christopher Dalton enrolls at The College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER, MA — The College of the Holy Cross welcomed Christopher Dalton, Old Chatham, as a member of the college's Class of 2029.

At 837 students, the Class of 2029 includes students from 39 U.S. states and territories and 15 different countries. This incoming class represents

resents one of the most academically accomplished classes in the college's history.

Admission to the class of 2029 was more competitive than ever with applications surpassing 10,000 for the first time in Holy Cross history, a nearly 20% increase over the last two years, and an admit rate of 19%.

## North Chatham hosts 'Medicare 101' talk

NORTH CHATHAM — North Chatham Free Library (NCFL) announces a free program, entitled "Medicare 101" on Friday, September 19 at 10 a.m. This event is located at the Library Annex at the North Chatham

Trolley Station, 103 Depot Street.

Are you approaching age 65 and exploring the process to apply for Medicare? Join the library for a two-hour seminar specifically designed to help you get started.

Experienced Columbia County Office for the Aging staff with expertise in the often-complex world of health insurance will be on hand to explain what you need to know in order to make sound decisions.

Reservations are not necessary.

This event is made possible by the Live & Learn Committee with thanks to the Berkshire Taconic foundation for funding.

## Library hosts talk on skills for disagreeing better

COPAKE — The Columbia County Libraries Association will host Braver Angels: Skills for Disagreeing Better on Wednesday, September 24, from 6-7:30 p.m. This free workshop, presented by Braver Angels Hudson River Valley and held at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library, invites community members to build essential skills for bridging political divides with understanding and respect.

In today's polarized climate, conversations across the political spectrum are often marked by misunderstanding, mistrust, and frustration. This interactive workshop helps participants learn to listen more carefully, seek common ground, and share perspectives in ways that foster connection rather than conflict. Participants will gain: greater understanding of the values and concerns of people who differ politically; skills for listening so

that others feel heard; and techniques for expressing viewpoints in ways that encourage genuine dialogue, even amid disagreement.

Braver Angels: Skills for Disagreeing Better is designed for anyone who wants to strengthen their ability to engage in civil, constructive conversation across political differences.

This program is free, but registration is required. To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1390540657539?discount=BRAVER&aff=oddtcreator>.

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Braver Angels is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to reducing polarization in America by bringing together people of differing political views to find common ground. The Hudson River Valley chapter continues this mission locally by offering workshops and programs that promote understanding and respectful dialogue.

## Academic Honors

### Dean's List: SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2025 dean's list. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the

reporting term are named to the dean's list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Rameikka Emanuel, Pine Planes, and Abigail Raymond, East Nassau.

### President's List: SNHU

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each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Olivia Scali, Hudson; Ryan Scalera, Hudson; Jayden Purvis, Valatie; Jessica Kriss, Stuyvesant Falls; and Ashley Germond, Nassau.



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**Colonie Pickleball Club**


The Colonie Pickleball Club, established in 2018, is a community group of nearly 200 members primarily from Colonie and nearby areas, playing at Mohawk River Town Park and in the Village of Colonie from mid-May to mid-October. The club offers diverse programs such as Ladder play, Round Robins, MLP Team Play, tournaments, DUPR rating sessions, and skills training, all included for members. Organized mainly by skill level via CourtReserve, members can join or join the waitlist by emailing [coloniepc@gmail.com](mailto:coloniepc@gmail.com).



**MOHAWK PICKLEBALL CLUB**

Mohawk Pickleball Club started in 2016 and has grown to about 100 players based in Schenectady County. The MPC welcomes anyone interested in learning and playing pickleball and making good friends in the process.

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## TAGHKANIC COMMUNITY FOREST

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Taghkanic grew out of the conservation plan.

In 2023, CLC began talks with a local landowner to acquire the forested property — a “typical hardwood forest with the usual issues of pests, invasives and excessive deer browsing” — that now constitutes the community forest. After three years of work, in July 2025 CLC acquired the land with the aid of state and private funds and financial assistance from Scenic Hudson. CLC project managers Heidi Bock and Patrick Knapp cite “tremendous support” from town officials and residents throughout the process.

This summer, for example, more than 100 volunteers, including the entire Town Board, turned out for a massive tree-planting at the forest. Thirty different species and some 1,500 trees in all were planted (more than 200 alone by Town Supervisor Ryan Skoda and his sons) including indigenous trees and species that are expected to better weather climate change, including pawpaw (typically a more southern tree) and Northern Pecans. A nearly three-acre “enclosure” — an

enclosed area from which deer will be excluded — was built by volunteers, to see how various species fare if left undisturbed by deer browsing. The town’s Fire Department arrived with a tank of water for irrigation.

CLC will continue to own the Taghkanic Community Forest, but the forest will be managed by a 10-person committee of local residents, members of Conservation Advisory Committees or similar groups, topic experts and CLC representatives. The committee will develop guiding principles, goals, objectives and a Community Forest Management Plan. As the steward of the forest, the group is expected to work with CLC to implement strategies to build forest health and resiliency and support diverse recreational goals, monitor the property and provide educational opportunities. The committee members have not yet been (but are expected soon to be) selected. A forester to guide the process will be retained, and a natural resources inventory will be conducted.

A recent study of community forests by The Trust for Public Land, a national



Photo contributed

Taghkanic Community Forest.

non-profit, described them as assets that “are increasingly recognized land-based economic development tools that deliver positive outcomes for residents, visitors and businesses located in their service areas...enhance quality of life, enrich cultural and spiritual heritage, strengthen economies and provide tangible economic value...because these resources are designed to provide access for amenities for recreation, education and tourism; offer forest-based products (e.g. timber, maple syrup

and firewood); produce forest-based services (e.g. carbon sequestration, habitat, fire risk mitigation, and water quality); and foster economic development opportunities by bolstering the recreation economy and enhancing property value.”

Elinor Ostrom, the Nobel Prize winning professor of economics and political science and author of the seminal “Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action,” in 2008 wrote about the challenge of

developing a sustainable society: “Our problem is how to craft rules at multiple levels that enable humans to adapt, learn and change over time so that we are sustaining the very valuable natural resources that we inherited so that we may be able to pass them on. I am deeply indebted to the indigenous people in the U.S. who had an image of seven generations being the appropriate time to think about the future. I think we should all reinstate in our mind the seven-generation rule. When we make really

major decisions, we should ask not only what will it do for me today, but what will it do for my children, my children’s children, and their children’s children into the future.”

The “seven generation rule” was in fact derived from the Haudenosaunee constitution, and the Haudenosaunee (or Iroquois confederation) were of course centered in New York State. Members of the Mahican nation, one of the six in the confederacy, were located (among other places in the county) in Taghkanic, and the town’s name is said to translate from Mahican to “the woods.” The Taghkanic Community Forest is an experiment in applying principles of communal, sustainable management locally. While it is the first community-managed forest in the county, CLC hopes that it will not be the last, and it is considering other possible acquisitions in the county.

More information about the Taghkanic Community Forest can be found on the town’s website, taghkanic.gov, and CLC’s website, columbialand.org. The Taghkanic Headwaters Conservation Plan, which contains detailed information about the area, can be found on CLC’s website under “plans.”

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## ICC ADDS AC

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sion started, there was \$3 million already proposed for AC in some parts of the primary school (grades K-3rd). The total proposal was about \$26 million for the project which includes work in the middle school, the high school and bus garage.

Several board members talked about how hot the primary school gets and that it is the warmest building in the district. The cost to put AC in all the classrooms in that building would be a total of \$7.2 million.

Of the AC issue, Board President Matthew Nelson said, “This was a very hot topic of conservation” in 2018 when the board proposed a \$27 million capital project that was approved by voters. But he pointed out that the board at the time did not include it.

“We are inching our way there,” he said of AC. He also said that no one was suggesting adding \$23 million to the proposed capital project to include AC in all the buildings. This was just a discussion on including part or all of the primary school. There are

spaces in all the school buildings that have AC.

“I know that the numbers are high, obviously, but I think this one is going to follow us around until we do it,” said Vice President Elizabeth Phillips of the cost of AC. “It’s hot there,” she said of the school.

Board member Anne Schaefer asked, “What do kids need?” mentioning other items in the project proposal. She answered, “They do need a room that is not oppressively hot.”

Most board members agreed that AC was needed in the whole primary school and that the \$7.2 million should be added to the main proposition put before voters.

The board is now looking at \$30.9 million proposition 1, that would include the AC, work on all the school buildings and the bus garage, and proposition 2 for an additional \$2 million for replacement of the grass field with synthetic turf.

They did not vote on the final proposition at this meeting. The board has to approve a referendum 45 days before a

December 16 public vote, which Superintendent Marie Digirolamo pointed out is November 1. “We really are getting to the end of the window of time we need to make that decision,” she told the board. The next board meeting is October 7.

They are planning to host Community Forums, according to an email sent out on September 12, to share details about the proposed capital project with the public. All forums will be at 6 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria, 2910 Route 9, with full presentations on September 24, October 21 and December 3, and a presentation on physical education and athletics on October 1.

The website page on the capital project is <https://www.ichabodcrane.org/district/capital-projects/>

The board also looked at a presentation on the middle school locker rooms for more physical education storage as part of the project. A representative from CSArch, the engineering firm designing the whole project, pointed out that the plan is pre-referendum so “we have nine months post successful vote,” if approved, to refine the plan.

Also at the meeting:

- The board started the meeting with an almost 30

minute executive session, which is not open to the public. At the end of the meeting they voted on and approved an “agreement as previously discussed”

- Superintendent Digirolamo welcomed everyone back to school, which started for students on September 2. She said there are games now in the high school cafeteria that students have been taking advantage of. All students, as part of the new cell phone policy, have to put their phones in their lockers from the starting bell to the end of school day. She also said that buses were on time as of the second day of school. She said the sheriff’s deputy assigned to the district is watching the traffic patterns

- Senior Denise Miranda was appointed to serve as Student Representative to the Board of Education for the 2025–26 school year. Last year, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law a bill that requires every school district and BOCES board in the state to have at least one ex-officio student representative. Superintendent Digirolamo said this is something “we’ve been doing here at Ichabod for years and years.” The representative is a non-voting member of the board

- During the public comment period: Crystal Cirillo, the vice president of PTA and a district employee, said the PTA donates anywhere from \$11,000 to \$15,000 a year to the district mostly for literacy programs. They will now service K-5th grade (it was K-8th but she pointed out that the older students have other supports). She told the board she was looking forward to another great year collaborating with the district.

Former board member and district employee Regina Rose had issues with the district spending saying, “I’m concerned about the capital project” and that she was against the artificial turf. She said when she was a board member, the superintendent at the time said “to keep the [2018] project at \$15 million” but that project ended up at \$27 million. It was “a wish list” she said of that project that never got cut back. She said she was worried about the district’s debt service. “Maybe this \$28 million project is full of stuff that you absolutely have to do,” she said of this project, but she said that it was the job of board members to make sure of that. She also pointed out that artificial turf was “highly unpopular last time” it was proposed. She said that “kids

get burned” and that it’s not forgiving when students fall on it. “The public didn’t want it and we don’t need it,” she said.

Resident Darren Cook also was concerned about spending and personnel. He talked about how the debt service is increasing. He talked about how class sizes have gone up while enrollment is going down. He asked where “the money is going” if the budget is going up? He also had concerns about the former Primary School Principal Andrea Williams who was “removed” from the school but is now in a new position in the district. Ms. Williams was announced as a K-12 principal for student support services to support students and their parents and some grant writing, by Superintendent Digirolamo. In the organization meeting agenda Ms. Williams is listed as the Section 504 Compliance Officer and a Lead Evaluator of Teachers. There is an interim principal in the primary school.

The next board meeting will be October 7 at 7 p.m. in the high school library. There will also be a facilities tour at 5 p.m. starting in the high school lobby.

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## COLUMBIA COUNTY GETS READY

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re-enactment of Henry Knox’s Cannon March, a book about what is now Columbia County in the Revolutionary War, and a presence in the 2026 Flag Day parade in Hudson.

At the time of the Revolutionary War, what is now Columbia County was part of Albany County, which was much bigger than it is now.

In 1775, Mr. Better recounted, the British occupied Boston, and General George Washington charged Colonel Henry Knox with taking canons from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston to support the colonists’ defiance.

Colonel Knox and his crew

set out late that year with over 50 pieces of artillery, mostly canons, weighing about 60 tons all together. Most of the load rode on sledges pulled by oxen. Horses and, when possible, boats helped. The trek was a “big ordeal,” a “monumental task,” Mr. Better said. It was winter, with snow and ice, and what roads there were were — at least by today’s standards — poor. The entire route, about 300 miles, is called the Knox Noble Trail or the Knox Cannon Trail.

The caravan got to Albany, crossed the icy Hudson River into what is now Rensselaer County, and around New Years Day 1776, entered what

is now Columbia County. It went through Kinderhook, Ghent, and Hillsdale, Mr. Better continued. Civilians along the way helped supply it with food, animal feed, and fresh horses.

Today markers designate points along the route. At one time, the trek’s path through Columbia County was believed to have been L-shaped, from Kinderhook to Claverack to Hillsdale. But in 1975, “new research confirmed theories that” Knox’s path from Kinderhook to Hillsdale was more diagonal, bypassing Claverack, according to Wikipedia.

From the Hillsdale area, the caravan crossed the snow-covered Berkshire Mountains on January 9 or 10. Eventually, it got to Boston and placed the canons on Dorchester Heights. The sight of them caused

British ships in Boston Harbor to leave for Nova Scotia. That day, March 17, 1776, is celebrated as Evacuation Day. Mr. Knox, later Colonel Knox, went on to participate in Revolutionary War battles, get promoted to Major General, and serve as the U.S.’s first Secretary of War from 1785 to 1794.

This year and next, costumed people will re-enact the march, as close as possible to the trail.

The book about Revolutionary War times in Columbia County will attempt to depict the era from several view points, because the area’s population was already diverse. It included Indigenous communities, independent farmers, tenant farmers, enslaved people, townspeople, and “feudal manors.” Some farmers believed in the patriot

cause, but actually joining the army interfered with their obligations to feed their family and care for their crops. Tenant farmers on the manors had to turn some of their crops over to the lord, and if they went to war, their wives and children would have work harder to fulfill the quota, Mr. Better said. Meanwhile, “Kinderhook was a hotbed of Tories.” Furthermore, some Indigenous people “developed close connections” with the British.

The Flag Day 2026 presence in Hudson will be the “culmination” of the 250th Committee’s efforts, Mr. Better said. Meanwhile, the Columbia Historical Society is planning a series of lectures in the spring, he added.

The 250th Committee was formed about a year and a half ago, Mr. Better said. Matt

Murell, chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, appointed several town supervisors and local historians to the Semiquincentennial Organizing Committee, according to the Historians of Columbia County’s website. This local committee stems from New York’s statewide Semiquincentennial Commission, formed in 2021, with the encouragement of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, which the U.S. Congress created in 2016 “to plan a commemoration and observance” of the Declaration of Independence on its 250th anniversary, the website says. New York, through the State Commission, will make “funds available to eligible local commissions” for relevant events.

# 16th CITV season opens on September 28

**KINDERHOOK** — Concerts in the Village opens its 16th Season 2025–2026 on September 28 with important solo works of J. S. Bach: the “Goldberg Variations,” a true milestone in the history of music, and the translucent “Sonata for Solo Violin No. 1.” For these two journeys CITV welcomes pianist Sophia Zhou, and Broad Street Orchestra Concertmaster Elizabeth Silver.



Photo contributed

Sophia Zhou

Of all his brilliant compositions for keyboard, none presents Bach’s emotional power and the creative genius of his writing more completely than the “Goldberg Variations.” An opening theme of striking simplicity, although uncertain origin, is subjected to 30 reworkings, no two of which are alike. The demands upon the player, including exceptional virtuosity and relentless concentration, are legendary in the annals of keyboard performance. And in the end, when all comes magically together with the haunting return of the opening, the listener fully understands the very special journey he has taken.

Bach’s deservedly well-known first sonata for solo violin is equally fascinating for the listener. As with the “Goldberg Variations,” attention is immediately drawn both to the technical demands made upon the performer and to the elegance

of the entire work. Throughout the sonata’s four movements Bach ingeniously balances both the vertical and horizontal dimensions of his writing, an essential feature found in each of his six sonatas and partitas for violin. Beauty dominates, with neither harmony nor counterpoint taking precedence. When performed with clarity and directness — no modest achievement — the listening experience is not to be forgotten.

For CITV, pianist Zhou (www.sophiazhoupiano.com)

is a returning artist. Her widely recognized talent has taken her throughout the world, including Europe, Asia, and the major concert halls of America. Violinist Elizabeth Silver is well-known to regional audiences, as a regularly performing soloist, chamber musician and member of the Albany Symphony and Glimmerglass Orchestras.

CITV Artistic Director David Smith comments, in a press release, “I am especially pleased that for our 62nd concert we offer these

important solo works by Bach — performed by two such sensitive and experienced artists in the ideal acoustics of Kinderhook’s Van Buren Hall. What a memorable afternoon it will be.”

The 3 p.m. performance is at Van Buren Hall, 6 Chatham Street. There is a lift available. Suggested contribution \$25, with students and children free.

For further information visit [www.concertsinthevillage.org](http://www.concertsinthevillage.org) and follow CITV on Facebook.

# North Chatham Library hosts two art events

**NORTH CHATHAM** — The North Chatham Free Library (NCFL) announces both Open Studios Tour and The Art Shop on Sunday, September 28. Both events begin at the Library Annex at the North Chatham Trolley Station, 103 Depot Street, 4287 Route 203.

Love visual arts and the North Chatham Free Library? Now you have two ways to support the library while enjoying the work of local artists.

The Open Studios Tour requires the purchase of a ticket (\$20 in advance and \$25 at the door). Online tour ticket sales end September 27. Check-in on the 28th is from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Go to the Trolley Station to pick up your wristband and a list of the locations of the participating artists’ studios including: Robin Gutheridge,

painter; Arnon Moscona, painter; Jerry Grant and Sharon Koomler, Grant House Press Letterpress printers; Joel Russell, painter; Victor Juhasz, internationally recognized political cartoonist; and Lois Dickson, painter.

New this year is The Art Shop, a store open to anyone and free to enter. It will feature a variety of artists’ work from noon to 5 p.m.

The roster of artists represented include: Margaret Walker, painter; Kenneth Young, painter; David Selzer, photographer; Kim Sykes, painter; Sally Berger, painter, whose work will be displayed, with note cards available for purchase; Peter Judge, furniture maker; and Sandy Connors, engraving printer.

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



Photo contributed

Conference workshop leaders Donna Kaz (l) and Mardi Jo Link (r).

# Academy presents nonfiction writers conference November 6-9

**SPENCERTOWN** — Spencertown Academy Arts Center presents All Write, Columbia: Nonfiction Writers Conference beginning Thursday, November 6 through Sunday, November 9. This four-day intensive writing conference will focus on both the craft and the business of writing memoir and nonfiction essays. Award-winning authors Donna Kaz and Mardi Jo Link will serve as workshop leaders, with additional acclaimed faculty including memoirist Brian Broom, nonfiction and fiction author Jamie Cat Callan, and neurodiverse writer and educator Mathangi Subramanian. Workshops, readings, and other events will be held in person at Spencertown Academy, while guest teachers are zoomed in.

“If you have always wanted to tell your story or turn a personal experience into an essay, this conference is for you. We look forward to gathering a mix of both emerging and veteran writers for this intimate, inspiring, and unique conference,” said Conference Director Donna Kaz in a press release. “All you need to apply is a short essay or memoir excerpt and the willingness to join together with others who share a passion for putting their life experiences onto the page.”

“Spencertown is a welcoming literary community and the All Write, Columbia conference is the place to meet, share, edit, collaborate,

and be inspired to keep writing,” said Adriana Tampasis, 2022 alum, also in the release.

The conference is open to all levels of writers ages 18+—from beginners who are just starting to write flash nonfiction to more advanced writers with a memoir manuscript. Tuition is \$500, including all workshops (plus an individual 45-minute consultation about 15-to-20 pages of each participant’s writing), opening night reception, guest author talks, publishing/PR panel, craft workshops, and most meals. The conference will be limited to a maximum of 20 participants.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, October 2. For submission guidelines, schedule, and faculty bios, see [spencertownacademy.org/all-write-columbia](http://spencertownacademy.org/all-write-columbia).

This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

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

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# Families once harvested ice from the Hudson River

GREENPORT — Take an Ice and Industry History Walk with Jonathan Palmer Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Saturday, September 20, 1 to 2 p.m.

Join Greene County Historian Jonathan Palmer for a guided walk through Olana's landscape and uncover the hidden industrial history of the Hudson River Valley. Learn how local families once harvested ice from the Hudson River and view Olana through the lens of a regional historian. This 1¼-mile walk covers carriage roads and explores how land use and industry have shaped one's experience of the site.

The cost is \$10/ person, \$5 for members. Meet at the main entrance to the Historic House. This tour is part of a series featuring outside experts who reveal lesser-known aspects of Olana's landscape, including its geologic history, 19th-century land use, and indigenous knowledge. Each walk lasts 45 to 60 minutes and ties



Jonathan Palmer

Greene County Historian Jonathan Palmer

into What's Missing? a site-specific outdoor exhibition by Ellen Harvey and Gabriela Salazar that explores forgotten elements

of Olana's history. Register at <https://tickets.olana.org/>. Learn more about the exhibition at <https://olana.org/whatsmissing>.

# Pickleball engages body and mind coordination

GERMANTOWN — The Germantown Recreation Committee sponsors a Parkinson's Pickleball Pop-Up at Palatine Park, Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m. to noon.

Free, equipment provided. No pickleball experience necessary. Basic instruction provided to folks new to pickleball.

Pickleball is an excellent

activity for people with Parkinson's. Exercises that engage body and mind coordination have been shown to slow the progression of PD symptoms.



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Have a glass of prosecco on the piazza.

# Visit Olana for an ecology walk and toast

GREENPORT — Take advantage of a rare opportunity to enjoy a guided evening landscape walk at Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Saturday, September 20, 4:30 p.m.

Spend an hour walking through Frederic Church's designed landscape with a guide certified as both a vol-

unteer master gardener and master forester. Dive into the flora and ecology and learn about how they informed Olana's carefully composed views and its story as a living artwork. Next, enjoy the one-of-a-kind experience of a Hudson Valley evening with a glass of prosecco on the piazza of the historic house.

Watch the sun begin to set behind the Catskill Mountains and see the views that inspired a great American artist (non-alcoholic beverages are also available). Walk covers about one mile over unpaved roads and is not ADA accessible. Tickets are \$65 each and are available at [tickets.olana.org](https://tickets.olana.org)

# Gaze at spectacular views from Southwood Estate

CLERMONT — Visit Southwood Estate, 726 Woods Road, during the Chancellor's Open House Series, Saturday, September 20, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The cost is \$50 for Friends of Clermont members, \$100 for non-members.

Southwood Estate is home to one of the Hudson Valley's most spectacular views, stretching across the Hudson River to the Catskill Mountains, and is part of the original Livingston family estate.

Upon Robert R. Livingston's death, his daughter Elizabeth Stevens Livingston inherited Clermont Manor.



Photo contributed

Southwood Estate.

Her five children inherited portions of Clermont and built manor houses and farms, Southwood being one. After some years of neglect, Beatrice Perry purchased Southwood in 1969, and it has remained in the Perry family since.

Enjoy an open house tour with refreshments and bask in the evening views from the expansive porch. Space is limited, registration required at [www.friendsofclermont.org/event-details/chancellors-open-house-series-southwood-estate](https://www.friendsofclermont.org/event-details/chancellors-open-house-series-southwood-estate)

# Take a step back in time at Founder's Day open house

EAST NASSAU — Spend a day at Historic Eastfield Village, 104 Mud Pond Road, discover the world of historic trades and crafts while enjoying food and 19th century entertainment with family and friends during the Historic Eastfield Foundation's 10th Founder's Day Open House, Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is \$20 (pre-purchase), \$25 at the gate; children 12 and under get in free.

Plowmans Meal and Tea and Sweet Treats will be available.

Ticket purchase and information about Historic Eastfield Foundation can be found at [www.historiceastfield.org](https://www.historiceastfield.org) or email [Eastfieldvillage@gmail.com](mailto:Eastfieldvillage@gmail.com)

Step back in time for a day in pre-industrial America. Historic Eastfield Village is celebrating its annual Founder's Day Open House. This is the one day of the year that the general public is invited to come and visit the privately-owned, recreated 19th century village, usually only open to Historic American Trades and Crafts Workshop attendees.

This is a family-friendly event with entertainment and attractions for all ages. Note, the site is rustic with uneven paths and historic buildings that are not ADA compliant.

During self-guided exploration, guests can experience more than 20 historic struc-



Photo contributed

Eat a Plowmans standard meal in village.

tures and their furnishings, dating from 1789 to 1840. One of the joys of Eastfield Village is the sense of discovery.

Activities include: a timber-framing tour of the Village with a master timber framer; take a spin around the Briggs Tavern ballroom with a 19th century dance instructor; continuing with the theme of historic entertainment, witness the magic of a period magician who would have wowed folks in pre-industrial America.

Celebrate the legacy of the village's founder Don Carpentier and honor the mission of The Historic Eastfield Foundation. Founder's Day highlights the work of traditional tradespeople. Most of the tradespeople

who demonstrate historic trades and crafts at Founder's Day continue to work their trades in the present day, keeping these skills alive and well throughout the country. Skills include: blacksmithing, cabinetmaking, printmaking, window restoration, furniture-making, spinning and weaving, early string instruments, flintlock gunsmithing and more. Watch demonstrations, interact with tradespeople, and shop their wares.

Explore the range of wares sold by demonstrators, shop antiques, and pick up trinkets and crafts produced by small businesses and artisans.

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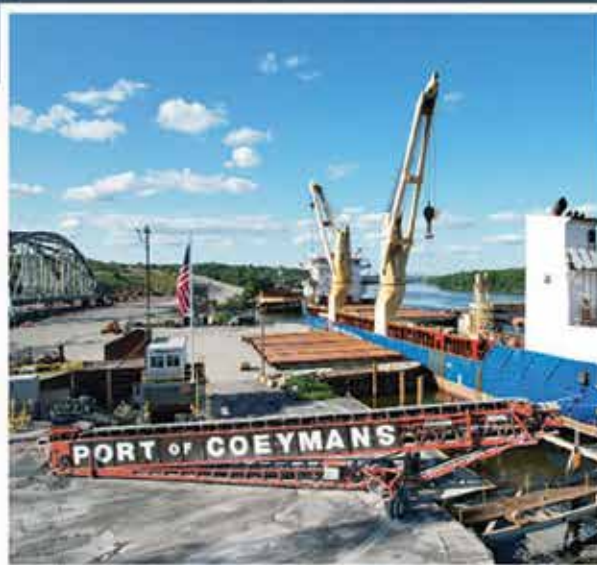
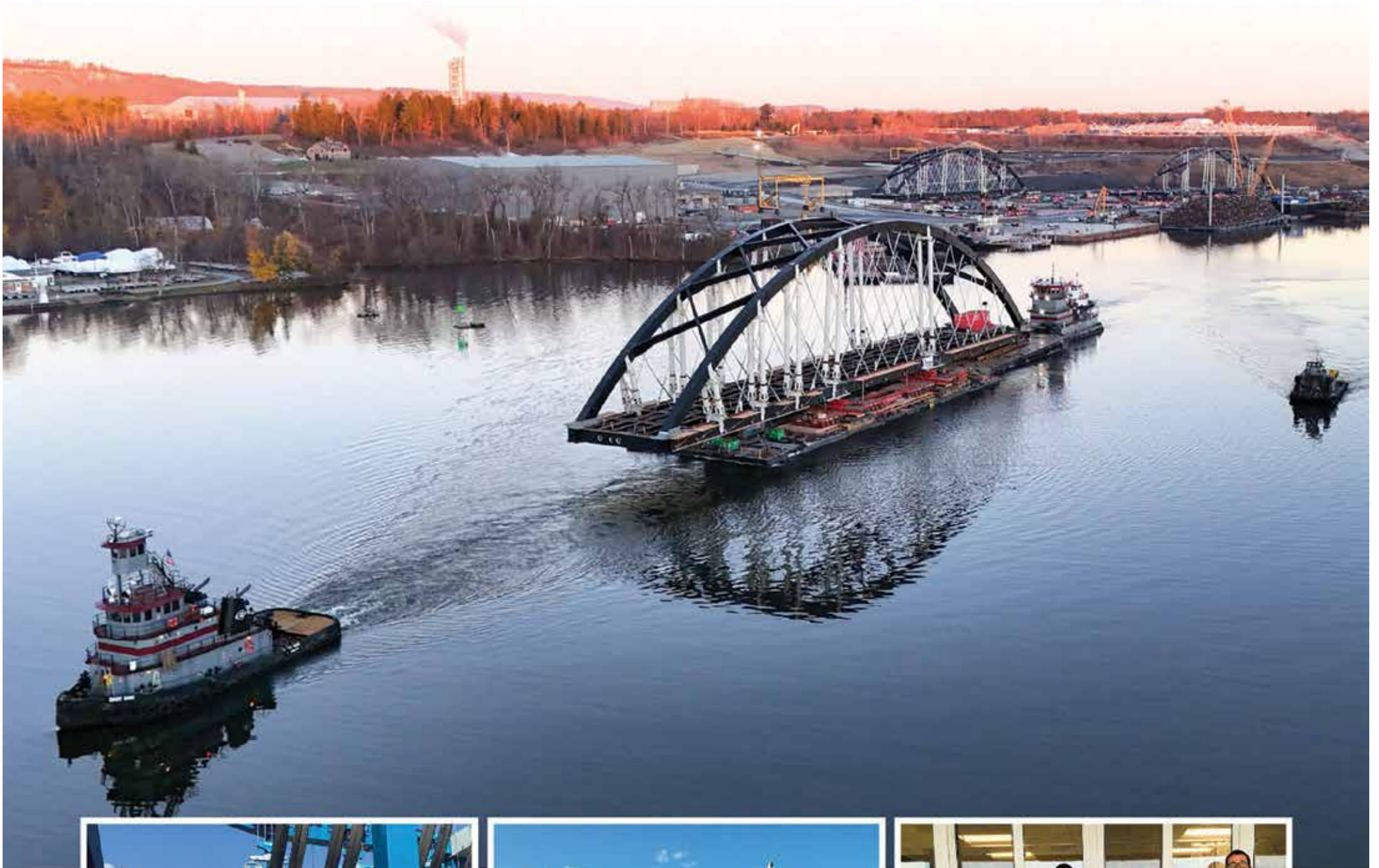
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Letters

## She lists what gives her hope

To the Editor:

What gives us hope? Hope is not a naïve emotion. It is a sober responsibility. It is what we do when the odds are long and the options are limited. It is the stubborn act of trying when despair feels easier. Rather than a passive optimism, it is the commitment of those who believe they can make a difference, no matter how small. In spite of the tsunami of negative news on a daily basis about our country's march toward

authoritarianism, people are fighting back!

- It's the lawyers who are fighting for justice who keep showing up in court because the rule of law depends on it. There are currently more than 330 active cases challenging the Trump administration actions.

- It is the more than 750 current and former HHS employees, demanding that RFK, Jr. stop spreading inaccurate health information and prioritize the safety of public

servants in the health sector in the wake of last month's fatal shooting at the Atlanta headquarters of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A September 4 CBS news poll finds 74% of Americans think the federal government should make vaccines more available, while only 4% say they should be made less available.

- It's the voters in deep red states that are really fired up and angry at the Trump policies showing up at town

halls to exercise their right of free speech to voice their dissent.

- It's the Governors of blue states telling Trump they do not want the National Guard patrolling in their streets.

- It's the whistleblowers from Federal agencies who stand up for truth and democracy.

- It's everyday Americans standing on street corners holding signs protesting Trump's cruel treatment of

immigrants, the militarization of our cities, and the abuses of power.

- It is the millions who attend nationwide marches and rallies month after month and are not complacent.

- It's the Americans who are part of quick reaction teams to notify residents when ICE agents come to round up black and brown people without cause in their community.

- It's the opposition leader – elected or not, that

stands up to Trump and the GOP, making their efforts to subvert our elections just a little bit more difficult.

Each act of courage buys time for others to organize, resist and fight back. Our job is to ignore the temptation of despair. So, when people ask what gives me hope – it is YOU! Hope is the courage to act in the face of uncertainty.

Stephanie Sussman  
Claverack

## He supports candidates in Claverack

To the Editor:

The Town of Claverack adopted a wonderful Comprehensive Plan in 2008. It's time to do something to actually implement it. It was based on extensive community input and expert guidance, just what we needed

then. And because not much has been done since, many of the areas of weakness identified in the plan still exist. Now it's time to bring Claverack into the 21st Century.

This year we have a real choice with candidates for

the Town Board who will do exactly that. No more kicking the can down the road.

Their plan is to make Claverack more affordable, make town government transparent and a welcome place for economic development through both grants

and private investments to strengthen our community. Supporting our farms and farmers to maintain our rural character was extremely important in the 2008 plan and is even more important today, as an economic driver and to meet climate change

sustainability efforts.

Ilze Earner is running for Town Supervisor, Robert Honeywell and Peter Hoffman for Town Board, and Amber D'Amato for Town Clerk. Now it's up to ALL of US to do something. Vote for action this

November, and check out the comprehensive plan at <https://townofclaverack.com/pdfs/final-claverack-comprehensive-plan-april-2008.pdf>

Bob Turan  
Claverack

# New Lebanon reports significant energy savings

NEW LEBANON — The Town of New Lebanon reported that it has significantly cut its energy use as a result of clean energy investments at its town hall and garage. Combined energy usage at the two buildings has fallen 24% while the cost of delivered energy has fallen an estimated 39%, representing a full-year savings of \$7,700. All the investments were funded by the New York State Clean Energy Communities program.

Starting in 2021, the town upgraded the lighting

in both buildings as well as installed 12 heat pumps and 74 solar panels, which are now generating 37 MWh of electricity per year. The climate impact of these initiatives has resulted in a 51% reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions from the two buildings since the town started tracking emissions in 2016.

In a separate project, the town measured the impact of switching to LED street lights in March 2020. On average the town now saves about \$1,000 annually com-

pared to the cost of the prior street lighting system. Altogether, the two buildings and the street lights represent a significant portion of the town's facilities.

The heat pump and solar investments were entirely funded by the state's Clean Energy Communities program, in which the town achieved 5-star certification, the highest level. This was based on completing 24 clean energy actions, including reaching Silver Certification in the State's sister program, Climate Smart Communities. The

town partnered with the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) for technical guidance on both programs.

Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling said in a press release, "As a small town, New Lebanon does not have significant financial resources, but we have shown what can be done when we work together. These projects will reduce energy costs for the town for decades to come."

Climate Smart Communities Task Force Chairman Steve Powers

said, "The energy savings so far are a significant milestone. We are truly grateful for the tireless contribution of all of our task force volunteers as well as the support from the broader community. Our team will continue working with the town to save energy and while building resilience."

Tara Donadio, Assistant Director of Sustainability at CDRPC said also in the release, "New Lebanon has become a recognized leader in clean energy in the Capital Region. We are proud of our partnership

with the town and look forward to working with them on future projects."

The results were reported to the town board on August 12 after a detailed analysis by Marc Anthonisen, MPA, a volunteer advisor to the Climate Smart Communities Task Force, and Morgan Brenner, a summer intern from Binghamton University. Their report is posted on the town's Climate Smart Communities web page at <https://townofnewlebanon.com/csc/>

## Town of Kinderhook survey results available

KINDERHOOK — The results of the Town of Kinderhook 2025 Community Survey are complete and available for review in a report detailing the public input collected. The survey was conducted over the summer by the town's Comprehensive Plan Committee and their planning consultant to measure general public sentiment on a range of local planning issues. The input collected will be used to better understand local priorities and establish a vision for the town for the next several years, as part of the town's comprehensive plan update.

The completion of this survey marks the end of phase 1 of the comprehensive plan update process, which was designed to conduct public outreach and collect initial comments regarding the plan. This phase began with a public meeting at the Ichabod Crane High School

Auditorium in January to announce the planning effort and solicit comments from local residents on what issues they felt were important to consider in the next comprehensive plan update. This early input was used to help craft the questions and topics for the community survey which followed.

The Town of Kinderhook received a grant from the Hudson River Valley Greenway for this work.

Phase 2 of the comprehensive plan update is anticipated to begin in early 2026 with additional public meetings to discuss specific topics and issues which are determined to require more discussion before any updates to the plan are drafted. After these meetings, draft recommendations will be presented for public comment before the planning document is updated. The Town of Kinderhook is currently

seeking additional grant funding to support this second phase of the effort.

"We look forward to continuing to hear from our community as we move through this planning process. Your input not only helps set our priorities, it also strengthens transparency around how, and why, your tax dollars are invested in services, infrastructure, and quality of life," Town Supervisor Timothy Ooms said in a press release.

The report detailing the results of the 2025 Community Survey can be found on the project webpage located at: [www.tinyurl.com/KinderhookPlan](http://www.tinyurl.com/KinderhookPlan) and on the Town of Kinderhook official website: [www.kinderhook-ny.gov/](http://www.kinderhook-ny.gov/). Bound copies are available to read at the Valatie Free Library, the Kinderhook Memorial Library and the Town Clerk's office.

### Protesters set up at village's water tower

Union members have come out with signs and a large blow-up rat, near and across the street from the Village of Valatie water towers on Route 9 and Albany Avenue for the last week. In May, the Village Board awarded work on re-coating of the water tower to the lowest bidder, Advanced Coating, for about \$279,000. The village received five bids for the work, with one coming in at \$1.3 million and another at \$700,000. The board talked about the difference in the bids at their meeting pointing out that Advanced Coating had recently worked in the Village of Chatham. By law the village must go with the lowest reasonable bid. A flier being handed out by members of District Council 9 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades says that Advanced Coating is a Massachusetts company so "by employing an out-of-town employer...the Village of Valatie is taking jobs that could go to the community." In a phone interview, Village Mayor Frank Bevens said that the work on the tower has not stopped.



Emilia Teasdale

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

**FARMERS MARKETS**  
CHATHAM FARMERS MARKET, 248 State Rte 295, the green at the old Chatham Bowling Alley, 3-7 pm. Fridays, May-October. Info at [www.facebook.com/chathamfarmersandmakersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/chathamfarmersandmakersmarket)

COPAKE HILLSDALE FARMERS MARKET, Roeliff Jansen Park, 9140 Route 22, Copake, 9 am-1 pm. Saturdays, May 17-November 22. Weekly vendors: Coleman's Catch Seafood, Old Klaverack Brewery, DoughCo Bagels; occasional/pop-up vendors, Haema Hospitality, Bread Story. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SNAP/EBT cards accepted, learn more at [copakehillssdalefarmersmarket.com](http://copakehillssdalefarmersmarket.com) or email [copakehillssdalefarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:copakehillssdalefarmersmarket@gmail.com)

HUDSON FARMERS MARKET, corner of Sixth & Columbia streets, Hudson, Saturdays, 9 am-1 pm. Rain or shine. 28th season. 30+ regular vendors, rotating list of guest vendors, live music, food/drinks each week. Fresh produce, baked goods, meat, eggs, dairy products, fish, flowers, spirits (wine, cider, liquor), prepared foods. April 19-November 22. Participates in SNAP/EBT, Fresh Connect, WIC & FMNP programs. Indoor Winter Market each Saturday, November 29 to April 11 (except Saturday after Christmas, 12/27), Elks Lodge #787, 201 Harry Howard Avenue, 10 am-1 pm. [HUDSONFARMERSMARKET.NY.ORG/](http://HUDSONFARMERSMARKET.NY.ORG/)

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**September 18**  
FALL FISHING WITH THE HUDSON SLOOP CLUB, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Greenport, Meet at the Farm Complex, 3-6 pm. Free. Learn more about fishing, water ecology, and the plants and animals that call Olana's lake home. Activities include fishing from shore, wading, netting, digging, while learning more about river ecosystems. Shuttle available from Hudson Library 2-7 pm.

FLU VACCINATION CLINIC, AB Shaw Firehouse, 67 NY-23, Claverack, 4-6 pm. Columbia County Department of Health offers seasonal flu vaccine to anyone 6 months of age and older. Pre-registration required at [www.columbiacountynyhealth.com](http://www.columbiacountynyhealth.com). Most insurances accepted, uninsured or underinsured may be eligible for a lower fee or no fee. All others must pay a fee of \$58 for regular flu & \$107 for high dose senior flu vaccine. Cash, card or check accepted. For questions or help in registering call 518-828-3358 x1256.

**September 19**  
COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR, Columbia Memorial Health Support Services Building, 65 Prospect Ave, Hudson, 9 am-1 pm. Free event with educational information, screenings, provider presentations. Attendees can schedule primary care appointments, learn about MyChart patient portal and careers throughout the organization. More info at [albany.med.org/events](http://albany.med.org/events), or contact Crystal Dollar at 518-828-8329 or [cdollar@cmh-net.org](mailto:cdollar@cmh-net.org).

LIBRARY WALKING CLUB WITH THE CLC, Ooms, 480 Rock City Rd, Old Chatham, 10 am. The Columbia Land Conservancy and the Chatham Public Library have teamed up for a monthly walking club on public lands. Please note that this event will still occur in light rain, but registrants will be contacted in extreme weather. Bring water and wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Social, leashed dogs are welcome. Register at <https://columbialand.org/event/library-walking-club-september/>

COMMUNITY HERO NIGHT, Hudson Brewery, 99 South Third Street, 5:30-9 pm. Hudson Rotary & Operation Unite NY present an evening of fun, food and entertainment. Tickets \$40 each, children 12 years and under free. Children's songs, children's games and pizza, world music with Abby Lappen, food buffet and beverage, DJ Clint dance party. Proceeds go to purchase equipment for all ambulances in Columbia County, Cairo, Greenville & support Operation Unite's Youth Services activities. For more info contact Elena Mosley at [mail@networkforgood.com](mailto:mail@networkforgood.com).

MEMORIAL WALK FOR RECOVERY, Tracy Village Hall, 77 Main Street, Chatham, 6 pm. Columbia County Pathways to Recovery invites public to join in annual Candlelight Memorial Walk for Recovery, to honor & remember those lost to substance use disorder, celebrate those in recovery. Free Narcan kits & training available. Short walk, suitable for all fitness levels. Memorial signs of loved ones will be placed along Main Street. To get a free memorial sign made for a loved one contact [columbiapathwaystorecovery@gmail.com](mailto:columbiapathwaystorecovery@gmail.com) or call 518-966-2775.

STAR GAZING PARTY, West Beach parking lot at Lake Taghkanic State Park, 1528 State Route 82, Gallatin, 7 pm. Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association hosts. Bring your own telescopes & binoculars or use those provided by members. Attendees must provide their license plate number 7 make/model car, so park management and police have record of who will be in park after hours. More info at <https://www.spy-hill.net/myers/astro/tsp/> Registration required at least one day beforehand.

**September 20**  
ROE JAN RAMBLE BIKE TOUR, Copake Memorial Park, 305 Mountain View Rd. Times vary. Fundraiser for Harlem Valley Rail Trail, fun, non-competitive ride sponsored by towns of Copake, Ancram, Hillside. Choose from six routes: easy, mostly flat 10-miler, to Metric Century route (100km/62 miles) for expert rider. Ride is free with voluntary donations encouraged to support the HVRT. Register to ride & get more info at [www.roejanramble.org](http://www.roejanramble.org). Or volunteer at rest stops, check-in desk or as a route guide, email [roejanramble@gmail.com](mailto:roejanramble@gmail.com), no experience needed.

PARKINSON'S PICKLEBALL POP-UP, Palatine Park, Germantown, 10 am-noon. Free, equipment provided. No pickleball experience necessary. Basic instruction provided to folks new to pickleball, which is an excellent activity for people with Parkinson's. Exercises that engage body and mind coordination have been shown to slow the progression of PD symptoms. This event is sponsored by the Germantown Recreation Committee.

DRIVE-THROUGH FLU VACCINATION CLINIC, Roe Jan Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, 10 am-noon. Columbia County Department of Health offers seasonal flu vaccine to anyone 6 months of age or older. Pre-registration required at [www.columbiacountynyhealth.com](http://www.columbiacountynyhealth.com). Most insurances accepted, uninsured or underinsured may be eligible for a lower fee or no fee. All others must pay a fee of \$58 for regular flu & \$107 for high dose senior flu vaccine. Cash, card or check accepted. For questions or help in registering call 518-828-3358 x1256.

10TH FOUNDER'S DAY OPEN HOUSE, Historic Eastfield Village, 104 Mud Pond Rd, East Nassau, 11 am-4 pm. Admission: \$20 (pre-purchase), \$25 at the gate. Children 12 & under free. Spend a day at Historic Eastfield Village, discover the world of historic trades and crafts while enjoying food and 19th century entertainment with family and friends. Ticket purchase and info about Historic Eastfield Foundation: [www.historiceastfield.org](http://www.historiceastfield.org) or email [EastfieldVillage@gmail.com](mailto:EastfieldVillage@gmail.com)

IN FLIGHT'S CORNHOLE FOR A CAUSE, Dutchman's Landing, Catskill, noon-8 pm. Free entry, \$50/team to play in cornhole tournament, live music, Stormtrooper demo, food vendors, raffles, auctions, costume contest, photo-booth. Drone show finale after sundown. For more info, to register, or to view the full schedule, visit [InFlightInc.org](http://InFlightInc.org).

ICE & INDUSTRY HISTORY WALK, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Greenport, 1-2 pm. Greene County Historian Jonathan Palmer leads guided walk through Olana's landscape to uncover hidden industrial history of Hudson River Valley. Learn how local families once harvested ice from Hudson River. 1 1/4-mile walk on carriage roads. \$10/person, \$5/ members. Meet at main entrance to Historic House. Register at <https://tickets.olana.org/>

ECOLOGY WALK & PIAZZA TOAST, Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State Route 9G, Greenport, 4:30 pm. Guided evening landscape walk (hour) followed by prosecco on the piazza of historic house. Walk covers about one mile over unpaved roads, not ADA accessible. Tickets \$65 each, available at [tickets.olana.org](http://tickets.olana.org)

CHANCELLOR'S OPEN HOUSE SERIES, Southwood Estate, 726 Woods Road, Clermont, 5:30-7:30 pm. \$50 for Friends of Clermont members, \$100 non-members. Southwood is home spectacular views, stretching across the Hudson River to the Catskill Mountains, and is part of the original Livingston family estate. Open house tour with refreshments. Space limited, registration required at [www.friendsofclermont.org/event-details/chancellors-open-house-series-southwood-estate](http://www.friendsofclermont.org/event-details/chancellors-open-house-series-southwood-estate)

**September 21**  
SITES TO CELEBRATE SITE VISIT TOUR, Craryville Depot Complex & the Peter Crary House, Craryville, 2 pm. Tour guides Karl & Lily Skuggevig and Dan Pelosi. To register send email to [roeliffjansenhs.org](mailto:roeliffjansenhs.org), type Site Visit Request in subject line. Someone will respond by email within 24 hours. Most site visits are limited to 15 participants. Make your request not less than three days prior to the event.

LIVINGSTON'S LANDSCAPE: Uncover the relationship the Livingstons had with the land and those living on it, Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, 2 pm. Meet at Visitor Center, free guided landscape tour. Explore how their role as landowners shaped the land and local communities. Dress for weather, wear sturdy shoes. If severe weather this tour will be postponed. RSVP at [www.friendsofclermont.org/events](http://www.friendsofclermont.org/events)

**September 24**  
APPLE PICKING PARTY, PS21: Center for Contemporary Performance, 2980 NY-66, Chatham, 1-3 pm. Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) partners with Nine Pin Cider to create Wild to the Core, a hard cider from apples harvested in Columbia County. Volunteers sought to pick apples. Visit [ColumbiaLand.org/Events](http://ColumbiaLand.org/Events) to register and learn more about each program, including accessibility information and what to bring.

**September 26,27,28**  
BARN BLOWOUT SALE, 4401 Route 23, Hudson, 10 am-5 pm daily. Proceeds benefit AnimalKind & Kitten Angels. Sale of gently-used furniture, housewares, artwork, collectibles, books, records, puzzles, games, toys, home & holiday decor, outdoor recreational items, pet accessories.

**September 27**  
BLOOD DRIVE, A.B. Shaw Fire Company, 67 NY-23, Claverack, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. To book a time to give blood or platelets, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

COLUMBIA NE REPAIR CAFE, 15 Frisbee St, East Chatham, 10 am-2 pm. Free. Comprehensive repair services provided by local volunteer "fixers," including: bicycle repair and maintenance, general repair, hand or machine sewing, electrical repairs, woodwork, gluing, small appliance repair, gardening consultation. Two-item limit per person. Clothing or textiles to be mended must be clean. For more info about what items can be repaired, find the Columbia NE Repair Cafe on Facebook or email [columbianerepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:columbianerepaircafe@gmail.com).

CLAVERRACK HISTORY DAY, Claverack Free Library, 9 Rte 9H, & Claverack Reformed Dutch Church, 88 Rte 9H, 11 am-3 pm. Free activities for all ages. History exhibits, Underground Railroad info, book reading, demonstrations, food truck, tours, organ recital. For the day's schedule and additional information: <https://claverackhistoricalsociety.org/> or email: [ClaverackHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:ClaverackHistoricalSociety@gmail.com)

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**SUMMER PAW PICNIC,** Locust Hill Barn, 5 Stockport Road, Ghent, noon-4 pm. Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA hosts family-friendly fundraiser that promises an afternoon of food, fun, tail wags, community spirit in support of its life-saving mission. Mix of local food trucks, craft breweries, cornhole tournament, "Bucket of Cheer" raffle, Brian Robinson of Robinson Wildlife Lectures with engaging and educational wildlife demos. Get tickets at the door, all proceeds from entry fee benefit CGHS/SPCA, supports shelter operations, rescue efforts, veterinary care, and rehoming services for animals in need.

**SQUARE DANCE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL,** Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, 5-8 pm. Food, music, dancing and ice cream are the ingredients for this hand-clapping, knee-slapping good time on an autumn evening. \$25/person, \$10 for kids under 12, includes two tacos, music, dancing, and all the ice cream you can eat! Buy tickets at the door. For more info email copakegrange@gmail.com

**GOLDEN APPLE GALA,** High & Mighty Therapeutic Riding and Driving Center, Inc, 71 County Rte 21C, Ghent, 6-9 pm, \$100/ticket, \$750/ table of 8. Food, drinks, music, auction, more. Apple-themed celebration blends rustic elegance with heartfelt purpose, all set against the golden glow of fall and the gentle presence of our beloved horses. Tickets and more info at: <https://high-n-mighty.org/gala/>

**September 28**  
**OPEN STUDIOS TOUR AND THE ART SHOP,** Library Annex, North Chatham Trolley Station, 103 Depot Street, 4287 Rte 203, Open Studios 11:30 am-4:40 pm, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door; The Art Shop noon-5 pm, free. North Chatham Free Library fundraiser. Go to the Trolley Station to pick up your wristband and a list of the locations of the participating artists' studios. Reserve tickets by Sept. 27. [https://northchathamlibrary.org/SITES TO CELEBRATE SITE VISIT TOUR](https://northchathamlibrary.org/SITES%20TO%20CELEBRATE%20SITE%20VISIT%20TOUR), Copake Lake Icehouse Property, Copake Lake, 2 pm. Tour guide Ross Mauri. To register send email to [roliffjansen@hs.org](mailto:roliffjansen@hs.org), type Site Visit Request in subject line. Someone will respond by email within 24 hours. Most site visits are limited to 15 participants. Make your request not less than three days prior to the event.

**October 11 (NEED VENDORS)**  
**VENDOR FAIR,** Our Lady of Hope Parish, 8074 State Route 22, Copake Falls, 9 am-3 pm. First ever vendor fair. Seeking local artisans, crafters, and creators to participate. Contact Mary @ [olhfaithformation@yaho.com](mailto:olhfaithformation@yaho.com) 518 329-4240 for registration form and further information.

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

**September 18**  
**TAKE-OUT BROOKS CHICKEN BARBECUE,** Kinderhook Reformed Church, 21 Broad St., 3-6:30 pm. Chicken dinner \$18 consisting of 1/2 chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll & butter. Make dinner reservations at <https://ticket-stripe.com/krcbrooksbbq2025>. Tickets also available at The Cross Eyed Owl gift shop & LaTorre Insurance Agency. Curbside meal pick-up only through The School driveway adjacent to south lawn of church. All proceeds benefit operation and maintenance of Kinderhook Cemetery. More info 518-758-6401.

**September 19**  
**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER,** Ghent Reformed Church, 1039 County Route 22, West Ghent, 6 pm. Breakfast for dinner. Questions? Call the church at 518-828-5946.

**September 20**  
**POLISH HARVEST DINNER,** Stuyvesant Historic Depot, 55 Riverview Street, 6 pm. Favorite Polish dishes will be featured. Potluck and or donations welcome! Get more information at 518-758-7347.

**September 25**  
**COMMUNITY CHILI DINNER AT OPEN HOUSE,** New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School, 14665 State Route 22, 5-7 pm. Eat a warm dinner on the Just Food Club and meet the teachers. Menu includes three different kinds of chili, cornbread and dessert. Free and open to all. Donations for club welcome but not required. For more information see Mrs. Buckenroth. Get a spoonful of our school spirit.

**FOR KIDS**  
**Through November 4**  
**KUUMBA KIDS,** Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 pm, free. In partnership with Operation Unite NY, Kuumba Kids invites young people to explore African culture through drumming, dance, crafts, and literacy. This weekly workshop encourages kids to move their bodies, expand their skills, and make new friends through creativity and collaboration. Ages: 8-13. Reservations required unless enrolled in the Hudson Youth Department After School Program. <https://hudsonhall.org/>

**September 18-December 11**  
**SCENE STUDY WITH CINDY KUBIK,** Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, Thursdays 5-6 pm (no class 11/13, 11/27), free. Ages: 11-15. In this hands-on workshop, students dive into improv, stagecraft, character development, and acting technique while working together to create short scenes for a final performance. Reservations required (limited capacity), <https://hudsonhall.org/event/scene-study-with-cindy-kubik/>

**September 20**  
**FAMILY ARTS KALEIDOSCOPE,** Spencertown Academy Arts Center, 790 State Rte 203, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, free. Karen Martin, director of the Art School of Columbia County, will present "Make It, Shrink It, Wear It." Kids, 8 years old and over will create wearable art with their own designs and images. Registration is required at [www.spencertownacademy.org](http://www.spencertownacademy.org).

**September 27**  
**DALMATIAN DAY:** Bob McKinney Memorial Fire Prevention Event, FASNY Museum of Firefighting, 117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson, 10 am-3 pm. Free. Meet-and-greet live Dalmatians, games & prizes for kids, Dalmatian-themed crafts, hose racing team demo, appearance by Smokey Bear, interactive safety house tours, vendor giveaways. Rain or shine. Lunch will also be available for purchase. Reservations not required. [fasnyfiremuseum.com](http://fasnyfiremuseum.com)

**AT THE MOVIES**  
**September 19**  
**NOW VOYAGER,** Time & Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 5:15 pm. 518-822-8100, [www.timeandspace.org](http://www.timeandspace.org)

**September 19, 20-22**  
**CHECKPOINT ZOO,** Time & Space Limited, 434 Columbia, Hudson St, times vary. September 21 Q&A with director & featured animal rights panelists. 518-822-8100, [www.timeandspace.org](http://www.timeandspace.org)

**AIN'T NO BACK TO A MERRY-GO-ROUND,** Time & Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, times vary. 518-822-8100, [www.timeandspace.org](http://www.timeandspace.org)

**September 20**  
**GARLAND JEFFREYS: THE KING OF IN-BETWEEN +Q&A,** The Moviehouse, 48 Main Street, Millerton, 7 pm, \$18 / Superstar Members \$16. The name Garland Jeffreys either means nothing or everything to you. Director Claire Jeffreys' heartfelt film examines the career of a genre bending singer songwriter who was ahead of his time. A Q&A with Claire Jeffreys will follow the film. <https://bit.ly/TMH-Garland-Jeffreys-doc>

**September 21**  
**NETWORK (1976),** The Moviehouse, 48 Main Street, Millerton, Sunday 1 pm, Wednesday 7 pm, regular movie pricing. Repertory Spotlight: Freedom of the Press. Presented in partnership with The Lakeville Journal & The Millerton News. <https://bit.ly/TMH-LJ-Network>

**RABBIT TRAP,** Time & Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 7:15 pm. 518-822-8100, [www.timeandspace.org](http://www.timeandspace.org)

**September 21-22**  
**RIEFENSTAH,** Time & Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, times vary. 518-822-8100, [www.timeandspace.org](http://www.timeandspace.org)  
**September 25, October 10**  
**INTER ALIA,** The Moviehouse, 48 Main Street, Millerton, Thursday 7 pm, Sunday 1 pm, \$25. Superstar Members \$20. National Theatre Live. Oscar-nominated Rosamund Pike ("Gone Girl," "Saltburn") is Jessica in the much-anticipated next play from the team behind "Prima Facie." <https://bit.ly/TMH-NTLive-Inter-Alia>

**September 27**  
**INTER ALIA,** Time & Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 4 pm. National Theatre of London / NT Live. 518-822-8100, [www.timeandspace.org](http://www.timeandspace.org)

**MOVIES IN THE PARK,** Taconic State Park, 253 State Route 344, Copake Falls, near the Ore Pit, 7 pm. Free. Bring family & friends, a blanket or lawn chairs, and snacks. Park staff will show some favorite movies throughout the season in the open air on the lawn. Movie choices will be announced via social media and in the Park's Office. Weather dependent. 518-329-3993.

**September 28**  
**FOUR WINTERS + Q&A,** The Moviehouse, 48 Main Street, Millerton, 1 pm, \$18. Presented in partnership with Congregation Beth David and New Moon Films and made possible in part by the generosity of Rosina Abramson. A Q&A with Director Julia Mintz will follow the film. Ticket + Donation: \$36 - All donations will support Four Winters' impact, outreach and educational initiatives. <https://bit.ly/TMH-4Winters>

**MAKING MUSIC**  
**September 18**  
**THIRD THURSDAY: TUNES WITH A VIEW - ANDES MANTA,** Olana, 5720 State Rte 9G, Hudson, 5-6:15 pm, free. Enjoy live music on traditional instruments like panpipes and Andean flutes, along with captivating dance performances, all against the backdrop of Olana's breathtaking views.

**September 19-20**  
**BASILICA SOUNDSCAPE 2025,** 110 South Front St, Hudson. A weekend of boundary-pushing music and art within the Basilica's reclaimed post-industrial setting. Tickets and information at <https://basilicahudson.org/>

**September 20**  
**MUM,** with Mice Parade Acoustic Duo, Hudson Hall, 327 Warren St, 7 pm, tickets start at \$25 (plus \$4 fee). Mum bring their otherworldly Icelandic sound to Hudson Hall's intimate 1855 theater in just a few weeks. Tickets at <https://hudsonhall.org/> or call 518-822-1438.

**September 20, October 18, November 15, December 13**  
**KARAOKE NIGHTS,** New Lebanon Community Center, 523 US 20, 5:30-7:30 pm. Once a month, four special dates. Grab your friends and come out and sing like nobody's listening.

**September 21**  
**JAMMIN' AT THE GRANGE,** Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, 4-5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome for an afternoon of creative music making. Bring an instrument, voices included, and a song to musically improvise with others. Free, donations welcome.

**September 28**  
**SOLO JOURNEYS WITH BACH,** Van Buren Hall, 6 Chatham St, Kinderhook, 3 pm, \$25 suggested donation, students and children free. Concerts in the Village opens its 16th Season 2025-2026 solo works of J. S. Bach: the "Goldberg Variations," and "Sonata for Solo Violin No. 1." For these two journeys CITV welcomes pianist Sophia Zhou, and Broad Street Orchestra Concertmaster Elizabeth Silver. For further information visit [www.concertsinthevillage.org](http://www.concertsinthevillage.org) and follow CITV on Facebook.

**BLUEGRASS WITH THE JUCKETS,** Hilltop Barn at Roe Jan Park, 66 Old Rte 22, 4 pm. The Juckets, a Berkshire-based, acoustic Americana Bluegrass band play for the fun of it at regional farmers markets, breweries, wineries and local festivals. All ages welcome. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

**LISTEN & LEARN**  
**September 18**  
**MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS:** Building a Community of Support, Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, 6-7:30 pm. Free, public invited. Complimentary buffet-style meal served, take-away material with wellness resources handed out. Conversations about mental health, to share community-specific resources and support options and engage participants through interactive discussion on reducing the stigma around mental health, reducing stress, and building wellness practices for better health and resilience. Reservations not required. More info email: [copakegrange@gmail.com](mailto:copakegrange@gmail.com)

**IDENTIFICATION PROTECTION & Scam Prevention,** Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, 6 pm. Kim Maercklein NYS Division of Consumer Protection speaks at Greenport Historical Society meeting, 6 pm. All welcome, membership not required. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Juanita Bryant, copresident at 518-929-0915 or [juanitabryant16@gmail.com](mailto:juanitabryant16@gmail.com) for more info.

**September 19**  
**MEDICARE 101,** North Chatham Free Library, the Library Annex at the North Chatham Trolley Station, 103 Depot St. 10 am, free. Experienced Columbia County Office for the Aging staff with expertise in the often-complex world of health insurance will be on hand to explain what you need to know in order to make sound decisions. Reservations are not necessary.

**September 20**  
**NY HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE,** Taghkanic Community Forest, 1330 County Route 27, 9 am-4 pm. Columbia Land Conservancy president Troy Weldy teaches fundamentals and safety techniques for hunting with a rifle, outdoor safety and hunter responsibility toward wildlife, the environment, and the public. Course concludes with a certification test. Sign up at <https://columbiaand.org/events/>

**September 21**  
**NY BOWHUNTER EDUCATION COURSE,** Taghkanic Community Forest, 1330 County Route 27, 9 am-4 pm. Columbia Land Conservancy president Troy Weldy teaches fundamentals and safety techniques for hunting with a bow, outdoor safety and hunter responsibility toward wildlife, the environment, and the public. Course concludes with a certification test. Sign up at <https://columbiaand.org/events/>



**BEYOND GRASS: BEAUTIFUL BIODIVERSE YARDS,** The North Chatham Free Library Annex, North Chatham Trolley Station, 103 Depot St, 4287 Rte 203, 10 am. Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardner Freida Pearce will discuss the ideas proposed by Cornell and other naturalists so that we can successfully transition to natural landscapes that aid the biodiversity and sustainability. Reservations are not necessary.


**September 21**  
**THE VAN BERGEN OVERMANTEL COMES TO LIFE,** Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson St, 1:30-3 pm, free. The African American Archive Columbia County invites the general public to a panel discussion on ethnic diversity in 1700s Dutch New York. For more information, go to <https://www.afamarchivecc.org/> Historians hear about first woman union organizer



**KATE MULLANY:** Organizer of the first female labor union in the United States, New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22, 2 pm. Holly Clark from the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in Troy, tells the story of the Irish immigrant who was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and the International Labor Hall of Fame in recognition of her efforts and success. Light refreshments, donations accepted. Lebanon Valley Historical Society is a 501(c)3. Call 518-894-8762 for more info.

**September 24**  
**BRAVER ANGELS - SKILLS FOR DISAGREEING BETTER,** Roeliff-Jansen Community Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, 6 pm. Learn to disagree better in polarized times, which means accurately seeing where we differ and where we share common ground. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1390540657539?discount=BRAVER&aff=oddttdcreator>

**September 25**  
**FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY TALK,** Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, 1 pm. Doug Garrison from the Greenport Fire Department will talk about fire prevention and safety at the next meeting of the Greenport Seniors. Any senior who resides in Columbia County is welcome to attend the meeting.



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Support Services Building  
65 Prospect Ave., Hudson



[columbiamemorialhealth.org](http://columbiamemorialhealth.org)

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### September 27

**ALCOHOL INK ART CLASS,** Claverack Free Library, 9 Route 9H, 11 am, free.

Alcohol Ink art uses vibrant, fast drying, alcohol-based ink and is mixed with isopropyl (or blending solution) air and paint brushes. Class will cover the many ways to move the ink and the types of surface that it can be used on. Materials will be provided. Class size is very limited, registration is required. Call 518-851-7120 or email [info@claveracklibrary.org](mailto:info@claveracklibrary.org).

**AUTHOR TALK,** The Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, 1:30 pm. Local author James Bradley will talk about his recently published biography "Martin Van Buren: America's First Politician."

### ON STAGE

**Mondays**  
**IMPOV FOR HUMANITY,** Lightforms Art Center, 743 Columbia St. Hudson, 7-9 pm, free. Safe, non-competitive space to explore art of theatre improvisation together. [HUDSONVALLEYIMPOV@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HUDSONVALLEYIMPOV@GMAIL.COM).

### Through October 5

**MOTHER PLAY: A PLAY IN FIVE EVICTIONS,** Shakespeare & Company, Elayne P. Bernstein Theatre, 70 Kemble Street, Lenox, MA, tickets range from \$22 to \$85. The New England premiere, by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel and directed by Ariel Bock. Tickets at [shakespeare.org](http://shakespeare.org), by calling the Box Office at 413-637-3353, or in person.

### September 18

**THIRD THURSDAY: CAMPHILL HUDSON PLAYERS PERFORMANCE,** Olana, 5720 State Rte 9G, 6-7 pm, free. Join this special evening performance with The Camphill Hudson Players, Hudson's own inclusive theater company that creates original productions. This performance will take place at the recently opened Frederic Church Center for Art and Landscape.

### September 19-28

**PENELOPE,** Ancram Center for the Arts, 1330 County Route 7, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 7 pm, Sundays 3 pm. Music & lyrics: Alex Bechtel. Book: Alex Bechtel, Grace McLean & Evan Steinmetz. Directed by Eva Steinmetz. Starring Grace McLean. Tickets and information available at [www.ancramcenter.org](http://www.ancramcenter.org)

### September 20

**WHAT NEXT?,** Time & Space Limited, 434 Columbia St, Hudson, 3 and 6 pm, \$15, \$12.50 TSL members. A reflexive, daring, playful, and obscure; this production consistently pushes against the conventions of theatre as form. <https://timeandspace.org>, 518-822-8100.

### September 26, 27

**ALEX TATARSKY: SAD BOYS IN HARPY LAND,** PS21 Pavilion Theater, 2980 Rte 66, Chatham, 7:30 pm, \$25, \$20 (member pricing), \$15 student. A falling apart coming-of-age tale from playwright and self-proclaimed "experimental clown artist" Alex Tatarsky, the one-person show takes place in the hellscapes of the mind. <https://ps21chatham.org/event/alex-tatarsky/>

### September 27

**ANNAPURNA,** The Moviehouse, 48 Main Street, Millerton, 7 pm, \$10. Tangent Theatre Company presents a play reading of "Annapurna" by Sharr White. Set in a remote trailer park, the story is an intimate, bittersweet two-hander that explores life, love and loss. A portion of the proceeds goes to support Tangent Theatre Company. <https://bit.ly/TMH-Tangent-Annapurna>

### ON VIEW

**LABspace,** 2642 Rt 23, Hillsdale. Susan Carr: To bring you my love, September 20-November 16. Opening Reception: September 20, 1-5 pm. Sat & Sun 1-5 pm, no apt necessary. [julielab-space@gmail.com](mailto:julielab-space@gmail.com). 917 749-2857.

**OLANA State Historic Site,** 5720 Rt 9G, Greenport. What's Missing?, Ellen Harvey and Gabriela Salazar, June 14-November 2. Free landscape tours and house access, Thursdays 1-6:30 pm. Family Saturday: Gallery Tour, September 20, 1-2 pm. Contact [education@olana.org](mailto:education@olana.org) to learn more. For further inquiries, call ticketing at 518-751-0344 or email [tickets@olana.org](mailto:tickets@olana.org).

**TANJA GRUNERT SALON,** Princess Beatrix House, 21 Prospect Ave, Hudson. Nicole Cherubini, Susan Jennings, and Michelle Segre, through September 28. Talk at the gallery with the artists, moderated by Nicole Hayes, September 27 at 3 pm. Fri-Mon noon-6 pm, or by appointment. 646 944-6197, [tanjagrunert.com](http://tanjagrunert.com).

# CLC will teach you how to hunt with a rifle and a bow

**TAGHKANIC** — Join Columbia Land Conservancy president Troy Weldy for a full-day, in-person NY Hunter Education course at the to-be-opened Taghkanic Community Forest, 1330 County Route 27.

Courses include the NY Hunter Education Course on September 20 and the NY Bowhunter Education Course on September 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Both courses cover the necessary fundamentals and safety techniques for hunting with a rifle or bow, as well as outdoor safety and hunter responsibility toward wildlife, the environment, and the public. The courses will conclude with a certification test. Sign up at <https://columbialand.org/events/>

Already have your Hunter Education Certificate of Qualification and looking to hunt this upcoming season? Select CLC properties (Overmountain, Schor, Hand Hollow) are open for deer hunting to permit holders. Find additional information here. <https://columbialand.org/get-outside/>



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"Are you lookin' at me?"

The NY Hunter Education course (Hunter Safety course) is required to purchase a hunting license in

New York. The course covers the necessary safety techniques and responsibilities that a hunter must know

when using a gun, muzzle-loader, crossbow, or bow to pursue wild game. Find a full list of topics covered in the course at [dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education/courses-certifications](http://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education/courses-certifications)

The training will take place at the site's hunting cabin, which is accessible by car. If individuals prefer to walk or have a low clearance vehicle, the path to the cabin is about a third of a mile over gravel terrain. Following registration, participants will receive the address and directions to the Taghkanic Community Forest.

Bring a folding chair, a water bottle, a bagged lunch, and weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. A way to take notes is recommended for this program.

Do not bring dogs or personal firearms.

To learn more, register and receive homework assignments for the course, visit the DEC website at [dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education/courses-certifications](http://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education/courses-certifications)

## Chow down on Polish favorites at the depot

**STUYVESANT** — The Stuyvesant Historic Depot Committee and Stuyvesant Pathways/OSI host a Polish Harvest Dinner at the depot, 55 Riverview Street, Saturday

September 20 at 6 pm.

Favorite Polish dishes will be featured. Potluck and or donations welcome! Get more information at 518-758-7347.

## Historians hear about first woman union organizer

**NEW LEBANON** — A program about Kate Mullany, organizer of the first female labor union in the United States, will be presented by the Lebanon Valley Historical Society, Sunday, September 21, 2 p.m. in the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 Route 22.

New Lebanon's own Holly Clark from the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in Troy, will tell the story of the Irish

immigrant who was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and the International Labor Hall of Fame in recognition of her efforts and success.

Light refreshments will be served and donations are gratefully accepted. The Lebanon Valley Historical Society is a 501(c)3. Call 518-894-8762 for more information.

## Look back through generations of Livingstons

**CLERMONT** — The Livingstons' Landscape: Uncover the relationship the Livingstons had with the land and those living on it at Clermont State Historic Site, 1 Clermont Avenue, Sunday, September 21, 2 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center. Join staff at Clermont for a free guided landscape tour. On this tour they will look back through generations of the Livingston family and explore how their role as landowners shaped the land and local communities.

From the questionable land purchases from Indigenous tribes to enslaved men and tenant farmers tilling the soil, to the Livingstons' own gentleman farmers, the relationship with the land and those who worked it changed many times over the past 300 years.

Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

In the event of severe weather this tour will be postponed.

RSVP at [www.friendsofclermont.org/events](http://www.friendsofclermont.org/events)

## Seniors hear about fire prevention and safety

**GREENPORT** — Doug Garrison from the Greenport Fire Department will talk about fire prevention and safety at the next meeting of the Greenport Seniors,

Greenport Community Center, 500 Town Hall Drive, September 25 at 1 p.m. Any senior who resides in Columbia County is welcome to attend the meeting.

## Obituaries

### Erica N. Wordon (1989 - 2025)

**GREENPORT** — Surrounded by her loving family, Erica N. Wordon, 36, of Stamford, CT, passed away in the comfort of her mother's home in Greenport, Saturday September 13, 2025.



Erica Wordon

Born September 11, 1989 in Hudson, she was the daughter of Richard Wordon and Laurie (Garcia) Wordon.

She graduated from Hudson High School, Class of 2007. She continued her education at Siena College where she earned her bachelor and master degrees in accounting. She enhanced her skills at a few accounting firms before solidifying her career at CBIZ Advisors in Manhattan, where she met her fiancé Anthony.

She was affectionately

known as a shining light in all the lives that she touched. She was sarcastic and funny and always positive. She will truly be missed by all.

Those left to forever love and remember her are: her parents, Richard Wordon and Laurie (Garcia) Wordon; fiancé, Anthony DeValle; maternal grandparents, Marcia and Roger Garcia; paternal grandmother, Audrey Wordon; brothers, Bryan Wordon (Nichole Wordon), Max Wordon and Gunnar

Wordon; aunt, Nikki Garcia; uncles, Roger Garcia and Ronald Wordon (Lori Wordon); nephews, Brayden and Jayce Wordon; cousins, David Tamburro (Lindsey Tamburro), Alexis Doto (Federico Pirino), Aidan Doto, Meghan Wordon, and Katie Wordon, along with many other family members and friends near and far. She was predeceased by her paternal grandfather, Ted Wordon.

Funeral services entrusted to and commemorated at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, Hudson, September 17. Interment was in Cedar Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Dana Farber Jimmy Fund c/o [jimfund.org](http://jimfund.org) in her memory.

### Russell F. Graham (1925 - 2025)

**STONY BROOK** — Russell Francis Graham, 99, passed away peacefully and surrounded by his loving family August 23, 2025, at the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook. He was the widower of Lena Moccia Graham, who predeceased him in 2011 after 62 years of marriage.

He was born in Bridgeport, CT, September 3, 1925, the son of the late Richard and Jennie (Haggerty) Graham.

He proudly served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II on the U.S.S. Stockton DD-646 and returned to the U.S. to serve in the Marine Corps for an additional three years. One of his notable contributions

to history includes guarding Tokyo Bay on the day the Japanese Instrument of Surrender was signed, just a day before his 20th birthday.

After his honorable discharge, he spent the next 35 years driving for McLean Trucking Company in Stratford, where he and his wife raised their three daughters. They then moved to Valatie, where he worked for the Ichabod Crane School District for 10 years, and later for the Columbia County Transfer Station in Chatham, retiring at the age of 94.

He was an extraordinary person who loved his family and his country, as evidenced by the U.S. flag always flying above his home. He was a loving hus-

band, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, as well as an enthusiastic friend to many.

He is survived by: his three daughters, Deborah (Robert) Reinckens of Hopewell Junction, Jeanie Graham of Chatham and Gail (Patrick) DiCosmo of New Lebanon; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial September 22, 2025, 11 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Valatie. Interment with military honors will take place September 23, 11 a.m. at St. Michael Cemetery in Stratford, CT. Leave condolences at [www.frenchblsl.com](http://www.frenchblsl.com).

## Obituaries

### Johnathan E. Pratt (1964 - 2025)



John  
Pratt

ALBANY—Johnathan Edwin Pratt of East Chatham passed away at age 60 Thursday, August 28, 2025 after complications from emergency surgery. His family is deeply saddened by his sudden death.

He was born in 1964 in El Paso, TX. He was the beloved son of the late Leland and Mary Frances Pratt, and grew up in the Houston area.

“John” was a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park and spent more than 40 years working as a chef, including at several four star restaurants in New York City. He had a twinkling eye, a pirate smile, a devilish sense of humor, and a larger than life personality.

As a young man, he

hiked parts of the Pacific Trail, lived all over the United States, and traveled around the world for a year with nothing more than his cowboy hat and a backpack. He lived and worked in France for two years, honing his culinary skills, as he had a great passion for French cooking. He proposed to his wife, Jenna, under the starry skies of Paris, thus embarking on a deep and loving relationship that spanned the last 35 years.

He was an avid gardener, kept bees, raised chick-

ens and loved taking long rides on his motorcycle. He was a great music enthusiast, and loved anything from punk music to hip hop. Strangely enough, he knew the words to almost all of the B-52's songs. He was a connoisseur of fine food and wine his entire life, especially anything French. He and his wife were great travelers, and made multiple epic trips to France, Mexico, Spain and Italy. He had a deep-rooted faith in the Lord, and an unwavering commitment to spreading kindness and compassion to everyone he encountered. He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by: his devoted and loving wife, Jenna (Church) Pratt, who is heartbroken over his loss; his sister, Dawn

(Doug) Derr of The Woodlands, TX; his sister-in law, Allison Russell of Canaan; his brother-in-law, Timothy Church of Brooklyn, with whom he was very close, as well as multiple nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents.

A special thanks to St. Peter's Hospital, especially the staff of 6PAV, 2MAC Stepdown and the ICU, as well as the Anesthesia Group of Albany, all of whom provided such excellent and compassionate care to him during his last days.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 11, 2025, 4 p.m. at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie. Calling hours will be held prior to the service from 2 to 4 p.m.

### Benjamin D. Szafran (2020 - 2025)



Ben  
Szafran

HUDSON — Benjamin “Ben” Daniel Szafran, age 5, of Hudson went home to be with the Lord September 8, 2025 in his father's arms.

Born May 3, 2020, he brought laughter and light to everyone who knew him. He loved dancing to loud music, building Legos, and spending time with his family — especially his “Pop.” Ben's bright, quick-witted charac-

ter could lift anyone's spirit; he will be remembered for his clever sense of humor, his tenacious personality, his bravery and his strength.

Ben will forever be cherished by: his parents, Caleb and Lydia Szafran; his grandparents, Paul and Monique Szafran, Rick and Kathy Cartwright, and Bill Drakontaidis; and his great-grandmother, Mary Ellen Charron. He was also deeply loved by his many aunts, uncles, and cousins and countless family members and friends.

A celebration of Benjamin's life was held September 12 at Rock Solid Church in Hudson.

Interment followed in Cedar Park Cemetery.

“Though our hearts are broken, we take comfort in knowing Benjamin is safe and restored in God's loving arms. Ben's love and light will live on in us.” Leave condolences at [www.batesanderson.com](http://www.batesanderson.com).

### Charles F. Hayes (1943 - 2025)



Charles  
Hayes

GERMANTOWN — Charles F. Hayes, 81, of Germantown passed away peacefully September 5, 2025 at home surrounded by family.

Born September 26, 1943 in Brooklyn, he was the son of the late John and Catherine Hayes.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and returned to serve 20 years as a United States Coast Guard reservist. Including his service to

his country, he spent 20 years as a member of the New York City Police Department, dedicating his time to serving and protecting the community. After retiring from the NYPD, he

continued his career in law enforcement on a United Nations International Police Task Force in Bosnia, where he served as a commander.

He married Marguerite Babich in New York in 1965. She predeceased him in 1983.

He is survived by: his sons, Michael Hayes of Red Hook, Aleksa Hayes of Tivoli and Kosta Hayes of Germantown; his daughter, Allyson Arber of Waxhaw, NC; his grandchildren,

Natalie Hayes, Gavin Hayes, Brayden Hayes, Kyle Arber, and Luke Arber; his sisters, Madeline Rossi and Nora Cantino; his brother, Patrick Hayes; nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Margaret “Peggy” Tancredi.

Funeral arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook.

### Raymond M. Dunham (1943 - 2024)

ALBANY — Raymond Michael Dunham passed away December 6, 2024 in Albany.

He was born June 25, 1943 in Pittsfield, MA, to parents Virginia (Musgrove) and Charles Dunham.

He was preceded in death by: his sister, June (Dunham) Blake; brother, Charles Dunham and parents, Virginia and Charles.

He was a United States Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War. He spent his final years in the Memory Care unit at the Stratton Veterans Hospital in Albany, where he passed away.

Family and friends are grateful for his time there and for the care he received. His congenial attitude and sarcasm kept the staff on their toes and fostered a palpable warmth in the unit.

If you were lucky enough to take a ride in the greater Chatham area with him, you would have been informed of which roofs he had installed and, usually, a death-defying story to accompany that information. Ask Brian or Michael for details about these formative memories!

They were probably involved. The familiar refrain, “I put a roof on there,” can still be heard echoing throughout the Hudson Valley.

He lived many years in Austerlitz, with most of his career spent as an independent contractor. He is unofficially recognized as building one of the top three tallest structures in Austerlitz: his workshop. He could often be found there, teaching himself new woodworking techniques and listening to loud classic rock

or blues.

He moved to Arizona for a time, neither building decks nor installing roofs, and hosted many friends and family members at his condo on the outskirts of Old Scottsdale. He was an avid hiker and was often running the ridges of Camelback Mountain with a weighted backpack and a jug of water. He had a knack for finding Jumping Cholla cacti whenever he stepped onto the trail, which often lodged themselves in his boots.

He moved back to Spencertown after his years in Arizona, settling in with his nephew in the “little house in the country,” as his sister June called it.

He loved to hunt and fish, enjoying the Northeast's forests and streams. He also loved the area's less cagey prey: corn, tomatoes and locally made ice cream. Before moving to the VA hospital, he could often be found watching wildlife saunter through the backyard or filling up his bird feeders while vigilantly defending said bird feeders from squirrel interlopers. He loved the familial homestead in Spencertown and was grateful to spend many of his twilight years there.

He is survived by: his children, grandchildren, and a number of loving cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

In lieu of a ceremony, a celebration of his life will be held October 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Austerlitz Firehouse. Guests can come and go as they like. Appetizers and beverages will be provided. Bring an appetite and a story to share, as “Ray” would appreciate both!

### Joyce A.R. Snow (1930 - 2025)

PHILMONT — Joyce A. Rivenberg Snow, 95, of Chatham died Thursday, September 4, 2025 at Pine Haven Nursing Home in Philmont.

She is survived by: her son, Donald E. Campbell of Chatham; her sister, Bette Jayne Page of Texas, and her brothers, Paul Rivenberg of Boston, MA, and Peter Rivenberg of Washington, DC. She was predeceased by: her parents, Sterling R. and Ola Rivenberg; her stepmother, Ruth Rivenberg; her husband, Robert Snow, Jr. and her sons, James and

Stephen Campbell.

Her family thanks the wonderful staff and fellow residents at the Payn Residence in Chatham for their friendship and helpfulness during her four-year stay. She loved to play bingo, pinochle, Mexican train and especially Carom with her good friend, Nora.

A Celebration of Life will be held October 4 at 10 a.m. at the Wenk Funeral Home, 21 Payn Avenue, Chatham. Donations in her memory may be made to Payn Residence, 12 Coleman Street, Chatham 12037.

### Ann M. Webster (1950 - 2025)

PITTSFIELD, MA — Ann Marie Webster, 74, of Copake passed away Saturday, September 13, 2025 at Berkshire Medical Center with her husband and daughter by her side.

Born September 28, 1950 at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington, MA, she was a lifelong resident of Copake. She was raised by her father, Robert Wolcott, his wife Beatrice Wolcott, and her grandparents, Ivan and Katie Wolcott.

A 1968 graduate of Roeliff Jansen School and then Mildred Elley Business School, she went on to work more than 25 years for New York State. She married her high school sweetheart, Rich Webster and celebrated 56 years of marriage this September. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her loving family, cooking her favorite recipes, telling stories, smiling her incredible smile and sharing many laughs



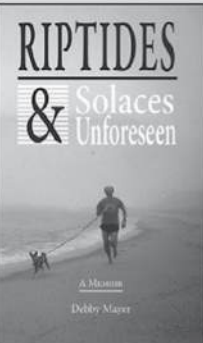
Ann  
Webster

together—she had a great laugh.

She faced many challenges and always persevered, her strength, determination and grit allowed her to win all of the medical battles she faced until the final one. She fought hard and held on until her loving daughter made it to her side.

She leaves behind: her loving husband; daughter, Krista Marie Reiss and her husband Tony; her grandchildren, Ali and Max; her brother, Michael Wolcott, his wife Norma and their children Jessica, Mark and Greg.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of Pulse Dynamics, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/07/2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING
Town of Kinderhook Notice of Budget Calendar and Special Meeting Schedule

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of Malchuk Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/11/2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of The Initiatrix LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/25/2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP
NOTICE OF FOUR SPECIAL MEETINGS/BUDGET WORKSHOPS OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of Space Rock House LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/02/2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of 115 Low Meadow LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/04/2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
LIFE SCIENCES CONSULTING LLC. Filed with SSNY on 08/29/2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of Great Days Rentals LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/16/2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY BID NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS POST-CLOSURE MONITORING SERVICES - OLD POST ROAD LANDFILL TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOTICE OF DATE AND TIME CHANGES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF NEW LEBANON COUNTY OF COLUMBIA



COLUMBIA COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Onondaga, Cortland and Madison Counties, as Administrative Participant under the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services, which organizes a municipal cooperative pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law among municipal corporations ("Participants") on behalf of itself and the participating members, collectively as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC"), issues these Request for Bids (each a "RFB") for retail electricity and natural gas supply and other energy services, in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, for supply commencing May 1, 2026 through the negotiated contract period. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. EST on the 29th day of October, 2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Heritage Hill Pork LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/04/2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is 21 Barrington Drive LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 19, 2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF GALLATIN Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
You are hereby notified that the Town of Gallatin Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Meeting September 23, 2025 at the Gallatin Town Hall-6:30 PM.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of Gabriel Edenixon Valdez Cantarero and Elvia del Carmen Con Pec, the article of organization was filed on May 02 2025, the LLC is located in Columbia County. Investment Property Buying, selling and renting

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of a domestic limited liability company Gabriel Edenixon Valdez Cantarero and Elvia del Carmen Con Pec, the article of organization was filed on May 02 2025, the LLC is located in Columbia County. Investment Property Buying, selling and renting

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Copake Fire District in the Town of Copake, Columbia County, and State of New York at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 9th day of September 2025 duly adopted the following resolution subject to a permissive referendum.

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Copake Fire District in the Town of Copake, Columbia County, and State of New York at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 9th day of September 2025 duly adopted the following resolution subject to a permissive referendum.

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF COPAKE, COLUMBIA COUNTY, AND STATE OF NEW YORK TO PURCHASE ONE SET OF TURNOUT GEAR FROM MONIES EXPENDED FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000.00 (FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS) TO REPLACE THE CURRENT TURNOUT GEAR.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Garden Gnome Land Care LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/30/2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of Blue Shot Imaging LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/27/2025.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
DSP Management NY LLC. Filed with SSNY on 08/29/2025. Office: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 160 Fairview Ave, Suite 812-195, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: any lawful.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
JNT38, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/6/25. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 72 Kinderhook St., Chatham, NY 12037, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of White Barn Road LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/15/2025. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to SDC CUSTOM BUILDS, LLC: PO Box 283, Craryville, NY 12521. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of SDC CUSTOM BUILDS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/28/2025. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to SDC CUSTOM BUILDS, LLC: PO Box 283, Craryville, NY 12521. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of THOMPSON'S CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/30/2025. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to THOMPSON'S CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY, LLC: 334 Fairview Avenue, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLUMBIA COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of Irresistible Gourmet Caramel Apples LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/2025. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Jennifer Staats: 682 Church Avenue, Germantown, NY 12526. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Katikell Real Estate Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/15/2025. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Triple R Mountain Management LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/30/2025. 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 Melissa Eigenbrodt: 99 Cody Lane East Chatham NY 12060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of The Empowerment Project- The Empowered Parent, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/06/2025. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Megan Ross Penderleith: 11 Paul Ave. Hudson, Ny 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of NORTHERN LIGHTS UNLIMITED, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/27/2025. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHERN LIGHTS UNLIMITED, LLC: 305 Joslen Boulevard, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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The name of the LLC is The Clay Pot, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 10, 2025. New York office location: 1895 Jackson Corners Road, Town of Gallatin, 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. SSNY should mail process to Self Heights LLC: Post Office Box 104, Hudson, NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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THE WILLOW - CAFE & MARKET LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/21/25. Office in Columbia Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 262 Rapp Road North, Valatie, NY 12184. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Borup Law, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/10/2025. Office location: Columbia County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLL) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Jennifer Borup: 219 Allen St, Apt 1, Hudson NY 12534. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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# Golden Harvest Farms

Photos by DAVID LEE



Pictured on Monday, September 15, (l to r) are Arthur Burke, Michael Logan, Delano Murray, Nigel Nugent, Orlando Ellis and Owen Reid.



Apple bins are lined up on a long narrow trailer and moved down the row with a trailer. Mr. Ellis is driving the tractor.



Mr. Reid picked apples from the tree and placed them in the bucket.



Mr. Murray and Mr. Ellis empty their canvas bottomed buckets into large bins.



Photo contributed

Wild apple pickers.

## Pick apples for a special Nine Pin Cider

CHATHAM — Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) partners with Nine Pin Cider for the second year to create Wild to the Core, a hard cider from apples harvested in Columbia County.

At last year's Wild Cider Cup, CLC competed against Saratoga PLAN and Hudson-Taconic Lands to see who could make the best cider. CLC was crowned the winner!

Now, CLC is calling for volunteers to pick apples to help defend the title at two

upcoming volunteer work parties.

Apple Picking Parties take place September 24, 1 to 3 p.m. at PS21: Center for Contemporary Performance, 2980 NY-66, Chatham; and October 2, 4 to 6 p.m. at Philip Orchards, 270 NY-9H, Claverack.

"I'm thrilled to partner with Nine Pin Cider again this year. Picking apples at PS21 and Philip Orchards with so many members of the community makes it even sweeter," CLC President Troy

Weldy said in a press release.

These programs will involve picking apples and walking off-trail over uneven terrain. Bring a water bottle and wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Have wild apples on your property? CLC also welcomes individuals to pick their own apples and drop them off at one of the apple picking parties.

Visit [ColumbiaLand.org/Events](http://ColumbiaLand.org/Events) to register and learn more about each program, including accessibility information and what to bring.

## Taste school spirit by the spoonful

NEW LEBANON — New Lebanon Jr/Sr High School and the Just Food Club present: Community Chili Dinner at an Open House at the Jr/Sr High School, 14665 State

Route 22, Thursday, September 25 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Eat a warm dinner on the Just Food Club and meet the teachers. Menu includes three different kinds of chili, corn-

bread and dessert. Free and open to all. Donations for club welcome but not required. For more information see Mrs. Buckenroth. Get a spoonful of our school spirit.



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