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Zinc, not lithium

IDA approves inducements for energy storage producer headed to iPark 87

By Rokosz Most

After a presentation on December 21, the board of the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (UCIDA) unanimously approved a preliminary inducement resolution for Zinc8's energy-solutions project. The next step will be the scheduling of a public hearing.

An energy storage system based on zinc batteries is the main technology offered by the Canadian company, it has submitted applications to base its commercial manufacturing in a

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Disco skate event to benefit family who lost everything in a house fire just before the holidays ... **page 9**



LAUREN THOMAS

Pictured are some of the members of the Nightmares, (top row, L-R): Whitney Hall, Deb Silverman, Marylynn Costello, Kathie Finch and Tina Dierna. Bottom row, (L-R): Allison Byrne, Cathy Corso, Allison Dewan and Carmelina Dewitt.

Guarding the land

New concerns emerge that Terramor will discharge wastewater into a pond used by the Woodstock Jewish Congregation



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The December meeting of the Saugerties Planning Board drew a large crowd.

by Susan Farkas

The Woodstock Jewish Congregation (WJC) and the Woodstock Land Conservancy (WLC) have joined Citizens Against Terramor in opposing the proposed construction of a glamping site in their neighborhood. Kampgrounds of America, which calls itself "the world's largest system of privately owned campgrounds," owns a pristine 77-acre property in Saugerties on Route 212 and Glasco Turnpike that borders Woodstock. KOA plans to build a 75-tent high end resort, Terramor Catskills, on the wooded land.

The three groups in opposition share concerns about noise, congestion and air and water pollution emanating from the resort, as well as harm to the endangered Indiana bat. Each tent will be on a platform and will have its own shower, toilet and fire pit. In addition, a lodge and reception area, swimming pool, wellness tent, communal fire pit, maintenance building and employee housing will be constructed if the company is granted permission by the Saugerties planning and town boards.

The Woodstock Jewish Congregation, located in Saugerties on Glasco Turnpike, recently learned that Terramor will discharge treated wastewater into a pond the *shul* considers sacred. They use it as a *mikveh*, a place

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Building the last mile

Broadband funding will go to those unserved locations identified on an FCC map

by Rokosz Most

Spray-painted in ones and zeroes, the writing on the wall for the post-industrial age arguably appeared with the first consumer-level personal computers in 1971. A decade later came the first IBM PC, a much more popular machine.

The Internet, a vast decentralized web of redundant networks multiplied by its connected nodes, has experienced continued growth in the subsequent decades. The information age continues its expansion, now spread largely through high-speed broadband service.

"This is critical infrastructure," says Ulster County comptroller March Gallagher. "It's vitally important."

Long a New York state goal, hundred

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Government | Region

Figueroa swears again

He has transformed the sheriff's department

by Rokosz Most

Surrounded by admirers, supporters and colleagues in the ceremonial room of the Ulster County courthouse, Ulster County sheriff Juan Figueroa raised his right hand to swear in for a second term as the county's maximum cop.

Sitting among the legislators and party representatives, congressmember Pat Ryan had come to witness the occasion, as had state senator Michelle Hinchey. The sheriff solemnly swore to uphold the U.S. and New York State constitutions.

The tenor had changed from four years ago, when Figueroa toppled sheriff Paul Van Blarcum. Van Blarcum, who had held the post since 2007, was drawing scrutiny for advocating a boycott of the NFL via the sheriff's department official Facebook page. Van Blarcum had become incensed by the sight of athletes kneeling to draw attention to the numerous black men shot and killed by police officers across the country that year.

Figueroa won decisively with 42,445 votes to Van Blarcum's 36,078. Running unopposed in the 2022 election, Figueroa received 52,333 votes. More than just representing a new paradigm of law enforcement, Figueroa is now a political force to be reckoned with.

Swearing-in ceremonies are something like political weddings between power and ambition, attended by religious representatives and consecrated by the will of the people. The sheriff's occasion was no different, only there were a lot more buzz cuts and shaved heads in the room. With police chiefs from surrounding municipalities looking on, the law-and-order contingent was represented heavily, and the press box had been filled with sheriff's deputies.

A rabbi blessed the proceedings, calling attention to passages in the book of Deuteronomy concerned with justice, After America the Beautiful had been performed on a flute, a color guard marched out with rifles and flag, calling out minute instructions, which foot, when to turn, when to present. An Onteora high honor-roll student, Eleanor Martello, led the pledge of allegiance.

This all took place under the painted gazes of John Jay and Alton Parker, chief justices who had been dead since 1829 and 1926 respectively. If anything, the judges of the old school added to the occasion. But that's why paintings hang it courtrooms along with gold-colored seals, why justices wear black robes, and why tall flags are set on poles adorned with eagles in the fashion of the Roman Empire. These psychological props of pomp and circumstance allow human beings to identify with ideas larger and more permanent than themselves. They are tradition.

In the case of Figueroa, who grew up of Puerto Rican ancestry in the Bronx, the optics of his office resonate with the minority populations in Ulster County, who like everywhere else in America find themselves interacting with officers of the law at rates out of proportion with their numbers, and their representation within the police force itself.

"We are so lucky to have a sheriff like Juan Figueroa here in Ulster County, who is willing to be the people's sheriff," said Tyrone Wilson, county commissioner of human rights. Wilson described the energy Figueroa has dedicated to diversifying the sheriff's department and the observable results of that effort.

"Here today, we're giving so much support to our law enforcement," said Wilson. "I've been here 18 years, and I've never seen it. All these officers, we have relationships with, we talk to them.

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Government | Region

Metzger takes office



Part of the audience gathered to celebrate the Rosendale resident's success.

It took Jen Metzger 16 years to arrive at this moment. In that time, she founded the nonprofit organization Citizens for Local Power, chaired Rosendale's environmental commission, was deputy town supervisor, a state senator, and a board member of the state's cannabis control board. Early Monday afternoon on January 2, she was sworn in as county executive the top spot in Ulster County government, in front of a jubilant hometown crowd gathered before the stage in the Rosendale Theater.



PHOTOS BY ROKOSZ MOST

Metzger sits between lieutenant governor Antonio Delgado and state comptroller Tom DiNapoli.



ROKOSZ MOST

Ulster County sheriff Juan Figueroa.

You know, we're having conversations, they're coming to us." Wilson shared an experience. Figueroa called him on the telephone asking him to come down to speak with some new recruits.

"And I was shocked," said Wilson, "because that's not something we usually would do, you know. So I get down there and I meet a recruit, and my job, what Juan wanted me to do, was tell this recruit how important it is he can stand there right now and walk into this sheriff's department and to put a badge on your chest. This is a recruit of color. To describe to this recruit all the blood, sweat and tears prior to this recruit that people have laid into this type of work. So the recruit has a responsibility to understand, hey, you're not just in it for you."

Figueroa's influence on the sheriff's department also drew praise from Immigration activist and SUNY professor Elana Michelson. She drew a sharp contrast with the old regime, which had at one time enforced a policy to run background checks on visitors to the department of social services. "Even in Juan's Ulster County," said Michelson, "it is not easy if you're a person who is undocumented to walk into a large stately courthouse and into a room full of people with all kinds of fancy, intimidating uniforms on."

Michelson told about a pickup truck full of undocumented immigrants -- the kind of day laborers who stand on Broadway in Kingston hoping for work – which had broken down on Route 209 when the sheriff's department pulled up.

"Now think about it," said Michelson, "What might have happened to those folks when [Van Blarcum] was the sheriff? You know what happened to those folks with Juan's sheriff department standing by? Well, that pickup truck wasn't going anyplace, anytime soon. So the sheriff's department drove them to work."

Throughout the 45-minute ceremony, not a politician in the room was invited to speak at the podium. Figueroa was sworn in by a retired master sergeant whom the sheriff had served with in his Marine days.

When the sheriff spoke, his gravelly voice was more mellow than it had been during the campaign season, He wore a black uniform, and his bald head went without a trooper hat.

"Last time I was here when I was sworn in 2018," said Figueroa, "I had a pair of trousers that I had to put safety pins on, a shirt that didn't fit, and I didn't even have a dress uniform. And I tell you this because I never knew what was on the horizon and what would happen over the next four years."

The speakers at his swearing-in were in agreement. Figueroa's election four years ago marked a sea change to a more compassionate, community-responsive police force dedicated in part to facing the opiate crisis head-on and using sensitivity to cope with the results of the underlying problems which created it -- treating its victims not just as criminals to be arrested but as human beings deserving of redemption.

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Government | Woodstock

Sparks fly

Salary cuts proposed for elected officials, property tax exemptions boosted for Woodstock seniors

by Nick Henderson

Sparks flew as Woodstock town Council member Bennet Ratcliff made another bid to increase pay for senior recreation teachers at the expense of raises for elected officials. During the Woodstock Town Board's year-end meeting on December 30, Ratcliff proposed cutting supervisor Bill McKenna's salary by $2,000 and each board member by $1,000 and using the money to fund the pay raises for the teachers.

"If there's enough to pay raises for the Town Board members who are elected, I think we should be able to find money that is unappropriated," Ratcliff said as the board discussed moving $104,202 in unused funds to different spending lines as part of its end-of-year bookkeeping cleanup.

"We gave the teachers an increase," countered Council member Laura Ricci. "I know it wasn't what they would've liked, but we did give the teachers an increase. The teacher salaries are probably approximately twice the average of what we do pay our other town employees."

"I don›t make a lot of money, and I could have used the extra money from our raises, but I was willing to forgo that so it could go to the teachers that have been waiting many years to get raises," said Council member Maria-Elena Conte, who voted with Ratcliff to reduce the elected officials' salaries.

That motion failed 3-2. Conte and Ratcliff also voted against the budget transfers, but that motion passed 3-2.

McKenna now makes $62,836 and the four members of the Town Board make $12,055 each.

In November, Ratcliff proposed raises for senior recreation teachers and money for boards and committees at the expense of budget cuts that included elimination of raises for elected officials and town employees, angering town clerk Jackie Earley. "We have done nothing but save money for this town. You have no idea what I've done for this town. How dare you?" she said in November.

Senior Recreation Committee chair Edwina Henderson had asked for raises ranging from $10 to $15 per class, mostly offset by an increase in fees charged to class participants. Ratcliff proposed much more.

Instructors now make an average of $50 per one-hour class and $75 for longer classes. In the 2023 adopted budget, the instructors will get a four-percent raise, bringing their pay to $52 and $78 depending on the class.

Questions over senior exemptions

Ratcliff ruffled feathers during discussion of proposed expansion of eligibility for property tax exemptions for seniors and those with disabilities based on income level. The Town Board voted to increase the income level to be eligible for an exemption. To get the maximum tax exemption, 50 percent, the maximum income is $41,599, up from $29,000.

The tax exemption decreases as the income increases, and will be as follows:
$41,601 to $42,600 – 45 percent
$42,601 to $43,600 – 40 percent
$43,601 to $44,600 – 35 percent
$44,601 to $45,500 – 30 percent
$45,501 to $46,400 – 25 percent
$46,401 to $47,300 – 20 percent
$47,301 to $48,200 – 15 percent
$48,201 to $49,100 – 10 percent
$49,101 to $50,000 – five percent

Homeowners with disabilities or aged 65 or older or whose spouse is 65 or older and whose household meets the income requirements are eligible for the exemption.

But the changes didn't come without Ratcliff's concern over cost and accountability. "How much do you think this is going to cost in terms of revenue that we will not receive with these limits or increase?" he asked.

"I can't say, because we don't know who's going to apply," McKenna said.

"You don't know how many people are eligible?" Ratcliff asked.

Deputy assessor Karen Shultis, who was participating via Zoom, said that there are now 197 individuals receiving a senior exemption and 17 receiving a disability exemption. "There is a potential, if I'm using the state records that we currently have…could be about 80 more people if they all apply," she said. "And we don't know if they're going to apply or not."

McKenna said that the town can't predict the effect it may have, because it will depend on the exemption percentage.

"They could get five percent; they could get 50 percent, or in between," Shultis said. She told Ratcliff that she can run a report to determine the exemption amount that the 214 people are getting.

Ratcliff wanted to know if the vote on the exemptions could wait until the next meeting so numbers could be finalized. McKenna reminded him that the Town Board has had the proposed changes since November.

"But you don't even know the numbers here yourself," Ratcliff said.

"In my mind, it's minuscule, and it's worth it to help our struggling seniors who don't have the money to pay the bills," McKenna retorted.

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"This is going to be a rough year, let me say," McKenna chuckled.

At this point, town clerk Jackie Earley urged a return to decorum. "I think the cameras should go off, because we don't need to be playing politics at this point. Can we go on with the meeting, please?"

"I agree," McKenna said.

Ratcliff ultimately voted in favor of the proposal for expanded senior exemptions because of the tight deadline for passage, and approval was unanimous.

Disclosure: The reporter, Nick Henderson, is the son of Edwina Henderson, who chairs the Senior Recreation Committee.





Health | Woodstock

Better living for EMS paramedics

Woodstock aims for better conditions to keep its health care professionals

by Nick Henderson

The Woodstock Fire Department hopes better living quarters will improve conditions, allowing for well-rested paramedics and the ability to attract new recruits.

While the firefighters are volunteers, the paramedics in Woodstock are paid professionals and mostly come from other towns, so they need living quarters for the diverse shifts they're called upon to serve. Currently in the town, that space is less than ideal.

"They have a room with no windows," said Jeff DeLisio, chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners. "It wasn't built to house anybody."

When the Rescue Squad was established in 1973, Woodstock did not have career paramedics, so the building wasn't designed to house them. The bulk of the rescue squad is volunteer with four full-time paid paramedics who work 12-hour shifts.

Typically, the paramedic responds to a call first, while the volunteers leave their homes, get in the ambulance and arrive at the scene. If the situation is serious, the paramedic rides to the hospital to continue care while on the way to the hospital. For something not life threatening, the paramedic returns to the station to remain on call once the patient is stable and the volunteers proceed to the hospital.

As the population changes and second homeowners shift to full-time residency, their services are needed more than ever. Not only are they in a windowless room, there is no privacy and no secure entrance. Walking to and from the bathroom and shower requires passing through public areas.

"There's a requirement for security and privacy. Everybody agrees on that. Now we need to come up with the right design," DeLisio said.

Cost is unknown at this point and it is not up to the department. The Rescue Squad building and the structures housing companies in Zena, Wittenberg and Lake Hill are owned by non-profit entities and leased to the fire district.

The district has asked Company 5, which encompasses the Rescue Squad, to improve the space.

"By April 1 we would like to get it completed," DeLisio said. "In turn, we would increase the rent we pay Company 5."

DeLisio is also hopeful top-notch living quarters will keep Woodstock attractive in lieu of increased pay, which other companies are using to entice paramedics. "Wages for career EMS are going up exponentially," DeLisio said. "Making living quarters top-notch and providing quality training will help slow the need to increase wages," Delisio said, noting a countywide EMS personnel shortage.

County officials are looking into keeping paid paramedics in the sheriff substations as a way to address it, he said.

"As that is rolling out, we want to make sure Woodstock is a premiere EMS facility and the county looks at retaining us as part of their strategy," DeLisio said.

DeLisio re-elected, new commissioner wins seat

In the annual Fire Company election December 13, DeLisio was re-elected to a five-year term and Keith Hernandez won election to a one-year term to fill the seat vacated by Sharon Wilber, besting firefighter Angela Spinelli by just two votes.

Briefly noted | Woodstock

Hurley Transfer station to raise prices

Beginning with the new year, permit holders who use the Hurley Transfer station at the 1043 Dug Hill Road facility will need to purchase $20 coupons in advance instead of paying cash at the booth. The change is necessary to comply with a state Comptroller's Office requirement, according to Hurley Public Information Officer Jeremy Schiffres.

The coupons will have 50 punch holes for 40 cents each and the necessary amount of holes will be punched for each visit.

Coupons can be purchased at the transfer station or the Town Clerk's Office, 10 Wamsley Place, with a check or money order. The town is working on accepting credit and debit cards in the future.

Trash disposal will cost 20 cents per pound, up from 15 cents. The annual permit will remain $20 for Hurley residents, but will increase from $40 to $60 for nonresidents.

The higher prices are necessary because the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency is charging towns more for waste pickup and the transfer station has incurred increased operating costs.

Also effective January 1, the transfer station will be closed Sundays and Mondays instead of Sundays and Wednesdays. The hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

— Nick Henderson

Woodstock senior meetings in January

The Woodstock Senior Citizen's Club will meet on Wednesday, January 4, 12:30 p.m., at the Mescal Hornbeck Community Center in Woodstock. The program will feature the showing of photos of wildlife taken by one of the club's members.

The club will meet again on January 18, same time and location. The program has yet to be determined.

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Business | New Paltz

Leading with their values

Dry Fly Coffee roastery & café opens at Zer0 Place in New Paltz

by Frances Marion Platt



LAUREN THOMAS

Dry Fly Coffee has recently opened at Zero Place in New Paltz. Pictured are chef/owner and fly fisherman Noah Michaels along with staffers Nechama Anolik (left) and Autumn Cronin (right).

Why is New Paltz's latest gourmet coffee emporium named after a doohickey used to catch trout? How did a former chef at the legendary La Côte Basque end up baking bread and roasting beans for rail-trail joggers and cyclists upstate? And what does all of this have to do with a community temple to sustainability and zero emissions, anyway?

To find out the answer to these seemingly unrelated questions, all one need do is stroll into the Dry Fly Coffee Company, located on the ground floor of Zer0 Place, New Paltz's recently built LEED Platinum-certified multiuse apartment and storefront complex located on North Chestnut Street (Route 32 North). Order yourself a cup of excellent coffee and introduce yourself to founder/owner Noah Michaels, as *Hudson Valley One* did last weekend. You'll soon learn a great deal about how this creative culinary thinker and this cutting-edge green building came together. You'll also deepen your understanding of the coffee industry and how supporting small farms that treat their workers fairly aligns with treating your tastebuds to the best-tasting brews on Planet Earth.

Michaels is one of those diehard foodies whose first sojourn in the Hudson Valley was to study at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park – and who ultimately couldn't stay away. Armed with his BA in Culinary Arts Management, he worked for several years as a *chef de partie* at prestigious Manhattan restaurants, including La Côte Basque and Jean-Georges. He then went on to earn an MS degree in Food Science at Rutgers University, which opened up a lucrative career as a "technochef" in what he describes as the "flavor and fragrance industry," doing product development and training for the New Jersey-based companies Firmenich and Symrise.

But even while living in New Jersey, he spent his vacation time in the Hudson Valley and the Catskills. "My wife and I always wanted to move back, to bring our expression of coffee to the area." Part of the region's appeal, he says, is its heritage as the historic cradle of fly-fishing in America. "I'm a poor fly fisherman," Michaels confesses. But he retains an affection for the sport that he learned from his grandfather, and naming his new business Dry Fly is intended as homage to the man who took him upstate every year to stand in a mountain stream and cast for trout. He likens the activity to the calling of someone running a bakery and coffee bar: "It's a silent early-morning pursuit, in which one must be very much in tune with one's environment."

As it turned out, preparing fresh fish in various delicious ways became Michaels' specialty during his years as a high-end chef. Another enduring taste acquired in his youth was for great coffee: "When I was about 16, my friends and I made bad pourovers," he recalls. "As a corporate chef, I did a lot of business travel. I would research all the coffeeshops in the towns I was going to. I enjoyed the culture of it... Then, about eight years ago, I geeked out on the science of it."

For the edification of those who want to know more about what goes exactly into their cup of java and how to identify the types that best suit their tastes, posters published by the Specialty Coffee Association are mounted on one wall of the Dry Fly Coffee Co.'s brand-new café. These charts explain the different flavor notes and what sorts of climates, elevations and soils are apt to produce them. The terminology is every bit as fanciful and arcane to the neophyte as the flavor descriptions invoked at wine-tastings. In fact, one of the future community uses that Michaels has in mind for the café space is as a site for "coffee-cuppings" and other educational events. The regional council of Trout Unlimited has already expressed interest in conducting fly-tying demos, he says.

The storefront itself – arrayed along the rear façade of the Zer0 Place building, facing the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, with big triple-paned windows on three sides – is admirably suited for such gatherings. It's bright and roomy, with seating for up to 60 people. Long counters line the windows, where trailing houseplants soak up the sunshine. The center of the main room has many small tables, and there's a larger one in a side room that Michaels has dubbed Laptop Land. There will be no pressure here to turn over your table, he says; you're welcome to linger, use the Wi-Fi and work on your novel-in-progress. "We're trying to create as inclusive a space as possible," he says. "We want to be a cornerstone of the community: a place to hang out and meet your friends."

Proximity to the Rail Trail, with bike racks handily arrayed near the entrance, is certain to heighten Dry Fly's appeal to the outdoor-recreation crowd. Environmentally conscious locals and regular visitors already know that Zer0 Place is a showcase of net-zero-energy building design, with a geothermal heat pump system supplying all heating and cooling and free EV charging stations in the parking lot. The café itself feels both airy and cozy, and there's a sweet outdoor patio on the south side that will offer a mix of sun and shade in warmer weather. While not all of Zer0 Place's retail spaces have been leased as yet, Michaels envisions Dry Fly becoming an "anchor for the business corridor" that New Paltz planners have long envisioned for the North Chestnut Street gateway district.

The furnishings, décor and serving supplies echo the building's sustainability theme, with all the tables built from "reclaimed bowling alley wood," Michaels says. He invested in a zero-emissions electric coffee roaster and runs "a generally plastic-free establishment." Even the tops for takeout coffee cups and the bags for whole beans are made of biodegradable materials. "We're trying to lead with our values."

That carries over to sourcing ingredients locally, as well. During the week we visited, Dry Fly obtained its teas from Tay Tea in Beacon, flours from Wild Hive Farm in Clinton, chocolate from Hakan Chocolatier in Beacon, milk from Family Farmstead Dairy in Worcester and fruit from Mead Orchards in Tivoli, for example. "The best ingredients are the ones that are very carefully produced and that people are proud to make," says Michaels.

Dry Fly is committed to sourcing its coffee beans as much as possible directly from independent farmers, and the rest from traders who provide full pricing transparency, even if that means paying more for them. "Most coffee is traded as a commodity, so the person with the least agency ends up paying the heaviest cost," he observes. One of the three beans used in the house blend (Light Irresistible, named after a type of fishing fly) is what's called Verified Livable Income coffee, meaning that the farmers who grow it are guaranteed to make enough money to support their families.

All of this adds up to coffee, baked goods and other offerings of the highest quality. The prices aren't competitive with the corner grocer or convenience store; but, having tried the batch-brewed house blend at $3.50 a cup (still cheaper than certain large corporate coffee chains), we can attest that they're fair for what you're getting. The on-premises bakery makes a sprouted oatmeal porridge miche that's to die for, along with an array of other fabulous naturally leavened breads. The "Viennoiserie" menu offers pain au chocolate, turnovers, cookies and croissants in various flavors (we'll definitely be going back to try the key lime croissant). Coming soon will be prepared dishes including fancy toasts, egg dishes, salads, beans-and-greens bowls and stewed vegetables – "things good for sopping" with the delicious house breads, in Michaels' words.

Located at 87 North Chestnut Street, with free parking both on-street and in the lot on the north side of Zer0 Place, Dry Fly Coffee Company is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Monday. For more information, visit *https://dryflycoffee.com*.

Community | Gardiner

"It's a hamlet, not a mall"

Gardiner sets public hearing in January for Full Circle development

by Frances Marion Platt

As *Hudson Valley One* reported in November, Mike Benevento, the owner of the landscape and trail design company Hudson Valley Trailworks, is seeking to build a new agribusiness hub in Gardiner. The 4.78-acre lot is located across Route 44/55 from Lombardi's Italian Restaurant at busy Benton Corners, where a long-awaited traffic light is due to be installed by the New York State Department of Transportation in 2023. At its December 20 meeting, the Gardiner Planning Board voted to pass the site plan application along to the Ulster County Planning Board for review, and scheduled a public hearing on the project for January 24.



LAUREN THOMAS

The Town of Gardiner's most notoriously accident-prone hamlet, the intersection known as Benton Corners, is being targeted for the creation of a new agribusiness hub, on a hitherto-undeveloped 4.78-acre lot across Route 44/55 from Lombardi's Italian Restaurant and across Bruynswick Road from Base Camp.

The new development, to be called Full Circle, is envisioned as a business complex made up of a 4,720-square-foot main building housing a service business, retail space and a bakery, clustered with a separate 1,120-square-foot farm store, a 600-square-foot coffeehouse and a 600-square-foot greenhouse for growing microgreens, with a plaza in the middle. The site, located on the northeast corner of the intersection, would also become home to two small freestanding offices intended for wellness services, plus a separate bathroom building to serve them.

Adjacent to Bruynswick Road, with two new curb-cut entrances, would be an 820-square-foot storage structure for equipment used by Hudson Valley Trailworks. The Planning Board decided that the storage building counts as an "accessory structure" and would therefore not require a special permit. Benevento has committed to conduct a traffic assessment to determine the impact of these two new entrances on traffic flow at the problematic intersection, which has a history of automobile and motorcycle collisions, occasionally fatal.

At the meeting, he said that his intent is also to build hiking and biking trails on the property and eventually link them up to other off-road trails. "Ultimately, the project is about creating connections," he said. "We're hoping the neighbors will open their properties up as well. We hope to demonstrate how that can be done."

Planning Board members praised the color renderings of the project that Full Circle, LLC has submitted with its application materials, but asked for more of them to demonstrate the project's full potential visual impact from all four directions at the intersection. "It's a hamlet, not a mall," noted Marc Moran.

Benevento agreed to tweak the application materials and resubmit them in time for review at the January meeting. The public can view the full packet via the Dropbox link at *www.townofgardiner.org/planning-board-agenda*.

Briefly noted | New Paltz

Gardiner Library hosts Queer Knitting Circle

The Gardiner Library hosts a Queer Knitting Circle meeting on the second and fourth Sunday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m. The Queer Knitting Circle is a place for LGBTQ+ folks and allies of all ages to gather, socialize and work on their fiber projects. All crafts are welcome! Masks are required.

For more information visit *www.gardinerlibrary.org*. The Library is located at 133 Farmers' Turnpike.

Community Reiki at Gardiner Library

The Gardiner Library hosts Community Reiki on January 8 from noon to 2 p.m., and will continue to meet on the first Sunday of each month beginning in February from noon to 2 p.m.

Members of Hudson Valley Community Reiki will offer adults a 20-minute individual Reiki session on a first-come, first-served basis. Reiki is both the energy of the universe and the Japanese system of sharing this energy with others. Recipients sit in a chair or lie on a comfortable table, clothed, while the practitioner lightly places hands on or above the recipient. The effect is of peace and deep rest for the recipient.

These sessions are COVID-compliant. For more information, visit *www.gardinerlibrary.org*. The Library is located at 133 Farmers' Turnpike.

Seniors to meet January 11 in New Paltz

The New Paltz/Gardiner Senior Citizens Club will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 1:30 p.m., at the New Paltz Community Center.

The guest speaker will be Dianna Shapiro, the Compeer Coordinator of the Mental Health Association of Ulster County. Shapiro will inform of how we may be of help to our friends or elders with mental health issues and how we may help those who feel lonely and isolated.

The club welcomes new seniors over 55 years old to enjoy the many and varied speakers, plus make new friends and learn what is happening in the future for the club.

For additional information call Kathy Rivera at 646-361-5190.

Music with Miss Amy at Gardiner Library

Gardiner Library presents Music with Miss Amy. The event is suited for ages 0-4, with a caregiver. The four-week series meets on Wednesdays January 11, 18, 25 and February 1 from 10-10:45 a.m.

Classes include movement, song time, bouncing rhymes, instruments, puppets and lots of fun! Amy Laber ("Miss Amy") has been teaching early childhood music classes throughout the Hudson Valley for over 20 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in both Psychology and Music Therapy and has also received NYS Certification in Music K-12.

The cost is $70 per each participating child. Registration is required on the online calendar at *www.gardinerlibrary.org*. The library is located at 133 Farmer's Turnpike.

Facilitated (non-traditional) haiku writing circle at Gardiner Library

Gardiner Library presents facilitated (non-traditional) Haiku writing circle with Carol Bergman. This ten-week series starts Tuesday, January 10, 12-1 p.m. The cost is $100. A haiku is three simple lines. Writing haikus is a practice. It distills emotion, sharpens the mind and creates a sensation of mindfulness and serenity. There will be readings of Japanese and Western Haiku practitioners, prompts and sharing of drafts. All are welcome. You do not have to be a writer to practice haiku.

Bergman, a writing professor and journalist, is the co-owner of Mediacs, an independent publishing company in New Paltz.

For more information and online registration, visit *www.gardinerlibrary.org*. The library is located at 133 Farmer's Turnpike in Gardiner.









Guarding the land

(Continued from page 1)

for ritual immersions, and for *Tashlich,* a Rosh Hashanah ritual during which bread morsels or pebbles are thrown into water as a symbolic casting off of sins. The congregation has warned its members that they're facing an emergency.

"There's a lot of anxiety, outrage and confusion about why we weren't tuned in earlier," Desirée O'Clair, vice president of the synagogue's Board of Directors, told *Hudson Valley One*. "Guarding the land is a core Jewish value. We want to protect our water and our land and our neighbors' land." O'Clair says the Congregation trusts the Saugerties Planning Board to slow down the "snowballing" environmental review process.

In an email, Terramor told *Hudson Valley One* that it is reaching out to the Congregation and "have decided to find an alternative solution so we do not disrupt their pond."

The Woodstock Land Conservancy, which is dedicated to the protection and preservation of open land, agrees that the proposed glamping development poses a serious threat and must be carefully reviewed, starting with its plans for wastewater treatment and disposal into the WJC's pond. In a letter to *Hudson Valley One*, the WLC sees a threat to "the aquifer and the large, multi-municipality interconnected wetlands system, which provides vital habitat to a variety of wildlife, including threatened and endangered species."



DION OGUST

"Stop Terramor" signs on Glasco Turnpike.

The WLC's Executive Director Andy Mossey says Terramor's current site plan, including the channeling of wastewater to WJC's pond and all the construction on this forested land, needs revision.

At a well-attended Saugerties Planning Board meeting in late December, eight Terramor representatives addressed the community's many concerns. The company shared environmental reports and maintained that the project would not result in "any significant adverse environmental impact." They argued a SEQRA negative declaration (certifying no environmental or archaeological disruption) was warranted.

Citizens Against Terramor, which has gathered 35,000 signatures on a petition against the development, was disheartened to learn that they had missed the 60-day deadline to appeal the Saugerties Building Inspector's June 2 determination that Terramor is a campground with accessory buildings and therefore allowable under the town's zoning code.

Dr. Susan Paynter, president of Citizens Against Terramor (aka CAT), told *Hudson Valley One*, "our main argument is that Terramor does not meet zoning requirements." She'd be disappointed to see the project go ahead "on some technicality."

CAT had also hoped that the Town of Woodstock would become an "involved agency" in the SEQRA environmental review because of its shared wetlands. Terramor lawyer Charles Gottlieb argued that by law Woodstock could be no more than "an interested party" since the property is entirely in Saugerties. But the matter is not settled. The Woodstock town council is seeking guidance from the Association of Towns about a Woodstock law requiring a permit when there is activity affecting their wetland.

The next step is a January 17 Planning Board meeting at which some of Terramor's opponents will speak. Among them will be hydrologist Paul Rubin who, working for CAT, has tested nine nearby residential wells. He will dispute Terramor's assertion that "that the neighboring wells will not be impacted by the water usage resulting from the Project."

Terramor told us they will review their hydrologist's report and will "respond to Mr. Rubin's comments within our full response to the Town." (Terramor's water studies and Rubin's letter to the Planning Board are available in the resources section of the Citizens Against Terramor website or at *southpeaknabe.com*.)

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Terramor's water studies and Rubin's letter to the Planning Board are available in the resources section of the Citizens Against Terramor website.

The Saugerties Planning Board meets at the Saugerties Senior Center at 207 Market Street at 7:30 p.m. Organizers point out that this is an informational meeting, with each organization allowed one speaker. A more open-ended public meeting will be scheduled for a later date.

Briefly noted | Region

Traditional Afghan feast brings community together



These delicious Afghan dishes will be on offer Wed. Jan. 11 at Christ the King Eposcipal Church.

On Wed., Jan. 11 at 4:30pm, locals will have the opportunity to take a trip to Afghanistan without leaving the county. The Afghan Circle and Christ the King (CTK) have partnered together with members of a recently resettled Afghan family to bring traditional Afghan food to the Rondout Valley. With the dedicated work of the Circle and the use of CTK's commercial kitchen, the hope is to create a path towards sustainable income for the transplanted family. The Ariana Feast, prepared by the mother and aunt of a six-member family, is an opportunity for the community to come together to show support for our new Afghan neighbors, with the added bonus of a delicious meal. More info can be found at https://www.ctkstoneridge.org/afghanfeast.

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Community | Saugerties

Be nice on ice

Disco Skate at Kiwanis Ice Arena this Saturday benefits house fire victims

by Frances Marion Platt



LAUREN THOMAS

Pictured are some of the members of the Nightmares, (top row, L-R): Whitney Hall, Deb Silverman, Marylynn Costello, Kathie Finch and Tina Dierna. Bottom row, (L-R): Allison Byrne, Cathy Corso, Allison Dewan and Carmelina Dewitt.

Hockey moms, like their sports-professional counterparts of any sex, kick butt when necessary. Here in the mid-Hudson, the go-to place for adult women who like to play hockey for fun is the Kiwanis Ice Arena in Saugerties. It's the home base for three USA Hockey Association teams: the coed Mustangs, the Fillies for youths and the Nightmares for women. "We're a horse town," notes Tina Dierna with regard to the team names.

Along with teammates Katelyn Baxter and Amy Montalbano, Dierna has been busy the past couple of months organizing a big fundraising event set for Saturday, January 7 from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. at the Arena. This is not an exhibition game or tournament, but a Disco Skate open to all who enjoy ice skating for a $10 entry fee. A live disc jockey will play danceable music, decade by decade, under disco lighting. There will also be a silent auction and a basket raffle – the fun kind where you put your tickets in the jar next to the prize package you most want to win.

The Nightmares fundraise for charities for women and girls on a regular basis, but the beneficiaries whose plight inspired them to pull this latest event together are a family in Catskill who lost their home and nearly all their possessions in a November house fire. "They were living in an RV in a friend's driveway for a while," Dierna reports. While the family has now found housing, their $15,000 in renters' insurance didn't make much of a dent in getting them reestablished. A relative set up a GoFundMe appeal that at presstime was almost halfway to its $20,000 goal (*www.gofundme.com/f/ydjut6-house-fire?member=23316473&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_content=undefined&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer&utm_term=undefined*).

The mother of the household struck by tragedy, Rachel Leo-Zwoboda, is a "longtime hockey mom" whose "kids played in Saugerties Youth Hockey," says Dierna. "Rachel is a widow who was playing with us for a while. She has two children from her prior marriage and works as a store manager. She and her late husband were really involved in the community. After her husband died of cancer, she ended up finding love again, settling down with a widower with four kids and blending their families. It was

Briefly noted | Saugerties

Saugerties Ethics Committee to meet January 11

Town of Saugerties Ethics Committee will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 7 p.m., in the building department conference room at Town Hall, located at 4 High Street in Saugerties.

Lifespring announces winter programming

Lifespring: Saugerties Adult Learning Community has announced that the Winter 2023 programming, including presentations on Wednesday, March 1, as well as a mini-course series on February 1 and 8, is open to anyone interested in attending.

All programs are free and will be held online via Zoom with prior registration required.

For more information about Lifespring and how to register, visit *www.Lifespringsaugerties.com*.

Lifespring is a Town of Saugerties sponsored lifetime learning institute open to people in the Hudson Valley area and dedicated to the recognition of the important role of continuing education in our lives.

Correction

In last week's Year Ahead article by David Gordon, the correct spelling of the manager of the Town of Saugerties Animal Shelter is Elly Monfett, not Ellie Moffatt. Our apologies.

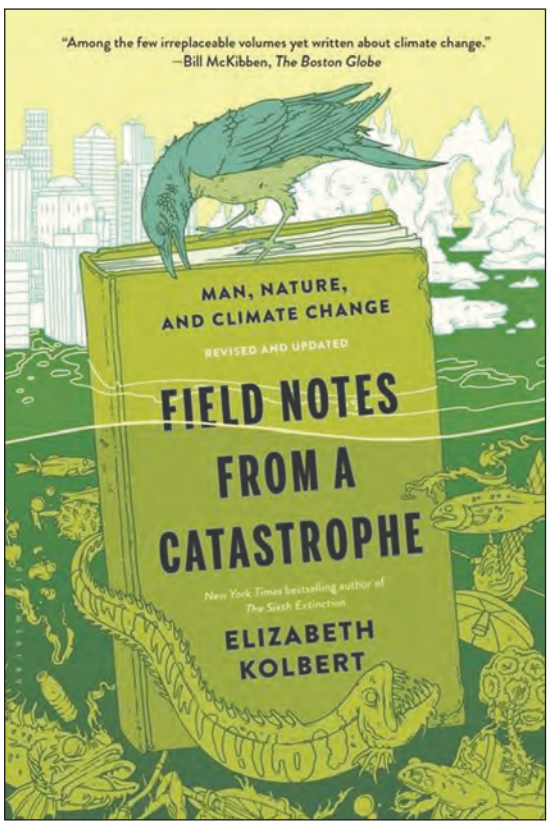
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Climate Study Group to meet January 11 in Saugerties

The Climate Study Group in Saugerties will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m., at the Saugerties Public Library, located at 91 Washington Avenue.

The group will be reading, discussing and learning about climate issues and what we can do to improve our prospects. The first book discussed will be *Field Notes from a Catastrophe* by Elizabeth Kolbert.

The event is free.



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so nice to see her working through her trauma. She had a new baby last year, and after she healed from that she rejoined the Nightmares this year."

Both parents had been at work and their older children in school when the fire broke out on November 15, but a babysitting grandmother was able to get their infant out safely. "Nothing could be salvaged," Dierna says sadly, "except her hockey gear, which was hanging up on a tree outside drying out."

For Dierna, the coincidentally saved equipment was a callback to an incident in her own life that seemed like a message from the universe that it was time to turn to her hockey family. She had played the game as a kid and signed up to be a coach for the Fillies when she moved to Saugerties in "2008 or 2009," she recalls. "Then I had a high-risk pregnancy and had to quit. I didn't even know they had a women's team." In 2018, as she was going through a divorce and in need of some fun in her life, a friend invited her to join the Nightmares, saying, "Maybe you'll like it."

"So, I brought my hockey gear upstairs. And then the city septic system backed up into my basement and destroyed almost everything. I said to myself, 'Is this a sign?'"

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What Dierna found was a warm welcome from a tight-knit, supportive group of women. "I felt empowered and cared about," she says. "I joined and became fully committed. I took over the Nightmares' social media and created a Mailchimp landing page. In the next few years, we started winning games; we went from a small recreational team to become more competitive."

These days, women come from a 45-mile radius of Saugerties to play with the Nightmares. "We are the mid-Hudson women's ice hockey team," she says. While the players come from diverse backgrounds, many work in the helping professions – Dierna herself is a social worker – which may help explain the nurturing atmosphere cultivated by the group. They all pay an annual fee of $575 to cover the team's ice time and pay their own way to attend games and tournaments throughout the Northeast. The coaches all volunteer their time.

Each March the Nightmares participate in the Stick It to Brain Tumors fundraiser at Union College in Schenectady; each May, at the end of their skating season, they host their own May Melt Tournament and donate the proceeds to a charity with a mission focused on girls and women. This year it will benefit Miles of Hope, a local organization that assists Hudson Valley families impacted by breast cancer. So, raising money for one of their own who has encountered personal tragedy is a natural step for the team. "When the Nightmares do something, we don't just do it – we do it hard," Dierna says proudly.

The team is always looking for new members. "Our mission is to support young females in being active in their communities and for themselves," says Dierna. To try out, "The only thing you need to know is how to skate, how to stop and how to get up." The Kiwanis Arena hosts regular "Sticks and Pucks" drop-in practice sessions where wannabes can borrow gear and hone their skills.

Interested in joining? Contact Tina Dierna at *nightmareshockey-saugertiesny@gmail.com*. To learn more about this Saturday's Disco Skate benefit, visit *www.facebook.com/events/433995352257272*.













Government | Kingston

Reshuffling the deck

Kingston redistricting subcommittee must soon recommend new ward boundaries

by Rokosz Most

On the second floor of the Kingston Public Library, the three members of the subcommittee for Kingston redistricting face just a handful of curious residents in an otherwise empty room. Ward 4 alder Rita Worthington, Ward 1 alder Barbara Hill and Ward 7 alder Michael Olivieri have been charged with the unwieldy task of redistricting the nine voting wards in the City of Kingston, and they're making the best of it.

Chair of the Kingston Common Council alder Worthington mused about why the turnout for the first public hearing on the matter was so poor.

"It was advertised pretty well, I think, as far as being on the website," said Worthington. "But you know word of mouth is always the best. We're doing the best we can to open it up to the public at least, for them to come to us with questions. Sometimes when you don't understand something you don't participate in it."

Complex, mired in statistics and amorphous designations, redistricting, as has been noted, is just not a barn-burner of a subject.

The legally mandated responsibility of states, counties and municipalities across the nation is to sift every ten years through discussions of population and demographic changes in order to rectify imbalances and achieve parity among myriad interest groups. Not doing it is not an option. Doing it improperly can land one in court and result in having to do it all over again.

Strategies for successful redistricting vary.

A ten-member bipartisan statewide redistricting commission in Albany earlier this year was unable to find consensus and presented two competing maps. Rather than give them another chance, the Democrat-controlled state legislature, decided to go it alone and create its own maps. They were struck down as a gerrymander by the courts, and 37-year old Jonathan Cervas of the Institute for Politics and Strategy at Carnegie Mellon University was selected as the special master to draw up the maps, which he did.

Locally, the Ulster County commission on reapportionment remains struggling under the new rules signed into law by governor Kathy Hochul on October 27. A lawsuit alleging illegal deviations in population size between the largest and smallest legislative districts as well as impermissibly reconfigured districts within Gardiner, Plattekill and Shawangunk ended when Ulster County judge Kevin Bryant invalidated the redrawn county maps.

|The county reapportionment commission has been ordered to produce a new legislative map, weighed in on by the public and ratified by the legislature, by January 3 or have the judge appoint his own special master.

Communities of interest

To forestall a similar fate, it is surmised, Kingston chose its own expert right out of the gates. Senior research associate for the Benjamin Center Joshua Simons, a specialist in geographic information systems, has been tapped to redraw the city ward maps, These are being presented to the redistricting subcommittee.

"The first thing that you do is you try to identify communities of interest," said Simons, "Look at demographic data or socio-economic data, things along those lines, but there should also be a parallel process to ask people, What communities do you consider yourself a part of? Usually, that's done in public information sessions."

After this initial step, a data base was built using the current data and maps of the current ward system. The maps and demographic data have been posted on the Engage Kingston website for public viewing.

"There were three versions of the map," explained alder Olivieri. "So the first one, Map A, was just the simplest way of redistricting, which was, How can we move a street over here and over there to minimize the confusion? And then Map B was more compact, where they just tried to keep the highest concentration of people together."

Map C, as it is designed, could create a ward that offered more minority opportunities.

New York's municipal Home Rule Law requires redistricting to take into account, cores of existing districts, pre-existing political subdivisions and communities of interest. Ulster County's charter requires certain considerations as well, such as that attention should be paid to existing district boundaries and geographical features. Providing advantage to one political party or another is prohibited.

"I'm losing, theoretically half of Derrenbacher [Street] because I shared Derrenbacher with Ward 6, which is alderman Tony Davis," said Olivieri. "And then in all versions of the map, I'm losing Abbey Street, which does have a big impact on me personally, because I had a lot of votes on Abbey Street. There were a lot of people on that street that knew me personally."

"Plan B, the deviations are a little bit looser," said Simons," but I was also trying things like, let's use Broadway as a boundary, dropping back and forth over it. It's a different way of achieving a legal deviation. And then through the discussions of the demographics, there's the Midtown area both on the north and south side of Broadway, where there's the highest geographically concentrated area of protected minorities."

Voting rights and rules

Alder Worthington's ward reports the highest populations of black and Hispanic residents in the city. The effect of redistricting to minorities groups -- be they labeled as such through skin color, through cultural identification, or through the language they speak -- presents specific considerations when a map is redrawn.

"It has to be considered, because if you're not taking that into account there's a couple places where you run afoul of the law," explained Simons. "The most obvious one is the Federal Voting Rights Act [VRA]. Now, there's also the John R. Lewis New York State Voting Rights Act [NYVRA], which is going to come into full effect in about six months. And then there's also under municipal home-rule law, you have to give consideration of communities of interest. And one way that communities of interest can be defined or described would be by racial and ethnic categories. That's certainly not the only way to define a community of interest, but it's certainly one way. You have to definitely be aware and test for those things because as soon as you run afoul of those laws you're gonna end up in court, and it's going to go badly."

The NYVRA determines which states and political subdivisions must obtain prior clearance from the state justice department before changes to voting practices take effect. The state looks for a history of voting-rights violations. The federal VRA, passed in 1965, prohibits voting standards, practices or procedures that result in the denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen to vote on account of race, color, or membership in a language minority group.

"Now, the area northeast of Ward 4 are very interesting from a redistricting standpoint because it's split up from 2, 6 and 5. Each grabs pieces," said Simons. "Plan C was what would happen if we wanted to create a ward that kind of encompassed that area that currently split a bunch of wards .... I don't know that this is an issue, but it's one of those things that raises some red flags you want to look at because you're taking this area that has a pretty concentrated population, consists of a couple of different protected minority classes listed amongst the districts. Now I can say definitively that there's not a federal-voting-rights-act issue there, but it's difficult to say anything definitively about the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act because it's not in effect yet. It's never been litigated."

Dealing with diversity

What was Worthington hearing from her Ward 4 constituents? She expressed dismay at the lack of response."Unfortunately, I'm not really hearing anything," said Worthington. "I think it goes back to a matter of not really understanding it, and not knowing how it will affect people individually. And so, you know, what I've been telling people, I think the main thing for us is to make sure that we keep representation when redrawing the lines. And I think that's what people really care about."

Simons explained that the whole idea was to try to create wards which group people with similar interests, "ideally shared interests together, so that their voice can be amplified."

In this one instance, said Simons, diversity dilutes amplification."And by diversity, I mean, say you have a mix of socioeconomic classes," he said. "So a given ward's got a very rich section, and another section very poor, right? Now that's economically diverse. The issue there is that you run the risk of having the voices of the poor constituents within that district be easily overpowered by [voices of] the more affluent. When you create something that groups all the poor people together, it's generally not considered a good thing. But this is an instance where it can be because it amplifies the voices of those people to advocate for the issues that affect them the most."

The subcommittee decides

Throughout the process of redistricting, thorny racial and socieoeconomic considerations may empower one group of residents at the expense of another. Concentrating one minority group by geography risks segregating that group from the whole. On the other hand, spreading out a minority group across different districts risks diluting its voice.

"For Ward 4 usually when we're dealing with economics," said Worthington, "a lot of black and brown, Hispanic people, really fall into the lower part of the economic spectrum. Ward 4 is the ward that has the most economically depressed and oppressed people. Now why that is in the City of Kingston is beyond me. You have Uptown, Midtown and Downtown. Midtown happens to be my ward, which I'm proud of, proud to represent the people of Ward 4. But yes, it is labeled as one of the poorest economic populations on the census tract."

Whether any socioeconomic, cultural or racially identified minority can truly be said to be monolithic is almost beside the point. Historically, minorities of all kinds have been lumped together to justify poor treatment at the hands of dominant majorities. Laws have been enacted to curb such excesses. Alas, laws in some states have also been passed to protect such excesses.

"The thing is, you're not really drawing these lines based solely on any one of these things, right?" said Simons. "The idea is to take it all into consideration and allow the committee to weigh the pros and cons of each. The other thing that I would point out is that I'm not the one making the decision."

That will be up to the residents of Kingston and the subcommittee for redistricting. The second public hearing will be held at the city hall on Thursday, January 12.

Briefly noted | Kingston

Bicyclist dies in Kingston, city's fourth fatal cycling accident in two years

Kingston's tragic history of bicycle fatalities sadly continued last week after Kingston woman Christine Tarasco, 65, was struck and killed on Pine Grove Avenue by Vanessa Lowe, 60, of Kingston, on December 27, according to Kingston police.

"The glare of the sun appears to have contributed to the accident," police indicated, saying Lowe was driving on Pine Grove Avenue near the YMCA ramp when she collided with Tarasco. The victim was taken to HealthAlliance Hospital, where officers say she succumbed to her injuries.

Police said the accident was still being investigated, and "no conclusions have been reached, and no additional information will be released at this time."

The city of Kingston has an usually high rate of bike fatalities per capita compared to other cities. The national rate is around 2.7 fatalities per million people annually. In New York City, it's 2.8 fatalities per million. This is the fourth fatal bike accident in Kingston — population 24,000 — since November 2020. There were three other bicyclist fatalities near Kingston between 2017 and 2018 — one in Rosendale, one in Port Ewen, and another on 9W in Ulster Park.

Prior to this week's tragedy, city officials had authorized the spending of tens of thousands of dollars on a road safety campaign. The city and county recently announced they were acquiring tens of thousands more in grants to educate locals and passers-through on how to drive, bike and walk more safely.

Building the last mile

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percent coverage of high-speed Internet to every corner of Ulster County has been elusive. To map the existing coverage and to identify where it falls short, the county comptroller's office has worked closely with the county planning and information services departments.

A Citizens Commission for Digital Inclusion was convened back in May. "The commission worked to create a broadband map," says Gallagher, "which we put out for public comment on the county website, and we received feedback from the community over the summer. So we have a pretty robust map. We've actually identified eleven hundred unserved addresses."

The bulk are in Wawarsing (390), Shandaken (198), and Denning (186). A few hundred more of the afflicted are scattered across the county: Saugerties and Woodstock. Marbletown and Hurley. Olive and Hardenburgh.

An accurate local accounting is at this time highly desirable, Federal Communications Commission broadband connectivity maps have been released for public viewing. Billions of dollars of state and federal funds will be available to places where the federal map doesn't line up with the experience on the ground.

"The FCC is talking around $46 billion for broadband," says Gallagher, "but there's more than that, because the state has money tied up, also."

The county planning department has been keeping a watchful eye on the situation. "We've been monitoring all of the available funding associated with it," reports planning director Dennis Doyle. "And we've been making sure that the county and others are aware of where the broadband is."

Asked to estimate the total mileage of cable unspooled across Ulster County, Doyle laughs.

"There's 454 center-line miles of county road," says Doyle. He lists the routes along which the cable runs. "There's some 180 to 200 miles of state road, and there's about 1200 lane-miles of local roads. Assuming that probably 95 percent of it is covered, there's a lotta cable out there."

New York State ranks second state in the nation behind Connecticut in providing the highest percentage of broadband to its population. And Ulster ranks in the top ten for coverage within counties in the state.

"I think, surprisingly, there was more cable out there than what you originally thought would be out there," says Doyle. "But when we look at the unserved areas, we looked at the number of structures done, the state broadband mapping, I think we came up with somewhere in the neighborhood of over 2000 structures, and I'm talking to residents, that were unserved. People have gone out and actually driven the roads and looked at the areas [which said] there was cabling there where there wasn't."

The FCC coverage maps are also getting a lookover from the state. Gallagher emphasizes the importance of private residents without access making sure the FCC map accurately reflects the reality, and filing challenges if the map shows access where none exists.

"In most of Ulster County, the provider that's available is Spectrum," says Doyle. "And in southern Ulster County and then around the areas of Marlborough, there's some Verizon service. That's high-speed [fiber optic] Verizon service, not copper wire. And then Margaret Telephone Company comes in on very western portions of the county in Denning and Hardenburgh."

Gallagher too is urging people who are in those areas that don't have broadband to make sure the map shows they don't have broadband. "Those struggling to connect to the Internet and need help filing a challenge can contact our office," she says. "I'm certain that we'll meet the deadline for the bulk challenge, but we understand from New York State, they feel it is way more powerful for there to be concurrently a state challenge, a county challenge, and individual property owners to make sure that they're represented on the map write into challenge if they're not."

There's not much time left. The window to file a challenge closes on January 13, 2023. After that, the funds will be distributed to places indicated on the FCC map.

"Our goal is to make sure that every single house and business, every single structure is served for our county," says Gallagher. "And when people say to me, well, it's really expensive .... Well, you know what else is really expensive? Rural electrification. And no one in their right mind would say Denning shouldn't have electricity."

Zinc, not lithium

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150,000-square-foot warehouse space at iPark 87, the former IBM site in the town of Ulster.

Wooed to open operations in the United States by the promise of substantial tax credits made available by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and senator Chuck Schumer's charm offensive, the company had initially announced plans to build its first plant in Ulster County. Zinc8 will receive a scalable $35 tax incentive for each battery produced, with incentives to continue at that level until 2029, phasing down and out over a multiple years thereafter.

The company says it is anxious to get on with the with the business of building the business, a process expected to take nine months after finalization of the site lease.

Ron MacDonald, the CEO of Zinc8, spoke to the IDA board prior to the vote. A former Canadian federal legislator, he says "pro-cess" instead of the drawly American "pra-cess," "aboat instead of about," and "rezource instead of resource."

"I grew up in a small coal mining town in Cape Breton," said MacDonald by way of introduction. "Everybody was poor because the Dominion steel and coal company came in and they extracted a resource. What my grandmother would say is the only thing they left behind was black lung and widows."

MacDonald explained that by contrast Zinc8 intends to be good corporate citizens as well as part of the community by developing a properly trained workforce that gets paid good wages and has a profit-sharing plan.

"We're at that point in the development of our company," said MacDonald, "we've got 59 employees. We are growing. and over the next three years our plan is to go up to about 298 employees, with a five-year goal of over 500."

Zinc 8 projects annual sales of $80 million, with 95 percent of its customers expected from North America.

MacDonald pitches the company's product as one way to resolve issues with renewable energy. When the sun doesn't shine or the wind doesn't blow, battery storage can pick up the slack by storing energy to be used when needed. Contrasting it with lithium-based batteries, MacDonald touted the safety of zinc-based storage.

"There's nothing in it that's exotic. There's nothing in it that can burn. There's nothing in it that off-gases .... We don't really manufacture, what we do is that we take components that are custom-made for us in the US or in the NAFTA of the old NAFTA area because then they qualify [for the incentives]. Everything we've got we can source in North America, so we don't have to worry about Russia. We have to worry about China and all the nasty things that they're doing with weaponizing supply chains, and there's nothing environmentally that would cause a problem for us. Zinc is plentiful, it's non-toxic, it's in a KOH solution, which is basically potash, and that is, uh, that is kind of what makes it all work."

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Power from the grid or renewable sources is used to generate zinc particles. Oxygen is released to the atmosphere as a by-product. The zinc particles are stored in potassium hydroxide (KOH) electrolyte until it is required. When power is needed, the zinc particles are recombined with oxygen to generate electricity. The zinc oxide by-product is returned to storage for later regeneration.

The benign nature of the electrolyte is a selling point. Zinc8 asserts its batteries can be shipped dry. Massive amounts of chemicals to add to the batteries don't need to be stored.

"Zinc8 is a unique technology that's been developed over about twelve years," said MacDonald, who became CEO three years ago when there were just 14 employees. "And we have 23 patents. There's seven in the line that we've applied for and there's another nine were probably going to win over the next twelve months.

"The reason I say that is to let you know that what we do is unique. We're a very novel company. and so the technology is novel. It's not like we take other inventions we'll put together to make a different-looking automobile. Our vehicle is completely different from anything else on the market."

Assuming feedback from the public hearing allows the project to go forward and the current asbestos removal at the site is completed, Zinc8 can get to the business of running a business. Lithium and cobalt battery competition, take note.

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Wreaths Across America-New Paltz thank you

On behalf of the Wreaths Across America organization, the New Paltz Rural Cemetery, the Brannen van den Burg VFW Post 8645, the VFW Auxiliary to Post 8645 and our family of volunteers and supporters, we want to thank *you* for your support of the mission to remember the fallen, honor those that serve and their families and teach the next generation the value of freedom.

On December 17, 2022, Wreaths Across America National Wreath Day, over 980 wreaths were placed to honor and remember all veterans laid to rest at the New Paltz Rural Cemetery and the Ulster County Veteran's Cemetery on Plains Road in New Paltz.

With each of the sponsored veterans' wreaths placed on December 17 an American hero's name was spoken out loud so they would not be forgotten.

We express our tremendous gratitude to each and every one who made this possible by sponsoring wreaths and volunteering to honor our veterans on December 17.

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Thank you to the ceremony participants: New Paltz Fire Department, Ulster County Sheriff's Department, New Paltz Police Department, SUNY New Paltz Police Department and Ulster County Law Enforcement Honor Guard. To Ann Shulte Lundell for representing Gold Star families. The Rip Van Winkle Scouts Troop 272 and Troop 171, Jasper Bacon, Thao Salamone, Sam Scarpati, Andrew Lai, Arron Bligh, Ethan Gregor, Veronica O'Sullivan, John Reynolds, Kaidan Salamone and the Heart of the Hudson Girl Scout Troop 60142, Erin O'Donnell. These young scouts honored the eight branches of the armed forces by placing the ceremonial wreaths on the Veteran's Memorial.

Thank you to Ulster County Veterans Services Agency Director Mark Cozzupoli for emceeing the ceremony, as well as our speaker, Congressman Pat Ryan. Thank you to Andrew Mironchik, Commander of the Brannen van den Berg VFW Post 8645.

As an added treat, Chris Nadareski, liaison for Rip Van Winkle Scouts and DEP representative released a rehabilitated Red Tail Hawk during the ceremony in honor of all veterans.

And last but not least we want to acknowledge and give many thanks to John Liquori, Superintendent of the New Paltz Rural Cemetery, along with employees Clifford Campbell and Glenn DeHardt. They go above and beyond in taking care of all the details leading up to, during and after Wreath Day!

Our mission continues as we look to 2023. Starting on National Wreaths Across America Day, Saturday, December 17, and running through Friday, Jan. 15, 2023 -- all wreaths sponsored through a registered WAA Sponsorship Group will be matched by Wreaths Across America HQ for placement next December 16, 2023! Our direct link is *www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/NY0270*.

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My apologies

In response to Colleen Philips: First, I sincerely apologize for overgeneralizing about Harley owners! You obviously, with your fellow club members, care for others and I know there are a lot of first responders who obviously care about their fellow citizens and ride loud motorcycles. I am not saying you are bad people, just inconsiderate.

I would say a few things though:

1. You do not address the obnoxious noise spewing out in everyone's ears from Harleys and other bikers other than to say, "there are many cases of noise in our community." I know of no other groups of people that pollute our peace and quiet like you all do. I do not agree that it is "irresponsible" to point out bikers' loud disruptive engine noises. It's just like citing people who blast everyone with their music on a beach, or people who litter, or people in apartment buildings that play loud music at late hours, etc. Obnoxious noise/behaviors is what it is about and pointing it out is what a responsible citizen should do!

2. Yes, stereotyping can be wrong and can backfire. But in this case, you left out the first two words of my quote "I bet..." as in "I bet most of these macho freedom-loving guys also saw nothing wrong with January 6." "I bet" is a guess. When you bet on anything, it doesn't mean you are 100% right. But, in this noise case and even with the political stereotype, I think I would win the bet!

You are right that it is an overgeneralization and wrong to judge everyone. And yes, who am I to judge? But, is it wrong to judge someone on the loudness of their bike, the loudness of their stereo at the beach? Sorry but I do!

I do think some stereotypes have validity sometimes. I could be wrong, but I do think, with reasonable certainty, that if you took a straw poll about January 6 at the Sturgis Rally, I bet the numbers would be in line with my stereotype!

I certainly agree with you that January 6 was a "travesty" and maybe I shouldn't have included that unnecessary political comment?

As to generalizing, if I generalized that most killings at high school sporting

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events, family BBQ's/graduations and young adult concerts were committed by black youth and gang members, would that be a stereotype? Or that most school mass shootings are committed by young white males? College kids vote for Democrats, Evangelicals vote Republican etc., would I be wrong?

There are generalizations that are reasonable and for example, even with political polls, there are certain stereotypes and generalizations that can be made so as to tailor advertisements.

I believe we can make some generalizations that can be statistically supported or implied.

Maybe I was wrong to overgeneralize and connect Harley's freedom-loving riders with being the "types" of people who would not see January 6 as a "travesty?"

You obviously are not one of them and again my sincere apologies for using a broad brush that was justifiably taken offensively by you! Sorry.

Ron Stonitsch
New Paltz

Thanks for helping with Wreaths Across America

Saugerties VFW Post 5034 would like to thank all the participants and the donors to the Wreaths Across America that was held on December 17 at the Saratoga National Cemetery. After the wreaths were placed, we attended a brief ceremony in honor of all the veterans who are interred in the cemetery. A wreath of 'Remembrance' was placed in front of all 15,100 gravestones.

After the ceremony, we went to the Schuylerville American Legion Hall for a warm lunch. Then we drove back through the cemetery before heading for home.

The wreaths will be in the cemetery until March 4, if you wish you take a drive there.

Bob Howe
Saugerties

Answer please

According to *Hudson Valley One*, Woodstock town supervisor Bill McKenna complained that everybody keeps blaming him for dragging his feet regarding the delay in cleaning up the Church Road property. "I don't know what they expect the town can do," he said. It appears that the only recourse the town itself has to start cleaning the property up is to get a court order.

So Bill, have you had the town's attorney approach the court yet to get permission to start the cleaning process or are you still dragging your feet?

Howard Harris
Woodstock

Build the Kingstonian in 2023

The Kingstonian should be built in 2023. Uptown needs the "newness" and "energy" that the Kingstonian will bring to Uptown, which is now in an ebb-and-flow state. The Kingstonian will finally push Uptown in the forward direction. Remember, Uptown needs "newness" and "energy," not "oldness" and "tired malaise."

Ralph Mitchell
Kingston

Be there. Will be wild!

"Extra! Extra! He's guilty as fuck!" ... and hopefully is headed down the path to becoming irrelevant and a loser: Yes, "Be there. Will be wild!" Trump all but circled the date. Donald Trump and his supporters are a clear and present danger to democracy and the United States."

It took 18 months (the culmination of a lengthy investigation) into the attack on the U.S. Capitol for the House January 6 investigation committee to announce what many Americans already knew: There's a walloping amount of evidence that suggests Donald Trump did some serious crime-doing before, during and after the domestic terrorist attack on the U.S. Capitol.

The January 6 Committee considers him guilty of four criminal acts and have referred their findings to the Department of Justice. This department has appointed a special counsel with an aggressive record. And Attorney General Merrick Garland has a pretty good record of going after domestic terrorists too. Then, put his ass in prison. Finally! Let's get some results from the DOJ. Please set some precedents!

It's hard to say criminal referrals aren't necessary when we all saw it unfold. Just hope that Trump is held responsible, couldn't be any clearer! Whatever happens next, when and how he is held accountable, whatever public assertions he dares to make (most of which will be used as evidence against him), the result is a continuing decrease in his credibility.

Holding him accountable -- well, on the one hand it's satisfying to see his "house of canards" come tumbling down. But on the other hand, the damage he's done to this nation -- we wasted four years when we could have been working on health care and infrastructure and climate change and our economy.

We lost four years of opportunity that we will never get back. If Donald Trump had even the slightest shred of decency, he could have used the presidency to make a difference for the nation and in doing so, raised his real value astronomically. Unfortunately, he is a grifter well on his way to becoming a national joke. He failed because he never had even the slightest shred of decency. He's a con man, a fraud and a criminal. He's a loser.

The Republican Party in their silence continues supporting this "bat, shit-crazy person" and their appeal to the worst excesses of racism and fanaticism has put them where they are currently -- losers too!

Has Trump destroyed the Republican Party? Well, no. That blame belongs to the racists, the white Christian evangelicals and the billionaires who hijacked the party for their own greedy agendas. Perhaps the Republican Party should be destroyed. It was their constant gaming of the political landscape, starting with the southern strategy, their cynical exploitation of wedge issues and their barely disguised demonization of a portion of the population that laid the groundwork for a grifter like TFG to make his way to power.

They're his enablers and need to be replaced by a true conservative party that will engage in honest policy debate. Isn't that right, George Civile and John Butz? Oh, and fuck your silence if there is zero response in condemning DJT and his Trumpublican GOP politic minions!

Neil Jarmel
West Hurley

Real estate transaction volume has cooled

The Village of New Paltz budgeted to receive $105,000 for its share of mortgage tax revenue but received a whopping $312,821 last year. This was shocking after the average budgeted amount for the previous ten years was $76,800 and the average actual amount received was $73,244, with a high of $81,975 for 2020-21 and a low of $61,048 for 2011-12.

Mortgage tax is a solid but partial window into the real estate market because it excludes cash transactions.

It is also noteworthy to highlight that just eight of NY's counties collect only 0.75% of a mortgage's value to document transitions and Ulster County is one. See NY's Mortgage Recording Tax Return form (MT-15) for a current list of the various tax rates by jurisdiction. Ulster County is unique in that it does not levy an additional mortgage tax surcharge, only 0.75%. In Dutchess, Putnam and Orange the total tax is 1.05%. In Greene and Columbia it's 1.25% and it's 1% in Sullivan. The tax revenues are then split with NYS and locally.

Last week the Village of New Paltz received mortgage tax revenue for the six-month period April 2022 – September 2022 of only $63,871.

Mayor Tim Rogers
New Paltz

A note of correction for Brian Hollander

My wife Sandy (now deceased) and I were next-door neighbors of the Hunold family for 18 years. There was a beautifully kept path between our houses that was well travelled. The two boys, Dashiell and Ryder, would use our pool and grew up with our granddaughter Gabriella, whom we all raised as friends and guardians.

Brian, I don't comprehend why you wouldn't mention Julia, Michael Hunold's wife and partner of 20-plus years.

We were dear friends with them -- both together and separately. I enjoyed our intellectually stimulating conversations, laughter, milestones and, of course, Michael's excellent and inspired guitar playing. I went to see him play

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Simon LeFevre's house on Route 32 North sheltered the Kingston High School basketball team overnight when the team's school bus got stuck in a snowstorm on their way home from a game in New Paltz.

Over 60 couples attended the annual New Year's Dance at the Opera House on Tuesday night. The hall was nicely decorated. The music, furnished by Rutherford's orchestra of Poughkeepsie was excellent. Mrs. Silas VanWagenen of Po'keepsie catered for the refreshments.

On New Year's Eve, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gardner gave a midnight luncheon to a few of their friends. Very delicious refreshments were served. The chimes of Trinity Church were heard by radiophone.

Acting Postmaster Krom says that this Christmas was the busiest one he has experienced in his fifteen years of service. Not a Christmas parcel or post card was delayed, everything was cleaned up at the time of closing of each mail, and to the present time no complaints have been entered in regard to the loss or damage of mail. A brief estimate of the business done during the week is as follows: Parcels insured for dispatch 820, ordinary parcel post 940, making a total of 1760 parcels dispatched. Parcels received 141; parcels handled 3171. One day's postal receipts were $189.69. Total receipts for the week were $598.74. If such business is kept up, we hope someday the postal department will give New Paltz a federal building.

One hundred prohibition enforcement agents were sent to Albany to assist the local prohibition bureau in keeping the city dry during the ceremonies for the inauguration of Governor Smith.

New Paltz people are burning a great deal of wood now-a-days. Leonard Newkirk cut his hand so severely while chopping wood on Saturday that he was taken to Vassar Hospital.

In publishing a few weeks ago our recollections of life on the farm we said nothing about the introduction of coal for fuel. Previous to that time wood was used altogether for heating and cooking purposes. On every farm there was a wood lot from which a supply of fuel was procured and chopping wood was the main business in winter. It was the custom to cut down for fuel only the trees that were dead on top or dying. Cutting down the trees, hauling the wood home and chopping it up on the woodpile gave work to a great many men in the winter. Cutting off wood and hauling it to Poughkeepsie and other places was quite an important business. The price of wood was about $4 a cord. There is not much of the original timber left in the county, but on many fields which have been abandoned for the cultivation of crops, a second crop of trees is coming in.

The storms of last week caused much trouble in the way of delay of trains and damage to vessels at sea. Six Normal School students walked to Highland on Friday afternoon, owing to the fact that the trolley was not running. On Friday night 14 people returning home from R. E. DuBois' home in a big sleigh were thrown out as the horses were unable to get through the snow drifts.

Last Friday night at about one o'clock, Simon LeFevre of Bontecoe was awakened by a loud knocking at the door. On answering the summons, he found the five members of the Kingston basketball team, and their chauffeur, who were returning from a game in New Paltz, and whose car had been stranded near Mr. LeFevre's house. Mr. LeFevre gave the wanderers a night's shelter and the next morning they returned to New Paltz with the help of the milk wagon. Their car remained in Bontecoe for two or three days.

The roofs of four buildings in our village have caved in from the weight of the snow -- the Smiley sheds, the brickyard sheds, Louis LeFevre's store building at the foot of Main Street, and the barn of Lieut. Wohltman's. Railroad officials say that this is the hardest winter to keep the tracks clear of snow that has ever been known.

John Yenne says that he found the snow two feet eight inches deep on the level in this village on Friday.The snow has been about two feet deep in the woods where it had no opportunity to drift. The depth of the snow makes it almost impossible to get around through the woods. The caterpillar tractors have been found very useful in opening the roads. The tractors as well as snow plows have been used quite extensively.

The delivery car of the manufacturers of Klean Maid Bread, Poughkeepsie, got through the storm early Monday afternoon with supplies for our village stores.

Arnold Petersen has filled his ice house from his pond. The cakes were about sixteen inches thick.

After being docked for repairs during which time new gears were installed, the ferryboat, *Poughkeepsie*, which is driven by electricity, was placed on regular runs today by the Poughkeepsie and Highland Ferry Company. Raymond Crum, one of the officials of the new company, today said that the new boat now has over a fifty percent increase in power and it is running in first-class shape. Before the gears and other repairs were made the boats was only travelling on 27 percent of its regular power. Although huge cakes of ice floating in the Hudson, the regular schedule is being kept up. The "Poughkeepsie" is now working together with the "Brinckerhoff" in carrying persons and cars between Poughkeepsie and Highland.

The elementary Regents examinations will be held in the New Paltz State Normal School Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 22 to 25. Pupils from outlying districts will be gladly received, if they bring with them notice from their teachers certifying to the fact that they have completed the necessary work. Examinations begin at 9:15 in the morning and at 1:15 in the afternoon, and continue in each case for three hours.

The law in regard to the retirement of teachers on part pay is that one who has served 35 years may retire on one-half the average salary of the last five years of service.

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many times over the years, at various venues in and around Woodstock.

I cannot imagine a world without Michael. I thought I would certainly die before him. But Brian, you failed to mention Julia at all.

You also failed to mention Vadia Padwa, Michael's grandmother (although you briefly noted her musician husband, the boy's great-grandmother Vladimir Padwa). She was a maven and held salons and renowned Christmas parties at the house on Chestnut Hill Road, attended by many intellectuals and artists such as John Dewey.

As a young man, Michael was both court jester and amanuensis to the grandmother that primarily raised him.

You mentioned Michael's mother, the boys' grandmother, Tanya (now deceased). She was a great beauty who played and grew up in and around the Maverick as a child with many other old-time Woodstockers. She too, was a major force in Michael's life, later marrying Anthony Robinson, an author in his own right and son to Henry Morton Robinson, an author of *Skeleton Key to Finnegan's Wake,* penned with his over-the-fence neighbor Joseph Campbell. Michael's stepfather, Anthony continues to write novels from his home on Huguenot Street in New Paltz. He remains to this day a beloved and huge part of the boys' lives.

Brian, you failed to do your homework and I am writing to correct your omissions.

Julia Perce, Dashiell and Ryder's mother, whom you failed to mention, lives in the area and until recent events, shared custody of the boys.

Your tribute mentions dates and events that neither his own sons, nor his closest of kin, Anthony and Michael's own sister, Joanna Chillrud (of Santa Barbara, CA), are even aware of.

Point of view | Carol Bergman

Sanitation v. education

Art Spiegelman's Pulitzer Prize winning graphic novel masterpiece, *Maus,* has been banned in Tennessee schools. "They want a kinder, gentler, fuzzier Holocaust," he told the *New York Times* reporter, Alexandra Alter, in an article published in the Arts section on December 28th. *Maus* is not the only book that has been banned in American public schools.

The list is long. One of Governor Ron DeSantis' minions has compiled a list of 850 "very dangerous" books that should be expunged from Florida's school library shelves, and from school curricula. Books about transgender relationships or same sex marriage relationships written by "groomers" and "pedophiles" are especially dangerous, they say. Who comes up with these imaginative distortions of reality?

Some parents support book banning. They are so protective of their children that one wonders if their progeny will be able to thrive in the 21st century when so many informative books are forbidden and their children remain ignorant of history and contemporary society.

Censorship, banning and shunning is not a new story in America's schools, where backlash against advances in civil rights and science is a given, though it is much more intense and angrier these days, amplified by vociferous ill-mannered school board members and opportunistic politicians.

Many librarians, teachers and administrators are playing it safe, or quitting, in a surrender to the bullies and their "woke" neighbors, left and right, Black and white.

But it's not a new story. It's an American tradition, a flaw in the body politic. During the McCarthy era, teachers were pilloried for their ostensible left-wing progressive ideas. They were smeared and then fired, a habit of disgracing educators that continued into the 1950s and 1960s, and beyond, up to today.

When I was student teaching at Montera Junior High School, a nearly all-white gerrymandered school district in the Oakland, California hills in the late 1960s, I was threatened with lifetime banishment from teaching. The principal of the school decided I was a "subversive" because I allowed my students to write, edit, and produce their own newspaper as a class project. It included reviews of controversial books the students had read, op-eds about war and peace, and a profile of Martin Luther King, Jr., written by the only Black student in the class. These kids were smart, curious, and, like most kids, a joy to teach. But I was summoned by the principal, a John Bircher (remember them?) who said, "You will never teach in the State of California."

The postgrad administration at University of California at Berkeley sent me to Oakland Technical High School in the valley for my second term of student teaching in a nearly all-Black gerrymandered school district. I was in for another, different shock: the textbooks were 40 years old and the students were falling asleep from boredom. I bought an anthology of short stories, one for each student to keep and take home, and began the term by moving the desks into a circle, seminar-style, so that we could have a rousing round-table discussion of Franz Kafka's *Metamorphosis*, for starters. My only instruction was: "Don't only write down what I say, or what others say, write what you are thinking when others are talking. Don't bother to raise your hand, but listen hard, and don't interrupt."

As for irrelevant textbooks, I plead guilty to having written some of them when I returned from London many years later. A high school friend suggested I work for her as a "language arts writer," in preparation for "the adoption process" of textbooks by Texas and California. Without these two states, the textbook companies had little chance of being profitable, she said. Did I know about the various "constraints," what I could and could not write about? No, I did not.

So, this was the deal, she continued: nothing too controversial on any subject was permitted, language had to be homogenized and dull (no dialect, no hip language, no sexual content), and suggestions for teachers should be simple.

It is my intuition that many well-trained, devoted teachers are storing away their irrelevant textbooks, as I once did, and bringing banned books into the classroom at their own expense and at great risk to themselves and their careers. I wish them fortitude in the months and years ahead. They will need it.

Carol Bergman is a journalist and educator based in New Paltz, NY. She did get her California State Teaching License, "issued for Life," a collectible, signed by Governor Ronald Reagan.

It seems rather callous and shocking to me. As a journalist, it seems to me that you failed to do due diligence in asking permission from any of his closest kin about the matters or about your tribute at all. Shame on you.

Barry Samuels
Woodstock

Protecting Winston Farm

The development of the Winston Farm shows great promise for the region if it is done right. The proposed commercial, residential and recreational development must be accomplished with a soft hand. Skyline trails could give extraordinary views of the Hudson River Valley, but the key to sound development of this unique natural resource depends on minimal disturbance to the existing natural terrain.

The unrestrained use of heavy grading equipment to prepare roads and building sites can cause irreparable damage to the earth, flooding problems and loss of unique plant and animal habitats. This disturbance then must be kept to a minimum by several steps.

1. No cliffs or other rock outcrops or grades of over 15% should be disturbed.

2. Finished grades should average no more than 10%.

3. No wetlands, streams, ponds, lakes or floodplains should be disturbed.

4. Existing roads, trails, footpaths, stone walls and meadows should be incorporated into the development.

This means that the site must first be mapped, clearly showing contours, water bodies, streams, existing roads and trails, stone walls, buildings and foundations and all historic features, including burial grounds, the mansions and the carriage road, the oldest road in the town.

In summary, development of the Winston Farm should be done with a soft hand, that of a landscape designer as well as an engineer.

Barry Benepe
Saugerties

New year, same jokers

I am old enough to have argued with adults about racism in Florida and Barry Goldwater's candidacy for President. I can visualize John Kerry saying, "I was for the war before I was against it!"

Lots of stuff fills the closets of my mind, and yet I am a lifetime Liberal who believes in fighting aggression. My Party quit me!

I support all the aid Ukraine needs, but not sending troops. Volunteers, have at it! I am too old and crippled to help.

Politics is all about money. George Soros disgusts me. So does the way Paul Pelosi plays the stock market using inside information from Nancy.

I liked Rocky (first as Governor, then as Veep, as the 4th estate used to call the VP). I got to talk to the Governor and Senator Javitts as a student at SUNYA. I also got to yell at Nixon and George Wallace, two guys that represented a different time in America.

Nothing prepared me for the absurdity of Woke thinking, and biased mainstream media. The Squad is an insult to the America I love. MSNBC is a sad joke. Tolerating the George Floyd riots was stupid.

I believe Trump did a lot of good for America, and yet I am glad he got only one term. Whoever is now pulling the strings at the White House, President Biden and VP Harris should not run again. They are both incompetent. Susan Rice and Senator Mrs. Bill Clinton have lied to us for years. I will never trust them again.

Please read Geddy's thoughts, but balance them with Karl Rove. Both men are smart and disagree. We need differing opinions to reach a good balance.

Paul Nathe
New Paltz

A new year resolution

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

"For out of the heart come evil thoughts...[and actions]." (Matthew 15:19)

"I read the Bible a lot..." (Spoken by Bob Dylan at a concert)

Although it is true that the times are always changing, unless the hearts of people change, self-interested deceit and wickedness will always be involved in human interactions and decisions concerning good and evil. Being aware of a need for such change can only come when a person looks into his own heart and admits the truth about its condition. This "looking and admitting" is the first step to heart transformation. Seeking, acknowledging, accepting and following the truth when, it confronts us, can purify the human heart and enable "the pure in heart" to overcome selfishness on the journey of life. People who are truly free acknowledge, not only that they can be attracted to good as well as evil; but also, that the evil they do comes from themselves and is often, deceitfully, rationalized and embraced in the name of freedom. Because it is a new year, a time when people seek to make lifestyle changes through "new year" resolutions, the following suggestion is offered to truth seekers who realize they need a heart change and resolve to do what is needed to achieve this goal: be like Bob and read the Bible...a lot.

(Our Hearts They Need a Changin', inspired by the Dylan tune)

Come gather 'round readers
throughout Feedback land
and don't criticize



Pamela Brown



WOODSTOCK… Pamela Brown, 77, died Sunday, December 25, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Born June 4, 1945 in Denver, Co. she was the daughter of the late William and Irene Pruner.

Pam was a master vegan chef for over forty-five years and was the founder and original owner of the Garden Café on the Green in Woodstock, where she was an integral part of the Woodstock community.

Pam was dedicated to creating outstanding, high quality gourmet vegan cuisine that reflected her passion for healthy food, protecting the planet and sustainable living.

Pam was a loving, devoted mother and grandmother and a passionate human rights advocate who dedicated her life to helping others.

Survivors include a daughter, Misha and her husband, Marco Valencia of New York City. A son, Ryan Snyder, of Houston, TX and four grandchildren.

Pam was predeceased by a brother, Mark Pruner.

A memorial/celebration of life service will be held at 3PM on January 14th, 2023 at Cucina. Please contact Misha at 917 225 9631 for more information. Arrangements are under the direction of the Lasher Funeral Home, Woodstock. Expressions of condolence may be shared with Pam's family at LasherFH.com.

Column | Susan Slotnick

Stranded in the worst blizzard in the history of Buffalo



My son-in-law, a tiny speck among the white-out world around him, walked miles with only inches of visibility during the worst blizzard in the history of Buffalo, struggling to reunite with his wife and 19-month-old son.

There are tiny insects in this world that measure only 0.005 inches long. Compared to the vast scope of the storm, he was like a microscopic insect crawling through a frozen feather pillow.

I asked them not to come, to change their plans. Not because of the storm. The danger I imagined in the airports -- cancelled flights, crowds, viruses everywhere, people desperate to be united for the holidays with family after years of separation.

It wasn't worth the empty anxious pain in my core. No matter how old my children, fear for their safety comes fast and lingers long. Something bad can happen. This time it did.

Young families are experiencing escalating costs. When the storm began, my daughter asked the rental car agency if they could have an extra day to return the car.

"No matter the conditions, you have to return the car by 6 p.m. or you will be charged $250 every day thereafter." My son-in-law decided to take the risk and avoid this extra expense.

The stories of neighbors helping neighbors, and altruistic sacrifices aren't always duplicated by corporate America.

His destination was seven miles away. Driving barely eight miles an hour, it would have taken him approximately one more hour to arrive at the car rental establishment had he not skidded into a deep ditch. The car had a half tank of gas, enough to keep the car idling and warm for 12 hours. He would have died much sooner since, at the rate the snow was accumulating and the depth of the ditch, soon the tail pipes would be covered, causing carbon monoxide to poison the interior of the car. At least his cell phone had service and battery. My daughter called 911, the police and fire department. She was told they could not attempt a rescue since, at that point, the rescuers too were stranded and they needed to be rescued.



PHYLLIS McCABE

After trudging through the 50-miles-an-hour wind, my son-in-law found shelter in someone's private home and was able to call his terrified wife. Not for long. His phone ran out of battery. No chargers were available. They were separated for two-and-a-half days. Not what they planned.

My daughter was in a hotel without enough food and too few diapers. At least a complimentary breakfast of dry cereal and waffles was available.

Managing the child, the stroller, balancing the dropping plates of breakfast leftovers was a challenge. In the dining area were lots of other people. No one offered to help her carry the food to her room so she could feed her child for the rest of the day. Maybe they did not notice her struggle, since most of the other guests in the dining area were engrossed on their cell phones. Meanwhile, heroic acts were happening outside. The magnanimity of a natural disaster can bring out our best selves.

As stunning as the huge acts of heroism are, the small acts are even more astounding since they are scarcer. We miss so many daily opportunities to be aware enough to lend a helping hand.

The rental car, abandoned in the ditch was tea-boned by a plow truck and demolished. After two days, my daughter received an automatic charge of $2000 for not returning the car within the first 24 hours.

The NYS Thruway in Erie County is closed. My daughter, husband, and baby were planning to drive from Buffalo to New Paltz. It might not be possible. I haven't seen those dear ones in a year. We made so many plans, imagining happy long-awaited moments of family joy and togetherness.

My mother had a grab-bag of aphorisms, her favorite being: "Man plans. God decides."

I prefer to learn from the great philosophical truth expressed by Mel Brooks in the comedy classic *The Two Thousand Year Old Man*.

Carl Reiner asked the Two Thousand Year Old Man how was God discovered.

"We didn't know any God. We worshiped Phillip, our leader.

"Who was Phil?"

"He was very big. Very strong. A big beard, big chest, big arms. I mean, he could knock you out, so, we did everything he asked."

"And you revered him?"

"Yes. We prayed to him."

"How long was his reign?"

"Oh, not too long. Because one day, Phillip was hit by lightning. and we looked up, we said, 'There's something bigger than Phil'!"

To all plan makers, dreamers and wishful thinkers, remember: "There's something bigger than Phil!" Humility before the force of nature!

All we can do is pick up what another human drops, flush the toilet when the stranger before you forgot. Small and big kindnesses are within our control when so much else it not.



PHYLLIS McCABE

what you don't understand
the truth that you're seeking
is close to your hand
If the Bible, you'll just
start a readin'
so, shake off its dust
search the Book while you can
and your heart will be a changin'
Your mind is in turmoil
your soul's filled with pain
the things that'll prove worthless
you count them as gain
you've nothing to lose
but your sorrow and shame
and the fear no one knows
you're a holdin'
become like a child
and call on God's name
if your heart it needs a changin'
Everything's being shaken
man's song has been sung
it's hidden true faith
from the old and the young
for the truth's rarely heard
from any man's tongue
'cos our throats are graves
that are open
and the signs of the times
that stand clear to our view
say our hearts they need a changin'
The Lord who is gracious
still calls out to you
every word from his mouth
is faithful and true
and for those who will listen
he'll make all things new
and your life
he'll be a savin'
use your ears for to hearin'
and faith will arise
and your heart will be a changin'

George Civile
Gardiner

Hurley 2022 accomplishments missed by *HV1*

Most every week I look in vain for coverage of the Town of Hurley from our only regional weekly news source. This last issue of *HV1* unfortunately had no coverage, no round-up of 2022 accomplishments, and no forward-looking conversation with Hurley Supervisor Melinda McKnight. So, here's a list of

2022 actions and accomplishments in Hurley that *HV1* and its readers might like to know about:

Efficiencies

Hired a town bookkeeper to straighten out financial records and ensure bills are paid on time to avoid late fees and penalties.

Increased staffing in the building department and created a dedicated zoning enforcement officer to ensure laws are enforced consistently and fairly.

Ensured the town takes advantage of free mandatory training for staff through our insurance company rather than hire attorneys to provide the training.

Increased transfer station revenues by collecting appropriate fees from haulers and residents.

Instituted internal controls for a cashless payment system, per New York State Comptroller's recommendations.

Updated procurement policy with appropriate environmental and clean energy guidelines.

Hired a human resources consultant to update personnel policies and staff handbook and establish better record-keeping.

Established a new town email system for employees and board/committee members.

Transparency

Passed a resolution to create a public comment period prior to each board meeting.

Filled the new position of public information officer to ensure communications are provided consistently to the public and news media.

Updated the town's website and improved social media presence.

Addressed and resolved, in a timely manner, concerns brought to the town by residents.

Land use

Created a zoning task force to address issues of conflicts, inconsistencies and gaps within the code.

Started the process of updating the town comprehensive plan, collected surveys and held community meetings.

Approved and put in place a short-term rental application process; hired a consultant to identify rental sites throughout the town and assist with concerns about them.

Approved local laws covering such issues as fill and grading, allowing chickens and bees to be kept in R-1 and R-2 zones and indemnification of public officers and employees (in alignment with other towns).

Old landfill/leachate system

Continued corrective action with engineers and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, complied with state testing and reporting requirements.

Employee safety

Moved highway department employees to a temporary facility with a healthy, safe work environment until a new garage is established.

Liability protection

Ensured all town-owned properties and structures are covered by insurance.

Addressed concerns raised by the town's insurance carriers about various issues that expose the town to potential liability (i.e. added cybersecurity insurance and added transfer station structures and trailer to the insurance policy).

Ensured all boards are provided with proper legal counsel to mitigate potential for litigation whenever possible and to avoid procedural pitfalls.

We will all gain by more comprehensive coverage of Hurley by *HV1* in 2023.

Best wishes to all for the New Year.

Tobe Carey
Glenford



PHYLLIS McCABE

Shopping at Tops

Just the facts:

1. Shop-Rite's only two motorized carts have been broken (i.e., out of service) for about a month.

2. Requests of the people who work there (including management) to "do something" were to no avail.

3. It was therefore necessary for me to walk (in snow and ice) to my car with my groceries. The street was untreated and slippery. Rock Salt could have been used. As someone who is disabled and handicapped, I had previously utilized a motorized cart to get from the store to my car. This was problematic, dangerous and stressful.

4. Reluctantly, I began to shop at Tops, as they have a full lineup of motorized carts.

5. The conventional wisdom in New Paltz isthat Tops is more expensive than Shop-Rite. I was surprised to find that this is not the case. Not only was the same item less expensive at Tops, but so were other items that I wasn't even aware they carried.

6. I now do all my shopping at Tops.

Joel Swartzberg
New Paltz

The talking crow

Crows talk as well as one can without teeth.

Sparrow
Phoenicia

Cancer in our education system

Many school boards in our country are most likely doing the right thing when it comes to properly educating our kids and preparing them to be able to function as mature and effective young people in the real world.

Unfortunately, a very recent story out of the state of Virginia demonstrates that there are dangerous and uneducated "educators" who are allowed to continue



their employment and, if unchecked and unchallenged, will spread their shortsighted "political correctness" like a cancer.

Top students are always encouraged, supported and rewarded for their hard work, excellent work ethic and time management. It's the way we turn out our best students for future endeavors and professions that will, hopefully, return our country to its old position of worldwide dominance. The reality is that all students do not have the same abilities OR drive to push themselves, no matter what color or culture. As a result, we've slipped quite a bit in global education rankings due in large part to policies and procedures that result in the dumbing down of our American youth. Instead, we've lowered the bar to want to now reward mediocrity, regardless of what the color or culture is of the students who are negatively impacted.

Back to Virginia. One of the alleged top high schools in Virginia, Thomas Jefferson High School in Fairfax County, has a principal named Ann Bonitatibus and a Director of Student Services named Brandon Kosatka. What they did, on the sly, was to withhold and deny top students the recognition they earned from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, all in the disguise of "equity." Not having this appropriate designation on their college applications can severely jeopardize the student's ability to earn a scholarship. This happened to several students, one of which was in the top 3% of all students in the entire country.

Needless to say, parents of these students began to investigate and uncovered this scandal and expressed their outrage. Only AFTER this situation was made public, did the Assistant Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, Fabio Zuluaga, say that a "mistake" was made, while vowing to "fix it." To add insult to injury, obvious discrimination was involved because the majority of these poorly treated students were Asian.

Even if situations like this might not happen on a large scale, they shouldn't happen, AT ALL! Any "educators," at any level, who are involved in this type of off-the-grid insanity need to be immediately fired. They obviously don't realize that some students are more gifted than others and this one size fits all, with every student getting a trophy, hardly fits within anyone's sane definition of and intent of "equity."

This is why parents have a perfect right to know what's going on in their kid's schools, especially knowing WHAT their kids are being taught, in preparing them for the real world as well as WHAT is being taught that may violate a family's religious beliefs and values. Obviously, one size will NEVER fit all!

John N. Butz
Modena

Concerns about Terramor and Winston Farms

We are writing letters and discussing the looming effects of the invasion from Terramor and the despoiling of Winston Farms as entirely separate events, which they are and are not. More or less around the corner from one another and happening, more or less, at the same time, their combined effects on the quality of our lives and the value of our properties should be evaluated as one.

Peter Remler
Bearsville

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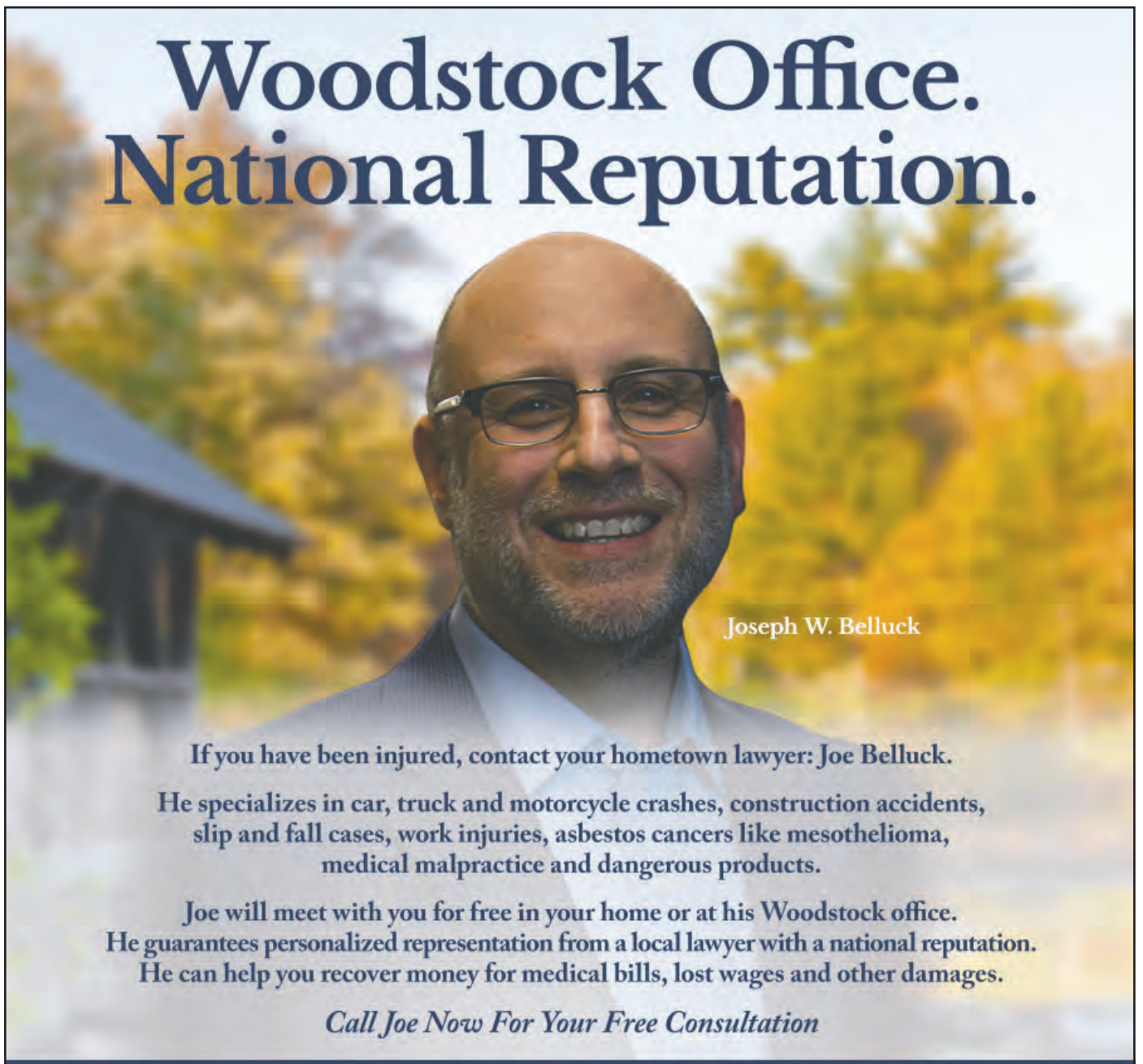
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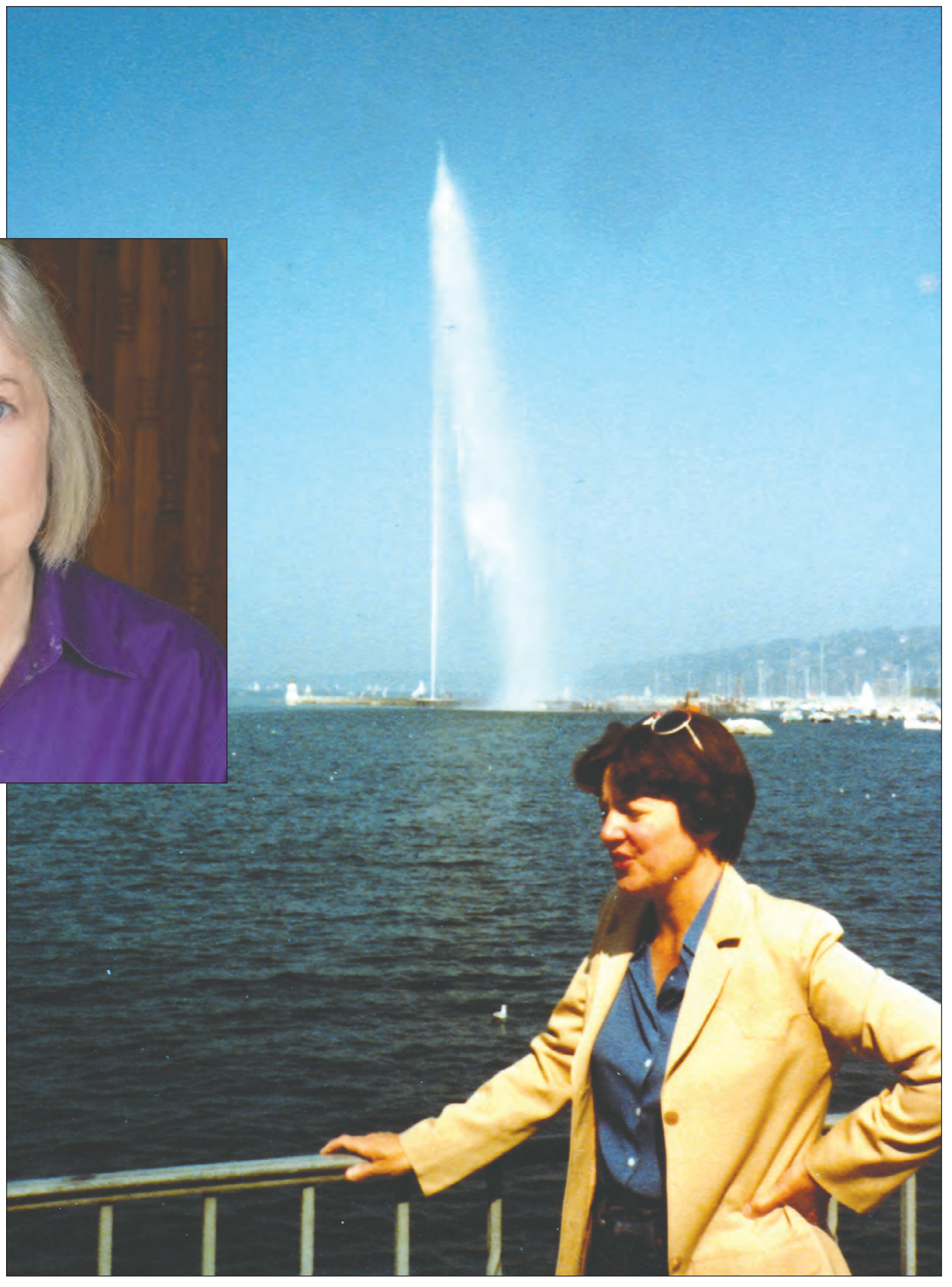
A long, colorful road, lightly traveled

Mary Lois Timbes signs new short story collection at Rough Draft January 9

by Frances Marion Platt

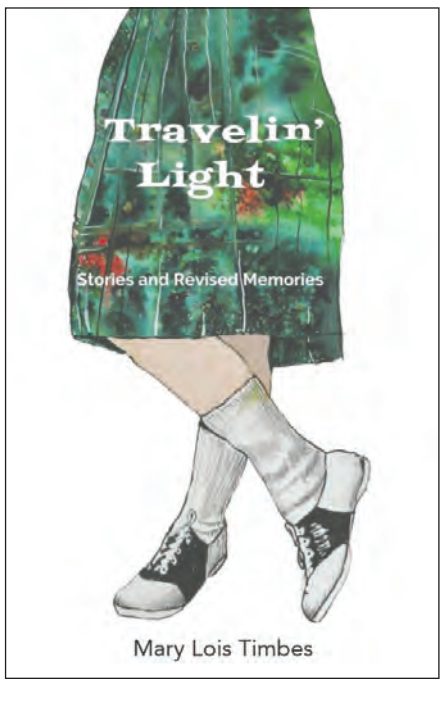


Mary Lois Timbes.



Timbes at the famous Le Jet D'Eau water spout in Geneva.

That charming combination brewpub/café/bookshop/reading room located on the most historic four corners in Uptown Kingston's Stockade Historic District, Rough Draft Bar and Books, has revived its tradition of hosting a Local Author Showcase, mostly monthly. On the designated evening, three Hudson Valley-based writers are each invited to bring stacks of their newest opus to be signed and sold to the public. Since multiple authors are holding forth at one time, the event is not a typical bookstore live reading or book talk, but more of a meet-and-greet where the Rough Draft crowd can gather to meet best-selling authors of the future – or at least folks with interesting stories to tell and what it takes to tell them well.



The cover of *Travelin Light*.

Next Monday, January 9 from 5 to 7 p.m., Rough Draft will present Dan Guilfoyle, author of *From Shrink to Think*; Sally Bermanzohn, author of *Indian Annie: A Grandmother's Story*; and Mary Lois Timbes Adshead, author of *Travelin' Light*. While I'm not familiar with the other two, I can vouch for Timbes Adshead as a woman who has led a most interesting life – including founding two stage companies – and has a lot to say about it. She's a gifted raconteur who brims with sharp insights about the world in which she grew up and the one into which that has evolved. At 82, she's making an audacious leap from careers in theater, journalism and public relations to channeling her experiences into short fiction.

I was introduced to Mary Lois by mutual friends who volunteer for the Rosendale Theatre, where she has served on the Programming Committee since soon after moving to Ulster County ten years ago. An early adopter of social media who has been blogging for decades, she has written many a movie and theater review over those years. Observing that film criticism in popular media wasn't serving the female half of the audience base very well, she got a brainwave to create an alternative platform to Rotten Tomatoes for critics writing from a feminist point of view (and not exclusively catering to the young sci-fi/fantasy fandom who form the core readership of *The Mary Sue*). She was going to call her startup Ripe Tomatoes. As she started looking for reviewers to contribute, someone gave her my name as *Almanac Weekly*'s movie critic, and

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Events | Music

Local music scene has New Year's fireworks to spare

While the first week of January is notoriously "dead" in terms of entertainment events, we've got two dozen shows to prove that Ulster County's music scene is robust even in winter.

Wednesday 1/4

Peter Einhorn
Colony (Woodstock) • 8pm
Laid-back jazz with a local favorite.

Sunburned Hand of the Man / Franklin's Mint / Domestic Drafts
Tubby's (Kingston) • 8pm
Mind-bending psychedelic rock from a "legendary collective of outsider out-rock musicians rubbing bows with cosmos".

Thursday 1/5

Country Music DJs All Night
Tubby's (Kingston) • 8pm
DJ Whippoorwill, Plumb Loco and Hoss Doctor spin golden greats and deep country cuts.

The Pink Floyd Project
Colony (Woodstock) • 8pm
Get comfortably numb with a world-class Floyd tribute.

Open Mic
Snug Harbor (New Paltz) • 9:30pm
Take the legendary late-night dive bar's stage and show the locals what you got.

Friday 1/6

Rock Academy Presents: Neil Young
Wall Street Music Hall (Kingston) • 7pm
Local rock-and-roll school pays tribute to the "godfather of grunge".

Murali Coryell Band
Keegan Ales (Kingston) • 7pm
The guitar virtuoso and prolific performer draws influence from blues, rock and soul to produce an energetic, foot-stomping live spectacle.

First Friday Concert Series
Christ's Lutheran Church (Woodstock) • 7pm
Local musicians offer a community benefit concert, with donations suggested.

Overdue
Town of Esopus LIbrary (Port Ewen) • 7pm
Did you know the Town of Esopus Library has a house band? Gives new meaning to the phrase "booking a show". There's nothing cooler than rocking out in a spot where you're usually expected to be very quiet.


Billy Riker.

First Mountain Presents: The "Love-surrection"
Snug Harbor Bar and Grill (New Paltz) • 9pm
Advertising "grooviness guaranteed", this long night of psychedelic jazz-rock will be kicked off by guitar wizard and Lake George enthusiast Billy Riker of the legendary local band "3".

Rent, The Musical
Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck • 8pm
It's opening night for our local theater talent's ambitious performance of the Jonathan Larson's modern-day Broadway classic about AIDS and angst. Show runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in January.

Zach Nugent & Dead Set
Colony (Woodstock) • 8pm
Spin along to this Grateful Dead tribute.

Banned Jezebel
Pearl Moon (Woodstock) • 9:30pm
Live band brings a heady mix of funk, blues, rock, reggae, hip-hop and soul.

Saturday 1/7

Payne's Grey Sky
Keegan Ales (Kingston) • 7pm
This American roots band covers classics like Dylan, The Band, and Van Morrison, while keeping it current by including choice contemporary cuts from bands like The Lumineers and The Avett brothers.

Kingston's Hudson Valley Folk Guild
Unitarian Universalist (Kingston) • 7pm
Glen Roethel will be the featured performer, but the show is an open mic where all are invited to play.

New Year Swing Dance & Lesson
White Eagle Hall (Kingston) • 7:30pm
Swing dancing is making a slow but steady comeback, and you can get into it with no experience and no partner necessary, to the tunes of the Swing Shift Orchestra.

Lindsey Webster
Colony (Woodstock) • 8pm
Smooth jazz and vocal virtuosity from an internationally touring local legend.

Reagan Cats / Sunbloc / The Sews
Tubby's (Kingston) • 8pm
Post-punk and garage rock revue with bands hailing from Baltimore, Albany and Kingston.

Sunday 1/8

Latin Jazz Brunch with Pablo Shine
Pearl Moon (Woodstock) • 11am
The congas will be bumping in an easy-on-the-eyes, easy-on-the-ears brunch and music venue.

David Kraii
Keegan Ales (Kingston) • Thursday, Jan. 5, 6pm
The country, folk and rock artist carries on the musical traditions of locally-beloved legends like The Band and Bob Dylan.




Dark Hippie.

Dark Hippie / RBNX / Phantom Sleeze / Worldsucks / Jay Woodruff / Icebox Cake
The Avalon Lounge (Catskill) • Friday, Jan. 6, 6pm
Impressive lineup of loud local indie and underground artists join forces to 'rock against racism'.



Carolyn Marosy EP Release Party
Rock Da Casbah (Saugerties) • 3pm
Acoustic music and poetry take center stage as the songwriter performs cuts from her new EP, Loners, Misfits and Rebels.

Jude Roberts and Jon B. Woodin
Colony (Woodstock) • 8pm
Inventive modern-day folk music inspired by English, Irish and Appalachian musical traditions, with a hint of classical.

Monday 1/9

Open Mic hosted by Brendan O'Shea
Colony (Woodstock) • 7pm
House guitar and piano are available for Woodstock's most established open mic night.

Tuesday 1/10

Shutterdog
Darlings (Tillson) • 8pm
One of the hippest new bars/restaurants in Ulster County hosts an innovative songwriter who brings modern flavor to Afro-Cuban roots music.

Events | Games

Start the year with a win

Whether you prefer a casual board game, an intense strategy card game, role playing or trivia, there are several ways to get in the action this week.

Wednesday 1/4

Mah Jongg Group
Town of Esopus Library (Port Ewen) • 1pm
Play a friendly game of strategic pattern-matching.

MTG Draft Night: The Brother's War
POW! Card Games & Comics (Port Ewen) • 6pm
Draft the latest Magic: The Gathering set.

Thursday 1/5

Trivia with DJ Maxwell
Rough Draft Bar & Books (Kingston) • 6pm
Teams of six or fewer compete for a $75 Rough Draft gift card prize pool.

Friday 1/6

Dungeons & Dragons
Hurley Library • 4pm
All ages are welcome to learn and play the dungeon-crawling classic.

Friday Night Magic
World's End Comics (Kingston) • 7pm
Play Magic: The Gathering, with prize support.

Saturday 1/7

Yu-Gi-Oh "Goat Format"
POW! Card Games & Comics (Port Ewen) • 5pm
All skill levels are welcome at this swiss tournament for the popular trading card game.

Magic: The Gathering
Town of Ulster Library (Lincoln Park) • 1:30pm
Ages 13 and up are welcome to play this week's featured game, known affectionately by its players simply as "Magic".

Adult D&D
Saugerties Library • 12pm
Enjoy the classic role playing game, no experience necessary.

Sunday 1/8

Commander Sunday
World's End Comics (Kingston) • 1pm
Play Magic: The Gathering's most popular format.

Tuesday 1/10

Scrabble
Saugerties Library • 4pm
Battle over triple word score spaces with other wordsmiths.

Trivia Break Tuesdays with Andre
Keegan Ales (Kingston) • 6:30pm
Teams of up to six compete for gift certificates, bar swag and free drinks.

Alien transmissions

Independent radio rebel Jeff Economy connects listeners to a wider world of sound

by Adam Snyder



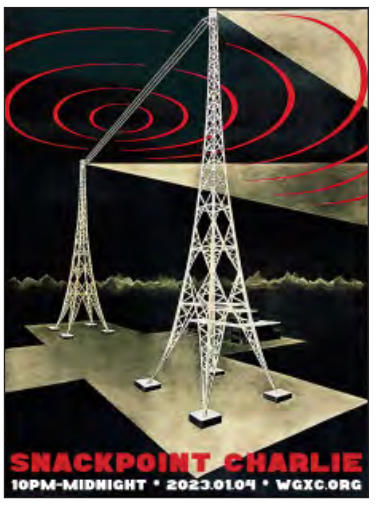
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Jeff Economy at his home studio in Ruby.









Promotional images for previous Snackpoint Charlie broadcasts.

The Internet is awash with music from all over the world. You know it's out there just clicks away, but how often do you stray from your sonic bubble?

Have no fear, Jeff Economy is here to help connect your ears with music you didn't even know existed. His highly eclectic show, Snackpoint Charlie on Wavefarm Radio, offers "imaginary soundtracks to unmade foreign films" broadcast live from Ulster County.

A single episode will transport you as though in a dream from Manchester street soul to Cambodian folk songs, from 1950s Japanese jazz to Persian underground garage rock from the 1970s. Lots of it is stuff you actually won't find elsewhere on the Internet.

"I'm format-agnostic," Economy says. "I'm just as happy finding files on Bandcamp or an obscure blog as I am digging through crates of records at a yard sale. Anything that catches my ear is fair game."

Taking that claim to the next level, Economy splices in bits of NASA tech chatter, bursts of shortwave radio broadcasts, and occasional spoken-word intervals. Otherworldly in the best possible sense, this temporary soundtrack of your life is bound to make your living room a more interesting place.

A portal between worlds, Snackpoint Charlie takes its name from an inside joke about Checkpoint Charlie, the famed crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. "When I visited Berlin in 2012, I was highly amused to discover the tower had been dismantled, and was now a food court christened Snackpoint Charlie," Economy says. "A military border being replaced by an absurdly-named consumer space was too rich and strange to ignore."

Snackpoint Charlie hasn't just connected listeners to the wider world. It's also connected Economy himself in very real ways he didn't expect. Being broadcast on the Internet as well as traditional airwaves, the show has attracted listeners on the far side of the globe, some of whom have reached out to him unexpectedly.

Moussa "Tchingou" Eggour, an ambitious young guitarist in Niger's Tuareg music scene, recently contacted Economy on Facebook, and the two proceeded to dialogue regularly via WhatsApp. "He speaks no English, and I don't know Hausa or Tamashek, but French is lingua franca in North Africa, so I've been able to use Google Translate to muddle through."

The two discussed the possibilities of arranging a tour, but it didn't happen. The technicalities of having Eggour's music released on Bandcamp proved too much for the non-music-biz American radio host.

Originally from Chicago, Jeff Economy is a filmmaker by trade. From indie music videos to documentaries to reality TV, he spent decades moving around the states. He even spent a stint as Dog the Bounty Hunter's cameraman, kicking down doors all over Hawaii and Colorado.

He discovered Saugerties when relocating east in 2004, and eventually settled with his wife in a house in Ruby. He began hosting the show in 2017, first from the WGXC studio in Hudson, and since the onset of the pandemic from his living room in Ruby. "I'd prefer not to add up the hours, I sort of don't want to know how much time each episode takes to assemble, but it doesn't really matter. I'm always on the lookout for new sounds, anyway."

To listen to Snackpoint Charlie live, tune into every first and third Wednesday of the month from 10 p.m. to midnight, WGXC 90.7 FM on terrestrial radio, or livestreaming via *wgxc.org*, where you will find other interesting programming as well. A complete back catalogue is available on the WaveFarm website, and you can tune in anytime to the Snackpoint Charlie archives at: *https://snackpointcharlie.tumblr.com*.

legal notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Qualification of 1083 Ashokan Rd LLC. App. For Auth. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/22. Office location: Ulster County. LLC formed in DE on 11/7/22. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the jurisdiction address of LLC: Corporate Consulting Ltd., 605 Geddes St, Wilmington, DE 19805. Arts of Org filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE
AROSE.BUSH LLC. Filed 7/13/22. Office: Ulster Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 246 Crawford St, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave , Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE
Bark Place Of Highland LLC. Filed 1/7/22. Office: Ulster Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 190 Dubois Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE
CapeZero LLC. Filed 9/19/22. Office: ULSTER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 55 W Chestnut St, Kingston, NY 12401. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave , Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE
CC Endurance LLC. Filed 10/13/22. Office: ULSTER Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Glenn Lapolt, 14 Morningstar, New Paltz, NY 12561. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: Fatto A Mano Cilento LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the secretary of state of New York on October 27th 2022. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to Fatto A Mano Cilento LLC 26 Morning Star Dr. New Paltz NY 12561. Purpose: Any lawful acts or activities. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: NO specific date.

LEGAL NOTICE
Waxwing Farm LLC. Filed 3/29/22. Office: Ulster Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Taylor Reid, 440 State Rte 32 N, New Paltz, NY 12561. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of Yeoman Plateau LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/28/22. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Katherine DeHaven, 25 Wenz Way, Marlboro, NY 12542. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE
13-13 MIRROR LAKE PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/22. Office: Ulster County. SSNY

Mary Lois Timbes

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we arranged a meeting.

Though Ripe Tomatoes was (and still is) a terrific idea, without financial backing, it didn't get off the ground. Maybe one day it will. Meanwhile, Mary Lois and I kept in touch – mainly through Facebook, where she's a prolific poster of daily artworks that she has discovered, photos of famous people born on that day and astute observations on politics, culture and modern life. She still blogs as well, at *https://newlifenewarts.blogspot.com*, although not as heavily as she did in the years when she lived in Hoboken, New Jersey (2007 to 2012) and before that from Fairhope, Alabama, where she had spent her girlhood and returned upon her third husband's retirement in 1988.

Fairhope was an unusual launching pad for a white girl born in the Deep South: Although it has now morphed into an upscale suburb of Mobile, in Mary Lois Timbes' girlhood it was a community unrecognizable within the framework through which Northerners typically view the Jim Crow era. This small town on the shore of Mobile Bay had been founded as a utopian social experiment in the 1890s by reformers from Des Moines, Iowa known as Georgists or Single-Taxers. They had embraced the theory of economist Henry George, author of *Progress and Poverty*, arguing that land and its resources should be owned collectively, with residents renting the property on which they lived and paying only a Land Value Tax. The group founded several settlements intended to serve as model communities; the two that still survive today are Arden, Delaware and Fairhope, Alabama.

Fairhope quickly became an artists' colony, something like Woodstock in the Byrdcliffe days. It attracted the likes of muckraking author Upton Sinclair, and was a haven for freethinkers of all sorts, including nudists and whole-foods adherents. Women played an equal role in running the town before they got the right to vote, and many of Fairhope's colorful citizens were women seeking a place to lead lives unconstrained by conventional gender roles – a veteran Isadora Duncan dancer who wanted to be an entomologist, for example. Adshead Timbes has written extensively about these larger-than-life characters in two nostalgic history books, *The Fair Hope of Heaven* and *Meet Me at the Butterfly Tree*.

The most profoundly influential immigrant to Fairhope was educational reformer Marietta Johnson, whose theories about letting children learn at their own pace, without grading or testing, bear many similarities to Rudolf Steiner's Waldorf education model. A Georgist from Minnesota, Johnson founded a progressive school called the School of Organic Education in Fairhope in 1907. Its students learned woodworking and pottery along with standard academic skills, acted out Shakespeare plays while rambling in the woods, got their Phys Ed classes in the form of folkdancing. John Dewey, favorably impressed after a visit to the School of Organic Education, devoted an entire chapter to it in his 1915 book *Schools of Tomorrow*. This was the private school that young Mary Lois Timbes attended, and it shaped her approach to life profoundly.



Timbes at a book signing.

She began writing short fiction at an early age, but like the protagonist of "The Opening Curtain," one of the stories in *Travelin Light*, was diverted by her love of theater. She spent a year at Alabama College for Women, where she found a faculty mentor who encouraged her writing. Conventional higher education didn't suit her after her highly unconventional elementary and secondary school experiences, however. She jumped ship for an experimental summer stock program run by Mississippi Southern University, working on six plays and acting in four of them.

Then, at age 20, she "got sidetracked," she says, marrying her first husband, who "wanted to be an opera impresario." They moved to New York City, then to Atlanta and back to New York again, and had a daughter, Alison Woods. The marriage only lasted about five years. While secretly longing to write fiction, Mary Lois took up journalism, working for a number of years for the trade newspaper *Menswear Daily*.

Her second husband was an actor, and while married to him in the early 1970s, she began taking private acting classes with Lee Strasberg and his protégé Peggy Feury. "I did a few scenes with Lee. It was an awesome experience," she recalls.

By the late '70s, she was working in public relations and divorced for a second time. Her third marriage was to a "PR guy" who soon became a DuPont executive and got assigned to run the company's European public affairs office. "We lived in Geneva for seven years," she recalls. "I had sort of given up theater. But I got active in the American Women's Club there, and started a club to read plays. We decided to put on a show." That initiative soon developed into the Little Theater of Geneva, dedicated to mounting productions of works by American playwrights. "We built a real following. We mostly did comedies," she says. "I ran that for about five years, and it was still going when I left."

The Adsheads returned to New York in 1984, and then lived in Wilmington briefly before her husband – 17 years older than herself – decided to retire. She talked him into resettling in her

designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 432, West Park, NY 12493. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Arlington Hawver Properties, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/21/2022. Cty: Greene. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to PO Box 270, 3361 Route 23A, Palenville, NY 12463. General Purpose

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Catskill Mountain Property Care LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of the State of New York on 11/29/2022. Office Location: Ulster County. Denton Shields has been designated as Agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is the LLC, at Po 80 154 Plank Road, Mt. Tremper, NY 12457 Purpose of LLC: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC), Name: COMMUNITY FOR LONGER LIVING, LLC; Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 30, 2022; Office Location: 355 Chestnut Hill Road, Woodstock, NY 12498; Ulster County; SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served; SSNY shall mail copy of process to 355 Chestnut Hill Road, Woodstock, NY 12498; Term: Until (Perpetual); Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC): Up-set music LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 29, 2022. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 1547 Creek Locks Rd, Kingston, NY 12401.

Purpose: Any lawful acts or activities. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is: Woods Road Solar, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 16, 2022. The County in which the Office is to be located: Ulster County. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: Woods Road Solar, LLC; c/o Trina Solar US Development LLC; 7100 Stevenson Blvd; Fremont, CA 94538. Purpose: Solar energy generation. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

LEGAL NOTICE

WORKSHOP STORAGE LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 10/28/2022. Off. Loc. : Ulster Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, P.O. Box 2367, Kingston, NY 12402, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

WOZ Realty LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/28/2022. Cty: Ulster. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 130 N Front St., Ste. 104, Kingston, NY12401. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

ECOORGANIC HOUSEKEEPING, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/29/22. Office in Ulster Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Dawna Elizabeth Mathews, 44 Pine Cove Rd., Stone Ridge, NY 12484. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS– SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ULSTER – WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1., Plaintiff, -against- RICHARD GELMAN, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA GELMAN JACKSON, DECEASED; ROGER MILLER, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA GELMAN JACKSON, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BARBARA GELMAN JACKSON, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants - Index No. EF2022-77 Plaintiff Designates Ulster County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Ulster County. To the above named Defendants– YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated November 23, 2022. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1.) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Julian D. Schreibman, .J.S.C. Dated: November 23, 2022 Filed: November 23, 2022. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 4098 US Highway 209, Stone Ridge, NY 12484. Dated: December 5, 2022 Filed: December 5, 2022 Greenspoon Marder LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Meir Weiss, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 No Service by fax) E: meir.weiss@gmlaw.com Service purposes only:

Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982.

LEGAL NOTICE

GAH Veterinary Services, PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/30/2022. Cty: Greene. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Gwen Adrian Hood, 404 King Hill Earlton Rd., Surprise, NY 12176. Purpose: Veterinary Medicine.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Kology Violins LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of the State of New York on 12/06/2022. Office Location: Ulster County. Adam Kology has been designated as Agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is the LLC, at 394 Marcott Rd. Cottekill, NY 12419 Purpose of LLC: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Little Farm LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/2/2022. Cty: Greene. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 2510 Old Kings Rd., Catskill, NY 12414. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF ULSTER

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2006-OP1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OP1

Plaintiff,

Against

VANCE BIENGARDO, et al.,

Defendant(s)

ant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 10/4/2022, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Ground Floor Library at the Ulster County Courthouse, 285 Wall Street, Kingston, NY 12401 on 1/12/2023 at 12:00pm, premises known as 12 Hampton Road, Marlboro, NY 12542, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in thein the Town of Marlborough, County of Ulster, State of New York. Section 108.3 Block 2 Lot 54.200. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is $451,870.84 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # EF2011-2758

Catherine Charuk, Esq., Referee.

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, Suite 205, 10 Midland Ave, Port Chester, NY 10573

Dated: 11/1/2022 File Number: 560-1754 PCO

LEGAL NOTICE

Pine and Fable Photography LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/6/22. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to LLC, 1380 State Route 28 West Hurley, NY 12491. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Plum Buildings, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/21/2022. Cty: Ulster. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Jesse Meisler-Abramson, 329 Wall St., apt. 2B, Kingston, NY 12401. General Purpose

LEGAL NOTICE

CB INVESTIGATIVE SOLUTIONS, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 12/12/2022. Off. Loc.: Ulster Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 719 Lucas Avenue Ext., Hurley, NY 12443, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

EL CAMOTE, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 12/6/2022. Off. Loc.: Ulster Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 65 W. Union Street, Apt.1, Kingston, NY 12401, USA. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Gadland, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/19/2022. Cty: Ulster. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 44 Lounsbury Pl., Kingston, NY 12401-5258. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC): La Finca Futbol. LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on Dec 1, 2022. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: La Finca Futbol, 106 Bruceville Rd, High Falls, NY. Purpose: Youth soccer training program. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Learning Arts Coaching & Consulting. Articles of organization were filed with the Secre-

childhood home of Fairhope, by the late '80s a resort town and retirees' haven. There she plunged into documenting local history and founded the Jubilee Fish Theatre Company, a modern Equity company that she ran until 1996. In 2007, following her husband's death, she moved to Hoboken, spent a lot of time seeing Broadway and Off-Broadway shows, immersed herself in Hoboken's colorful history and took up blogging about it.

The floodwaters of Hurricane Sandy lapping at her doorstep in 2012 were the nudge she needed to move to New Paltz, where her daughter and two grandsons lived. Two years later, she bought a lovely Queen Anne house in Uptown Kingston – within walking distance of Rough Draft, though "not in winter," she says. A recent online course with Joyce Carol Oates bolstered her confidence enough to pull reams of memoirs out of her file drawers and begin reworking them into short stories. "You put together different facets of this incomplete person and you get more of a voice," she says.

Travelin' Light is the first collection of what Timbes Adshead is calling "revised memories," shaped with assistance from noted local author Will Nixon. They're mostly about young women in the mid-20th century who are taking risks and seizing agency over their lives, all grounded in her own experience. "This book is a woman finding herself. This is one person. She changes," says Mary Lois, who uses Timbes as her *nom de plume* and self-publishes under the imprint of Sibley Oak Press. "I'm trying to normalize my personal history by writing these stories."

The voice that Adshead Timbes has rediscovered is fresh, a little wry and acerbic but with a subtle Southern lilt. These stories are deeply evocative of distinct phases of the times and places in which she has lived over eight eventful decades, as options for women opened wider and allowed them to blossom. Come and meet her in person at Rough Draft Bar and Books at 82 John Street in Kingston on January 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. If you can't make it that evening, you can find *Travelin' Light* through the usual online book retailers; the ISBN number is 978-0-9857733-5-9.

Events | Kids, Teens & Family

Winter wanderings for family fun

It's hard to find things to do with your offspring around this time of year, so we scoured the county to find you some options.

Wednesday 1/4

Pre-School Story Hour
Kingston Library • 10:30am
Enjoy a few picture books followed by crafts and music.

Time with Natalie
Woodstock Library • 10:30am
Cool stories, music crafts and more from a local favorite.

Teen Club
Saugerties Library • 3pm
Trivia, crafts, games and more for ages 13 and up.

Kids Yoga with HariParakaash
Woodstock Library • 4pm
This very Woodstock kids' event features meditations, movement, songs, smiles and laughter.

Thursday 1/5

Guest Storytimes
Saugerties Library • 10:30am
Local guest drops by to read to kids ages 1-3.

Full Wolf Moon Night Hike
Mohonk Preserve (Gardiner) • 4:15pm
This family-friendly hike along carriage roads at dusk is a great way to test your night vision. Make sure dress warm and grab a light with a red filter (if you have one) to help those rods and cones in your eyes adapt to sightseeing in the dark.

Saturday 1/7

Story Time with Jason Vance
Woodstock Library • 11am
Vance is a one-mand band with a background in early childhood education.

Disco Skate Fundraiser
Kiwanis Ice Arena (Saugerties) • 7:45pm
Skate to a live DJ with an auction/raffle to support the family of a local youth hockey league member who lost everything in a devastating house fire.

Monday 1/9

Toddler Story Time
Olive Free Library (West Shokan)
Kids cozy up with books and crafts at this quaint library.

Art & Craft Class (Bilingual)
Saugerties Library • 4pm
Ages 5-10 will get crafty, and Spanish-speakers are welcome.

Tuesday 1/10

Baby Babbles, Bubbles & Books
Town of Esopus Library (Port Ewen) • 11am
Read stories, sing songs and explore feelings for ages two and under.

Guest Storytimes
Saugerties Library • 10:30am
A guest drops in to share the beauty of books with ages 3-6.



tary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/10/22. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, PO Box 70. Bloomington, NY 12411. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The Articles of Organization of Mack Properties, LLC were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 19, 2022. Office location: Ulster County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to 2792 Route 28 Shokan NY 12481. Purpose is: all lawful acts or activities.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC): Sandhaus Enterprises, LLC.Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/02/2022. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Sandhaus Enterprises, LLC, 247 Albany Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: Any lawful acts or activities. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Saugerties Town Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. for a PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION of a SITE PLAN/SPECIAL USE PERMIT on land located at ROUTE 212 & COTTONTAIL LANE (SBL #27.2 -8-28/32.110) and owned by CAMPGROUNDS OF AMERICA, INC. The meeting will be held in-person at the Frank D. Greco Senior Center located at the corner of Robinson Street and Market Street in the Village of Saugerties. In order to speak at this public information session individuals must sign-up by JANUARY 10, 2023. Please contact the Planning Board Secretary, Becky Bertorelli, via email: bbertorelli@saugertiesny.gov, to sign-up.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF SAUGERTIES PLANNING BOARD
C. HOWARD POST, CHAIRMAN

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Hudson Valley Solidarity Investment Club, LLC. The Articles of Organization filing date with the Secretary of State (SSNY) was 12/3/22. Office location: Ulster County, 65 SAINT JAMES STREET, KINGSTON, NY, 12401. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 65 SAINT JAMES STREET, KINGSTON, NY, 12401. The purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

LEGAL NOTICE

Paper Box Building LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/04/2022. Office location: Ulster County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Paper Box Building LLC, 5 Delta Place, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: Any lawful acts or activities.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT ULSTER COUNTY

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff against

DIANE M. POWELL, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered April 30, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Ulster County Courthouse, 285 Wall St. Kingston NY 12401 on February 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Premises known as 278 McKinstry Road, Gardiner, NY 12525. Sec 93.3 Block 2 Lot 4.114. All that parcel of land designated as Lot 2 on map entitled "Lot Line Revision Prepared for Joseph V. & Margaret A. Russo" situate in the Town of Gardiner, County of Ulster and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is $722,261.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 10-0270. Cash will not be accepted at the sale.

The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 3rd Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.

Rebecca Millouras-Lettre, Esq., Referee 2154-001377

LEGAL NOTICE

RED LABEL WRITING LLC. Filed 2/8/22. Office: Ulster Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 23 Ridge Rd, Marlboro, NY 12542. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE

Revised Return Date

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Revised Return Date. Sealed proposals will be received at the Ulster County Purchasing Department, 100 Development Court, Kingston, NY 12401 on **Friday, January 27th, 2023** at **4:00 PM** for **RFP-UC22-077, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE EMERGING CANNABIS SECTOR.** Deadline for questions is January 17th, 2023. Specifications and conditions may be obtained at the above address or on our website at www.co.ulster.ny.us/purchasing.

Ed Jordan, Ulster County Director of Purchasing

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TELEVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPECTRUM NORTHEAST, LLC AND THE TOWN OF SAUGERTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town of Saugerties will hold a public hearing at the Frank Greco Senior Center, Robinson Street, Village of Saugerties, New York on January 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. regarding granting a cable television franchise agreement by and between the Town of Saugerties and Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications.

A copy of the agreement is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Town of Saugerties Town Clerk's Office, 4 High Street, Saugerties, NY. At such public hearing, all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written and oral statements will be taken at that time. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: December 27, 2022
By Order of the Board of Town of Saugerties
Lisa A. Stanley, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Woodstock Board of Fire Commissioners has scheduled a special workshop meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 10:00am at the Fire Co. #1, 242 Tinker St., Woodstock, NY.

By Order of the Woodstock Board of Fire Commissioners
Judy Peters, Secretary/Treasurer
December 29, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Town of Woodstock Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday January 12th, 2023 via Zoom and at 45 Comeau Drive, Woodstock NY 12498. The business of the Board will be conducted at that time and the following public hearing will be heard:

ZBA Case #22-33. Application of Matthew Webber, for property located at 153 Tinker Street, Woodstock, NY, 12498 a 0.71 acre parcel located within a R5 Zoning District for a variance from the Zoning Law of the Town of Woodstock, Article IV, Section 260-26, Modification of Required Yards, Section 260-26 B (2) (a), as modified by Section 260-26 A, for a 6 ft. infringement into a minimum required 50 ft. front yard setback in order to construct a 9 foot by 11 foot 3 season room.

ZBA CASE #23-01 Application of Anna Millenson and Mark Wilens, for property located at 21 Mystic Road, Mt Tremper NY, 12457 a 6.73 acre parcel located within an R5 Zoning District, for a variance from the Zoning Law of the Town of Woodstock, Article IV, Area & Bulk Regulations, Section 260-16, Attachment 2, Column (b), for a 37 foot infringement into a minimum required 75 foot front yard setback in order to construct a 21 foot 2.5 inch x 21 foot 2.5 inch carport.

LEGAL NOTICE

County of Ulster
Ulster County Legislature
NOTICE of 30-day Period for Public Review of an Agricultural District

Pursuant to the Eight-Year Review of an Agricultural District

Ulster County Agricultural District No. 2

Towns of Esopus, Gardiner, New Paltz, Plattekill, Rosendale, Shawangunk and the Village of New Paltz

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Agricultural District No. 2, with tax parcels in the Towns of Esopus, Gardiner, New Paltz, Plattekill, Rosendale, Shawangunk and the Village of New Paltz was established on September 10, 1973, pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law. The district currently includes 28,718 acres.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that under Section 303-a of the Agricultural and Markets Law, the County Legislature is required to review this district eight (8) years after its creation and every eight (8) years thereafter.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that during this thirty (30) day period, municipalities and landowners within the district may propose a modification of the district by filing such proposal with the Clerk of the Legislature within thirty (30) days after the publication of the notice. Such 30-day period shall begin on January 6, 2023 with the last day being February 4, 2023.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a map of the district will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Legislature and County Planning Department, 244 Fair St., Kingston, NY. A map of the district can also be downloaded from the County Planning Department's website at http://ulstercountyny.gov/agricultural_district_2_review

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Ulster County Agricultural Farmland Protection Board has been directed to prepare a report as required by Article 25-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law. Thereafter, a public hearing will be held on the District, including any proposed modification and the recommendation of said board.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Burt Samuelson, Ulster County Planning Dept., (845) 339-2490 bsam@co.ulster.ny.us

DATED: January 4, 2023
Victoria Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of the annual membership meeting of the Woodstock Artists Cemetery. Under the auspices of the Woodstock Memorial Society, to be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023, via Zoom at 10 a.m. Anyone who owns a cemetery plot or whose family owns a cemetery plot are welcome to join and contribute. Call Oscar Buitrago to get your Zoom link invite, (917) 620 2056.

LEGAL NOTICE

Black Cat Bulk Goods L.L.C.. Filed 8/31/22. Office: Ulster Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Jill Pucciarelli, Po Box 346, Tillson, NY 12486. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE

GARNIER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Filed 12/5/22. Office: Ulster Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 135 River Rd, Ulster Park, NY 12487. Purpose: General.

LEGAL NOTICE

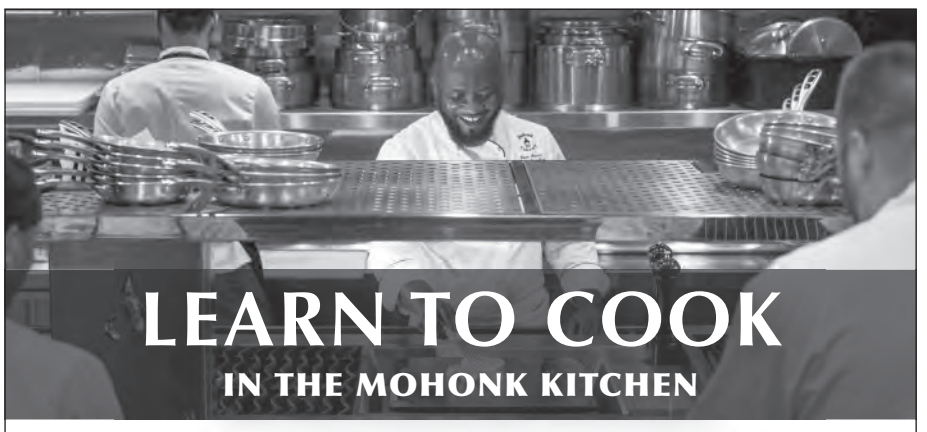
NV TRANSPORTATION SERVICES LLC. Filed 11/18/22. Office: Ulster Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o Jarnail S Multani, 47 Indian Springs Ln, Kingston, NY 12401. Purpose: General.



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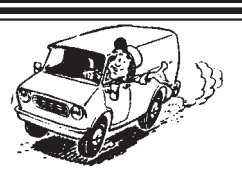
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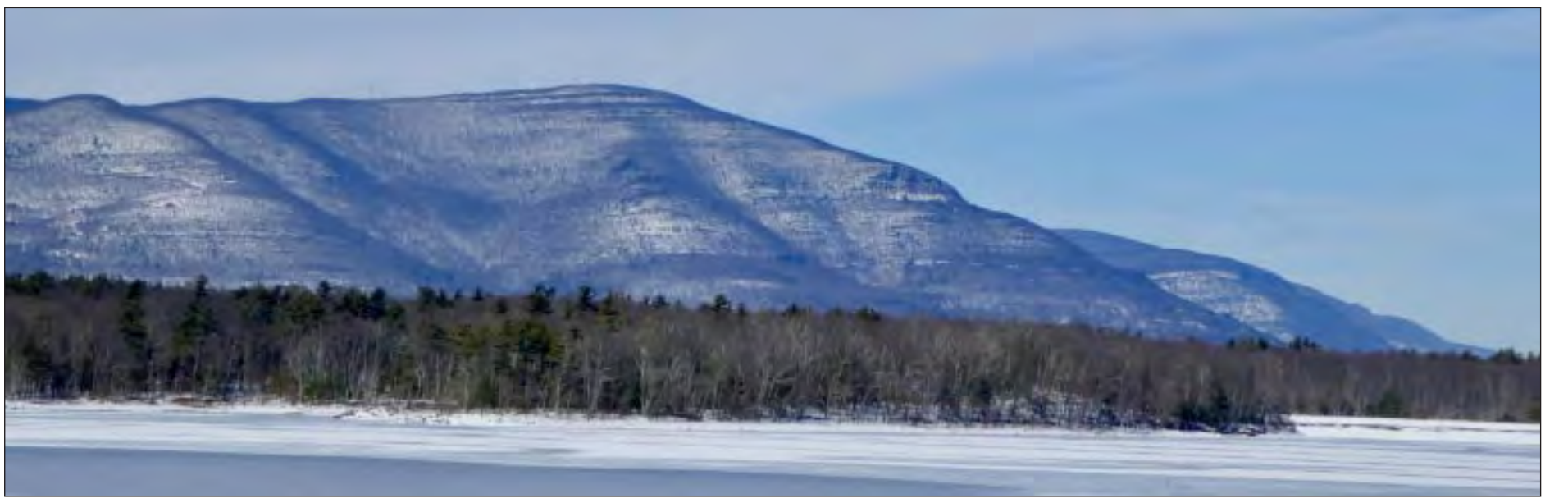
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Rollercoaster sky

Nature casts a warm spell on Catskills critters



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Cold arctic winds blow across the mountains, bringing their fierce reminder of winter's power, scattering brown leaves and making the deer in their winter yards hunker down a little more. While protected somewhat from the worst of the polar blast by the hills themselves, these powerful winds still course through the cloves and down the hollows of the southeast Catskills. I pity any creature caught out in this season. I think of the turtles buried in the mud, the woodfrogs frozen under litter of leaf and the people huddled around their fires, all waiting for Spring.

Winter waning?

As the days become noticeably longer and the light (oh, so) gradually returns, it might seem like winter is waning, but I wouldn't believe it just yet. It looks like our "rollercoaster" up and down temps will be continuing, generally more above freezing than not, for now. As I write this, the bulk of ice and snow that remains locally is on the hilltops and in the hemlock and pine thickets, as well as on the north side of the hills (which, in a good, cold, snowy, old-fashioned local winter can remain under north-facing ledges until June). We may well return to serious winter, which really should be expected (and desired by some — human and otherwise) in January. Since the most recent snow has disappeared in the valleys, the predators must be fattening up as the small rodents scramble from one exposed spot to another, in that eternal wintry hustle of life-and-death.

I don't think the short warm spell was enough to wake the black bears, though I have seen bear tracks in the snow (probably males, with most of the females napping, some giving birth in late January or early February). I'm hearing more and more reports of fishers (*Martes pennanti*) as they successfully repopulate the area. One more good reason to keep cats indoors at night! Local bald eagles will be mating and hopefully have young this season.

Usually, only the beeches and a few oaks will keep their light golden leaves all winter, gently rattling in the whispering wind. This year is different. We have many dead brown leaves remaining on numerous hardwoods, killed by last year's near-drought. The old beech-leaves normally are pushed off by the new ones in the spring (sounds so far away still).

All in all, it's an interesting winter so far, with much yet to come. Still be cautious out there. Bring a light and don't misjudge the onset of darkness when in the woods. Also, don't be fooled by the relative snowlessness — it's still very icy in the hills and in the dense dark woods, as we continually thaw and re-freeze. So please have some form of traction device (like YakTraks or Microspikes) with you. Enjoy the subtle beauty of this time. Please stay warm and be safe.

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Join historian Bill Merchant for a talk about the exploitation of marginalized workers on the D&H Canal.

Saturday 1/7

Second Chance Book Club
Half Moon Rondout Cafe (Kingston) • 3pm
Discuss the New York Times bestseller depicting the near-future of climate change, The Ministry for the Future.

Monday 1/9

Elting Book Club
Elting Memorial Library (New Paltz) • 4pm
This week's book discussion will be on Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi, a deeply emotional novel set during the peak of the slave trade.

Local Author Showcase: Dennis Guilfoyle and Mary Lois Timbes Adshead
Rough Draft (Kingston) • 5pm
Both authors hail from the area and will be signing their newly published works (see story on cover).