

copake connection

January 2021



Greeting from Copake

Copake Connection is an online newsletter brought to you by the Town of Copake. This newsletter will publicize community events throughout the Town of Copake and will be published once a month, on the 15th of the month. The editor is Roberta Roll. All submissions should be sent to roberta.roll@gmail.com no later than the 10th of the month. The newsletter will be distributed to anyone who wishes to subscribe. Simply click the mailing list icon below.

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From the Supervisor's Desk

In 1942, Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis wrote that states are the "laboratories of democracy." Indeed, I have thought recently that local governments are truly the laboratories of democracy.

As 2020 ended, we saw holiday cards which essentially said "good riddance," but as 2021 begins, we find our country once more in turmoil. However, I see our local government moving

forward in a collaborative, bi-partisan spirit.

At our Organizational Meeting on January 4, 2021 the Town Board welcomed Jeffrey Judd as our fifth member. We are working together to refurbish the Town Hall, address the Shepherd's Run application and deal with the continuing challenge of COVID-19. It is my intention that we will continue to work towards building consensus to move ahead on issues which concern Copake.

Vaccinations available in Columbia County

The most urgent issue on everyone's mind is how and when they can receive a vaccine. At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors on January 13 we heard from Chair Matt Murrell and Director of the Columbia County Department of Health, Jack Mabb. Both explained that the county is set up to administer vaccines at Columbia Greene College, but it is hampered by the lack of available vaccine. The county has to request vaccine from New York State and receives generally 300 doses at a time. By January 15, the county will have administered 1200 shots, but unfortunately, the county cannot project ahead of time how many doses they will receive, or when.

For the time being, Copake residents should follow this procedure to receive a vaccine:

Go to the Columbia County Department of Health website at: columbiacountynyhealth.com/. Scroll down to the section which says: "Announcements" - and then click on "Learn More." This will bring you to the page entitled "COVID-19 Vaccine Information." Here is the link for that page: <https://apps3.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?OpID=50502560>. Once you are on the COVID-19 Vaccine Information page you will see upcoming vaccination clinics. The listing will say if there are any appointments available. If you see a clinic at which vaccines are available, click on it and register.

At this point, individuals in Group 1A and 1B are eligible to receive a vaccine. In order to know if you are eligible, you can go to: <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

In the weeks to come, vaccines may be available in drugstores in Columbia County. The situation is fluid and constantly changing, but as of now the only way to get a vaccination is to register through the Columbia County Department of Health, and the only way to register is online. The CCDOH cannot predict when the vaccination "events" will be scheduled and so there is no way, currently, to register for a vaccination several weeks in advance. Nor is the county able to keep lists of individuals and call them when a vaccination is available. The only way to get a vaccination at this time is to be pro-active, and go to the website at columbiacountynyhealth.com/ on a frequent basis. When a clinic is posted, you must register in order to guarantee your appointment.

The county is aware that there are seniors who may not have the capability to register online. At this time, there is a temporary call center, staffed by volunteers who can assist residents. The telephone number for that center is 518-697-5560. Residents can speak to a live person to get their questions answered, but they cannot make appointments. The Office of the Aging will be able to assist senior citizens who are having trouble getting registered for a vaccine, or who do not have transportation to the vaccination site.

The CCDOH is working around the clock to get the vaccinations into the arms of residents. At the Board of Supervisors meeting, the final message was: there will be enough vaccinations - it is just a matter of time. It is estimated that the process of vaccinating everyone in 1A and 1B could take 14 weeks.

Happy New Year

Jeanne E. Mettler

Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine in NYS?

As of 1/13/21

Health Care and other High Risk Workers

- High-risk hospital workers (emergency room workers, ICU staff and Pulmonary Department staff)
- Residents and staff at nursing homes and other congregate care facilities
- Federally Qualified Health Center employees
- EMS workers
- Coroners, medical examiners and certain funeral workers
- Staff and residents at OP-WDD, OMH and OASAS facilities
- Urgent Care providers
- Individuals administering COVID-19 vaccines, including local health department staff
- All Outpatient/Ambulatory front-line, high-risk health care workers of any age who provide direct in-person patient care
- All staff who are in direct contact with patients (i.e., intake staff)
- Staff of nursing homes/skilled nursing facilities who did not receive COVID vaccination through the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program
- All front-line, high-risk public health workers who have direct contact with patients, including those conducting COVID-19 tests, handling specimens and vaccinations
- This includes, but is not limited to,
 - ◊ Doctors who work in private medical practices and their staff
 - ◊ Doctors who work in hospital-affiliated medical practices and their staff
 - ◊ Doctors who work in public health clinics and their staff
 - ◊ Registered Nurses
 - ◊ Specialty medical practices of all types
 - ◊ Dentists and Orthodontists and their staff
 - ◊ Psychiatrists and Psychologists and their staff
 - ◊ Physical Therapists and their staff
 - ◊ Optometrists and their staff
 - ◊ Pharmacists and Pharmacy Aides
 - ◊ Home care workers
 - ◊ Hospice workers

Seniors and Essential Workers

- People 65 and older
- Certain front-line essential workers
- First responders
- Individuals residing/working in homeless shelters
- Public facing grocery store workers
- Public transit workers
- Public safety workers
- Adult care givers of adult/children with high-risk chronic medical conditions
- Teachers, education workers, and in-person college faculty

For more information, visit www.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov

All those currently eligible should schedule appointments, remembering that the currently eligible population may take up to 14 weeks to vaccinate.

Those not currently eligible will be added as federal allocations of vaccine increase.

Please use the NYS "Am I Eligible" Tool if you are uncertain about your eligibility for vaccine.



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County Health Officials of New York
Leading the way to healthier communities

Vana Hotaling Honored with Special Day on Retirement

At the Town Board Meeting on January 14, 2020 the Copake Town Board unanimously approved a proclamation recognizing the long time service of former Town Clerk/Tax Collector Vana Hotaling. Vana retired on December 31, 2020 after having served the town in various appointed and elected positions for 26 years. In recognition of her service to the town, the Town Board declared that Saturday, January 16, 2020 is to be Vana S. Hotaling Day in the Town of Copake.



In attendance at the Town Board meeting were former Supervisors Angelo Valentino, Reggie Crowley and Jeff Nayer.

The resolution passed by the board is as follows:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Vana S. Hotaling, the daughter of Frank and Ethel Stang has lived in the Town of Copake for her entire life, and

Whereas, Vana Hotaling, married Ray Hotaling and raised two sons, Vance and Dwayne, in the Town of Copake and she lives here today, and

Whereas, Vana Hotaling, became Tax Collector for the Town of Copake on January 1, 1994 and became Deputy Town Clerk in July 1998, and

Whereas, in January 1999 the positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector were combined and **Vana Hotaling** served as Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the Town of Copake from January 1, 1999 until December 31, 2011 and thereafter as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2020, and

Whereas, while in office **Vana Hotaling** treated everyone with kindness and respect, and she is much loved by the people of the Town of Copake, and

Whereas, whenever she ran for office **Vana Hotaling** always received the highest number of votes of anyone on the ballot, which is a testament to her dedication and what an excellent job she did for the people of Copake, and

Whereas, Vana Hotaling continues to serve the Town of Copake as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and also the Town Hall History and Art Committee,

NOW THEREFORE, we the Members of the Copake Town Board do hereby express our gratitude to **Vana Hotaling** on behalf of the Town of Copake, and do express our congratulations upon her retirement after serving the people of Copake for twenty six years, and do proclaim Saturday, January 16, 2021 as **VANA S. HOTALING DAY** in the Town of Copake.

Town Board Positions Available

Would you like to get involved in the workings of the Town of Copake? Have a say in how responsible decisions are made? Help make Copake a safer, more efficient, and an even friendlier place to live and work and do business?

There are vacancies on the Board of Assessment Review, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Applications must be received by 12 noon on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Please mail letters of interest and resumes to: Copake Town Hall, Attention: Town Clerk, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake, NY 12516 or email to: townofcopake@fairpoint.net

For more information go to this link: <http://townofcopake.org/public-notice-of-vacancy-of-member-for-copake-zba/>

If you have questions, you can contact Supervisor Jeanne Mettler at copakesupervisor@fairpoint.net.

Community Workshop for Copake Waterfront Plan

A second community workshop will be held online on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 10am to 11:30am to establish priority goals and projects to enhance the town waterways and hamlets.

The Town of Copake continues to make progress on the waterfront and community plan that seeks to maintain a high quality of life in Copake by increasing access to its main waterways: the Roeliff Jansen Kill, Bash Bish Brook and Taghkanic Creek. Funding has been provided by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

The planned online workshop on February 13, 2021 will focus on reviewing progress made on the plan to date, discussing the vision and goals, and soliciting the community's help in prioritizing projects for enhancing Copake's hamlets and waterways.

The draft vision, goals and projects, which were developed based on input at the first community meeting in February 2020, focus on building a healthy town where people of all ages and abilities have access to recreation and waterways, sustaining our longstanding and essential bonds with nature and with our heritage, enriching our lives in vibrant hamlets safely

linked by land and water, and adapting with resilience to changes and challenges.

The workshop will be held as an online Zoom meeting through the project website: www.copakewaterfronts.com. You can also access the link on the town website: www.townofcopake.org.

All residents and interested parties are encouraged to participate as the town seeks to solicit widespread input on the Waterfront and Community Revitalization Plan. Anyone with questions or needing help connecting via Zoom should contact Chairperson Roberta Roll at 518-329-0384 or roberta.roll@gmail.com.

TOWN OF COPAKE, NY

Waterfront and Community Revitalization Plan for the Bash Bish Brook, Roe Jan Kill & Taghkanic Creek

ONLINE ZOOM COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



TAKE AN HOUR TO **SHAPE OUR FUTURE.**

Join us for an update on the Plan and share your ideas on the proposed **vision, goals & projects** for Copake's waterfronts & hamlets.

- Build a healthy town where people of all ages and abilities have access to recreation and waterways.
- Sustain our longstanding and essential bonds with nature and with our heritage.
- Enrich our lives in vibrant hamlets safely linked by land or water.
- Adapt with resilience to changes and challenges.

Copake Waterfront Vision?

Be a resilient, healthy, equitable, vital community, inspired by nature at every turn.

Saturday, February 13, 2021

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Please visit: www.copakewaterfronts.com

Watch the rebroadcast at your convenience

- Get Zoom app at www.zoom.us/download for phone, tablet, computer
- Find the Zoom call login information at: www.townofcopake.org or www.copakewaterfronts.com
- Questions? Need help connecting? Email Roberta.Roll@gmail.com



Department
of State

This planning project is funded by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

Does Your Property Flood?

We want to know when and where and how, so we can identify ways to mitigate flooding in our town.

The Town of Copake was awarded funding from the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund to develop a waterfront revitalization plan (see <https://www.copakewaterfronts.com>). The FEMA flood mapping in effect for Copake is dated, so we need your input to better understand the flooding of private property.

The waterfront plan advisory committee, along with our consultants from River Street Planning & Development, has put together a survey to help them better understand the issues and problems faced by residents who experience flooding on the properties.

Please take just a few minutes to fill out the survey, which you can access by going to www.copakewaterfronts.com/survey. If you prefer to print and fill out the survey, you can mail it to Waterfront Plan, attn: Roberta Roll, Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountainview Rd., Copake, NY 12516. If you have questions, please contact Roberta Roll at roberta.roll@gmail.com or Alan Friedman at abfriedman@fairpoint.net.

Calling All Dog Owners

Kyle Miller is the new local Dog Control Officer for Copake, and he has an important message for all dogs and dog owners to start off the New Year.



This new year means getting used to writing “2021”, hanging up a new calendar, and writing down all the important dates on the calendar, including when to relicense your dog! Did you know that New York State requires that you license your dog in the town where you reside once your dog reaches the age of four months? This license is good for one year and could make a difference in being reunited with your pet if it were to run away. All you need is the completed license application, proof of an up-to-date rabies vaccination (unless otherwise stated by your veterinarian), and \$7 (for spayed/neutered dogs) or \$13 (for un-spayed/un-neutered dogs). Upon submission, the owner will be provided with a numbered license tag for the dog that MUST be affixed to the dog’s collar, which must remain on the dog at all times. Contact the office of the Town Clerk Mon.-Thurs., 8am-4pm or Sat., 9am-12pm at 518-329-1234 ext. 2 for the license application.

P.S. Microchipping is another fast and easy way to vastly increase the chances of your pet being reunited with you if it were to run away or be separated from you. Contact your local veterinarian or the Columbia-Greene Humane Society for more information.

Grange Events

Saturday, Jan. 23, 7pm - Suspense Theatre: Drive-In Restaurant, and The Dark Journey. Virtual live-staged reading of two radio dramas, by The Two of Us Productions. *Drive-In Restaurant* takes place on a rainy, dark night in a car that doesn’t pull over for Millie’s bus stop. The *Dark Journey* features two close friends, a long-distance love affair, and secret mental powers. The event is free but donations are gratefully accepted. Register to attend by going to www.thetwoofusproductions.org.



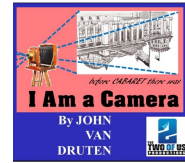
For more information contact constancerlopez@gmail.com or call (518) 329-6293.

Friday, Feb. 5, 7pm - Open Poetry Night. Virtual poetry reading. Read a poem of your own or one by your favorite poet. You can also just tune in to listen and enjoy the

power of poetry! For information on how to participate, go to copakegrange.org and click on Events.



Saturday, Feb. 13, 7pm - Virtual Play Reading: I Am a Camera . Virtual live-staged reading of the 1951 Broadway play by John Van Druten, adapted from Christopher Isherwood's 1939 novel *Goodbye to Berlin*, which is part of *The Berlin Stories*. The musical *Cabaret* is based on these works.



Saturday Jan. 23rd

**Staged Reading of two Classic
Radio Drama Thrillers!**

- On-line Performance starts at
7:00pm
- Free To The Public
- Donations gratefully Accepted

For information visit:

TheTwoOfUsProductions.org

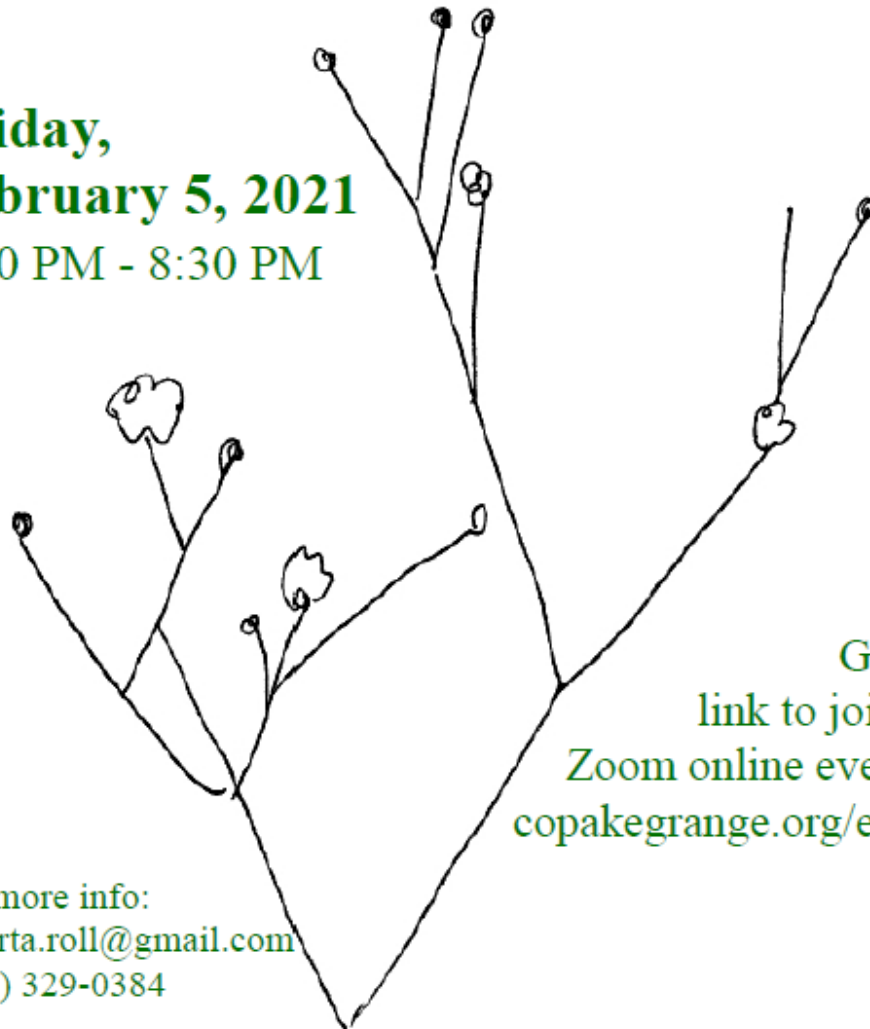
Presented by **The Two of Us Productions**
in collaboration with RARE Inc. & The Copake Grange



OPEN POETRY NIGHT

An Online
Copake Grange Event

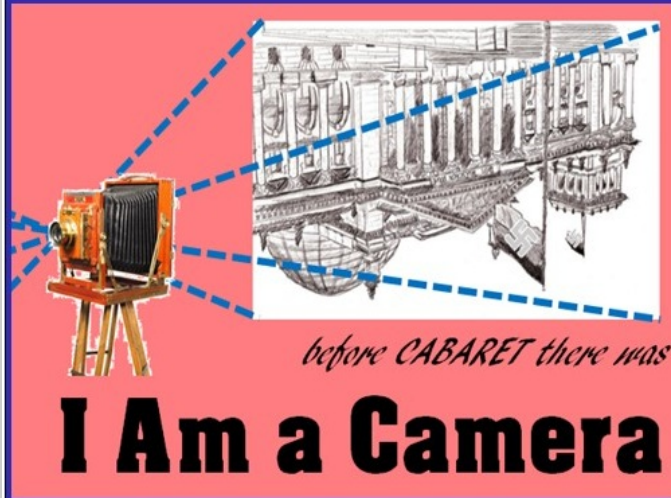
**Friday,
February 5, 2021**
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM



Get the
link to join our
Zoom online event at:
copakegrange.org/events

For more info:
roberta.roll@gmail.com
(518) 329-0384

Saturday Feb. 13th



I Am a Camera

**Staged Reading of the tense drama
by JOHN VAN DRUTEN**

- On-line Performance starts at 7:00pm
- Free To The Public
- Donations gratefully Accepted

For information visit:

TheTwoOfUsProductions.org

What's Happening at the Library?

Limited Patron Access and Curbside Pickup. In addition to curbside pickup, Roeliff Jansen Community Library is also allowing patrons into the building at limited capacity. Patrons must wear masks and follow protocol in order to be permitted into the library. For full details, including our hours of operation, visit our website at www.roejanlibrary.org/reopening/.

Thursdays, 9:00-10:00am

Virtual Senior Balance and Strength Class. Dr. Paul Spector is leading his popular Balance and Strength Class on Zoom. These classes introduce exercises that improve postural stability, core strength, spatial body awareness, sensory integration, agility and coordination. For more details, including login information, please visit our website at www.roejanlibrary.org/adult-programs/.



Mondays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30am

Hatha Yoga. Longtime, local yoga instructor Roberta Roll is conducting her Hatha Yoga classes on Zoom. Visit our website at www.roejanlibrary.org/adult-programs/ for full details.



Saturdays, 10:30am

Family Storytime. Storytime is back! Join our new children's and youth services associate, Tia, for Saturday morning storytime on Zoom, followed by an art activity that kids can do from home. Activity kits are provided by the library free of charge, and can be picked up during regular library hours, before or after storytime. Please visit our website at www.roejanlibrary.org/kids-events/ for Zoom login information.

Thursday, January 14, 6:00–7:00pm

BATS! With Robyn Niver. Zoom in with Robyn Niver, bat biologist and the USFWS Northeast Region's bat specialist for the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat. Robyn will walk us through why bats are threatened and what we can do to help. Visit our website at <http://www.roejanlibrary.org/adult-programs/> for login information.

This program is brought to you in collaboration with Claverack Free Library, Hudson Area Library, Philmont Public Library and Roeliff Jansen Community Library.

Tuesday, January 19, 4:00pm

Virtual Board of Trustees Meeting. All meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please email Tamara Gaskell at director@roejanlibrary.org for Zoom login information.

Thursday, January 21, 7:00-8:00pm

The Art of Mental Wellness. Join registered art therapist Lillia Ohrstrom for this Zoom workshop that will explore how to juggle life's many struggles through art and creativity. Open to teens and adults. Please email youth@roejanlibrary.org to register.



Monday, February 8, 11:00am–4:00pm

Healthcare Navigator Appointments. A Navigator from the Healthcare Consortium will be available by appointment on the second Monday of each month, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Navigators can assist individuals and families in Columbia and Greene Counties with shopping for, comparing, and enrolling in quality, affordable health insurance, including Medicaid, Child Health Plus and the Essential Plan, through the New York State of Health Official Health Plan Marketplace. Navigators can also assist with applying for financial assistance to help pay for coverage.



Navigator services are free of charge. Please call 518-822-9600 to make an appointment.

Saturday, February 20, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Wildlife Tracking. Learn the basics of wildlife tracking with Elia Del Molino, the Conservation Director at Greenagers. The group will hike in and around Roeliff Jansen Community Library to look for spoor (track and sign) of bears, bobcats, weasels, porcupines, red foxes, gray foxes, coyotes, and house cats. Masks and social distancing are required. Moderate difficulty, perfect for families. Please register by emailing youth@roejanlibrary.org.

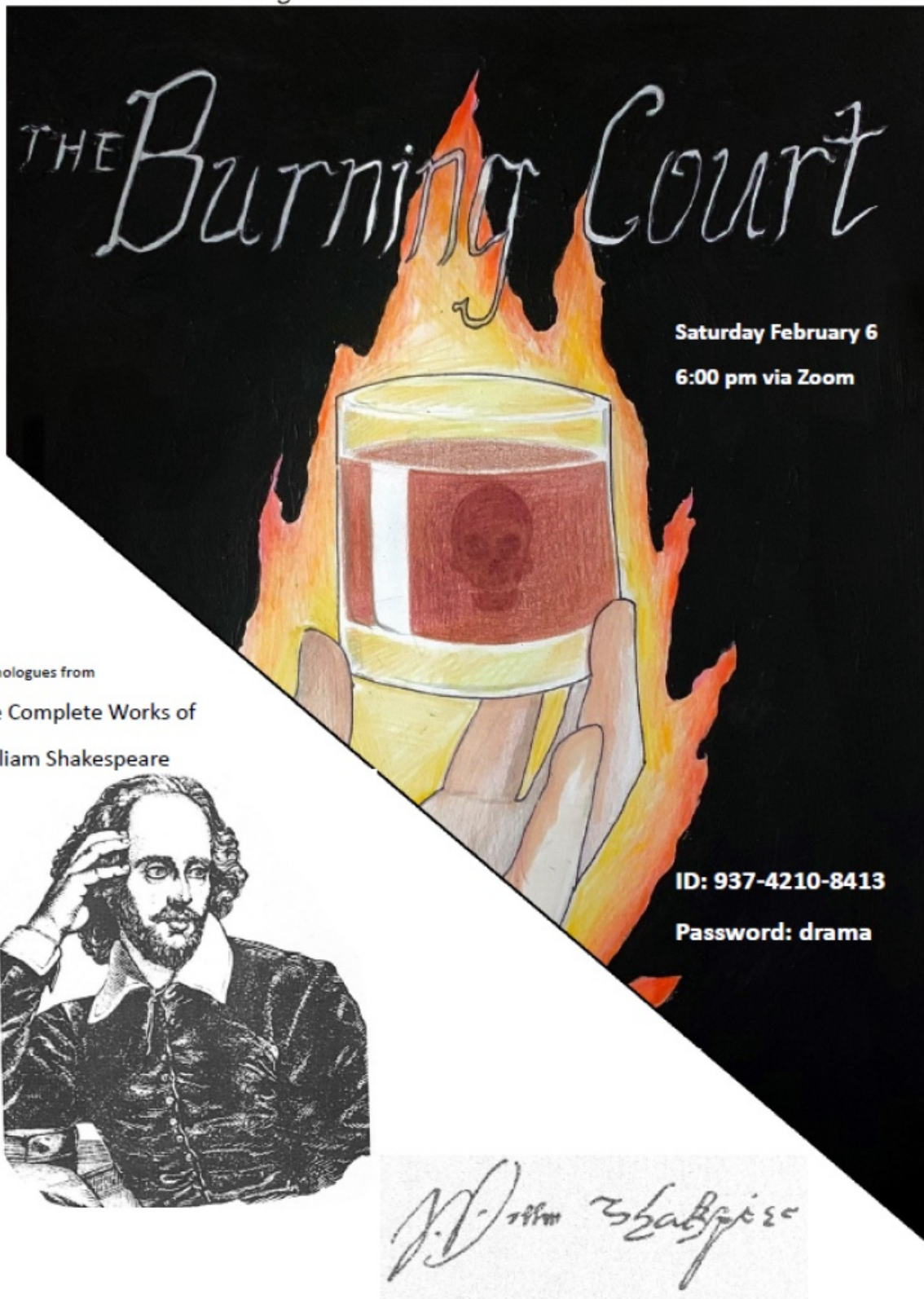


Wednesday, February 24 & March 3, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Beyond Selfies! Take Better Photos, with Gerald Seligman. Take better photos – it's not your camera, it's your eye. Learn how to frame and shoot your photos with this two-session class open to teens and adults. Whether you use a smartphone, a 'point and shoot' or the latest camera equipment, everyone is welcome to the course – and all can benefit. Please email youth@roejanlibrary.org to register.




The Taconic Hills High School Drama Club Presents a Double Feature



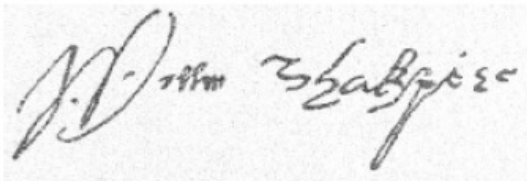
THE Burning Court

Saturday February 6
6:00 pm via Zoom

Monologues from
The Complete Works of
William Shakespeare



ID: 937-4210-8413
Password: drama



Copake History

The Conklin Family's Sad Departure from Copake

The village of Penn Yan, population 5,159 in 2010, is in Yates County, New York. It lies at the north end of the east branch of Keuka Lake, one of the Finger Lakes. Its name is a syllabic abbreviation of "Pennsylvania Yankee." If you drove today from Copake to Penn Yan, a distance of 258 miles, it would take you about four hours.

The Flour Shop Café and Bakery on Main Street might be a nice place to stop in once the

pandemic is gone. And if you go in, you might just find yourself sitting near some other (sort of) Copake folks, although there's no guarantee they will know their relation to our town.

Here's the story. Those Penn Yan folks with Copake connections are descended from former Copake residents who abandoned our town about two hundred years ago. Why did they leave? Because the rentals (paid in kind, i.e. in crops or livestock) were too expensive and not negotiable. Unable to buy farmland in Copake, they could only be tenant farmers with an almost serf-like status. Their landlords were the Livingstons, wealthy Hudson valley "patroons," who held a monopoly of farmland in Copake and the surrounding areas. They were descended from Scottish born Robert Livingston, who received a large land grant in 1715 from the British crown.

One of the Livingston family's tenant farmers was Jacob Conklin. Jacob, born in 1771, and his wife Catharine Brazie, born 1781, were raised near Copake Lake under the often onerous life lease system of the Livingston Manor. Jake, a broad-shouldered, more than 6 feet tall man, is said to have frequently gifted the Livingston lords with game and fish which he trapped, shot or caught. It is believed, too, that he often accompanied the younger members of the Livingston family as a guide on their hunting and fishing excursions. Thus, for all outward purposes, he appeared to be quite content with his life in Copake. In fact, however, he longed to be free of the Livingstons' claim for rent of the land that he farmed.

In the Conklins' later years, the title to their Copake home was fast running to its end, and the couple and their eight children, Cornelius, Mary, Peter, John, Hannah, Elias, James, and Helen, made the difficult decision reached by scores of other Copake folks in that era - to leave both the land they had known all of their lives and their friends. In their case, the destination would be the Finger Lakes region of western New York. Thus, in 1828, in part influenced by positive reports from their oldest son, Cornelius, who had accompanied some people to the Finger Lakes region, they decided to leave.

After making their way via the Erie Canal and horse drawn wagon, and not in four hours, but some weeks later, the Conklins reached their destination, the town of Penn Yan. There, for \$1000, they purchased 114-acre lot number 50, the "Father Townsend farm," on the Lake road, which was fairly well cleared and had a double log house, an orchard, and lakefront. Catherine died in 1843, after which Jacob remarried. He died in 1853 at age 78. Three of the Conklin children retained some of their Copake ties through marriage. Cornelius married Ann Bevins, Mary married John Benjamin and Helen married John Whitbeck, all of whom came from Copake. Flash forward 168 years. Wouldn't Jacob be surprised that we are discussing him today?

[Help! Where can I find photos and/or stories about the following?: a. the Copake Lake Ice House (as it looked BEFORE THE FIRE that destroyed it c. 1930; b. the Community Locker (meat storage building); c. Eddie McIntyre. RSVP Copaketownhistorian@gmail.com Howard Blue

Town Hall Walls Will Tell the Story of Copake's Hamlets

In the near future, the interior walls of Copake's Town Hall will be enlivened and transformed into a virtual history book, telling the collective history of the town's five hamlets: Copake, Copake Falls, Copake Lake, Craryville and West Copake.

The revitalization of Town Hall's interior was initiated by Town Supervisor Jeanne Mettler, who duly appointed a committee to come up with a pragmatic plan to use the building's wall space to tell the unique and varied stories of each Copake hamlet that the Town Hall represents.

The committee members are Peter N. (Nick) Fritsch, a graphic designer and artist who has painted many Copake scenes, Howard Blue, Copake's official Town Historian, who has compiled and curates a vast archive of local history and hosts his *Copake History* Facebook page, and Deputy Copake Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Vana Hotaling. The committee sees this project as a unique opportunity to tell the collective history of the town's five hamlets through assembled historical photographs and succinct narratives about significant

individuals, organizations, businesses and activities that have contributed to Copake's history and development as a beloved home town for many generations. This material will be reproduced on a series of themed panels to be installed throughout Town Hall.

The 18x24 inch "themed panels," will be reproduced on canvas by *CanvasPop*, a highly respected print-on-canvas company. In this way, there will be an overall continuity of presentation. The committee plans to create between 45 and 55 such panels and arrange them by subject throughout Town Hall and the assembly/court room. The total cost is estimated to come in around \$4,000 to \$4,500. At the December 10 Town Board Meeting, the board enthusiastically embraced the project and agreed to look into grants and to help raise additional funds. As part of the planned uniformity of presentation, installation master and all-around wizard, Bob Callahan, is preparing to repaint the Town Hall's interior to harmonize with the basic color-scheme of the panels.

Plaques, objects and citations celebrating significant events and organizations in Copake's past will be incorporated into the new exhibition, as well as reproductions of some of Mr. Fritsch's paintings of iconic Copake locations. Mr. Blue also suggests that objects such as the historic bell, presently in the corner of the meeting room, should be illuminated and displayed more prominently. Other items such as Indian arrowheads uncovered during an archaeological research dig, an original railroad spike from the tracks near the Craryville railroad station, a commemorative illustrated plate, as well as various Copake artifacts from private collections may also be selected for future inclusion.

Though the Copake Town Hall is currently closed to the public except by appointment due to COVID-19, the committee hopes to have the redecoration completed during 2021.



This is how the new display panels will look hanging in the Town Hall hallways. Photo prepared by P.N. Fritsch.

Town Makes Efforts to Keep Residents in the Loop!

The Town Board of Copake is doing its best to keep residents apprised

of what is going on.

In May, the Copake Town Board has authorized the launch of new Facebook page. The page is maintained by Supervisor Jeanne Mettler and goes by the name of "Copake, NY".



In order to keep up with town events the public can also view the town website at TownofCopake.org. The website is maintained by Town Clerk Lynn Connolly and Deputy Town Clerk Larry Proper. Materials may be submitted for publication on the website by sending an email to TownofCopake@fairpoint.net During the closing of Town Hall due to Covid-19, information on how to access town meetings being conducted on Zoom is available on the website.

The town also publishes this online newsletter, the Copake Connection, on the 15th of every month. During the Covid-19 crisis, the town publishes special editions from time to time. The Connection is edited by Roberta Roll, Chair of the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force. To sign up for the newsletter send an email to: theCopakeConnection@gmail.com.

Ways to Stay Informed and to Help

In this difficult time, we want to stay as informed as we can and as connected as we can. Also, many people want to help by shopping for those who find it difficult, making meals, and doing other errands.

Below are some websites you can go to in order to find information on all of these things.

To subscribe to the Copake email newsletter, the Copake Connection, you can access the town's website, townofcopake.org

To subscribe to Hillsdale's email newsletter, News from Town Hall, you can access the Hillsdale website, hillsdaleny.com

To subscribe to Ancram's email newsletter, Ancramemail, you can access Ancram's website, townofancram.org

The Copake Grange - email copakegrange@gmail.com or go to copakegrange.org for online events and ways to volunteer through the Match-Up Program.

The Roe Jan Food Pantry - call Vernetta Moore at 413-446-9431 or Betty White at 518-325-3977

Financial contributions welcome. Mail to:

Roe Jan Food Pantry
PO Box 475
Hillsdale, NY 12529.

The Salvation Army in Hudson - soup kitchen, and provides other items, such as diapers and formula to those in need. Here is a link to an article about the SA: <https://imby.com/hudson/article/the-army-needs-you/>.



Holly Tanner ~ Columbia County Clerk

Sponsors

K.I.S.S.

Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe

Date: 3/15/21-3/26/21

**Time: Monday-Thursday:
(9:00am –3:00pm)
Saturday: (9:00am – Noon)**

**Location: Copake Town Hall
230 Mountainview Rd.
Copake, NY 12516**



What Documents Should I Shred:

Bank Statements - Copies of Birth Certificates - Pay Stubs - Canceled/Voided Checks - Credit Card Bills/Receipts - Credit Reports & Histories - Expired Credit Cards & Identification Cards - Expired Passports & Visas -
Legal Documents - Insurance Documents - Tax Forms - Medical & Dental records - Utility Bills (phone, gas/electric, water, cable) - Transcripts -
Investment, Stock & Property Transactions - Employment Records - AND:
ANYTHING with your Account Numbers, Passwords, PINs, Signatures, Social Security Numbers and your Date of Birth :

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Press Release



Contact: Kevin McDonald
Administrator
Phone: (518) 828-4258

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Face Masks

If any senior (age 60+) is in need of a face mask, they should contact the Columbia County Office for the Aging at 518-828-4258 to make arrangements for pick up or delivery. The office is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Savvy Caregiver Program



Classes on Monday's
January 11th - February 15th
6-8 pm

To participate, you will need a computer and a phone. The instructor will connect with you before the start of the program to provide guidance on how to participate virtually.

Classes are free, however, space is limited. Please call (518) 238-4164 to reserve your seat.

This free six-week program is designed to give family caregivers the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully care for a loved one with dementia.

Topics include:

- *Defining the role of the Savvy Caregiver
- *Exploring dementia
- *Caregiver self-care
- *The impact of dementia on behaviors
- *Managing behavioral issues
- *Communication techniques
- *Providing structure and support for your loved ones
- *Other available resources

 Eddy Alzheimer's
Services

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Member of Trinity Health

This program is supported by Eddy Alzheimer's Services and grants from the New York State Department of Health.

Social Security Administration

Important Information

We are still available to help by phone.

A local representative is available to take your call Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at:

1-877-828-1691

(TTY) 1-800-325-0778

We may be able to schedule an appointment if we cannot help you by phone.

Please do not come into one of our local offices.
We cannot accept walk-in visitors at this time.

You may also visit **SSA.gov**.
Many of our services can be completed online.

Visit **CDC.gov** for information about COVID-19.



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Información Importante

Aún estamos disponibles para ayudar por teléfono

Un representante local está disponible para atender su llamada de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. llamando al:

1-877-828-1691
(TTY) 1-800-325-0778

Es posible que podamos programar una cita si no podemos ayudarlo por teléfono.

Por favor no venga a una de nuestras oficinas locales. No podemos aceptar visitantes sin cita en este momento.

También puede visitar **SeguroSocial.gov**.

Muchos de nuestros servicios se pueden completar por internet.

Visite **CDC.gov** para obtener información sobre COVID-19.



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If you wish to submit an article or notice regarding a community event taking place in the Town of Copake to the Copake Connection, please e-mail: thecopakeconnection@gmail.com. All submissions should be received by us by noon on the 10th of the month.

For more and current information on Meetings in Copake and events throughout the Roe Jan area, go to the [Copake Website](#).

Contact
Copake Town Hall
230 Mountain View Road

