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Historical Society Theme Tree Exhibition and Holiday in Hurleyville Event!



Holiday decorations at the Sullivan County Museum

The Sullivan County Historical Society is happy to be participating in the "Holiday in Hurleyville" event on Saturday, December 3, from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. Throughout the day there will be fun family activities including live music, craft and food vendors, Santa, Rail Trail hike, scavenger hunt, a Grinch walk, and decorated snow persons along Main Street in Hurleyville.

The Sullivan County Historical Society will feature its annual Open House and Holiday Theme Tree exhibition, with many different holiday displays made by individuals and local organisations. There will also be opportunities to purchase holiday gifts such as history books, gift shop items and photographs by Frederick Cook from the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Frederick Cook Society. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Monticello Kiwanis Club Gives Thanksgiving Donations



From left -Kiwanis Board members Robert Green, Sheila Lashinsky and Linda Barriger with United Way CPO Julian Dawson.

Following in the continuous tradition of community service, the Monticello Kiwanis Club members donated and presented Julian Dawson, Chief Professional Officer of United Way of Sullivan County, with one turkey and a check for \$375.00 to purchase additional turkeys and Thanksgiving food trimmings. Shop Rite in Monticello generously contributed an additional 3 turkeys. The food items were distributed to families in need in the community for their Thanksgiving enjoyment.



Shop Rite Manager Rich Hachan and United Way CPO Julian Dawson holding two of the donated turkeys.

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On the Front Burner: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
Isaiah 12:2

OBITUARY

Mary A. Coniker, the daughter of Edward M. and Agnes McLaughlin Yonker passed away peacefully at home on November 26, 2022.

Mary was born on October 8, 1933. She married Robert M. Coniker on November 18, 1956. She was predeceased by her husband and son, Richard.

She is survived by her children Joseph (Patricia), Diane Montondo (Daniel), Thomas (Tammy) and her daughter-in-law Vanessa. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Sean (Kimberly), Melissa (Felix), Marie (Ben), Mark, Maya, Justin and Johnathan and four great grandchildren: Katalina, Connor, Lucas and Chloe. She also leaves behind her loving and dedicated caregiver Mary Johnston.

Mary was a former coordinator of religious education at Immaculate Conception Church, an ESL tutor at the Ellenville Public Library and a communicant at Immaculate Conception Church.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 from 4-7pm at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10 am Thursday, December 1, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Church, 6317 State Route 42, Woodbourne, NY. Burial will follow at St. Michael's Cemetery, Ulster Heights, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Immaculate Conception Church or a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com

Days of Yore... Today's History

December 10, 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Hamilton were given a skimmelon Thursday night. There were 41 in the group and they did their part well. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton did their part as well; they entertained

and cigars were provided for the smokers. Refreshments were offered also.

Mrs. Herbert Brooks is preparing for the sale of the Herbert Brooks estate this Saturday, December 10th. Included in the sale will be 19 cows, 2 heifers, a bull, horses, farm equipment, an automobile and truck as well as some household goods and the farm itself.

Mr. Fred Mickelson drove his son, Robert, and Ray Muthig to Monticello early Monday morning. Both boys were included in the December draft quota.

December 5, 1962

The Tri Valley Band will be represented at the All-Eastern Band Concert in Atlantic City by one of the senior bandsmen, Wilfred Rhodes. "Bill" has won the singular distinction for himself and the school after years of strenuous practice and finally through a competitive audition.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cole were surprised guests of honor at a 50th anniversary party given to them by their children on November 28th at the Claryville Fire Hall. About 120 people attended from near and far.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krom are the proud parents of a daughter, Lisa Ann, born at the Liberty Loomis Hospital on Saturday, December 1st. She weighed 6 lbs. Mr. and Mrs. George Krom are the paternal grandparents.

Mrs. Inda T. Donaldson, 80, of Grahamsville, died on Friday, November 30th at Liberty Loomis Hospital. She was born in Grahamsville on January 13, 1882, the daughter of Alvin and Josephine Knestler Teller. She was married on October 7, 1903 at Grahamsville to Otis J. Donaldson, who died in 1962. She is survived by one son, Earl Donaldson of Grahamsville; one daughter, Vira Caldwell and two brothers.

December 20, 1972

Michael Musso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Musso of Grahamsville, has been notified of his acceptance in the University of Dayton, School of Engineering. Michael will major in Civil Engineering.

Mrs. Bessie Ryan, 76, a lifelong resident of Grahamsville, died Friday in the Community General Hospital, Liberty. Mrs. Ryan was born July 15, 1896 to Pierce D. and Florence Irwin Moore. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Days of Yore... Today's History

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She married Clark M. Ryan in 1914 and was a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church and the church's Women's Society of Christian Service. Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Madelene Banta of Grahamsville; sisters, Frances Slater of Kerhonkson, Emily Hall of Ellenville and Mrs. Evelyn Korsznick of Westport, Conn.

Our kindest wishes to the following folks who are celebrating special days this week: the Eugene Fullers are celebrating their 25th anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gridley, married 15 years, and the Ralph Hornbecks are celebrating their 51st anniversary.

December 9, 1982

Gladys VanWagner said she had the whole darn family over for Thanksgiving dinner, 13 in all. Husband, Floyd bagged a nice spiked buck the other day.

New York State's population as of July 1981 was 17,496,000. The State Health Department noted that the state population reached its all time peak in 1972 when there were 18,488,000 residents and has declined steadily ever since.

Three generations of the Green family of Woodbourne were in the woods last week - Pete Green, his son, James Green and grandson Timothy Green. Pete bagged a doe.

Congratulations to Tri-Valley's Ted Hudson who was selected for the WSL All-Star first team as a running back on offense and a line backer on defense.

WANTED: Information Regarding the Black & White Goat on Peekamoose Road

Several people have sited a black and white goat near Peekamoose Lake on Peekamoose Road in the Sundown side of the Town of Denning.



If you see this goat, or have any information as to whom he/she belongs to, please call the NYSDEC Dispatch at: 833-NYS-RANGERS or you may call *The Townsman* at 845-985-3215 and leave a message.

We are hoping to get this beautiful goat back to its owner as soon as possible. Any information can help. Thank you.

Household Hint:

Remove candle wax

Candles and Christmas go together. Should you get melted candle wax on your fine wood furniture, first soften the wax using a blow-dryer on its hottest setting and blot up as much as you can with paper towels. Then remove what's left by rubbing with a cloth soaked in a solution made of equal parts white vinegar and water. Wipe clean with a soft, absorbent cloth.

Nature Column - L. Comando A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater, Shirley Davis and Hulda Vernooy.

Winterberry Bush

Nature has done it once again! She has splashed the dreary late autumn landscape with the warmth of the bright red berries of the Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*, a/k/a Black Alder (although is not a member of the Alder family), it is also known as Feverbush or False alder) The bright red berries will become even more showy after snow has covered the ground.

If I had to pick a favorite native plant for December in the Catskills, it would be the Winterberry.

The Winterberry's half inch red berries persist on the branches long into the winter. The berries are a globose red fleshy fruit with a thin skin and fleshy fruit with a central pit. Winterberry is a member of the Holly (*Ilex*) family. It is dioecious which means there are separate male and female plants. There needs to be at least one male plant in an area to pollinize the females in order to bear the bright red berries. The Winterberry will lose its leaves during winter. At this time of the year, only the bright red berries are left. It is a shrub that can grow to 16 ft. tall and is found throughout the Catskills preferring to form a dense thicket in moist areas, while in dry soil it will remain a tight shrub.



The leaves are sharply toothed, stalked, and are approximately 1 1/2 to 4" long, lance to ovate shape, pointed at the tips, deep green in summer, hairy on the underside, and turning yellow in autumn. The bark is clearly visible with a thin brown outer surface with whitish patches (lenticels). Twigs are slender, green on new growth, then brownish, with scattered light colored lenticels. Buds are small and may have a small persistent stipule, small leaf-like appendage, on the side of the leaf scar. It bears white flowers with 5 to 7 petals that form clusters in the leaf axils in late spring and early summer. These little flowers eventually become the very attractive red berries that are now decorating the landscape and attracting many different winter songbirds. The berries are often used as an emergency food source for other wild animals including game birds, wild turkeys, and quail. They are also eaten by white-tailed deer.

The Native Americans used Winterberry as a medicine and named this bush, Feverbush, as they used the bark to heal cuts and bruises.

An unusual thing about Winterberry is its wood which is white when freshly cut, but will turn blood red. In Norse and Irish myths the first humans were made of Black Alder wood. Back then cutting a bush down was forbidden because it was a symbol of the resurrection.

Today Winterberry is used to make furniture from the wood and the bark is used to tan leather and smoke fish and other foods. Winterberry contains so much tannin that it repels insect pests. The wood is very durable for underwater for pilings.

Winterberry shrubs are now common in landscaping as they are prized for their ornamental value.

Winterberries are valued by arts and craft enthusiasts. You will often see them in floral arrangements, wreaths and window boxes this time of the year.

There is one other name that must be mentioned that has been given to this attractive shrub. It is also called the Santa Claus Bush! Like the man in the red suit, surely the warmth of the Winterberry's bright red berries will dispel some of the chill we feel during the dark days of winter, another gift from nature.

It is Christmas time in Tri-alley and the festival of light continues. Take time to see it all - the neighbor's Christmas light, the Christmas tree lighting on December 4 at Bi-centennial Park in Grahamsville when Santa pays us a quick visit and all the beautiful displays only Mother Nature could give to us as we welcome the return of the sun from the southern hemisphere just in time for Christmas.

Two Special Star Awards at Fallsburg Central School District



BOE President Mr. Mike Weiner, Dr. Verna Greer, and School Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz.

At this time of Thanksgiving, the Fallsburg Central School District expressed its gratitude for an outstanding organization and teacher at the Board of Education meeting on November 16, 2022. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz read the Star Awards recognizing the Parent Teacher Organization and Ms. Susan Kentop for their very special contributions to the enrichment of the school community. As Dr. Katz phrased it, the PTO and Ms. Kentop were "caught making a difference."



BOE member Ms. Colleen Picciotti, BOE President Mr. Mike Weiner, Ms. Susan Kentop, and School Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz.

JSHS Principal Kyle Roddey, with great pride, nominated the PTO for coming together as a group of parents, reviving a long-dormant organization, and instilling new life. The teamwork of a handful of dedicated people helped create two incredible Family Engagement Days, a Multi-cultural Dinner, a Car Show Fundraiser, and a Halloween Dance for students. They are engaging more and more families and students in coming to the school and supporting wonderful activities. The champion for the PTO and driving force, Dr. Verna Greer, accepted the Star Award on behalf of the group.

BOE member and parent Ms. Colleen Picciotti nominated Ms. Kentop for her Star Award. Through a good friend with the Kind

Cotton Foundation, she received 1000 children's books for all ages from Pre-K through Sixth Grade. Ms. Kentop loaded the books on individual carts and brought them to each classroom at Benjamin Cosor Elementary over a three-day period. She explained to each group a former teacher friend of hers had created this company to make beautiful cotton clothing items with embroidered messages of kindness on each. For every sale, she offers a book to a school. She asked Ms. Kentop how many children were at her school, the answer was 1000.

The faces of the children and teachers in each classroom glowed with smiles at hearing Ms. Kentop tell the story of these gifts. She then handed out the books and watched the children leafing through their special treasures. She even read portions of books and enchanted them as only a reading coach can do. Truly, she embodied the goals of offering kindness from the book donor, and she spread kindness over those few days and forever for these young children.

It was a lovely night at FCSD when two very deserving women received recognition for making a difference with students and families.

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MaryAnn Halchak with a Hurleyville Snowman

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Refreshments, including cookies, cider, and coffee will be available.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual event, located in the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. For more information call the Sullivan County Museum at 845 434-8044.



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The Last Paladin Mysterious Book Report No. 497

by John Dwaine McKenna

The Last Paladin, (St. Martin's, \$28.99, 288 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-27986-6), by P.T. Deutermann, is a superb, battle-filled World War II adventure that takes place aboard the USS Holland, a lone destroyer escort on patrol in the Solomon Islands in the western Pacific Ocean during the summer of 1944 –just as the two greatest armadas of the era are assembling for what historians have called *The Battle of the Philippine Sea*. It was the largest naval battle of steel warships in history, and it broke the back of the Imperial Japanese Fleet . . .

Told in alternating points-of-view between Lt. Cmdr. Mariano deTomasi and his Executive Officer, Lt. Ephraim “Eppy” Edmond Enright, the story begins just as the Holland arrives in the Solomons after hunting U-boats in the North Atlantic. Criticized for being thirty days late, and at just 300 feet in length, boat and crew are considered nothing more than an afterthought to the 800 vessel “Big Blue Fleet” coming toward the Japanese home islands to engage a similar sized fleet from the enemy. Rumor has it that a picket line of submarines has been established somewhere in the Philippine Sea to harass the American battle fleet and sink as many ships as possible. The Holland is sent, all by itself, to see if the phantom submarines really exist, and if so, to engage them. It's pretty much a snipe hunt, or a suicide mission if the subs are actually there, because the small destroyer escort would have at least two full-size destroyers accompanying it on a normal mission. Undaunted, the Holland sets out on patrol, trying to guess where the end of the picket line of six submarines begins and ends. They estimate approximately 200 nautical miles between subs and set out trying to find them. Days later, as luck would have it, a naval airplane spots a submarine on station and the location is passed on to the Holland, who steams north to engage . . . and the non-stop action begins in this fight to the death between the two implacable enemies in the vast and empty Philippine Sea. If you like World War II battle action and shipboard operations, this is a novel not to be missed!!

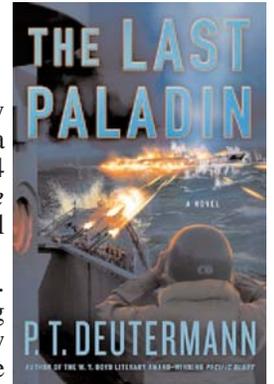
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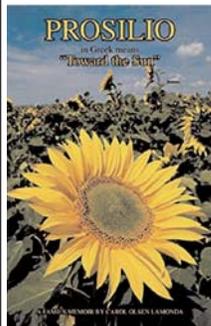



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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda Shop 'Til You Drop



I am writing this on Black Friday, the day that used to be the traditional day after Thanksgiving shopping sale day. My friend Marie and her daughter used to be lined up at the crack of dawn to score bargains before other early-bird shoppers could scoop up the good deals. The computer, Covid, and on-line shopping has taken its toll on the immediacy of shopping.

Now, with the popularity of Cyber Monday, which happens to start and end on any day of any week, the mad dash to scoop up the one-day sales has abated. In fact, on-line sales for Holiday shopping started when we were still enjoying seventy-degree weather and sales for bathing suits.

Thanksgiving has become sort of a demarkation for holiday decorating. The turkey carcass is still simmering in the crockpot as I cut holly greens for vases and pots on the deck to replace the frozen petunias and begonias. It is perfectly respectable to light those Christmas lights or search for the tree if you still use a live one.

It used to be the day my mom would write out her Christmas cards to her list of hundreds of friends and family. Now, most post a generic greeting on social media or send out a slew of photos and updates by a group email. After spending last Christmas in the hospital, I have vowed to have my gifts wrapped early and just plain enjoy this season.

We will spend part of December lolling on Bavaro Beach in Punta Cana. That is our pre-Christmas gift to each other. As we fly off leaving the cold and chaos of overspending and over-shopping, I vow to have my presents wrapped and labeled if they get here on time. Last year, I left a pile of gifts in my "Lady Loft", some wrapped, some labeled, some not as I lay immobilized with a fractured hip. It was a reverse treasure hunt, and I couldn't manage the stairs for a month to help sort things out.

We all get a little crazy this season. We need to pare down on the trappings and spending and somehow get to the reason we exchange gifts. All the celebrations of Chanukah, Kwanza, Festivus, and Christmas all have a common core of light, love, and hope.





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Public Welcome to Weigh in on Tentative SC Budget Hearings Set for December 6 and 8

Monticello, NY - Formal public hearings about the proposed 2023 Sullivan County Budget have been set for December 6 at 5 p.m. and December 8 at 11 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. Written comment is being accepted by Clerk of the Legislature AnnMarie Martin at annmarie.martin@sullivan-ny.us or 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

“As presented to the Legislature by County Manager Josh Potossek, the Tentative 2023 County Budget eliminates the Solid Waste Access Fee and aims to keep taxes level while not reducing services or laying off employees,” Legislature

Chairman Robert A. Doherty noted. “My colleagues and I may modify that proposal before we adopt the Budget in mid-December. In the meantime, residents and taxpayers are welcome to let us know what they think of the budget at these upcoming hearings, or via email to our Clerk.”

Legislators will discuss portions of the budget at a special meeting on November 29 at 9 a.m. in the Hearing Room and will likely continue such discussions at regular committee meetings on December 1 and 8. All these meetings are open to the public and will be video-recorded & made available at

<https://sullivancountyny.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

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Message from Mountainkeepers

This November, in the spirit of Native American Heritage Month, we're calling on Governor Hochul to honor and respect native nations by signing the Unmarked Burial Site Protection Act into law.

Burial sites are sacred places; they hold beloved and revered ancestors' remains, as well as culturally significant funerary items. They're located throughout New York State, wherever Native peoples gathered together, and many are unmarked, leaving them vulnerable to developers' backhoes, looting, and desecration. Until Governor Hochul signs this bill, the graves remain unprotected.

This issue lies at the core of what drives Mountainkeeper to fight every day: upholding justice, while addressing the climate crisis. New York State needs to build out large-scale wind and solar infrastructure to speed our transition to a healthy and sustainable renewable energy future. But unless we establish a strong, respectful process for protecting vulnerable burial sites, developing this infrastructure will unearth unmarked graves and perpetuate cultural injustice. We must act, and we need your help.

New York is one of only four states in the U.S. without protections for unmarked burial sites; under existing statute, human remains found on private lands are vulnerable to desecration and/or destruction. This is completely unacceptable; it's immoral and allows for injustices against our Native American friends and neighbors to continue, with impunity.

<https://mountainkeeper.good.do/protectsacredburialsites/Sacredsites/>

Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State. In 2021, 282 Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators across the state responded to 26,207 calls and worked on cases that resulted in 11,562 tickets or arrests for violations ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and excessive emissions violations.

"DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers and Investigators are on the front lines each and every day protecting our natural resources by upholding New York's environmental laws and regulations and safeguarding public health," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "From ensuring hunters and anglers follow rules and regulations afield and on the water, to sustaining partnerships with local law enforcement agencies investigating crimes that include solid waste dumping and air emissions violations, ECOs and Investigators are on patrol, ready to serve their communities. Each year brings new challenges, and fortunately, these Officers and Investigators are expertly trained to perform their duties with persistence, integrity, and good judgment, as they've done for over a century."

Too Early - Ulster County



On Oct. 28, ECO Johnson responded to a residence in the town of Rochester after receiving reports of multiple deer taken with the aid of bait. The subject admitted to shooting the deer behind his property and claimed the large trough of corn and horse feed in his backyard was intended for birds. A photo of the deer on the hunter's phone indicated he shot the deer on Sept. 10, well before archery season. Officer Johnson issued multiple tickets to the hunter, including the take of big game out of season, hunting with the aid of bait, failure to tag deer, and failure to report deer harvest. All tickets are returnable to the Town of Rochester Court.

DEC Offers Half-Price 'Black Friday/Cyber Monday' Discount on Conservationist Magazine Subscriptions Sign Up Online to Receive Seven Issues for \$6

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced a special holiday offer that will allow people who love the environment and outdoors to obtain a one-year subscription to DEC's award-winning Conservationist Magazine. Through Dec. 31, subscribers will receive seven issues for \$6.

For more than 75 years, the Conservationist has been a timeless and inexpensive way for readers to connect to the natural world. People of all ages enjoy the magazine's breathtaking photo essays and informative articles about everything from bears, bats, and bird species to great sites for hiking, paddling, and exploring New York's world-class outdoor destinations. As part of their magazine subscription, subscribers also receive Conservationist for Kids - a pullout specifically designed for young readers - three times a year at no additional cost, as well as access to both print and digital versions of the magazine.

The magazine includes regular features such as "On Patrol," highlighting the important work DEC Forest Rangers and Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) do every day to protect the environment, rescue lost or injured people in the woods, and enforce New York's stringent environmental conservation laws. Other features, including "Briefly," "Back Trails" essays, and the popular "Letters" section, provide personal perspectives on outdoor observations and connections.

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Sullivan Catskills Begins to Light up the Season

Pies and leftovers aside, the holiday season officially kicked off Friday when Peace, Love & Lights at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts opened for the holiday season. Now, through January 1, pack up the kids and your friends for this enchanting 1.7-mile drive-thru holiday light show. It's better and brighter than ever before and features more lights and more ways to have fun, including the first-ever Gingerbread Build and Sip, the Holiday Hub, Santa Hat Sundays, Dinner with Santa, and so much more! The schedule and events vary, so do plan ahead. There is a lot more fun this holiday season including shopping, light shows, music and more to get you in the holiday spirit:

The Annual Dance of the Lights show begins Friday at 7 pm at Canal Towne Emporium in Wurtsboro and runs nightly through Christmas Eve.

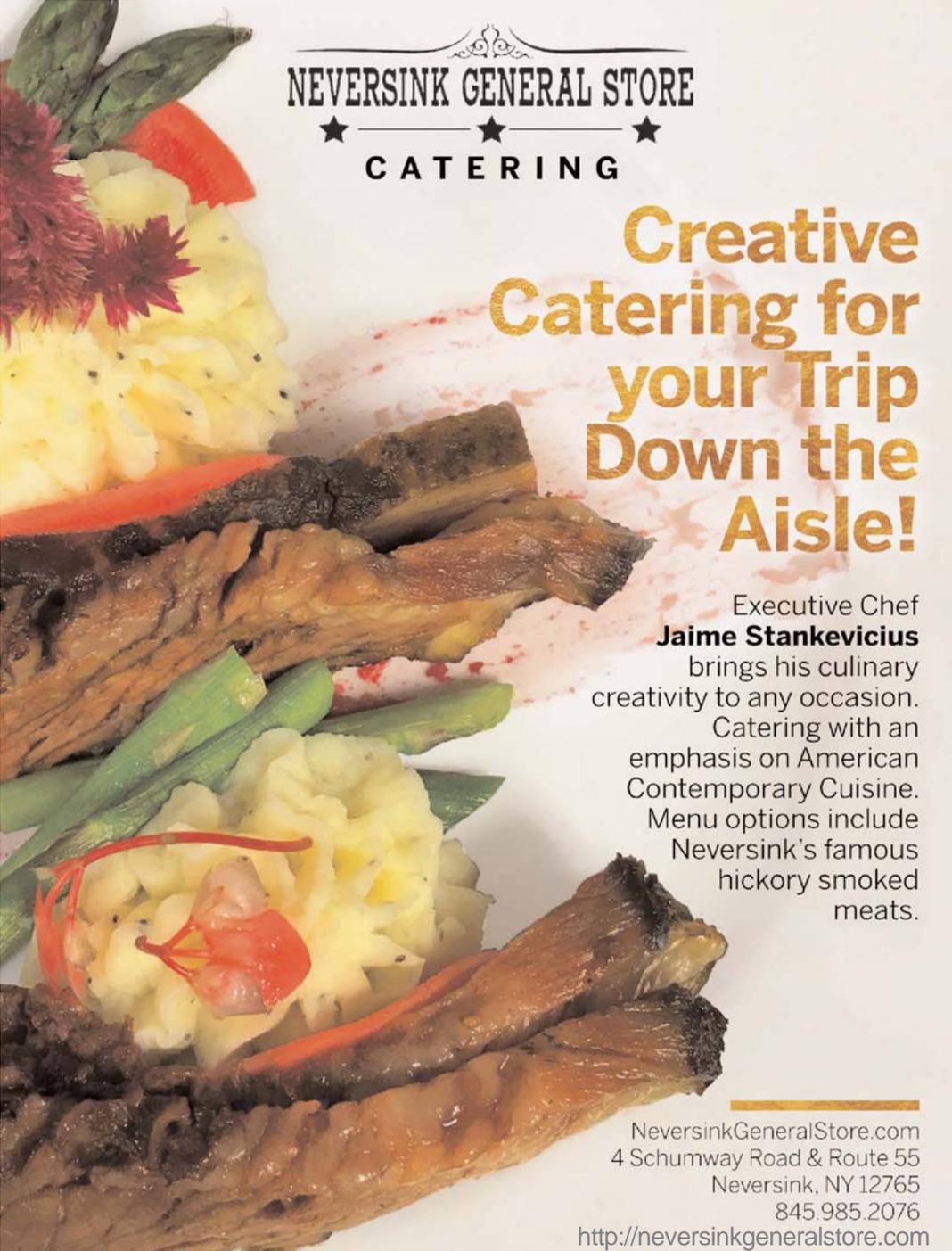
Saturdays with Santa photos and more... gets underway this week at Kartrite Indoor Resort and Waterpark and runs every Saturday through December 23. Proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Government Center in Monticello will host a series of Holiday Concerts in the Lobby on North Street beginning December 8 with the Livingston Manor High School Choir and Band.

Life is all about balance, right? So, if you're looking for ways to take care of your physical fitness, how about a hike? *Trailkeeper.org* is just the place to make your plans. The site features dozens of trails with directions, descriptions, and intensity levels of each hike. Now, while you'll have to drive this trail, the stunning beauty of the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail- our tribute to the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair- will set your heart a flutter. There are 60 colorful hand-painted dove sculptures perched across the county. Have some laughs, share some stories as your traverse the countryside, and check them off the list. Remember to take a selfie, post it on our social channels and tag us: @sullivancatskills. Another trail worthy of a visit is the Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail- which features more than a dozen breweries, wineries, cideries, and distilleries. Our local proprietors and makers have the perfect hand-crafted holiday gifts. Come shop local and support community growth. After all that fun and shopping worry not - Catskill-icious chefs and bakers know just how to refuel you for breakfast, lunch, dinner or snack time.

Plan Ahead

- o It's a Holiday Tribute to Motown at Villa Roma on December 1 from 10 am - 6 pm.
- o The beloved Holiday Makers Market by the Farmhouse Project runs December 3 & 4 from 9 am - 4 pm at The Arnold House in Livingston Manor, featuring artisans from studios and workshops throughout the region.
- o Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is hosting a Holiday Cabaret Karaoke on December 3 at Forage and Gather in Mountandale from 7-9 pm.
- o Crystal Connection in Wurtsboro holds its second annual Holiday Light Show on December 3 at 6:50 pm.
- o Hurleyville General Store hosts a Tribute to Jean Shepherd's A Christmas Story on December 3 starting at 11 am.
- o Burn Brae Mansion is the site for the Kris Kringkill: Murder Mystery Dinner - Saturday, December 3 at 6 pm. Then on December 4, it's *Ghosts of Christmas Past* at 2 pm.
- o The Bradstan Cabaret Series features Karen Mason's The Christmas Show on December 11 at 8 pm.



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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

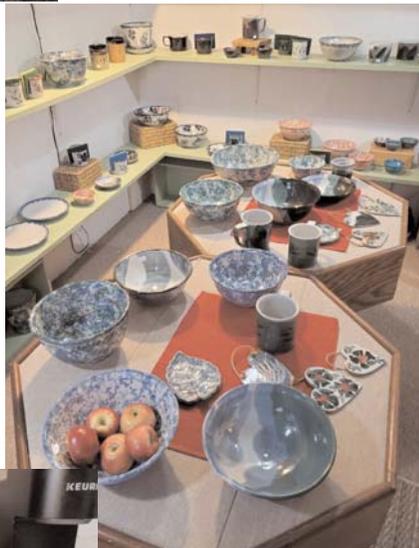
I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I actually did some 'thanking' for what I have, including my dear friends that stand in for the family that are all so far away. And it's funny but when I think like this, it's like my brain takes over and just continues.

I've been making my own bread, sans bread machine, for months. Whether it be the traditional kneaded yeast bread that I make when I have time or the no knead 'peasant' bread that's a decent stand in, there's nothing quite like how it makes the whole



apartment smell. But lately, I've been cursed with peasant bread that's not rising. The yeast is fresh, but it's a little cooler in here than usual this season. I even tried 'in the oven with a bowl of water. Still flat. Then one day, at the NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE, I saw a small bowl and a lightbulb went off. Ceramics hold heat! On Saturday I took an adventurous trip (thanks to getting lost thanks to my GPS) to CHRIS PARROW'S studio in Napanoch/Grahamsville where

she is holding her annual Holiday show. I had this on my schedule regardless, but it was ANNE-MARIE from CLARYVILLE POTTERY that clued me in to the bowl I had admired was Chris' work. I wanted a bowl that was larger to hold the dough and I found it! The coloring is almost a plaid with the most beautiful cobalt (one of my favorite colors) and



seemed to be just the right size. Thank you Chris for having this tucked away! As you can see, it is exactly right, perfect in fact, and the dough has only been rising for half the time recommend-

ed! I do believe that this bowl was waiting for me to find it. Aside from my 'find', this show is wonderful...a marvelous array of unique and practical items. And the colors!! She and her work will be at the Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday at the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



in Grahamsville from 10-3 so you can see for yourself.

The one thing I hear a lot about buying from artists is the price. But is it really? In this climate of political polarization, this should be a unifier. You know exactly where it came from, all made right here in the United States, and handmade items last longer because they are treasured. I love my beautiful butter dish from CLARYVILLE POTTERY that became part of my household last year and now my beautiful bowl. The new Instant Pot I'll leave 'til next time.

There's another type of artistry that I'm just champing at the bit to be part of and that is the Pilates classes at THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE on Wednesdays and Sundays. All these proce-



dures over the summer have taught me one thing, I'm not in the 'good shape' I thought I was. Pilates isn't exactly an 'exercise' class as what it does is strengthen your torso (which includes the back) and increases your flexibility and balance. I can hear you thinking the way I did. It took two people, one man one woman that I respect, not just telling me what Pilates did for them but showing me in public! A squat that the man had never in life been able to do and bal-



ancing on one foot without wobbling that the woman had never been able to do. This is inspiring to me. I don't know if these were goals they set for themselves, but I know I have set one for me. (Contd. Pg. 12)

The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11)

There can't be anything funnier than watching me get up off the floor. That's my goal, to lessen the humor. It's also the sign of a good instructor, AUDRA LANG of HAPPY BODY. Come join me!



Join the Neversink General Store community for Pilates Mat Classes, taught by Audra Lang.

Sundays @ 10AM

Wednesdays @ 5PM

Details:

- Drop-in, no RSVP required.
- Mats and props are provided (students may bring their own if they prefer).
- All classes are 50 minutes long.
- \$15 per class. Payable via cash or Venmo.

Saturday, December 3rd is an Arts and Crafts Show at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville from 10am to 3. The church is adjacent to the LIBRARY and the TIME AND VALLEYS MUSEUM. This is an important show as it is a fundraiser for the Church itself which has been hard hit during the CoVid years. Stop by with your Christmas list and I'll bet you'll be able to cross several things off while supporting a good cause. The gift shop at the TIME AND VALLEYS MUSEUM will also be open for your additional shopping pleasure.

What's coming up:

Wednesday, Dec 1st: Open Mic at CABERNET FRANK'S hosted by CASWYN MOON; 7pm

Saturday, Dec 3rd: Arts and Craft Fair at the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Grahamsville; 10am to 3pm

Saturday, Dec 3rd: SARA HULSE and JASON MOWER are back at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville; 7pm

Saturday Dec 3rd: SHWIZZ and UNCLE STUMP are at a new venue DELAWARE VALLEY OPERA in Lake Huntington (6692 Route 52). If you like Reggae, you'll love this lineup (I've seen both!!)! Tickets available through www.theticketingco.com.

Sunday, Dec 4: MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT Open Mic hosted by DAVID ROSENBERG, DEFILIPIS in Montecello

Monday, Dec 5: Open Mic at THE CATSKILL BREWERY in Livingston Manor; 5pm



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Happenings in our Gneighborhood

-Gnorman the Roamin' Catskill Gnome

The holidays are here. That means Gnorma and I are heading back to the North Pole to help Mr andf Mrs 'C' get ready for the Big Night - December 24th!

We wish you all the Best for the Holidays and will be back next spring.

-Gnorman the Gnome

Back by popular demand...

Latkes and Applesauce

at the Daniel Pierce Library ❄️

Students Grades 1-6
Thursday, December 15, 2022
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Snow Date: Friday, December 16th

How do you feel about potato latkes?

We like them a-latke!

Come in from the cold for some holiday cheer, stories, crafts, music, games, and LOL (Lots of Latkes)!

Learn about the Festival of Lights - Hanukkah, a joyous holiday.

Participants will take home the secret recipe!



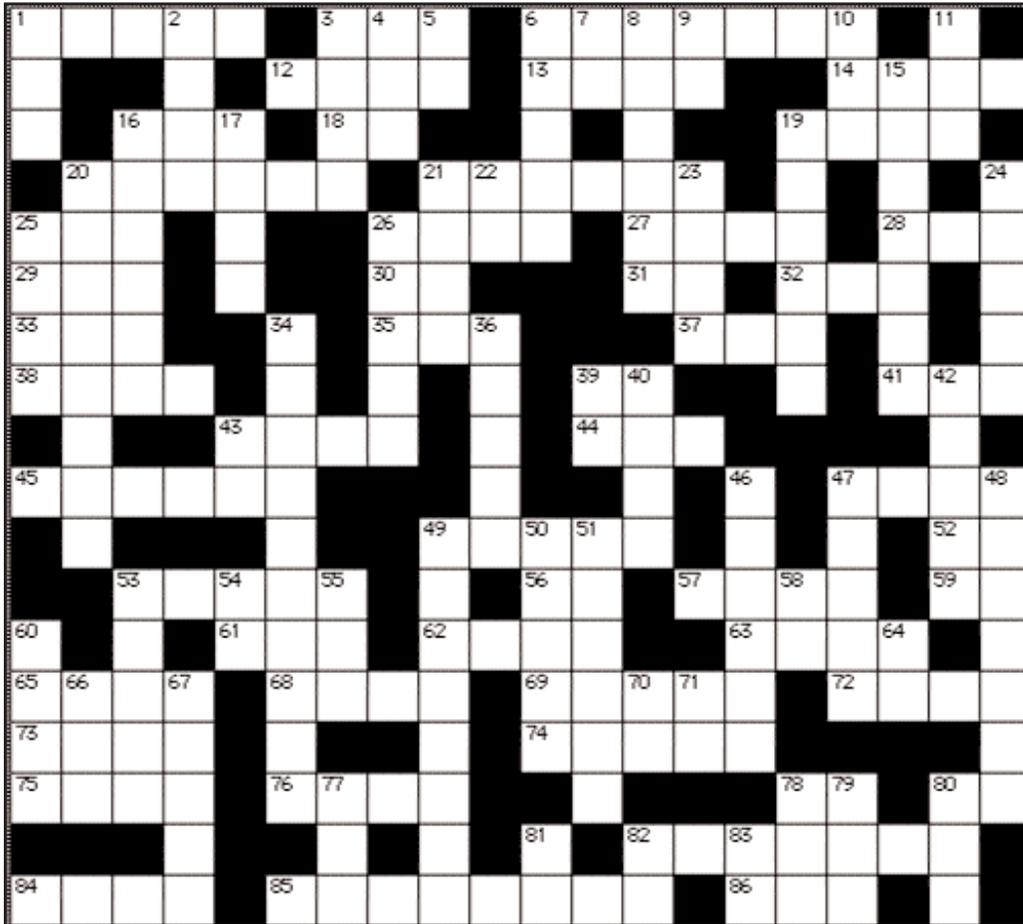
If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than Monday, December 12th.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.

Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

To register go to: <https://danielpiercelibrary.org/latkes-and-applesauce/>

Sing a Song of the Season - L. Comando



- folk song usually associated with Christmas
- 54 Exclamation of surprise
- 55 Environmental Protection Agency
- 58 Egyptian sun god
- 60 Voucher
- 64 Informal greeting
- 66 Without any fuss
- 67 Famous U.S. fashion designer
- 70 Indo-European
- 71 North Dakota
- 77 Irish Republican Army
- 78 Hair of certain animals
- 79 Vestment
- 80 Plural present of be
- 81 Alternating current
- 82 Southeast
- 83 Commanding Officer

TRADITIONAL
SPRITZ COOKIES

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and white sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg.

Stir in the vanilla. Combine the flour and salt; stir into the sugar mixture.

Cover dough, and chill for at least one hour. Chill cookie sheets. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Press dough out onto ungreased, chilled cookie sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until lightly golden at the edges. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Cheerful</p> <p>3 Night before an event</p> <p>6 Old World bird</p> <p>12 Kiln</p> <p>13 Ebb and flow</p> <p>14 Mythical Scandinavia n god</p> <p>16 Congress Industrial Organization</p> <p>18 Extraterrestrial</p> <p>19 Cut with small quick strokes</p> <p>20 A trough for cattle to eat from</p> <p>21 Moved rhythmically to music</p> <p>25 What was sent on the third day of Christmas</p> <p>26 Vocal music</p> <p>27 Christmas as a</p> | <p>refrain in carols</p> <p>28 Paraphernalia</p> <p>29 Contribute to something</p> <p>30 Sound of Santa</p> <p>31 Used to express motion</p> <p>32 Female sheep</p> <p>33 Non-existent</p> <p>35 An upper limb</p> <p>37 Second day of the week</p> <p>38 Brave act</p> <p>39 Referring to myself</p> <p>41 Plant fluid</p> <p>43 "A Christmas Story" cure for using curse words</p> <p>44 Sick</p> <p>45 Inactive farmland</p> <p>47 Slant</p> | <p>49 Corn salad</p> <p>52 Roman Catholic</p> <p>53 Job</p> <p>56 Language engineering</p> <p>57 Person admired for their courage</p> <p>59 Used before a man's surname</p> <p>61 Fruit of a rose</p> <p>62 Cherished</p> <p>63 Used to refer to everyone of two or more</p> <p>65 Poetic form of listen</p> <p>68 Young deer</p> <p>69 Person acknowledged as holy</p> <p>72 Kilogram</p> | <p>73 Icon</p> <p>74 Vehicles with runners that travel on snow</p> <p>75 Decorative painting</p> <p>76 Make musical sounds with a voice</p> <p>78 __, la, la, la, la, la, la</p> <p>80 At the age of</p> <p>82 Not sacred</p> <p>84 Song pf celebration</p> <p>85 Hymn or chant</p> <p>86 Globe</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Adult human males</p> <p>2 Condensed moisture from the atmosphere</p> <p>3 At all times</p> <p>4 Animal doctor</p> <p>5 Printer's measure</p> | <p>6 Wound</p> <p>7 Private Investigator</p> <p>8 Arrival of a notable event</p> <p>9 Regarding</p> <p>10 Victor</p> <p>11 Pointed end of an object</p> <p>15 Author of <i>A Christmas Carol</i></p> <p>16 Wax cylinder with a wick</p> <p>17 Troll sound</p> <p>19 Without</p> <p>20 Relating to the Middle Ages</p> <p>21 Portal</p> <p>22 Indefinite article</p> <p>23 Terrible fate</p> <p>24 Emboss</p> <p>25 End of the arm including the palm</p> <p>26 Keen</p> <p>34 Deep bank of snow</p> <p>36 The night before</p> | <p>Christmas she was in her kerchief</p> <p>39 Third note of the major scale</p> <p>40 River in Central Europe that runs through Germany</p> <p>42 Siren</p> <p>43 To such a great extent</p> <p>46 Sugary pleasant tasty delights</p> <p>47 Large solid piece of hard material</p> <p>48 Miserly Dicken's character</p> <p>49 Twelve o'clock at night</p> <p>50 Social division</p> <p>51 Official messenger bringing news</p> <p>53 Religious</p> |
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Kids' Holiday Fun Page

- L. Comando

Cryptogram

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Can you find at least 10 differences between the 2 pictures?



Can you help Jayce through the maze so he can join the other carolers?
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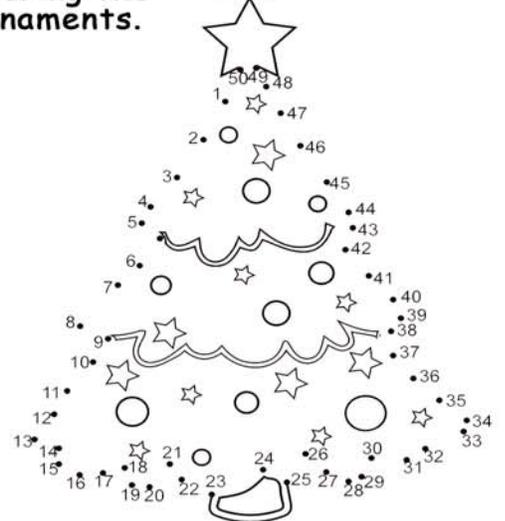
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fair to be seen. Love and joy come to you, and to
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Follow the dots then help decorate the tree by coloring the ornaments.



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FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL



FROST VALLEY YMCA COMMUNITY EVENTS



DEC 9, 2022 • 5:00 – 8:00PM Annual FREE Community Holiday Dinner

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Shuttle Service:

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Neversink Bus Garage – 4:30 pm / 8:45 pm

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While this is a **FREE** event, reservations are required as space is limited. Phone numbers and email addresses will be required in case of rescheduling.

To Register:

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What to Bring:

Please send the following items with your child: bagged lunch, snow clothes, extra warm clothes, water bottle, sturdy laced shoes and snow boots, hats and gloves.

Times/Transportation*

Personal Vehicle Drop-Off/Pick Up:
8:30-9 am / 4:30-5 pm

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Neversink Bus Garage – 8:15 am / 5:15 pm
Claryville Church – 8:45 am / 4:45 pm

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Rates:

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GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S OP-ED IN THE *NEW YORK* *DAILY NEWS*: THE CHIEF JUDGE NEW YORK DESERVES

New York Daily News published an op-ed by Governor Kathy Hochul on the selection process for the next chief judge on the Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state. Text of the op-ed is available below and can be viewed online here.

New York will soon have a new chief judge on the Court of Appeals, the highest court in our state. The statutory selection process starts with the state Commission on Judicial Nomination, with the majority of members appointed before my tenure as governor. As required by law, they will send me a list of seven candidates from among dozens of applicants, from which I must select the top jurist for our state.

I will work hard over the next month to identify the most qualified and capable person for this role from that list and will then send my nomination to the state Senate for its approval.

Our Court of Appeals, New York's court of last resort, has always been a crown jewel of justice. Going back to Chief Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo's tenure as chief judge in the early 1900s, and even earlier, the court was renowned for its persuasive and thoughtful decisions - on issues ranging from protecting consumers, to advancing civil rights and the right to effective counsel.

Against the backdrop of this proud tradition, I am looking to select a chief judge to lead the court in a time of both great challenges and opportunities.

First, we need a leader who, through intelligence and conviction, can unite the existing court so that it speaks in a strong and respected voice.

The U.S. Supreme Court has spoken - with decisions such as *Dobbs vs. Jackson*, taking away a woman's right to choose, and *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association vs. Bruen*, tossing a century-old law protecting New Yorkers from the proliferation of guns. We are now relying on our state courts more than ever to protect our rights. We need our courts to stand against this Supreme Court's rapid retreat from precedent and continue our march toward progress.

Second, we need a leader who can effectively manage the diverse and complex courts across the state. We have family courts, criminal courts, commercial courts, civil courts, housing courts, mental health courts, domestic violence courts and other community, trial and appellate courts. Because of the determination that jurors needed to be six feet apart during COVID, criminal cases slowed to a crawl. The pandemic took a major toll on the operations of the courts and our new chief judge must work aggressively to return court activity, especially criminal proceedings, to pre-pandemic levels to protect public safety.

When I became governor in August 2021, I made it clear that keeping New Yorkers safe would be my top priority. From March 2020 through the summer of 2021, there were virtually no criminal trials. This created a huge backlog in the court system, one we are still grappling with today, and it coincided with a serious increase in crime. I worked right away to provide the court system with guidance on social distancing that helped revive jury trials.

But there is more work to do. At the start of the pandemic, Rikers Island held 883 pretrial defendants with 1,191 cases. Now, Rikers has 1,418 pretrial defendants who have cases that are more than a year old. The number of misdemeanor and felony cases pending in our courts increased 55% and 17% respectively since the start of the pandemic, based on data from the Office of Court Administration. The median case age for the primary cases for people held on Rikers has tripled in length and the average number of adjournments for criminal cases has quadrupled. This has all added up to more than double trouble for New York City and State - and to a major challenge for our next chief judge.

In sum, we need a leader who will serve as a partner to me and to my colleagues in the Legislature so that the three branches of government can work together to serve and protect New Yorkers rights and safety, to bring reforms and modernization to the courts and to ensure that justice is done. We know that justice delayed is justice denied - and not just for litigants and criminal defendants, but for victims of crime and others who depend on a functioning justice system.

You may not realize it, but this will matter for all New Yorkers. The court rules on a tremendous range of issues - from housing protections to business disputes to medical malpractice to voting rights. You may not know it now, but you may well feel the impact of a decision from this very court.

This is a tall order for our next chief judge. I am committed to selecting the best candidate to meet these challenges and send a clear message that New York courts are open for business, protecting individual rights, ensuring the rule of law, and partnering with other branches of government to provide a safe and prosperous future for our state.

Tri-Valley Central School District School Board

The Board has scheduled a Board Policy
Committee Meeting for
Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 5:30 p.m.,
Conference Room 50.

1) Regular Meeting #9 -
Thursday, December 8, 2022
Meeting Opening Call to Order -
6:00 p.m.

Secondary School Library
Lower Level

Anticipated Proposed
Executive Session - 6:00 p.m.
Secondary School Library
Upper Level

Meeting Resumes - 7:00 p.m.
Secondary School Library
Lower Level

2) Regular Meeting #10 -
Thursday, January 5, 2023
Meeting Opening
Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.
Secondary School Library
Lower Level

Board Meetings are conducted/streamed
and recorded on

YouTube Live -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>



Gotsch

Christmas Tree Farm

Blue and White Spruce

Cut-Your-Own Tree: \$40 any tree

Fresh Pre-Cut Tree: \$40 any tree

Open: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Weekends Listed Below)

November 25, 26, & 27

December 3 & 4

December 10 & 11

December 17 & 18

Closed Christmas Eve

Weekdays by Appointment Only

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86 Knight Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740

Phone: 845-985-7902



SANTA & Mrs. Claus are coming to town!!!

*Come help Santa light our Community Tree on
Sunday, Dec 4 @ 5 pm at Bicentennial Park (across from Town Hall)*



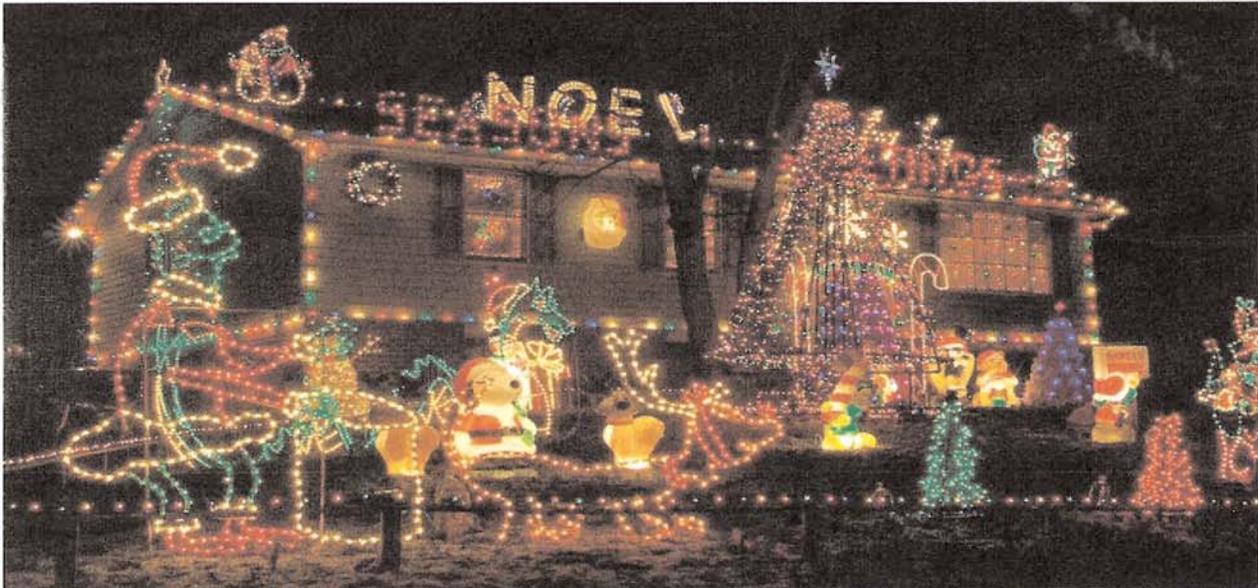
*Sing along with our Tri-Valley School Band as they play some of our
favorite carols.*

*Enjoy Hotdogs & hamburgers, cocoa & hot cider, popcorn, cookies &
roasted marshmallows as you wait for Santa & Mrs. Claus to arrive
escorted by our Tri-Valley Cheerleaders, EMT's & Fire Departments*



*Help with our newest Town of Neversink Tradition! Bring an
ornament (or more) to hang on the tree. Make sure its
weatherproof AND it has your name(s) and year. We will continue
to put these ornaments on the tree for years to come!
SEE YOU AND SANTA on DECEMBER 4TH @ 5PM*

ENTER OUR 2022 HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



ENTER YOUR DECORATING MASTERPIECE IN THE 2022 TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST!

ALL DECORATIONS QUALIFY---NO DECORATIONS ARE TOO LITTLE OR TOO MUCH!
 PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT OUR ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY ON DEC. 4TH TO 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE.

ENTRIES MUST BE TURNED INTO TOWN HALL NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 and JUDGING WILL HAPPEN ON THURSDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 1. (not Friday night as originally planned)

MAKE SURE YOUR LIGHTS ARE ON BY SUNSET!!!

We have some great prizes this year including 20 lbs hamburger from Thunder View Farms, gift certificates from the Russian Mule, Zanetti's Service Center, Harold Brown HVAC Services, just to name a few! So get your entries in for a chance to be this year's winners! All entries must be a Town of Neversink residence.



TOWN OF NEVERSINK
Parks and Recreation

Please submit your entry on this form to Parks & Rec dept. at Town Hall no later than **Wednesday, November 30.**

Address of entry: _____

Family: _____

Phone # _____

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper

5:30 pm

Dec. 3, 2022

Tables with Yard Sale items will be available during the supper

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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The Little Church with the Big Heart
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion
Music by Fred VanWagner

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For information contact:
The Reverend Diana Southwick Scheide
Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill
Episcopal Ministry
PO Box 296 Callicoon, NY
vicardcem@gmail.com
845-887-3201 • 717-870-7874 cell

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(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday
Mass at 8:30AM.

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday
December 3, 2022
10:00 to 3:00
in their
Fellowship Hall.



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches House Worship Plan

Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>

Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

Dial by your location
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the
Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

Pastor Kenneth Ronk
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor
Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

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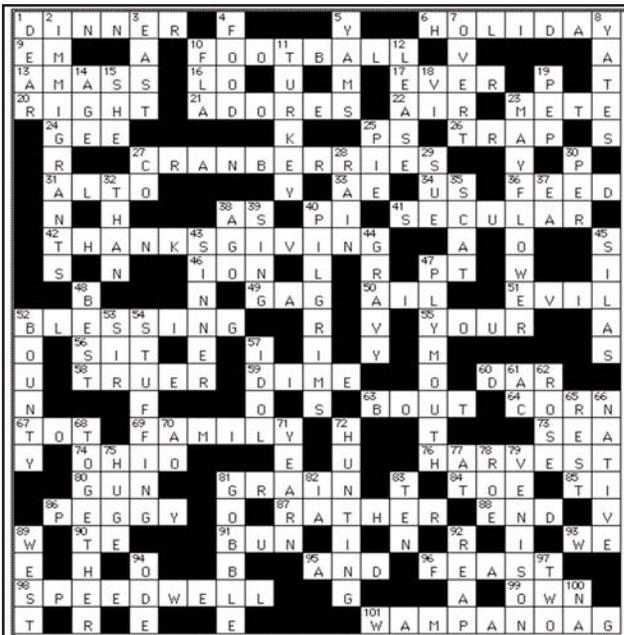
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St. Augustine's Chapel
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



**GRAHAMSVILLE
UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

We are no longer accepting donations for the Thrift Ministry as of November 1, 2022. Thanks to all for your generosity which has helped to make a successful season. We look forward to returning in the Spring of 2023.

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

**Sundown
United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall**

Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale

*(Covered Dish Suppers will be held the
First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)*

**Scouts Looking for
New Members, Leaders**

Did you know that the Boy Scouts of America now has scout troops for girls?

In Sullivan County, there is one girls' troop, Troop 95 in Liberty. The Troop is looking to add members and adult leaders.

Do you know a girl, age 11-17, who would like to learn traditional Scouting skills and values, like knots, camping, safety, first aid, hiking, maps and compasses, leadership, and honor? Scouting teaches core values and leadership. Its programs connect youth with nature as they learn skills and develop integrity, personal direction, and confidence.

And, it's fun!

The Troop meets Wednesdays in Liberty.

We are also looking for a female assistant scoutmaster.

Interested? Contact Moe Rubenzahl, 408-425-5060, moec@rubenzahl.com

Holiday Craft Fair

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall. Local artists and craftsman will be selling their jewelry, ceramics, pottery, and much more. Chili, soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available for take-out only. The church is located at 356 Main Street (Route 55) in Grahamsville. For more information call 845-985-7427 or 845-985-7222.

All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
answer

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7	6	1	4	9	2	8	3	5

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Call us at 845-985-0501
email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
or visit our Virtual Mail
<http://gnomehomeinc.com>

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12/3/22 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church Hall
 12/4/22 **Annual Tree Lighting - Neversink Bi-centennial Square** 4 pm - **Santa and Mrs. Claus will stop by!**
 12/6/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
 12/7/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 12/13/22 Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 12/14/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
 12/15/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 12/15/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly meeting 7:30 PM
 12/20/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Appeals Meeting 7:30 pm
 12/23/22 Town on Neversink HOLIDAY - **1/2 DAY CHRISTMAS**
 12/23/22 Town on Neversink HOLIDAY -**CHRISTMAS DAY**
 1/2/23 Town on Neversink HOLIDAY -**NEW YEARS DAY**

Save the Date!

February 4, 2023 **2nd Annual Town of Neversink Winterfest** (Blizzard date Feb. 11, 2023)-Watch for details.
 May 6, 2023 f **Tri-Valley Lions' Journey For Sight Walk** at 8:30 am at Grahamsville First Aid Squad Bldg and Fairgrounds. Call Lion Esta Jacob for more information at 845-866-1579.

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
 Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week of November 28 - December 2, 2022

Monday, November 28

- o **2:30 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee**, at 999 Flatbush Rd, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, the public may also attend via teleconference by dialing (845) 443-8880, Bridge: 123666

Tuesday, November 29

- o **5:30 PM - Caucus: Democrats**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Wednesday, November 30

- o **5:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee: Budget Amendments, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council**, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston, the public may also join via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571, By Phone (646) 558-8656

Thursday, December 1

- o **3:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Charter Revision Commission, in the Legislative Chambers**, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and by videoconferencing via Zoom, Meeting ID: 814 0238 2559, Passcode: 966611
- o **5:30 PM - Human Rights Commission**, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

Friday, December 2

- o No Meetings

Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman!*

Classified ads - \$5.00
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1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")- \$6.00 per week
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 - \$12.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week
 (3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week
 1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$40.00 per week
 1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$64.00 per week
 (6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week

Full Page - 8" x 10" -
 \$100.00 per week

Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 -
 \$100.00/week

•• Full Page Flyer for Local
 Municipalities
 and Organizations -
 one time fee- \$20.00
 (once the flyer is inserted we will
 publish it each week
 through the week of the event)
 As in the past, there is no fee for
 advertising for our local churches

Low Rates
 High Visibility!

Holiday Craft Fair



Saturday, December 3, 2022
10:00 - 3:00

United Methodist Church Hall

356 Main Street (Route 55), Grahamsville, NY

Pottery, Jewelry, Ceramics, Baked Goods and More!
Gifts Galore!

Chili, soup, sandwiches and dessert available for Take-Out!

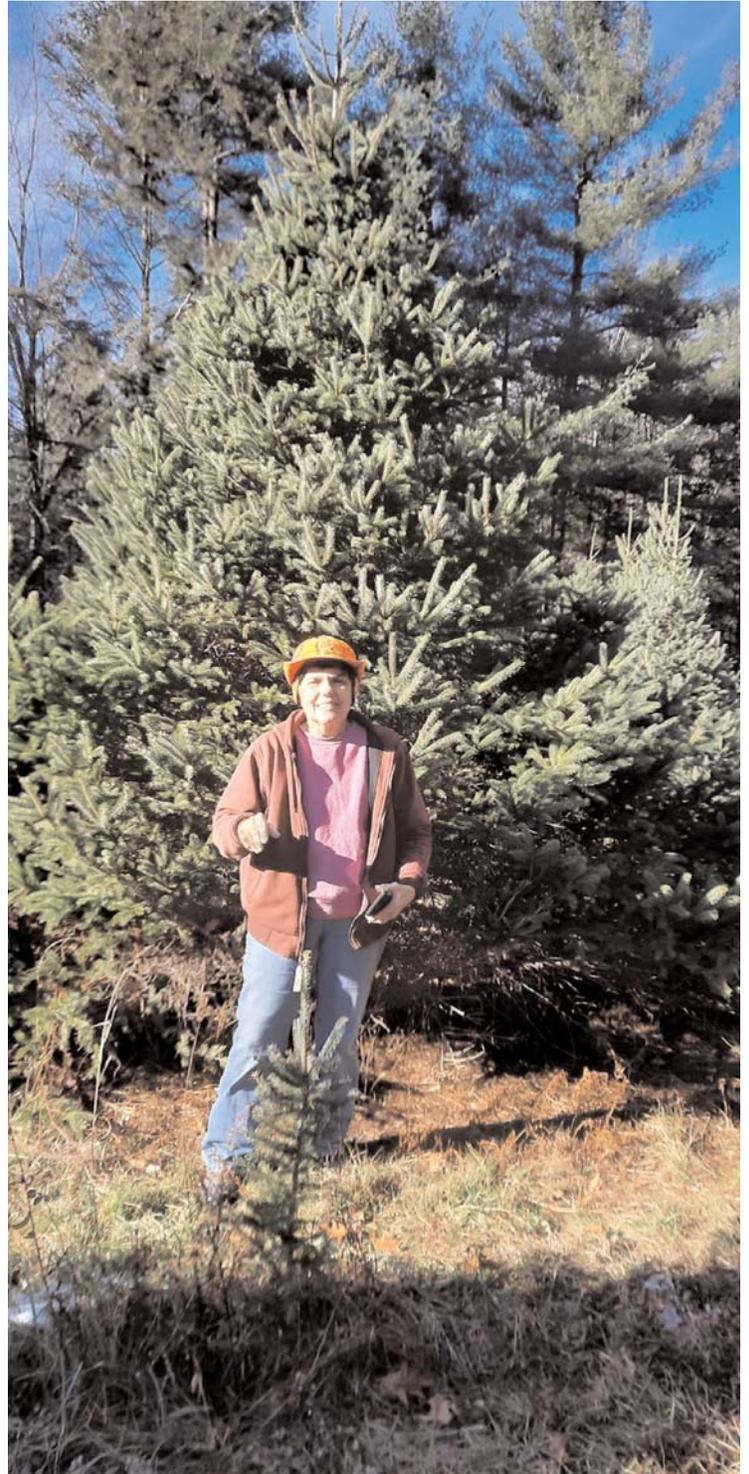
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

845-985-7427 or 845-985-7222

We Have the Biggest Tree!



Brent and Walt cutting down the tree



Cher, Town of Neversink Director of Parks and Recreation standing by the tallest tree they could find at the Gotsch Tree Farm in Grahamsville

A big thank you to The Gotsch Family who has once again provided the tree for the annual Town of Neversink Tree Lighting in Grahamsville that will be held on Sunday December 4th starting 5:00 p.m. at Bicentennial Park (across from Town Hall).

Join the fun and festivities and help the town ring in the holiday season!



Baby Drive!



We're collecting:

Diapers

Wipes

Formula

For local food pantries!

Nov. 10 - Dec. 10

Drop Off:

Students & Staff may drop off at TVCS

Also: United Methodist Church Pantry, Grahamsville

Saint Peter's Church, Liberty

Saint Mary Saint Andrews Church Pantry, Ellenville

HOSTED BY AARON EDWARDS

AND BRADY KNIGHT

FOR INFO: 845-866-1689

Monti Rotary November Meeting News

Albee Bockman, Founder and President of Mobilemedic was our guest speaker.



Albee represents the story of "local boy gives back to his community;" as he proceeded to describe his own experiences as a resident of Hurleyville, growing up in an apartment above his family's business, Bockman

Pharmacy; as a veteran of the United States Air Force and how, at the age of 40, he was inspired to change careers, this inspiration coming as a result of watching the TV program, "Emergency."

Enrolling in the Nyack School of Paramedicine, Albee became a NYS certified paramedic. He recognized the critical need for paramedical services in Sullivan County and proceeded to set up Mobilemedic in November, 1993.

With one ambulance to start, Mobilemedic soon grew into what it is today, some 74 employees, 14 ambulances (which were described as "mobile emergency rooms") servicing all of Sullivan County with "highly trained and qualified paramedical care." Albee explained the difference between "Basic EMT" and "paramedicine" emphasizing the essential importance of having both levels of service and exactly how paramedicine has evolved into an important profession.

Mobilemedic transports patients to medical facilities out of Sullivan County this in light of new changes that include the relinquishing of certain critical care services by Garnet Catskills in Harris to other facilities most notable Garnet Middletown.

The strain to keep up with the need for critical care paramedical services in Sullivan County was part of the decision considered when Albee made the decision to join with Empress, a major medical transport services corporation; a merger that has just been finalized the day of the Monticello Rotary Club Meeting. This important merger will expand the services that Mobilemedic provides (Albee made it crystal clear that the first priority is to provide these services to Sullivan County; this as a condition of the merger going forward).

The relationships that Mobilemedic has established with Hatzalah and the volunteer ambulance corps that provide essential services to many municipalities will be significantly strengthened as a result of the merger.

Albee indicated that EMS is NOT considered an essential service by New York State (eliciting a chorus of gasps); he further stated that the services that Mobilemedic provides are of zero cost to taxpayers."

As the specifics of the merger are publicized, the expanded services and more rapid response times will be shared.

An outstanding presentation providing critical information to all in the audience.

Sun Trail Storage

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Please call for availability first

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Formal Induction of our newest Rotarian, Brad Matican (henceforth referred to as "Young Brad") was followed by the introduction of Shayna Benskie who is one meeting away to be eligible to join our chapter. Local artist Josh Deitchman whose latest mural adorns the side of the Miss Monticello Diner, was introduced to our members



Annual Food Drive HUGE SUCCESS

WOW!!!! Thank you once again to the generosity of our entire community for making this our **BIGGEST FOOD DRIVE EVER!!!**



With your assistance, the Monticello Rotary Club collected a

total of 89 cases of non-perishable food items, 76 Turkeys, and 4 Hams. The estimated cost of all items collected amounts to well over \$10,945. Food insecurity is a major concern in our community, country, and world. Our collective efforts today will ensure, that anyone in need in our community has access to food.

According to Food Drive Co-Chair Lori Orestano-James, "We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity and support of this year's Food Drive. Anyone in need should contact United Way of Sullivan County or Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless directly."

Monticello Rotary President, Brad Rutledge would like to extend a special shoutout to Lori Orestano-James, Janet Kaplan, and Peter Chester for Co-Chairing this event. Also instrumental in the success of this event were members of the Fallsburg Central School District Interact Club and Advisor, Kathryn Grodin, as well as members of the Monticello Central School District Interact Club and Rotary Interact Liaison @Lynka Rivera who worked along side the Rotarians providing additional manpower (and womanpower) in today's efforts.

Thank you to Mayor George Nikolados, Village of Monticello, the Monticello Police Department, and the entire staff and crew from the Village of Monticello, New York for the use of the Ted Strobele Recreation Center. Also, thank you to Shoprite, Monticello N.Y. for informing folks of our efforts and encouraging them to participate. #ServiceAboveSelf Rotary International Rotary District 7210 Region 5 Rotary District 7210

Annual Fallsburg Central School District Thanksgiving Food Drive



On November 21, 2022, members of the FCSD Junior/Senior High School Student Government Association (SGA) met in the school cafeteria to distribute several boxes filled with non-perishable food items and frozen turkeys collected over the previous three weeks by the SGA in both buildings of the district. This annual event has been a long-standing tradition, only interrupted for two years during the Covid pandemic in 2019 and 2020.

As has been the case for the most recent food collection, pick up trucks were loaded to bring the bounty to Hurleyville's Bread for Life Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church and the Food Pantry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in South Fallsburg. These food pantries are always grateful and eagerly provide bags of Thanksgiving dinner items to dozens of families that they serve throughout the year.

Thanks go out to the school staff and families that support this wonderful program and provide the food and to the students that gather it, organize it, and get it to the families to enjoy. For the past several years, the SGA faculty advisors have been Ms. Elisa Baum in the JSJS and Mr. Peter Dworetzky in Benjamin Cosor Elementary School.

This holiday season, if you are shopping for items to help local food pantries, please don't forget the smallest among us! Two Tri-Valley Junior High School students are hosting a baby supply drive for local food pantries in advance of the holidays. From now until December 10th, the following items will be collected: disposable diapers, baby wipes and infant formula. Drop off points are: United Methodist Church Pantry in Grahamsville, Saint Peter's Church in Liberty, and Saint Mary Saint Andrews Church Pantry in Ellenville. For information, call 845-866-1689.

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Announcing Two Holiday Shows at The Tusten Theatre Cozy Catskills Holiday Revue!

WHAT: Cozy Catskills Holiday Revue featuring the Ladybug Barn Entertainers & Special Guests

WHEN: Saturday, December 17th at 6:00 pm (PG-13)
Sunday, December 18th at 1:00 pm (All-Ages)

Doors open 1 hour before showtime for holiday treats!

WHERE: Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St.

Narrowsburg, NY

\$25 advance / \$30 at door

(\$20/\$25 DVAA Members)

Kids 12 & under \$15 advance / \$20 at door

Mark your calendars; on December 17th & 18th, DVAA will deck the halls with a holiday music extravaganza. Join us for a celebration of lights, music, and laughter with a COZY CATSKILLS HOLIDAY REVUE, starring the Ladybug Land Entertainers.

SATURDAY evening, December 17th, 6 pm - 8 pm, the Tusten Theatre will be brimming with holiday cheer with a retro-style variety show that just might put us on Santa's NAUGHTY list. Cozy Catskills features outstanding performers and tunes from the classic holiday songbook. Sing along to your favorites with our special guest stars and cameos.

SUNDAY afternoon, December 18th, 1pm - 3 pm, DVAA welcomes the whole family to the Tusten! Hearts will grow three sizes as Cozy Catskills returns for a FAMILY Performance that's sure to be fun for all ages. Doors open one hour before the show for holiday refreshments.

ABOUT THE SHOW

Cozy Catskills Holiday Revue is hosted by Camellia & Odetta Hartman on vocals & violin, and features Evan Tyor on piano, Natasha Thweatt on accordion, Jamie Mohamdein on upright bass, Eric Burns on guitar, and Wyatt Bertz on drums. **SPECIAL GUESTS** (so far!)

We are thrilled to welcome our special guests, James Felice of The Felice Brothers, Nathaniel Udell on viola, and Jonathan Fox! More entertainers to be announced!

ABOUT LADYBUG LAND

Ladybug Land is a blooming artist collective based out of Cochection Center, NY. Led by sisters Camellia and Odetta Hartman, Ladybug Land hosts musicians, crafters, writers, dancers, and more in exploring modes of collaborative creation and performance. With colorful musical upbringings that spanned classical violin to bluegrass, punk, and soul, the Hartman Sisters aim to create opportunities to experiment with style and form by expanding and strengthening the community through art.

TICKETS & LOCATION

Performances take place at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY.

Tickets \$25 advance / \$30 at door (\$20/\$25 DVAA Members)

Kids 12 & under: \$15 advance / \$20 at door

Box office/concession opens one hour before showtime.

Tickets may be purchased by calling (845) 252-7576 or online at delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

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COVID Safety protocols apply to attending DVAA's events. For a complete list of current safety protocols and attendee requirements, visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/covid-safety-policy/.

SUPPORT

DVAA's programs are made possible thanks in part to the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency with support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature; the Sullivan County Legislature; the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund; the Fair Games Fund; the Heartland Embers Fund, our 2022 Business Sponsors; DVAA members; and individuals like you.

CONTACT:

Kacy Colson, Communications Manager

(845) 252-7576

communications@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org

Olive Free Library Holiday Craft Fair

The Olive Free Library will host its annual Holiday Craft Fair Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Olive Free Library's Holiday Craft Fair is the capstone of the library's programming year, featuring a robust gathering of local makers, a variety of raffle prizes, and dozens of homemade cookies for sale. Local artisans and craftspeople will be set up in the library's Community Room and lower floor to offer unique, handmade goods ranging from embellished denim and holiday ornaments to hand-knit and hand-crocheted scarves and original artwork and much, much more.

In a shopping season dominated by mass-produced goods made in far-away places, the library's Holiday Craft Fair is an oasis for, where the unique and handcrafted take center stage, and where shopping local helps support the work of artists and makers in the community of West Shokan, the Town of Olive and surrounding communities.

All proceeds from the craft fair, including cookie sales and raffle tickets, benefit the Olive Free Library's ability to provide programs and resources to the community it serves.

Olive Free Library Holiday Craft Fair: Saturday, December 10, 10am-4pm and Sunday, December 11, 11am-3pm.

For more information, please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email

Peace Love and Lights School Spirit Night at Bethel Woods

Sullivan County Schools walking for a good cause!

[LIBERTY] - Sullivan 180 is introducing School Spirit Night at Bethel Woods Peace, Love and Lights Walkthrough Monday on December 5th. Students, families, school staff and community members are encouraged to sport their school colors and walk the 2 mile trail together. Special invitation to all sports teams, clubs, student council, PTA/Os, youth groups and even school mascots! Groups will have an opportunity to be photographed.

Peace Love and Lights takes place 5pm-9pm; with the last entry at 7:30pm. Admission is \$10 per person; children 11 and under are free. Admission is also free for participants who bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the children's holiday gift program at the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. Walkthrough Mondays are every Monday from November 28 - December 26.

"Peace, Love, and Lights School Spirit Night is a wonderful opportunity for Sullivan County school communities to empower a healthier generation through example," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness at Sullivan 180. "Together, with our youth, we will support a great cause, walk for health and wellbeing, and strengthen comradery and school pride with family, friends, and our community. Join us on this special night as we show our school spirit and celebrate our favorite Sullivan County Schools."

Adam Larson, Livingston Manor High School Principal said "A terrific opportunity here in Sullivan County where the entire school community can share in the joy of the holidays in support of a tremendous cause!"

Sullivan 180 is challenging the community to have 600 walkers participate in Walkthrough Mondays at Peace, Love & Lights this year. If the goal is reached Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and Mullally Tractor Sales, along with other local businesses and organizations, will each donate \$600 to the Federation for the Homeless. To be a matching sponsor and be part of this worthwhile cause, contact Elise Yamen at 845.295.2680 or email eyamen@sullivan180.org.

The mission of Sullivan is to build a healthy community one degree at a time. Learn more at www.sullivan180.org

For details on Walk through Mondays visit:
<http://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events/peace-love-lights>

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Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association to Honor Outstanding Community Members and Businesses with 2022 Annual Awards

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) is proud to announce award winners for 2022 have been selected and will be honored at our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 7 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts at 5:30 p.m.

"These awards recognize outstanding individuals and businesses in the Sullivan Catskills," remarked SCVA President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood. "We are so honored that they are a part of our thriving community."

The STAR Award for Individual Achievement exhibits a person who is knowledgeable about the business they represent and the Sullivan Catskills in general, while instilling a personal touch to the visitors' experience.

Paul Carlucci is the Vice President and Co-Owner of Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center in Callicoon, NY. He has been a pillar of the Villa Roma and in the community for nearly 50 years. He started at the Villa Roma in the early 1970s in the bar department and has worked his way up to Vice President and Co-Owner of the resort. (Cobtd Pg 32)

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Carlucci also currently serves as the Vice Chair of the SCVA Board of Directors and has been a member of the board, and involved with the SCVA, for many years.

"It's been an amazing journey working with Paul over the last 20 years," said Adam Jacobson, Director of Sales & Marketing at the Villa Roma. "Due to Paul's leadership and dedication to the whole region, the Villa Roma Resort has survived multiple economic downturns, fires and floods, the pandemic, and various other plagues that have come our way. Paul has not only made a difference in the community and with our staff, but with all guests that have entered the Villa Roma."

The STAR Award for Business Achievement recognizes a business that exhibits how their business has affected the image of the Sullivan Catskills to the traveling public and enhanced the visitors' experience.

The Eldred Preserve project was brought to life by local resident and entrepreneur Dan Silna and his wife, Joan. The wholly unique concept weaves the very best of three Sullivan County legacy brands - The Eldred Preserve, The Bradstan Country Hotel, and The Homestead Restaurant - together to create a completely new hospitality experience.

"The intent from the very beginning of the reimagined Eldred Preserve/Bradstan Boutique Hotel/Homestead project was to add to the fabric of the Sullivan Catskills in a positive way," remarked the Silnas. "We worked hard to create a space that everyone would appreciate and enjoy. This recognition is so very much appreciated, and we are honored. We continually strive to live up to the expectations of our community."

The TOAST Award for Exceptional Service honors an employee who gives the extra effort to customers enhancing the customer's experience. They exhibit good leadership skills and knowledge about the Sullivan Catskills.

Jheneel Burkley is the Front Office Manager at The Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark. Burkley consistently goes out of her way to provide customer satisfaction to all guests who she interacts with and exemplifies extraordinary leadership skills.

"The Kartrite experience is made whole by team members like Jheneel who truly emulate what it really means to be in the hospitality industry," said Kim Uczkowski, General Manager for The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark. "These efforts never go unnoticed - from the countless positive reviews we regularly receive that mention Jheneel by name to the positive energy she spreads in person, we cherish having her on our team."

New this year the SCVA is adding the Emerging Business Award, which will go to Dara Manzi, owner of Upstate D Tours. Manzi was born and raised in Sullivan County and started her business this year, bringing a concierge transportation service to the wider community.

"I love providing not just transportation but fun, safe and professional touring throughout our area," Manzi said. "It is a much needed service that will help build tourism in our community."

All award recipients will be honored at the SCVA annual meeting on Wednesday, December 7 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Bethel Woods.

For more information or to register for the Annual Meeting, call the SCVA office at 845-747-4449.

Sullivan BOCES Recognize Students of the Month

LIBERTY - Each month, students are chosen from the Alternative and Special Education programs at Sullivan BOCES to celebrate their accomplishments. As part of the recognition, their names are placed on a bulletin board in the main hallway of the Rubin Pollack Education Center for their classmates, teachers, and visitors to see. The students also attended a Principal's lunch to celebrate and honor their achievements. The following students were selected based on their academic achievements, character, attitude, respect for others, and attendance.

SEPTEMBER:

Elementary students

- Karissa Dinger (Monticello)
- Francis Ren (Eldred)
- Matilda Morecelo (Monticello)
- Judith Altman (Tri-Valley)
- Gerald Stanton (Sullivan West)
- Kameron Crawford (Fallsburg)
- Lucas Cox-Odell (Port Jervis)
- Maximus Scoyni (Monticello)
- Leah Talmadge (Monticello)
- Bailey Callender (Fallsburg)
- Messiah Liles (Monticello)
- Alexander Brown (Tri-Valley)
- Geovanni Carlew (Ellenville)

Secondary students

- Joshua Slater (Liberty)
- Devin Brady-Jones (Monticello)
- Arisbeth Padilla Leon (Monticello)
- John Taurino (Tri-Valley)
- Hailey Shaw (Roscoe)
- Shane Lopez (Tri-Valley)
- Vincenzo Huffman (Ellenville)
- Mathew Flores (Tri-Valley)
- Ricki Jones (Ellenville)
- Dakota Vaile (Fallsburg)
- Quincy Alexander (Monticello)
- Zak Jones (Ellenville)
- Robert Stubbs (Monticello)
- Riley Schreiber (Eldred)
- Emily Sherwood (Eldred)
- Jayden Quick (Monticello)
- Albert Brown (Tri-Valley)
- Emily Walter (Eldred)
- Ronald Finkel (Monticello)
- Serenity Diaz-Wilks (Monticello)
- Ju-Juan Drayton (Monticello)
- Mark Sanchez-Gomez (Liberty)
- Olivia Tagliamonti (Monticello)

OCTOBER:

Elementary students

- Jaden Rodriguez-Cortes (Fallsburg)
- Jahdel Arroyo (Monticello)
- Evelyn Goodin (Monticello)
- Abdiel Reyes-Dubon (Fallsburg)
- William Bryant (Sullivan West)
- Devon Tolbert (Livingston Manor)
- Paul Beluli (Try-Valley)
- Markus Metheny (Monticello) (Contd. Pg. 33)

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OCTOBER:

Elementary students

- Malik Bush (Fallsburg)
- Alanna Reyes (Roscoe)
- Trevor Donohue (Eldred)
- Levi Wright (Downsville)
- Ashan Anderson (Fallsburg)
- Kameron Crawford (Fallsburg)
- Justin Worden (Sullivan West)
- Judith Altman (Tri-Valley)

Secondary students

- Niel Patel (Fallsburg)
- Delya Alger (Roscoe)
- Zaniyah McKaney-Roberts (Livingston Manor)
- Paul Tsoucalas (Ellenville)
- Darius Duplessi (Monticello)
- Nicholas Di'Chiara (Liberty)
- Arisbeth Padilla-Leon (Monticello)
- Eric Simmons (Livingston Manor)
- Kami Simmons (Living)

undeserved financial pressure.

Nearly half of American adults struggle to afford health care costs, and more than 50,000 New Yorkers have been sued for medical debt over the past five years; this problem is most pervasive in Upstate New York. Previously, hospitals or health care providers had been able to impose and enforce liens on a patient's primary residence to satisfy a judgment in a medical debt lawsuit, leading to housing instability and devastating financial consequences for vulnerable New Yorkers.

State Senator Gustavo Rivera said, "New Yorkers should not fear losing their homes or livelihoods as a result of seeking medical care, especially during such challenging financial times. I want to thank Governor Hochul for signing my bill into law to protect New Yorkers from facing liens on their homes or wage garnishment by medical institutions in their effort to collect medical debt. We must work together to eradicate medical debt from our State and I am thrilled that we are taking this important first step."

Assemblymember Richard Gottfried said, "New Yorkers struggle with health care costs even when they have insurance. People seeking care end up with bills to cover ever-increasing out-of-pocket costs, including high deductibles, copays and the various fees insurance doesn't cover. People's homes and income should not be threatened to satisfy medical debt. I thank Governor Hochul for signing S.6522A/A.7363A into law to help protect patients from these egregious practices. This bill would not have been accomplished without the tenacious hard work and advocacy of Senator Rivera, other legislative colleagues and advocates, especially the Community Service Society."

Legislation (S.6522A/A.7363A) Protects Patients Facing Steep Medical Bills from Certain Penalties Against Their Wages or Property *Part of 2022 State of the State Goal to Protect New York's Consumers and Improve Financial Health*

Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation (S.6522A/A.7363A) to protect patients facing steep medical bills that can lead to wage garnishment or liens against their property.

"No one should face the threat of losing their home or falling into further debt after seeking medical care," Governor Hochul said. "I'm proud to sign legislation today that will end this harmful and predatory collection practice to help protect New Yorkers from these unfair penalties. With medical debt a burden for far too many, this is an important step to address this crucial issue."

Legislation (S.6522A/A.7363A) amends the civil practice law and rules to prohibit health care providers from placing home liens on an individual's primary residence or garnishing wages to collect on medical debt. Governor Hochul outlined her goals to protect New York's consumers and improve their financial health in her 2022 State of the State Address, which includes addressing medical debt and protecting consumers from abusive and punitive practices that lead to increased and

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Local United Methodist Churches Donate Winter Clothing to NYC Migrants

When NYC Mayor Adams declared a “State of Emergency” due to the unexpected busloads of migrants from Texas, that prompted the Grahamsville United Methodist Church to thinking about how we could provide aid. To us it seems incredible to leave home with only the items you can carry and travel hundreds of miles to escape invading soldiers or gangs. But we have seen that this is what the Ukrainians have been doing since February and Venezuelans since the lawless regime took power. The Grahamsville UM Church provided a mission to the churches in Harlem and Brooklyn that are housing migrants that have been bussed here and dropped off. Most of the migrants are dressed in t-shirts and shorts for the warm weather they live in and are not



prepared for our colder climate especially with winter approaching. Members of our local churches got together to help our sister churches in the city that are trying to care for them.

Congregants discussed how we could contribute warm clothing from the Grahamsville UM Church Thrift Mission to help clothe the migrants that arrived. Church members worked with the church disaster relief coordinator and others to work out the logistics of transporting while Thrift Building workers sorted warm clothing to be sent. We asked church members and friends to come on November 8th to fold, pack, label and move boxes from the 1st and 3rd floors of the Thrift Building to a staging area for pickup. Twenty people arrived and helped with all the different tasks of packing, labeling, and moving 75 boxes from the building in about 2 hours. The Hurleyville UM Church arranged for the children's clothing they had to be brought over in boxes as well. The Ellenville UM Church also had about 20 boxes to add to the mix. A couple Ellenville members transported all the boxes to the UM churches in the city. They picked up the boxes in Grahamsville and delivered the men's clothing to the First Spanish UM Church in the Bronx and the remainder to the Bay Ridge UM Church in Brooklyn.

From the Brooklyn receiving pastor we learned:

Bay Ridge UMC rents space from the (Lutheran) Church of the Good Shepherd here in Brooklyn. We've been renting for 14 years and will likely continue to do so for the foreseeable future (that's another story). In those 14 years we have closely collaborated with our Lutheran hosts in various ministries. When people seeking to immigrate began arriving in masse in NYC, coming

mainly from Florida and Texas, the church opened its doors as a respite for those who could not be processed and placed in shelters upon initial arrival in the city. A lot of good-hearted people volunteered, so we had people doing placements, legal aid, preparing food (three meals a day), teaching English language classes (that was my main task), and providing our guests with clean clothing and a safe, warm place to sleep.



That level of response, however, was unsustainable. Gradually we ended serving as an overnight respite for the asylum seekers (we didn't have the staff to ensure overnight supervision for the long term). Now we still provide placement assistance and help those seeking medical services. A few of our newly arrived neighbors work in the church, which continues to provide food and clothing to the community (not just the newly arriving). The church continues to work out a sustainable ministry to the migrant community, taking the lessons we've learned over the past 4-5 months and setting protocols, etc.

The truck driver said to see the joy and overwhelming appreciation on the faces of the church workers and migrants were such an uplifting feeling. Our thanks go to the Grahamsville, Hurleyville, and Ellenville communities for your donations to our Thrift Mission and all the workers that helped to ease the burden of displaced migrants. We have much to be thankful for and are especially blessed to be living in a generous community.



Career & Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES Recognizes Students of the Marking Period

LIBERTY: On November 17, 2022, thirty-nine Career & Technical Education students were honored for their work ethic demonstrated throughout the marking period. Each of the nominees was selected by his or her instructor using the following criteria was used in the selection process: Attendance, Character, Attitude and Respect.

"We are so proud of these students," said Jeffery Molusky, Executive Principal of the Career & Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES, "What each of the students has demonstrated throughout the marking period is a reflection of their dedication and drive to succeed."

The ceremony was attended by family members, students and staff.

For more information about the program offered through the Career & Tech Center, visit our website at www.scbores.org/CTE or like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

Allied Health
Olga Gonzales-Reyes (FCS)

Animal Science
Xaira Sennett (SW)
Steven Gil de Lamadrid (LCS)
Alexandra Cogswell (LCS)
Amelia Edwards (SW)

Auto Body
Samuel Olivares-Reyes (LCS)
Nicholas Thompson (TV)

Auto Tech
Daniel Omogba (MCS)
Robert Donnelly (SW)
Jacob Harrington (MCS)
Matthew Klein (TVCS)
Broadcasting/ Music Production
Selina Fritz (RCS)
Diego Gaona Quintanar (SW)

Construction
Junior Bonilla Ordonez (FCS)
Darren Watkins Tejada (MCS)

Cosmetology
Sara DePace (MCS)
Kerensa Howard (ECS)
Jade Baker (RCS)
Alexandra Barnes (TV)

Culinary Arts
Adrian Flores (MCS)
Kailan Odell Schreier (FCS)
Andrew Tejada (FCS)

Alexus Parisella (LCS)

Early Childhood
Stefany Sandoval (LCS)
Krysta Hallock (LM)

Health Occupations
Isabella Francisco (RCS)
Erin Lenihan (LM)
Jordanna Martinez (MCS)
Kaitlyn Lamantia (LCS)

Innovative Design
Lauren Kiefer (MCS)
Kylie Feeney (ECS)

Natural Resources
Robert Buck (RCS)
Nicolas Carroll (MCS)

New Vision Health
Matthew Chigbundu-Obiokoye (LCS)

Pre-Tech
Mathew Flores (TV)

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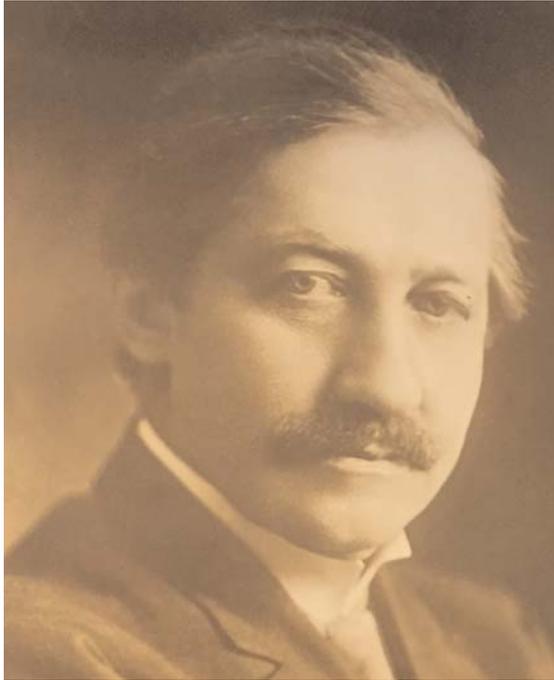
Music, Lunch and History at the Sullivan County Museum North Pole Expedition to Be Explored Dec. 9

Hurleyville, NY - The Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville is also home to the Frederick Cook Society, a non-profit organization that dates back to 1940. The Society's mission is to defend Hortonville native Dr. Cook's claim to the discovery of the North Pole.

On Friday afternoon, December 9, the Cook Society will present a talk about Dr. Cook's famous Belgica Expedition, along with a musical performance by Little Sparrow and special guest Van Manakas. Van is a world-class guitarist who has performed on 5 continents and in all 50 states.

What does Antarctic exploration and Americana music have in common? Well, it turns out that the men who went to Antarctica with Dr. Cook had banjos, accordions and mandolins on board the ship.

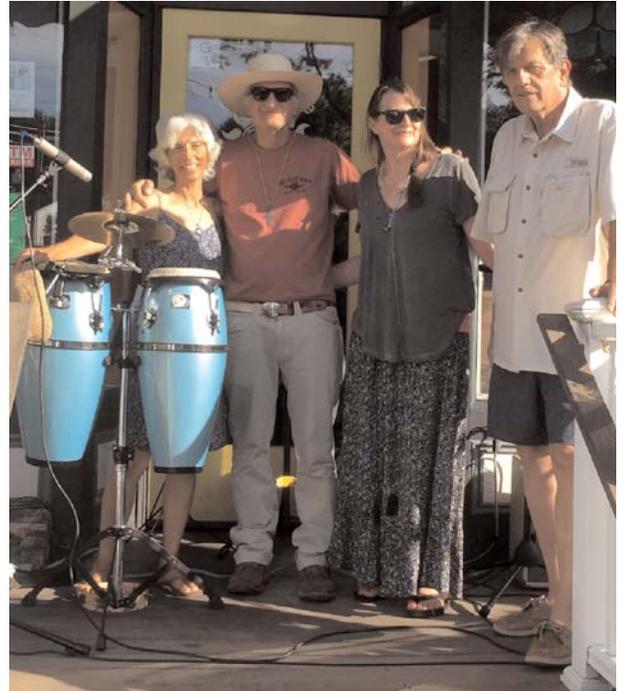
The concert and talk will be held from noon to 2 p.m., but doors open at 11 for lunch and a chance to peruse the ongoing exhibition of Dr. Cook's polar pho-



Dr. Frederick Cook

tography in the auditorium. There is a suggested donation of \$10, which includes pizza and a beverage.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For information, please call 845-434-8044.



Little Sparrow with Van Manakas (center)

Sullivan County Partners with Google to Introduce New 'Virtual Agent' *First Upstate County to Launch This Service*

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County has become the first such municipality in upstate New York to deploy Google's "chatbot" service, known as Dialogflow CX. Developed in collaboration with technology services provider SpringML and the County's Information Technology Services Division, the Sullivan County Virtual Agent debuted this month at www.sullivanny.us.

"We invested in this technology with the twin hopes that it will quickly lead web users to the information they seek and will reduce the time County staff spend on the phone answering basic questions," County Manager Joshua Potosek explains. "Preliminary results are promising, and we will continue to enthusiastically study usage of the Virtual Agent to see if expansion is warranted."

The Sullivan County Virtual Agent is an artificial intelligence-driven program designed to immediately and accurately answer questions from users on the County website. When users click on the chatbox logo in the lower right of their screen, the Virtual Agent will provide a list of clickable topics and a spot to type in questions.

"Whether someone asks a full question or just types in a keyword, the Virtual Agent will provide an appropriate response within a few seconds," Potosek says. "If it doesn't have the answer, it will still give a phone number to call, so that people are not left hanging."

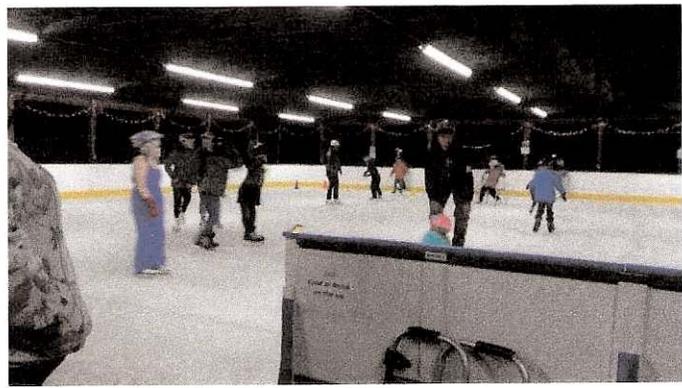
At present, the Virtual Agent only covers questions about the County Clerk's office (including the Department of Motor Vehicles) and the County Treasurer's office - two of the busiest public-facing offices in County government.

"We're intrigued by the potential this new service contains," notes County Clerk Russell Reeves. "My staff answers dozens of calls a day, and if the Virtual Agent can reduce that amount, our team can focus on answering the kind of questions that really need our attention - and everyone will be less frustrated, as a result."

"My office is always eager to make it easier for the public to interact with us and get the information they need when they need it," says County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "I look forward to adding the Virtual Agent to our team, and I encourage people to try it out!"

Since the Virtual Agent is a new technology for Sullivan County, staff will be evaluating its usefulness over the next few months. Crucial to that evaluation will be user feedback, and so the public is welcome to share comments, compliments and criticism with Director of Communications Dan Hust at dan.hust@sullivanny.us.

IT'S ALMOST "COMMUNITY ICE RINK" TIME



Our Community Ice Rink is scheduled to be open on Sunday, December 11. This year we will open with a "Ice Rink Warming" celebration to kick off the new season! (keep checking facebook for more info on this!)

BUT TO KEEP THE SEASON GOING WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Monitors are needed to man the ice rink during its open hours. If we don't have monitors we may not be able to open for all the sessions.

What's a monitor do? Well its simple---the monitor:

- ❖ opens the rink (unlocks the doors, turns on the lights & makes sure the ice is solid and skateable);
- ❖ Distributes & collects any of the equipment (skates, helmets, trainers);
- ❖ Closes the rink by cleaning the ice (and there is ALWAYS lots of skaters that like to help doing this, especially the kids!), making sure doors are locked, and turning off the lights;
- ❖ AND—the monitor also makes sure ALL rules of the rink are followed—

Our open days/hours last year were Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 7 pm-9 pm; Saturday from 1pm-3pm & 7 pm-9 pm and Sunday, 1 pm-4 pm. We cannot determine the hours for our 2022-23 season until we know we have enough volunteers to monitor the rink!

So your Community Ice Rink NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Help us keep the Community Ice Rink open and volunteer as a monitor.

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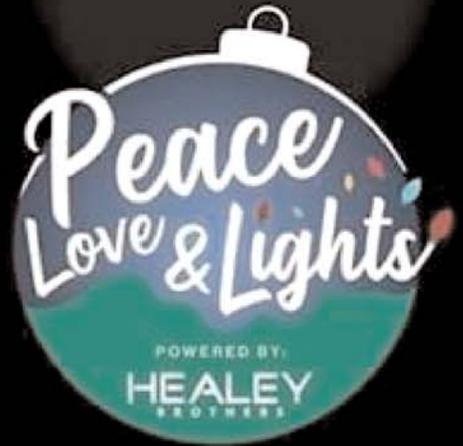
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- Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule)***
- Mamakating Town Hall - 2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule)***
- Tusten Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule)***
- Town of Liberty Senior Center - 119 N Main St. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)***
- Bloomingburg Town Hall - 13 North Rd. Bloomingburg, NY (rotating schedule)***

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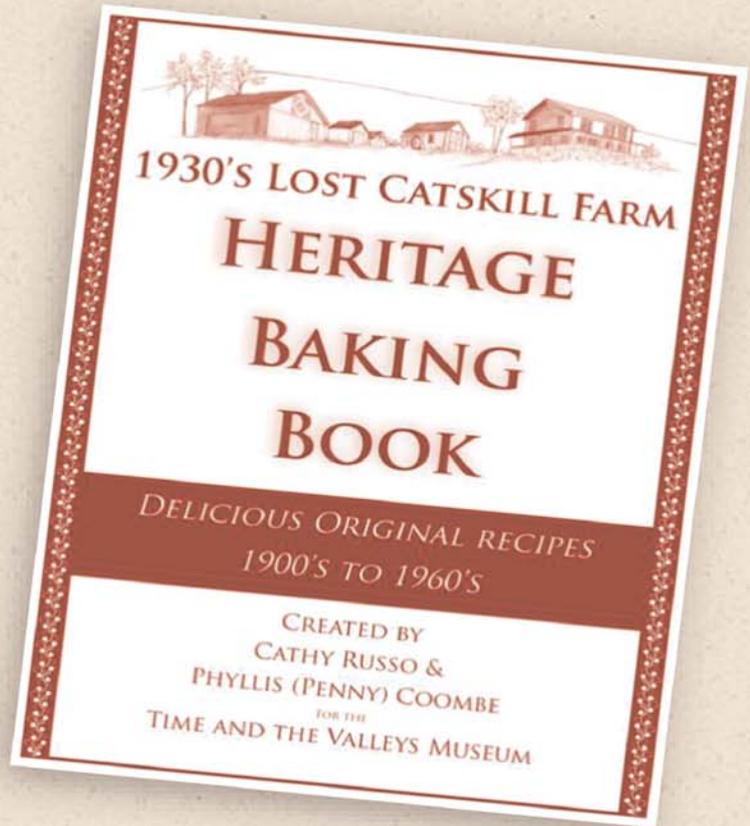
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Monticello Kiwanis Annual Bernie Shore/Rose Raimond Fundraising Dinner

at

Yanni's Café

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Dinner platter choices:

Hot Open Roast Beef, Grilled Chicken, Gyro Platter or Vegetarian Crepe

Included are choices of soup or salad as well as two side dishes and dessert.

Dinners can be socially distant “eat in” or
“take out” at the window by ordering ahead

Dinner available at a time of the ticket buyer's choosing

Tickets must be purchased in advance and
are valid currently until December 31, 2022

Tickets are \$25 each

Tickets are available by contacting a Monticello Kiwanis member
or by mailing a check made out to Kiwanis Club of Monticello,
P.O. Box 413, Monticello, NY 12701

All proceeds benefit charitable projects in the community helping the
Kiwanis Club fulfill their mission of “serving the children of the world,
one child and one community at a time”.

For further information on obtaining tickets,
contact Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.



Holiday Shop

Saturday, December 3rd

10 to 2 p.m.

Time and the Valleys Museum

St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville

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Can't make it?

Call 845 985-7700 or email to shop on a day that works for you.

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Time and the Valleys Museum

Grahamsville, NY

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Did you know that Museum membership is only \$25 a YEAR?
Members receive:

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- Free admission to the Museum and expanding Catskill Farm
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<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Silver	\$200 \$180	
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Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!



You're invited to see some new work for the Holidays!

This season, the Studio will be open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Thanksgiving weekend, November 25, 26, and 27, and open again on Saturdays and Sundays, December 10, 11, and 17 and 18 - 11AM to 5PM.

On Saturday, December 3rd, I will be at the United Methodist Church Holiday Craft Fair in Grahamsville, from 10-3 - a unique and fun show that supports the Church and local artists.

STUDIO SHOW DATES:

November 25, 26, 27, December 10, 11, 17 & 18

GRAHAMSVILLE UMC HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, December 3

For more information, or to visit at a different time, call at 845-985-7564.
Handmade pottery, gifts & more! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Visit our showroom

Directions: From Napanoch or Grahamsville, take Rt. 55, to Rt. 55A, by the Rondout Reservoir, follow 55A to Lackawack Hill Road, up 1/2 mile then bear left on Twins Haven Road and continue to box #218 on the right.

HOLIDAY IN
Hurleyville
 Saturday, December 3rd
 Kick off the Holidays in "The Liveliest Little Hamlet in the Catskills!"
 HOLIDAY GIFTS | LOCAL ARTISANS | FOOD | LIVE MUSIC
 TREE LIGHTING | SANTA | CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES | + MORE

Saturday Dec 3, 2022
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST
218 Main Street Hurleyville NY 12747
Fees/Admission
Vendor Registration \$30.00 per vendor
spot/event
contact the Sullivan County
Chamber of Commerce
at 845-791-4200

FORAGE & GATHER MARKET 81 Main St. Mountaintale, NY foragegather.com

2022 HOLIDAY CABARET KARAOKE
DECEMBER 3, 2022
7-9pm
MC- "Clown Daddy"
 Local singers and YOU are invited to Sing & enjoy the songs of the season in the warm, inviting atmosphere of
FORAGE & GATHER
Suggested \$10 Donation
 The Forage & Gather kitchens will be open, along with their fabulous Beer & Wine menu

DELAWARE VALLEY ARTS ALLIANCE ADVANCING THE ARTS



A Cup and Conversation
 Come grab a cup of coffee or tea and relax with us!



Hosted by library director, Jen Thomas
2nd Tuesday of every month
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Daniel Pierce Library
 2011 Main Street | P.O. Box 2631
 Catskillville, New York 12740 0268 | 845-685-7293
www.danielpiercelibrary.org



KINDNESS DRIVE
 Kids, families & older adults need your help more than ever.
November 21st-December 16th

Let's do our part to keep Sullivan County residents warm this winter

You can help by contributing:
 hats
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 scarves & socks

Drop-off locations:
 Government Center lobby
 Sheriff's Office (Patrol)
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 Community Services lobby
 Public Health lobby
 or call 845-807-0138

Brought to you by:
 Sullivan County's Wellness Committee & the Youth Bureau



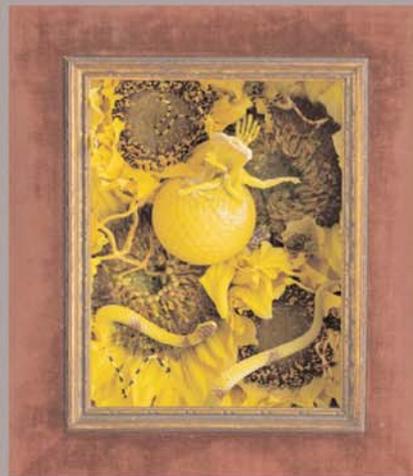


PANdemonium

fifth annual small works show & art fundraiser

November 19, 2022 – January 7, 2023

Opening: Saturday, November 19, 3 – 5 pm



ARTISTS in the show:

Gerard Barbot, Natalie Boburka, Tania Canteli, Beth Caspar, Virginia Casper, Eileen Catusus-Chapman, Michelle Ciulla, Susan Coccozza, Carol Davis, Robert Drake, dN eQ, Maria Del Carmen Garcia, Denise Giardullo, Tabitha Gilmore-Barnes, Hana Gordon, Melissa Harris, Barbara Hirth-Strauss, Montine Jordan, Janette Kahil, Carol LaMonda, Maureen Lohan-Bremer, Kate Masters, Elizabeth Melnyczuk, Ashley Miiles, Wilma Miller, David Munford, Cristal Ortiz, Jacqueline Oster, Suzanne Parker, Susan Paroubek, Bryan Perrin, Michael Piotrowski, Geraldine Popko, Elaine Ralston, Marilyn Rowley, Alan Samalin, Dominick Santise, Sandra Scheuer, Linda Schultz, John Scribner, Roberta Sickler, Amy Silberkleit, Judy Stanger, Lisa Starger, Samantha Taylor, K. Velis Turan, Anne Marie Uebbing, Joyce Washor, Roni Wilder, Kathy Yacoe

Curated by Nathalie Andrews
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Holiday Bazaar

December 17th from 11am – 4pm

Big Indian Fire House

8 Fire House Road

Big Indian, New York

Please join in the merriment with Santa and Mrs.
Claus

Cookies & Baked Goods

Ornaments

Gifts

Holiday Decorations

Wreaths

Luminaries

Holiday Music and Merriment

Pictures with Santa

It's a Corvette bed!
Asking \$200 - buyer must pick up.



Mattress not included - Call 845-417-6165

Olive Free Library

A festive poster for a 'Holiday Craft Fair' at Olive Free Library. The poster features a red circular badge on the left that says 'SAVE THE DATE!'. The main title 'HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR' is in large, elegant, reddish-brown letters. To the right of the title is an illustration of two blue bells with a yellow bell inside one of them, tied with a red ribbon. Below the title, the dates and times are listed: 'SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.' and 'SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.'. At the bottom, it says 'SHOP LOCAL!' in bold, reddish-brown letters. The poster is decorated with illustrations of pinecones and red berries in the corners.

Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family?
Are you a teen having problems at home?

Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

Give us a call or send us a text and someone will always be there to listen and help you deal with your situation.



Text 845-372-1817
Call 866-372-2336

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

Sullivan County Text For Teens

Monday - Friday
4pm-10pm
Saturday & Sunday
5pm-12am



Hey...I really need to talk to someone. Can you help?



Free & confidential support
Someone who can listen and help
Text as often as you need!

We're Here to Listen:
Bullying - Eating Disorders -
Self-Harm - Homeless/Runaway -
Pregnancy - Problems at Home -
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Divorce - School Issues -
Substance Use -
Physical/Mental/Sexual Health -
and more!

Text "Start" to:
845-637-9486

OFF HOURS:
Call 1-888-750-2266, option 2



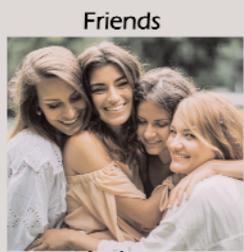
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COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives

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Contact:

Alyssa Wowk
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awowk@chowc.net

Sullivan County Department of Social Services is looking for families who can help fulfill the **DESPERATE NEED** for ages **8-18!**



FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

Classes Begin January 5th



The trains are gone, but the masterpiece train layout remains. The layout contains multiple features & items that would be wonderful for a new train enthusiast or anyone who builds miniatures.



If interested in disassembling the entire masterpiece layout and carting it away, please call EJ at 845-866-1579.

TRENDING

NOW TRENDING... TOP TEN EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2022

- Nov. 18-Dec. 28:** "The Polar Express," Catskill Mountain Railroad, Kingston
- Nov. 22-Dec. 23:** A Frosty Fest, Ulster Park
- Nov. 18-Jan. 3, 2023:** LUMAGICA USA Winter Garden, Stone Ridge
- Dec. 1:** National AIDS Memorial Quilt Viewing and World AIDS Day Commemoration, Kingston
- Dec. 2:** 10th Annual Snowflake Festival, Kingston
- Dec. 2:** 40th Annual Holiday Open House, Woodstock
- Dec. 2-18:** "Miracle on South Division Street," Shadowland Stages, Ellenville
- Dec. 10-11:** Belleayre Holiday Bazaar, Highmount
- Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve Bash at The Colony, Woodstock
- Dec. 31:** Live at the Falcon-New Year's Eve with "The Big Takeover," Marlboro

Please see the last page of this calendar for a list of u-cut and pre-cut Christmas tree farms and farmstands. Shop early for the best selection. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

DATE	Small Town Holiday Celebrations
2	40th Annual Woodstock Holiday Open House: Festive evening of shopping and dining. Enjoy the beautiful window displays, support local shops and immerse yourself in the magic of the holidays in Woodstock. 4-8 p.m. Tree lighting and Rock Academy at the Village Green at 6 p.m. Free. Facebook: Woodstock.brick.and.mortar
3	The Wawarsing Wassail Featuring the Joshua R. Peters Memorial Electric Fire Truck Parade: Parade starts at 5 p.m. Holiday Market, restaurant specials, Santa breakfast, kids crafts and much more. Join us in Liberty Square for the tree lighting at 6 p.m. Family-friendly. 5-7 p.m. Free. 845-647-4620; ewcoc.com/wawarsing-wassail
3	Miracle on Main Street: Tree Lighting in front of the Ice Cream Station followed by the event at the Parish Hall. Kids crafts, face painting, cupcake decorating, complimentary food and drinks from local restaurants and music by the Rock Academy Show Band. 5-8 p.m. Free. Saint Francis de Sales Church, 109 Main Street, Phoenicia. 845-688-5617; Facebook: Miracle on Main Street
3	Esopus Winter Wonderland Parade: Floats with lights and decorations. Unique cars and trucks. Parade starts at Old 9W to West Stout Street. Festivities at the gazebo after the parade. Rain/snow date is 12/4/ 5:30 p.m. Free. Facebook: Esopus Events
3	New Paltz Holiday Celebration: Begins at the bottom of Main St. in the Mobile lot. City officials and other dignitaries will be there to kick off the evening. Events at the library (Rotary Club Santa and more), Water Street Market and on Hasbrouck. Enjoy the spirit of the holidays and the glow of our new decorations! Family-friendly. 5 p.m. Free. https://www.facebook.com/TownofNewPaltz
4	10th Annual Hamlet of Milton Tree Lighting: Visit from Santa and Milton Engine. Library activities. Music. Bring your own outside-friendly ornament. Refreshments. 2 p.m. Tree lighting 4 p.m. Free. 56-58 Main St. 845-546-6084; meetmeinmarlborough.com
4	Holidays in the Hamlet: Vision of Wallkill is excited to announce that Wallkill's Annual Tree Lighting is getting a boost this year. There will be an outdoor Artisan Marketplace. Look for more decorations and holiday cheer to the center of town. Vendors and food trucks will be on site. Santa light the tree and meet with children. 4-8 p.m. Free. 845-527-6230; visionofwallkill.com
4	Saugerties Holiday in the Village: Market, Main and Partition streets. Visit Santa at the Kiersted House and enjoy free hot chocolate cookies from noon-4 p.m. 119 Main St., Saugerties. Firemen's Parade of Lights & Village Tree Lighting at Seamon Park, 5 Malden Ave., Saugerties. Free. noon-6 p.m. 800-218-8930; Facebook.com/SaugertiesChamberofCommerce/
9	Light Up the Hamlet of Highland: Santa's Workshop will be open for a visit with Santa. Special performances, hot chocolate, toasted marshmallows, caroling with tree lighting. 6-9 p.m. Vineyard and Main streets, Highland. 845-691-2050; facebook.com/townoflloydevents

10	Third Annual Holiday Hoopla Parade and Carnival: This year's parade will include several floats, Clydesdale horses, music, a "Candy Cane Crew," Santa and his polar bear buddy, and more. Parade departs from the New Paltz Middle School parking lot to Hasbrouck Park (15 Mohonk Ave.) Noon-3 p.m. Free. Facebook: New Paltz Holiday Hoopla
10, 18	High Falls Holiday Events Sponsored by the High Falls Civic Association: Dec. 10: A program of holiday songs, poetry and readings. Santa will help usher in the season. 4:30 p.m. Tree lighting at 5 p.m. Dec. 18: Hannukah Menorah Lighting 3:30 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. 7 Second Street, High Falls. Facebook: High Falls Civic Association.

DATE

Trending December 2022

Please Note	The Ulster County Tourism Office is located in the County Office Building, 244 Fair St., 3rd Floor, Kingston, 12401. The Trending Calendar of Events is now digital and is no longer printed for mass distribution. To receive a digital copy via email, please contact tourism@co.ulster.ny.us, call 800-342-5826, or sign up on our website at visitulstercountyny.com. Calendar listings are based on information received prior to publication; changes may occur after distribution so you may want to contact the event sponsors in advance.
Nov. 18- Jan. 3	LUMAGICA at Stone Ridge Orchard: Spectacular light show, timed to music and featuring over a half-million LED lights including shooting stars, giant whimsical creatures, holiday decorations and more. Drinks, dinner, tasting room and food trucks available for purchases. Free-\$31. 3:30-9 p.m. 3012 NY-213, Stone Ridge. 845-687-2587; stoneridgeorchard.com
Nov. 25-27; Dec. 2-23	A Frosty Fest: Holiday light spectacular. 12 holiday attractions, live theatrical entertainment, photos with Santa, gift shops and more. Fri.-Sun. Open Thursday, Dec. 22. Reservations strongly recommended. Visit website for schedule and tickets. Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions, 778 Broadway Ulster Park. 845-339-2666, ext. 10; afrostyfest.com
26-Dec. 21	DENIZEN Theatre presents "An Act of God:" The Almighty and His devoted Angels answer some of the deepest questions that have plagued mankind since Creation. Thursday-Saturday. 7 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. \$5-\$28. Water Street Market, 10 Main Street, Suite 501, New Paltz. 845-303-4136; denizen theatre.com
Nov 28- Dec. 30	The Polar Express-Catskill Mountain Railroad: Passengers are whisked away on THE POLAR EXPRESS™ for a magical trip to the North Pole. Hot chocolate and a cookie served by dancing chefs. Caroling and on-board entertainment. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. \$32-\$51. Westbrook Lane Station, 55 Plaza Road, Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com
1	Tree Lighting & Grand Opening of Rondout Ice Rink: 6 p.m. Free. Ole Savannah, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; olesavannah.com
1	National AIDS Memorial Quilt Viewing and World AIDS Day Commemoration: The HV LGBTQ+ Community Center is proud to display panels of the Quilt, a living memorial to generations lost to AIDS. Join us for a candlelight walk and remembrance service at the Old Dutch Church at 272 Wall Street. 5:30-7:30 .m. Free. HV LGBTQ+ Center, 300 Wall St., Kingston. 845-331-5300; lgbtqcenter.org.
2	10th Annual Snowflake Festival: Presented by the Kingston Uptown Business Association (KUBA) in Uptown Kingston, the Snowflake Festival offers fun for the whole family, with main stage performances, fire twirlers, jugglers, ice carving, a stilt band, fiddlers, dancers, singers, a Christmas tree lighting and a visit from Santa Claus. 6 -8 p.m.; Visit website: kuba.network/
2	Candle Making Workshop: Create a custom scented candle for the perfect gift to yourself or others. Choose from five scents or BYO (blend your own.) 5-8 p.m. \$45. Nostrano Vineyards, 14 Gala Ln, Milton. 845-795-5473; nostranovineyards.com
2-18	"Miracle on South Division Street": The Nowack family has always known they were special, ever since the Blessed Mother appeared to Grandpa at his barbershop. When daughter Ruth unveils her plan to write about the miracle, the family's faith is shaken when a deathbed confession causes the legend to unravel. \$34-\$42. Shadowland Stages, 157 Canal St., Ellenville. 845-647-5511; shadowlandstages.org
3	Listening to the Ancestors-Black Abolitionists & Black Feminists Speak: Virtual/hybrid. Author Ione will share 19 th century stories of courageous and talented women and men in her family who were feminists and abolitionists, authors and publishers, and conductors on the Underground Railroad. 2 p.m. Free. Kingston Library, 55 Franklin St., Kingston. 845-331-0507; kingstonlibrary.org
3	Christkindlmarkt: A beautiful selection of handcrafted items and lighter fare in our café for purchase. Free. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Kingston Maennerchor & Damenchor Inc., 37 Greenkill Ave., Kingston. 845-338-3763; kingstonmaennerchoranddamenchor.org
3	Ole Savannah Christmas Spectacular: Tree Lighting Ceremony, laser light show, holiday-themed performances by champion figure skaters, aerialist acts, live Christmas music and more. Free. 6 p.m. 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; olesavannah.com
3	Film-"The Janes:" The story of an underground network of women who banded together to provide safe, affordable and illegal abortions in the late 1960s and early-70s Chicago. Q&A. Reception to follow. 5 p.m. Free. Tinker Street Cinema, 132 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845.684.5380; tscwoodstock.com
3	Tapping Into 85: Celebrating Brenda Bufalino's 85 th birthday. Benda Bufalino-tap dance/percussion; Teri Roiger-vocals; Jon Menagon -bass. 7pm. \$15/\$20. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main Street, Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org
3	The ReLaTiVeS Classic Punk Holiday Dance Party: 7 p.m. \$20-\$25. The Colony Wodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. (845)-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com
3, 4	Welcome Yule-Wondrous Mystery-An Annual Holiday Tradition: Celebrate the holidays with Ars Choralis. Music of the Middle Ages to contemporary composers. 4 p.m. \$10-\$25. Dec. 3: HolyCross/Santa Cruz Espiscopal Church, 30 Pine Grove Ave., Kingston. Dec. 4: Overlook United Methodist Church, 233 Tinker Street, Woodstock. arschoralis.org.

3-4	Kingston Model Railroad Club Train Show: Features a complete "O" scale railroad system. Railroad museum, trolleys, circus train and Thomas The Tank Engine. Admission: \$2-\$6; cash. 49 Susan Street, Kingston. 845-334-8233; Facebook: Kingston Model Railroad Club
3, 17	Field + Supply Holiday MRKT: An exclusive pop-up market at Maplehouse at Wildflower Farms. Peruse a treasure trove of locally made ceramics, textiles, jewelry and home décor. 2702 Main Street, Gardiner. 855-472-3188; aubergeresorts.com/wildflower-farms/
4	"Retrograde" Screening Sponsored by Woodstock Film Festival: Followed by Q&A with Academy Award nominated filmmaker Matthew Heinemann. Complimentary reception to follow at The Dutch Ale House. "Retrograde" captures the final nine months of America's twenty-year war in Afghanistan. 3-6 p.m. Free. Orpheum Theater, 156 Main Street, Saugerties. 845-876-2515; upstatefilms.org
4	Esopus Fire Dept Breakfast Pancake Breakfast: All you can eat. Donation. 1142 Broadway, Esopus. Facebook: Esopus Fire Department.
4	39th Annual Reindeer Ramble: 5K Holiday Road Race/Walk. Benefits YMCA Strong Kids Scholarship Fund. Rain/snow/shine. 10:30 a.m. registration and packet pick up. 11:30 a.m. race start. YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County, 507 Broadway. 845-338-3810; ymcaulster.org
4	Rock & Roll Holiday Show Featuring Rock Academy "Showband!" Noon. The Orpheum Theater, 198 Main Street, Saugerties. 845-876-2515; upstatefilms.org
4	Brunch with Santa Paws: Hutton Hall at The Hutton Brickyards. Event features adoptable Ulster County SPCA dogs. Portion of the proceeds goes to the UCSPCA. Collecting donations of new, unused socks for the Kingston People's Place, sizes infants-teenager. Buffet-style brunch features locally sourced ingredients. One complimentary bloody mary or mimosa per adult ticket. Cash bar available. 10:30 a.m. \$16-\$36. Family-friendly. 200 North Street, Kingston. 845-213-4742; huttonbrickyards.com
4	Mid Hudson Women's Chorus-"A December to Remember:" Free. Family-friendly. Donations accepted. With guest artists Saugerties Brass Quintet. 2 p.m. St. James United Methodist Church, 35 Pearl Street, Kingston. 845-339-3473; midhudsonwomenschorus.org
8	10th Made in Kingston: Expo of all things made in Kingston, at the YMCA in Midtown, the city's new art district. Open to the public. More than four dozen local artists. Local food and beverages. 3-8 p.m. Free. 507 Broadway. 845-338-3810; ymcaulster.org
8	SUNY Ulster Music Department: Holiday music. Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy, Gavotte en Rondeau, and Cantate Domino. Free. Open to the public. Family-friendly. Donations appreciated. 7:30-9:30 p.m. 491 Cottekill Rd., Stone Ridge. 845-687-5000; sunyulster.edu
9	Ole Savannah Holiday Cocktail Party: Dress in your Holiday best, wear your dancing shoes, and come ready to celebrate. Enjoy live music from Michael Dell, and delicious food and drink specials. \$79. 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; olesavannah.com
9, 10	Rock Academy Presents: NU METAL Rock music. Purchase tickets through Rock Academy students. 7 p.m. Wall Street Music Hall, 323 Wall St., Kingston. Rock Academy: 845-247-3034. Facebook: Rock Academy
9, 10, 11	The Woodstock Playhouse & the New York Conservatory for the Arts Present "A Charlie Brown Christmas & Frosty the Snow Man:" Complete with beloved characters, music, and skating on stage. Family-friendly. Fri.-Sat. 7 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. \$20-\$25. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845.473.2072; woodstockplayhouse.org
10	"Into the Light:" Full Holiday Spectacular presented by The Vanaver Caravan and Arm of the Sea Puppet Theatre. Live music, puppetry, storytelling and dances from all over the world. Celebrates world traditions for bringing light, joy and beauty into the darkest part of the year. Noon-5 p.m. \$15. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main Street, Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org
10	Holiday Market at Hudson House Distillery: We are excited to announce our first Holiday Market. Noon-6 p.m. 1835 Route 9W, West Park, 845-834-6007; thehudsonhouseyny.com
10	Steve Charney and Harry-A Holiday Show of Music, Magic and Ventriloquism: Steve Charney is a nationally known children's entertainer, author, magician, ventriloquist, radio personality, podcaster, TikToker, songwriter, recording artist and all-around nut. 3-4 p.m. Free. Woodstock Public Library District, 5 Library Lane, Woodstock. 845-679-2213; Woodstock.org
10	The Holly Berry Trail: Holiday home tour. Six Kingston homes, each with their own unique and festive holiday style.. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$40. Advance ticket purchase required. 845-594-6157; Facebook: Junior League of Kingston
10	"A Soul Train Christmas:" Featuring Eric Redd and Dawn Tallman. Special guest Lara and the Arktones. Winter Clothing Drive, Holiday Dance Party. Benefits the Family of Woodstock. Doors open 7 p.m. \$23.37-\$29.02. The Colony Woodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-ROCK; colonywoodstock.com
10	Northeastern Native Starlore Night: Evening of stargazing. Find out native constellation names and the importance of the moon in determining the native peoples' calendars. Rain date December 17th. 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$8-\$20. Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot St, New Paltz. 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org
10-11	Santa-Gria Weekend: Wear an ugly Christmas Sweater for a chance to win a wine tasting for two. Souvenir wine glass and Baldwin Unicorn ornament included with ticket price. Indoor seating and bar service. Outside, warm up by the fire pits. Guests may bring in food. All beverages must be purchased on site. noon-5 p.m. \$15. Baldwin Vineyards, 176 Hardenburgh Road, Pine Bush. 845-744-2226; baldwinvineyards.com
10-11	31st Annual Craft Art & Design Fair at Unison: A talented group of 14 artists will be joining us this year in the gallery with their craft and fine art set-ups. Raffle filled with great prizes. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 68 Mtn. Rest Rd., New Paltz. 845-255-1559; unisonarts.org
10-11	Belleayre Holiday Bazaar: Holiday shopping on the Mezzanine level of the Discovery Lodge. Lots of unique gifts, handmade items and more from local artisans. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 845-254-5600; belleayre.com

10-11	Jingle & Mingle at the Pop-up Holiday Makers Market at the Barn at Nostrano Vineyards: Wine, craft beer, spirits, pizza truck, live music and more. Free. Reservations required. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 14 Gala Lane, Milton. 845-795-5473; nostranovineyards.com
11	Annual Silent Auction and Chili Fest: Bid on items from your local shops and restaurants, great local artwork and so much more. Compete for the best chili in Pine Hill or just taste them all. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main Street, Pine Hill. 845-254-5469; pinehillcommunitycenter.org
11	Film- THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Join the Town of Marlborough Recreation Committee for a showing of "The Polar Express" right at our very own hometown train station. Free. Milton Train Station, 41 Dock Rd, Milton. 845-795-5100; townofmarlboroughny.org
15	Jack DeJohette with Jon Batiste & Matthew Garrison: Special Guest: Roy Wood Jr. 8 p.m. \$65-\$120. Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org
16	Bad Santa Con Friday Kick Off: Come dressed as Santa or in your favorite seasonal attire. We have decked the halls with our very own Cider tote tree and lots of holiday cheer. Craft cider and beer. Fire pits to keep you toasty on the patio. Registration is required. Space is limited. 5-10 p.m. Free. Bad Seed Cider Company, 43 Baileys Gab Rd, Highland. 845-236-0956; badseedhardcider.com
16	"Elf:" A 2003 holiday classic starring Will Farrell. 7:30 p.m. Free-\$6. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org
16	The Sounding Joy: 10th Annual Holiday Benefit for The Washbourne House at Levon Helm Studios presented by Elizabeth Mitchell and Amy Helm. Natalie Merchant, Joan as Police Woman, Kat Wright and more. 8-11 p.m. \$45-\$75. 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. 845-679-2744; levonhelm.com
16, 17	Rock Academy Presents The Music of Elton John: Tickets available thru your favorite Rock Academy student and at the door. 7 p.m. Wall Street Music Hall, 323 Wall St., Kingston. Rock Academy: 845-247-3034. Facebook: Rock Academy
17	The Farmhouse Project Holiday Makers Market: Modern interpretation of the traditional craft fair. Features artisans from studios and workshops throughout the region. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Senate Garage, 4 North Front Street, Kingston. 845-802-5900; senategarage.com
17	California Guitar Trio Holiday Tour: Performing their wildly popular Christmas album and more. They explore the intersections between rock, jazz, classical, and world music. 6 p.m. \$30-\$50. Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-684-7133; bearsvilletheater.com
18	Brunch with Santa at Ole Savannah: After brunch, skate with your friends and family on the ice rink and enjoy beautiful views of the Rondout. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit website for reservations. Ole Savannah, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; olesavannah.com
18	"The Hot Sardines"-Holiday Stomp at Levon Helm Studios: Full of brass and dazzle, the hot jazz band will infuse yuletide classics with their unique and swinging sound. 8 p.m. \$30-\$50. 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. 845- 679-2744; levonhelm.com
21	Winter SOULstice Community Gathering: Come eat, sing, dance and celebrate. This will be an open mic so please bring songs, poems and solstice stories. Bring a dish to share and please label it with ingredients and please bring your own plate/cutlery. Tavern open for drink sales. 4:30 p.m. Free. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main Street, Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org
21	24th Annual Dinner Theatre Version of "A Christmas Carol:" Presented by Murder Café. You will experience the joy of Christmas as you're invited to feast with the Cratchit family. Holiday carolers will entertain at your table. 6:30 p.m. \$79.50. Best Western Hotel & Conference Center, 503 Washington Avenue, Kingston. bwpskingston.com
30	"In The Pocket" @ Keegan Ales: Seven piece funk/soul cover band performing a variety of dance music from the 60's to today. With an onstage camaraderie that is hard to find, they quickly and easily slip from one genre to the next. 7-10 p.m. Free. Keegan Ales, 20 Saint James St., Kingston. 845-331-BREW; keeganales.com
30-Jan 2, 2023	New Year's Weekend at Ashokan: A fun-filled three-day weekend of music and dance classes, evening dance parties, sing-alongs and jams. Lodging is a separate fee. If you are unable to attend the whole weekend, you can still buy tickets for New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance. The Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Rd, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; ashokancenter.org
31	New Year's Eve Bash at the Colony: Featuring Sean Matthew Whiteford & The House Party Band. Party all night to your favorite jams of the 70s, 80s and more. \$22.37-\$29.02. 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com
31	Ars Choralis Presents "Forward Together-A New Year's Eve Free Concert:" Through words and song, the concert showcases the challenges that many people have as they weave themselves into the fabric of American society, enriching it with their culture and helping to move us all forward together. 6 p.m. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston. arschoralis.org
31	New Year's Eve with "The Big Takeover:" Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Falcon. Opening act "What?" and more. Dancing all night. Dining 6-10 p.m. Music 8 p.m. 1348 Route 9W Marlboro. 845-236-7970; liveatthefalcon.com
31	Fifth Annual New Year's Eve Event - New Year's Eve Boo's and Spirits Masquerade Party: \$399-\$1,200. Includes Buffet, champagne toast, accommodations and more. The Haunted Shanley Hotel, 56 Main St., Napanoch. 845-2107-3112; thehauntedshanleyhotel.com
31	Celebrate New Years' Eve 2023-The Hottest NYE Party in the Hudson Valley: Featuring DJ's: J-Break, Lady Verse and Majic Juan. Live Drumming and Performances by Diata Diata. Hosted by Isis Vermouth. Special Guests to be announced. Pop-up Portrait Photo Booth with Kristopher Johnson, Visuals, Tarot Readings and More. 8 p.m. \$35-\$200. Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-684-7133; bearsvilletheater.com

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Levon Helm Studios Presents The Helm Family's Midnight Ramble: New Year's Eve Bash Featuring Sean Matthew Whiteford & The House Party Band. 9 p.m. \$115. 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. 845- 679-2744; levonhelm.com

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<p>Wallkill View Farm Open Nov. 25-Dec. 31. 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., 7 days a week. Ready to go Christmas trees. Enjoy picking your trees and fresh poinsettias from the green house. Closed Christmas Day. 14 Rte. 299 West, New Paltz. 845-255-8050 wallkillviewfarmmarket.com</p>	<p>West Wind Tree Farm Open Nov. 25-Dec. 31. U-cut and pre-cut. Wreaths, kissing balls, crosses, and more items handmade at the farm. Open daily 9 a.m.-dusk. Closed Christmas Day. 543 Bruyn Turnpike, Wallkill. 845-895-3807; facebook.com/westwindtreefarmwallkill</p>		<p>For additional agricultural resources, please visit our website: https://visitulstercountyny.com/plan-your-visit/things-to-do/category/farms-fresh-produce/</p>

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A BUDGET THAT PUTS TAXPAYERS FIRST

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

I am beyond pleased to have introduced a Tentative Sullivan County Budget that not only proposes to eliminate the Solid Waste Access Fee but aims to reduce property taxes for the first time in four years.

If you're a local taxpayer, you know how heavy the tax burden is. County taxes represent one of the smaller portions of your overall property tax burden, but it all adds up.

The proposed 2023 County Budget aims to do something about that.

Thanks to increased revenues and consistently paying down debt ahead of schedule, we're in a financial position to be able to remove the Solid Waste Access Fee that's been a part of your tax bill for more than a dozen years. For residents, that means an immediate savings of \$45-\$50 per parcel per year, and up to \$750 per parcel per year for commercial property owners.

But I'm also proposing that taxes not increase - and, in fact, bills may go down for many taxpayers, as our calculations indicate a .127% decrease in the tax rate will accompany this budget, if legislators approve it as-is.

All this comes without layoffs or cuts to programs and services, and features historic investments in roads, bridges & buildings.

And it's on the heels of the settlements of all our union contracts, so our employees are provided for, as well.

The County Legislature, of course, will have the final say. Prior to adoption of the budget in mid-December, they'll have the chance to tweak what I presented to them, and that could change the numbers.

Regardless, it's a rare opportunity for me to be able to present such a well-balanced budget, considering the fiscal pressures usually squeezing us.

And I'm glad to be able to pass that good news on to you via more than just words but a real plan to offer relief to every property owner in Sullivan County. See for yourself at county-sullivan-ny-budget-book.cleargov.com/5073.

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BOLSTERING THE RANKS OF OUR RESPONDERS

Our local BOCES has partnered with us to provide a valuable new course for teenagers, with the aim of generating more interest in becoming either a volunteer or paid firefighter or emergency responder - and we need many more of them.

The Fire Science/EMS Program is designed for students who think they may be interested in these fields, as positions are always in high demand. Our Bureau of Fire enthusiastically supports this new program, since it promises to swell local volunteer ranks.

"Instead of having to choose between afterschool activities and firefighter training, our local young people will be able to take fire service classes during the day and still participate in sports and clubs in the afternoon and evening," says our County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild. "The end result is that we'll have more well-trained members in our local fire departments, who themselves will be able to help us recruit even more critically-needed volunteers."

This unique program consists of one year of study for each component. Year one focuses on fire science, and year two focuses on emergency response and becoming an emergency medical technician (EMT). Throughout both years, students will learn from industry professionals and follow the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control curriculum and the New York State EMT curriculum, allowing them to take the necessary exams to become paid or volunteer professionals. Additionally, students of these classes will earn credits toward graduation and get training that will benefit them throughout their lives.

The program is being prepared for a January rollout, and more information will be shared with local school districts as that time draws near.

BOCES exists to make these kinds of opportunities happen. It's actually in their name: Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). I'm grateful to their team for seeing the potential in this concept - and agreeing to offer it.

And there's more coming, which I hope to share in a future newsletter!



Firefighters practicing on a reusable simulator at our Fire Training Facility in White Lake

JOIN THE RANKS!

The need is extreme for volunteers with our local fire departments and ambulance corps. The only way to save them from disappearing is to join their ranks - and encourage others to do so.

By the way, you don't have to become a firefighter or an emergency medical technician.

Our first-response agencies need drivers, bookkeepers, fundraisers, organizers - just plain reliable folks who can lend a hand when called.

And you can set your available hours according to your schedule.

Yes, it's tough to find time to help these days, but our communities rely on volunteers to accomplish an array of vital services.

I can't think of a service more vital than what these organizations provide.

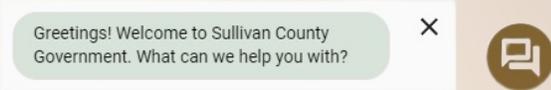
Find out more at facebook.com/joinsullivanfire, or email joinsullivanfire@gmail.com.

WOW... GOOGLE IS ON OUR TEAM NOW!

You read that right - we've been working with Google for several months to develop what's informally known as a "chatbot" or, as we call it, the Sullivan County Virtual Agent.

Though a lot of people have applied their skills to its creation, our Virtual Agent is actually a piece of artificial intelligence designed to answer your questions about County government and learn from those interactions to ultimately better serve you.

We quietly debuted this new service on our website, sullivanny.us, in early November. You may have noticed the little dialogue box in the lower right side of your screen when on the site.



Greetings! Welcome to Sullivan County Government. What can we help you with?

If you click on that box, you'll see a list of items to ask about, or you can type in your own question in your own words, and our Virtual Agent will quickly determine the best answer. It's designed to be easy, quick and efficient, but only you will be able to tell us whether it really is.

That's why, at present, we're only offering answers about services provided by our Treasurer's and Clerk's offices (including DMV). We want to see how you and the rest of Sullivan's residents and visitors react to this offering and whether it will prove truly useful. If it does, we'll talk with Google about expanding this innovative concept to other offices, potentially cutting down on the time you and we have to spend answering questions on the phone and via email.

So please, try it out, and let us know if it helped or slowed you down. Feedback can be sent to dan.hust@sullivanny.us.



As anyone with a teen in their life knows, it takes patience and persistence to ensure their mental, emotional and physical health. But the result of these "small steps" can be incredibly rewarding.

Fittingly, the theme of this year's National Adoption Month is "Small Steps Open Doors."

And that's what Sullivan County is asking you to do: open your doors to local young people who need a stable, loving home at this very moment.

As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 16 teenagers in our local foster care system who are up for adoption.

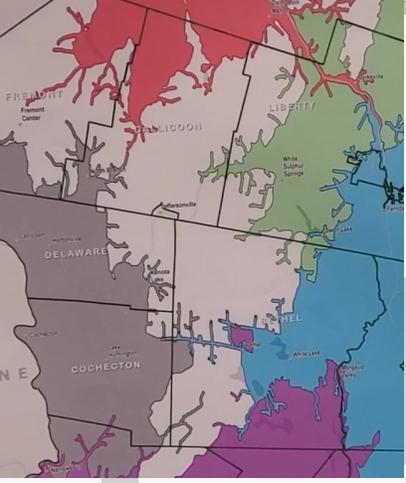
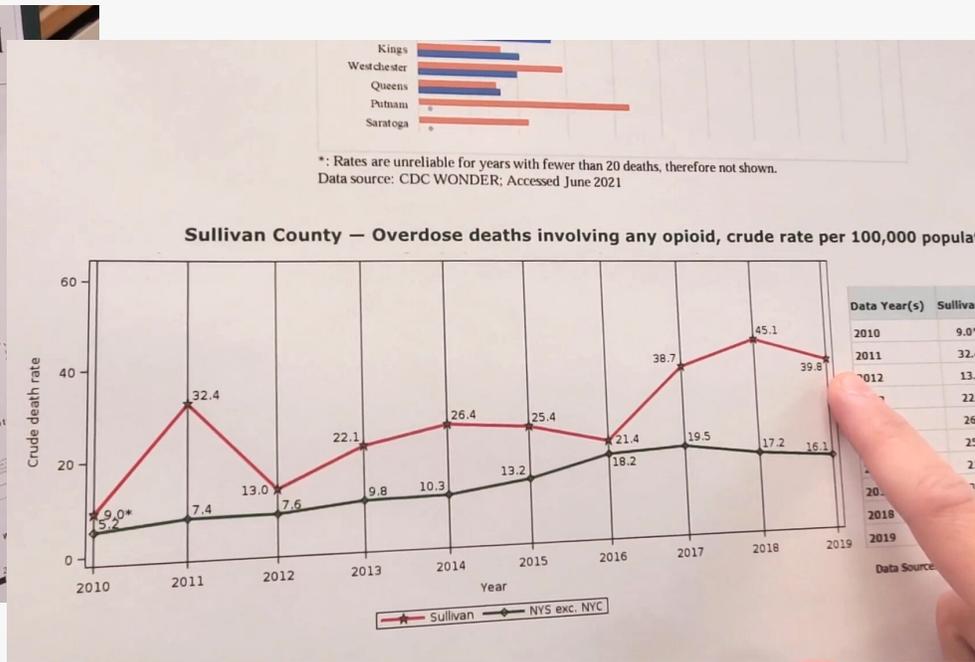
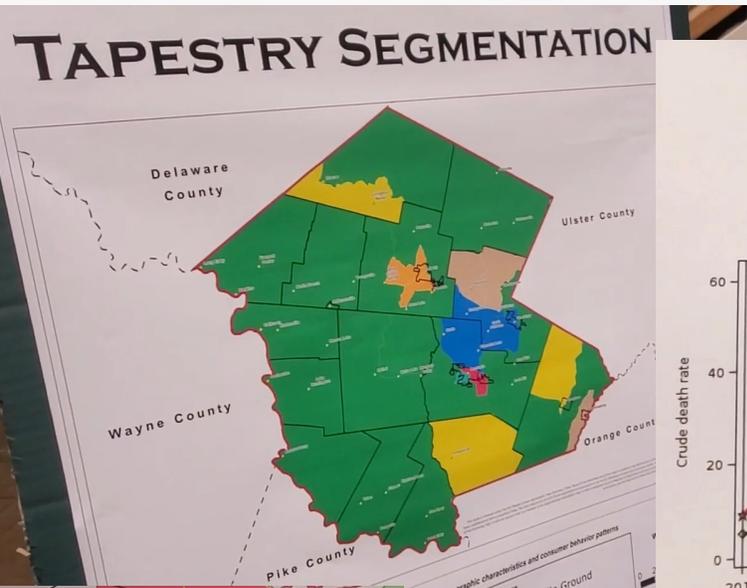
Yes, this is no small commitment. But it's worth it to help raise a new generation and give them a fresh chance for a rewarding adulthood.

Not sure? Talk with our foster/adoption team about the options and obligations, then decide for yourself. There's an information session set for Thursday, December 8 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and all you need to do is RSVP to our Homefinder Alyssa Wowk at 845-645-6544 or awowk@chowc.org.

Foster parent classes (appropriate for those who want to adopt, as well) launch on January 5 and March 23, and you can find out more via Alyssa.

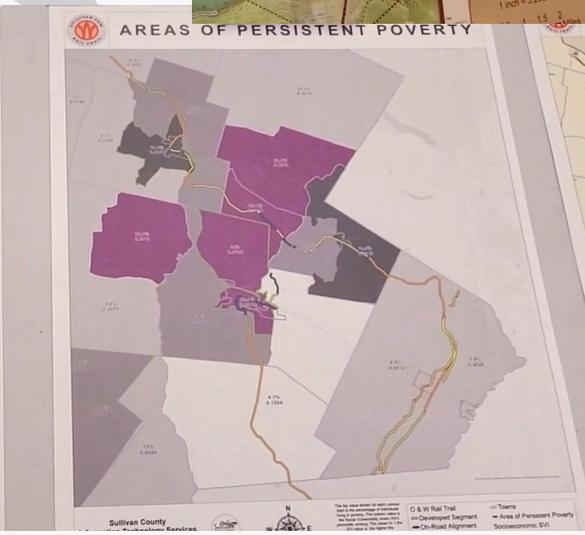
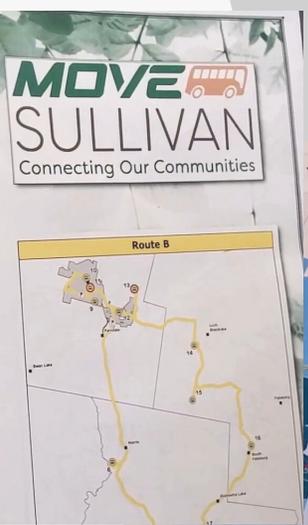
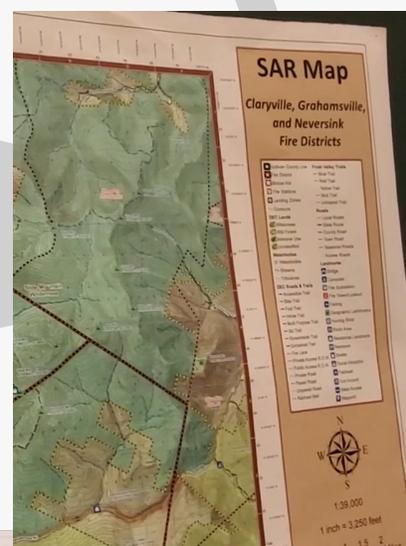
I'd also like to thank our employees in our foster and adoptive care offices who work very hard to ensure the safety and security of our youngest and most vulnerable. They define the words "compassion," "caring" and "competence," and local families are so much the better for their efforts.

What would make them the happiest is knowing another local child has found a "forever" home. Please consider opening up your heart and house to someone who could use what only you can offer. Learn more at [sullivanny.us/Departments/Family services/Childrenandfamilyservices/Fostercare](http://sullivanny.us/Departments/Family%20services/Childrenandfamilyservices/Fostercare).



GIS REALLY IS EVERYWHERE

With the theme of "GIS Is Everywhere," our GIS (Geographic Information Systems) team put on a spectacular display of GIS tools, products and applications on National GIS Day, November 16. The lobby of the Government Center showcased just how many useful ways GIS can be applied to everyday situations and extraordinary needs, and it was amazing to see. Take the video tour at <https://youtu.be/D8isrwFEqDI>.





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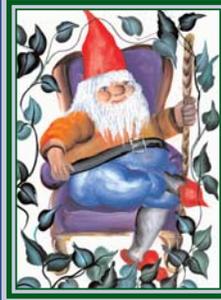
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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE”

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Interestingly enough the story takes place on this date in 2022 when Soylent Green, a new food source from the sea turns out to be a nightmarish futuristic reality about the controlling power of big corporations. An innocent cop stumbles

on the truth. The cop, Detective Thorn (Charlton Heston) discovers a tale of Earth in despair in 2022. Natural food like fruits, vegetables, and meat among others are now extinct. Earth is overpopulated and New York City has 40 million starving, poverty-stricken people. The only way they survive is with water rations and eating a mysterious food called Soylent. A detective investigates the murder of the president of the Soylent company. The truth he uncovers is more disturbing than the Earth in turmoil when he learns the secret ingredient of **Soylent Green**. Directed by **Richard Fleischer**. Starring **Charlton Heston, Leigh Taylor-Young, Chuck Connors, and Joseph Cotten**.

IRONY OR PROPHECY? ARE YOU SCARED? THINK IT WILL HAPPEN?

Nothing on your supermarket shelves, gas prices way up - does it follow the story line and corporations are to blame -causing the oppression of the American?

Is Armagedden on our horizon, and as many of us believe that the second coming is close at hand? Perhaps its time for a plebiscite by the people to remove all who violate the Constitution ...or is it too late?

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE

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NANOOK OF THE NORTH

(SILENT FILM / TV-PG / 1922 / 1HR 18MIN / DOCUMENTARY)

Nanook of the North, The life of Nanook, the Bear, a great hunter in the Eskimo fashion is a chronicled.



A 1922 American silent film which combines elements of documentary and docudrama, at a time when the concept of separating films into documentary and drama did not yet exist.

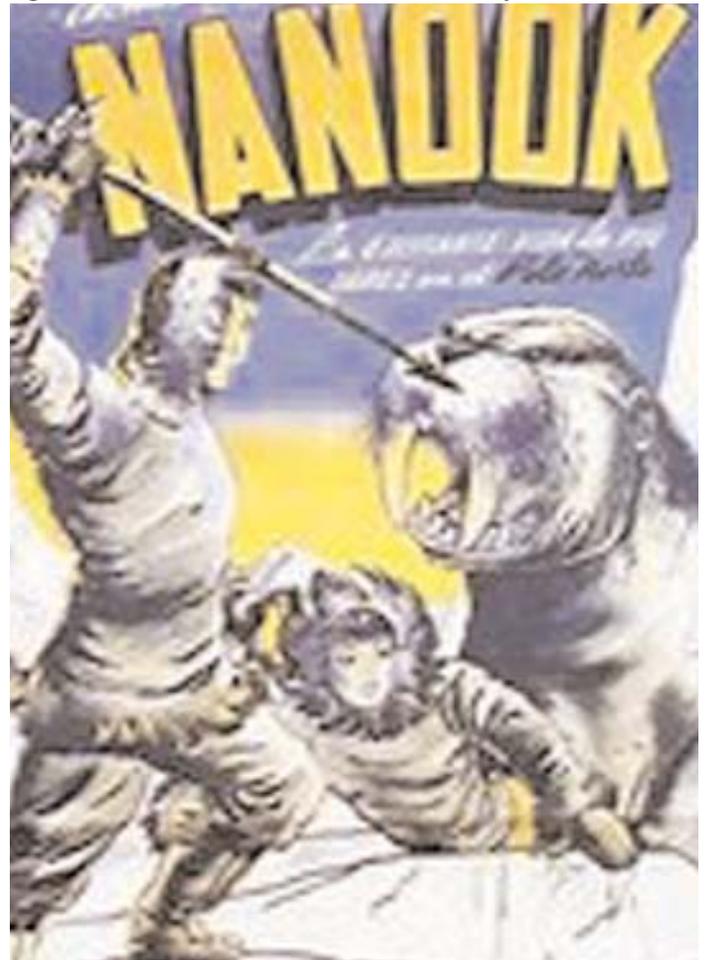


In the tradition of what would later be called salvage ethnography, the film follows the struggles of the Inuk man named Nanook and his family in the Canadian Arctic.

It is written and directed by Robert J. Flaherty, who also served as cinematographer, editor, and producer along with Allakariallak, Alice Nevalinga, Cunayou, Allegoo.



In this silent predecessor to the modern documentary, film-maker Robert J. Flaherty spends one year following the lives of Nanook and his family,



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