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With the Holiday Season starting this week for the residents of Sullivan County, Sheriff's Deputies spent Sunday, December 18th, bringing cheer to the less fortunate young members of the community. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Fallsburg Interact and Leo Club Bake for Those Who Serve



Members of the Fallsburg High School Interact and Leo Club joined forces to bake holiday cookies for those who serve others in our community. They baked 12 cookie trays of goodness afterschool with the help of Advisors Shari Mednick and Kathryn Grodin, with assistance from Monticello Rotary Interact Liaisons Lynka Rivera and Lori Orestano-James. Trays were then delivered by "Elves" Lynka Rivera and Lori Orestano-James to members of the Fallsburg Police Department, Fallsburg Fire Department, and Jodi Goodman from Garnett Catskill for distribution to the hospital staff. The students had a great time and were excited to eat the calorie free broken cookies. Teaching our youth Service Above Self is a priority of Rotary. These students certainly showed how grateful they are to others who help them. Happy Holidays to All!

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Days of Yore... Today's History

December 1947

The icy roads which followed the sleet storm on Saturday were indirectly responsible for a serious accident that morning. Mrs. Maude Huson was crossing the road between the Anaple house and the Gillette house when she was struck by a car driven by Emmett alter who was blinded by the glare of the lights of an approaching vehicle as they shone on the pavement. He did not see Mrs. Huson, but felt a thump, stopped the car and got out to see what happened. She had been knocked down and suffered the fracture of both bones in her right leg just below the knee.

December 1957

The bodies of two Air Force Officers were found in a wreckage of their jet on Panther Mountain. Search parties climbed over rough terrain to reach the wreck. Mr. George Erts saw the flaming plane in the sky before it crashed.

General sale of New York vehicle registration plates for 1958 began Monday with the accent on vehicle inspection required. Owners of 1952 and older vehicles will have to show proof that the vehicle has a valid inspection sticker in order to obtain 1958 plates. Everyone will get new plates for 1958.

December 20, 1967

Miss Lynn Bertholf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bertholf of Divine Corners, received the Aquinas Award at Mount St. Mary's College in Newburgh. This is the highest academic award offered to a student at the college. Miss Bertholf, a junior, was a 1965 graduate of Tri-Valley School.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric C. Grundberg of Accord have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lou, to Grant H. McKenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna of Grahamsville. Miss Grundberg is a senior at Rondout Valley High School and BOCES Vocational School. Mr. McKenna is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is a student at Hudson Valley Community College. No date has been set for the wedding.

Lows Corners at the foot of East Mt. Road was the scene of much activity last Thursday morning when the rear end of a Town of Neversink truck fell into the Rondout stream as the bridge to East Mt. collapsed. The westerly end of the 65-year old bridge spanning the stream between the Sundown Rd. and East Mt. Road gave way beneath the truck. There were no injuries.

December 1977

Robert Many, husband of Elthea Many. Passed away Tuesday afternoon, December 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to Mr. Joseph Iatauro.

The new season, winter hit the area with vengeance Monday with snow, sleet and freezing rain following the sleet storm of Saturday. Many schools were closed yet on Tuesday and counties north of us had roads open only for emergencies.

Excerpts from a letter to Santa from Tom Higgins, past *Townsman* reporter:

For the folks who live on the top of Red Hill, a helicopter and pilot to get them up and down during the winter months.

For Ann Higgins, a year's supply of Higgin's India ink.

For each member of the United Life Church, a possible pulpit for their leader; to Cardinal McLain of Liberty a blessing from the Pope

For the Grahamsville and Neversink First Aid Squads, a packed of band aids and a huge thank you from their citizens.

For each of the school bus drivers - ear plugs.

For Don TerBush, president of the new Lions Club, a whip and a chair to keep everyone under control.

Ho, Ho, Ho!

December 1977

Leslie David Sheeley of East Mountain Road, Grahamsville, a retired dairy farmer and a lifelong area resident, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 23rd at his home. He was 92. The son of the late Darius and Nancy Carlisle Sheeley, he was born October 3, 1894 in Eureka. He is survived by his wife, Edna Van Wagner Sheeley at home; two daughters: Alfreda Newman and Verna Amundsen, both of Grahamsville; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Keep Your Tree Safe Throughout the Holiday Season

Although Christmas tree fires are not common, the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) says they are more likely to be serious.

Keep your trees watered. Dry and uncarved for trees can catch fire from a short in electrical lights. They can also catch fire from lit candles, lighters, and matches.

Before your tree becomes an issue, be fire smart with these USFA tips:

- Place the tree away from heat sources and exits.
- Use only decorations that will not catch fire.
- Inspect lights for worn wires or other defects before use.
- Always keep an eye on tree lights. Turn off lights at night.
- Keep natural tree stands filled with water at all times. Do not let your tree dry out.
- If the tree becomes dry, remove it.

Keep yourself from getting stranded this winter. Store emergency items in your vehicle to handle cold weather, ice, and snow.

There are specific emergency items to store in your vehicle during the winter. There are also maintenance checks to keep you safe, your vehicle warm, and your engine running. Follow these tips and find more winter preparedness information from the Ready campaign. Check or have a mechanic check items, such as:

- Antifreeze levels
- Battery and ignition system
- Brakes
- Exhaust system
- Fuel and air filters
- Heater and defroster
- Lights and flashing hazard lights
- Oil
- Thermos
- Windshield wiper equipment and washer fluid level
- Winter tires

Add winter items to the emergency kits in your vehicles:

- Shovel
- Ice scraper, snow brush
- Boots, mittens, warm clothes
- Blanket(s)
- Tow chain or rope
- Road salt and sand

Household Hint:

Get rid of water rings on furniture

If someone leaves a wet glass on your wood furniture, to remove white rings mix equal parts vinegar and olive oil and apply it with a soft cloth while moving with the wood grain. Use another clean, soft cloth to shine it up. To get white water rings off leather furniture, dab them with a sponge soaked in full-strength white vinegar.

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 Vernoooy.

Christmas Cardinals

Many of us didn't mind the snow that fell last week. Not only did it make it feel like Christmas, it presented a contrasting background for the a pair of cardinals who enjoy feasting at the birdfeeder. It is cheery to see the bright red male, as well as the female, a pale brown bird with a warm reddish tinge on her wings, tail and crest.

Once again, our back yard looks like the winter scene we often see on Christmas cards! And the pair of songbirds gifted us with a medley of songs.

Our faithful winter friends,

Cardinals don't migrate nor do they molt. Their plumage remains vibrant and full, especially during winter. While they are easily seen at bird

feeders they may not be as easily to notice away from your feeder, at least not until you learn their loud, metallic chirping note and there is at least a dusting of snow. Cardinals tend to sit low in shrubs and trees or forage on or near the ground, often in pairs that typically remain together the whole year. The couple often stay together until one dies at which time the surviving mate will look for another partner.

Males can be aggressive when defending their territory, and they frequently attack other males who intrude. This tendency sometimes leads cardinals to fly into glass windows, when they charge an "intruding bird" that is really their own reflection.

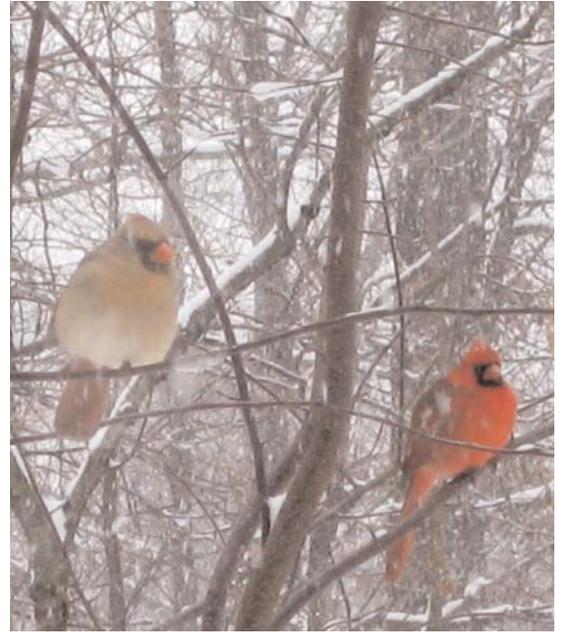
Their breeding season runs from March to as late as September. The female will lay 2-5 eggs that are buff-white with dark marks. The female is the only one to incubate the eggs. The male's duty during this time is to feed her on the nest and protect their territory from intruders.

The female will incubate the eggs for about 12 days. When the eggs hatch, both will feed the young. The young leave the nest in 9-11 days after hatching. Each season the pair will attempt to raise two broods. A new nest will be constructed for a second brood by the female. The male continues to feed the first set of young for up to two weeks after leaving the nest. During this time the female usually will be incubating her second clutch keeping the male busy by continuing to feed the female, the first brood, and still protecting their territory.

Any males born this coming spring season will initially look like the female but by next winter they will have the more pronounced black mask, crest, and red feathers of adult males.

Cardinals will usually be the first birds to your feeders greeting you in the morning and the last birds to eat bidding you a good evening.

The past few years have been filled with uncertainty however, nothing could stop Christmas from happening, or the beautiful pair Cardinals cheerfully singing, reminding us of all the gifts that we may have overlooked this past year. May the blessings of this Christmas be filled with peace, love, and joy.



Merry Christmas!

SC Sheriff's Office Participates in "Shop with a Cop"



(From Pg. 1) Through the generosity of the Walmart Foundation, 40 Children from around the county were treated to an afternoon of "Shop with a Cop" at the Walmart store in Monticello. Each child was given a \$50.00 Walmart Gift Card and provided with a Sullivan County Deputy Sheriff as an escort, to help them pick out a gift. While many of the children made a bee-line for the toy section, others picked out clothes and one even selected a bone for his dog.

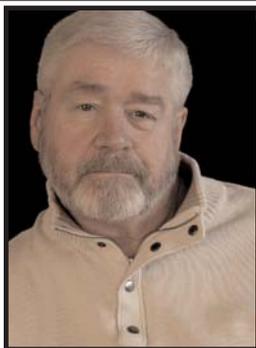
was coordinated through our Youth Division with the cooperation of the Walmart management team and employees", said Sheriff Mike Schiff. "We are proud to participate in outreach programs like this one, which help build better bonds with the community", he said.

"The Shop with a Cop program

The event started with a photo op in front of the store where the deputies had parked their patrol cars. Each child was given a Santa Claus hat to wear in order to get them into the holiday spirit and then led as a group into the store. Walmart employees were waiting at the door to greet them with applause and candy canes. Then it was off to the important task at hand –shopping! The joy on the faces of the children was priceless.

The Sheriff thanked Walmart store manager Imran Siddiqi, assistant managers Marilyn Smith and Ken Blanchette as well as the employees for their enthusiasm and kindness.





Just in case you're wondering, we'll be re-running some of our best and most popular book reviews every other week from now on. They will be described as our Legacy Mysterious Book Reports. Send us a quick request if you have a favorite that you'd like to see again and we'll do our best to re-publish it.

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 14

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Damascus Station

Mysterious Book Report No. 464

by John Dwaine McKenna

Damascus Station, (Norton, \$27.95, 400 pages, ISBN 978-0-393-88104-2) by former CIA analyst David McCloskey, features a CIA case officer named Sam Joseph, who in his second espionage adventure is attempting to recruit a Syrian woman named Mariam Haddad, a highly placed official working for the Syrian Secret Service called the Mukhabarat.

The story begins in Paris, France, where Sam elbows his way into a diplomatic cocktail party in order to meet the Syrian noblewoman. When he spots her being badgered by a Syrian diplomat, Sam moves in and rescues her, then strikes up a conversation. One thing leads to another, and as the CIA officer recruits Ms. Haddad, he breaks all the rules and they become romantically involved. In spite of this, she agrees to spy for the Americans, despite the incredible dangers posed by the Assad regime. Sam gets posted to Damascus . . . where he's assigned as the case officer for the newly recruited spy. His plan is to hunt down a brutal pair of brothers who are not only Syrian Palace officials, they're also responsible for kidnapping and torturing a female American spy to death.

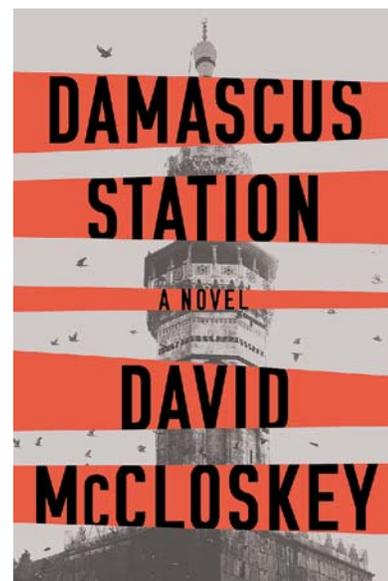
McCloskey portrays the incredible tension and the mission dangers so well, that the reader will feel sweat breaking out on her neck. In addition to accurately portraying the

savagery and describing the appalling conditions on the ground in the war torn country,

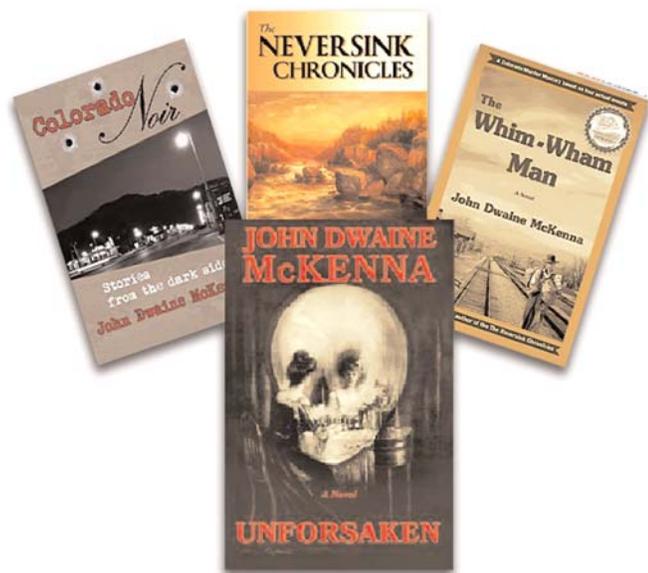
he shows the occasional ineptitude of the CIA bureaucracy. Readers will also learn the basic elements of spycraft, such as avoiding tails, the operation of a safe house and how to make a dead drop. This sobering and electrifying novel is a nail-biter that will keep readers on the edge of their seats until the last page is read. If you're a fan of spy novels you don't want to miss this one!!

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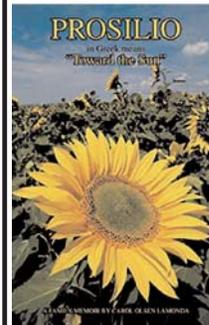
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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has



been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book

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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda Resort of Babel



We chose an Hispanic All-Inclusive Resort to spend a get-away to the sun just before The holidays. We have met people from China, Canada, Uruguay, Cuba, Austria, France, China, Germany, and one American couple from Indiana. With such diverse guests, we resemble the Biblical Tower of Babel where all can converse in our own tongue and understand no one else.

Instead of deep conversation or discussion, we use our dozen words we might know in Spanish, French, German, or Mandarin and use the universal "Hola" and a smile. It is quite reassuring to spend a week without conflict, derision, or disagreement. We converse in welcoming smiles and pleasantries. I found it comforting surrounded by the "white noise" that blocks out controversy.

Here are some of my observations of International fashion:

International bathing attire is skimpy. The new style bikinis have a very scant front but no back, just a thong. I have seen more derrières than watching an episode of "Naked and Afraid" on television.

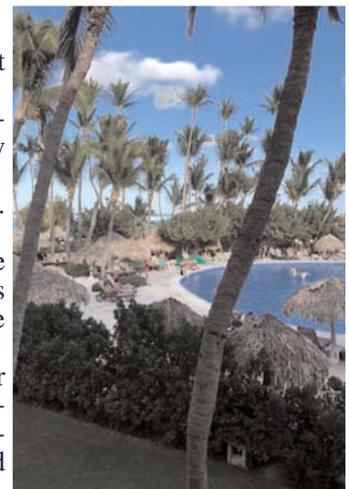
Dresses abound. No one wears slacks or shorts. Men wear shorter bathing suits and are not embarrassed to carry the beach bag or push the baby carriage. Cover-ups do not live up to their name. They do not cover up! I believe bikini bathing suits should have an age and weight limit. Or maybe not...

After a week at open bars and buffets, older men tend to look like turtles lying on beach lounge chairs.

I also realized that three books was one book too few for a week's vacation. I also realized that time spent watching a turquoise Caribbean sea roll in waves over white sand the consistency of All-Purpose flour beneath sky the shade of Larimar, the blue semi-precious stone found only in the Dominican Republic, are the most relaxing and worthwhile hours spent in the day.

No matter the nationality, we are all alike. Each little "chickie," little straw huts, has a sign in four languages saying, "It is not permitted to reserve sunbathing chairs." Ha! At the crack of dawn hundreds of sleepy-eyed guests head to the pools and beach armed with towels, tee-shirts, books, and personal items to mark their bit of real-estate in the sun. Their space is honored as if they held a metes and bounties deed to the lounge chairs.

In this microcosm of the world there was a sharing of humanity, respect for one another, and the hope for peace on earth. I return home renewed spirit to enjoy the season of love and light.





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Fallsburg Man Arrested for Stabbing His Grandfather

On Friday December 16, 2022, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a person who had been stabbed. The victim initially sought treatment at Urgent Care on the Concord Rd. in Monticello, but was taken by Mobile Medic Ambulance to Garnet Hospital in Harris. The victim was then transferred to Garnet Orange Regional Medical Center where he underwent surgery for a stab wound to the abdomen and is listed in stable condition.

Sheriff's Deputies determined that the attack had occurred at a residence on State Route 42 in South Fallsburg and that the assailant was the victim's grandson. A bulletin was put for police to be on the lookout for Supreme Faison, age 24 of Fallsburg.

At about 4:30 AM the next morning, the Fallsburg Police advised Deputies that the suspect was spotted at an apartment complex on Laurel Ave. in South Fallsburg. A Sheriff's patrol responded to the scene and took the suspect into custody.



Supreme Faison has been charged with the Felony of Assault First Degree, and the Misdemeanors of Criminal Possession of a Weapon as well as Menacing. He was arraigned before Fallsburg Town Judge Jaime Kaminski and committed to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 cash bail.

The defendant is due back in court on December 21, 2022 at 5:30 PM. Sheriff Mike Schiff said that the investigation is continuing and that additional charges may be possible.

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DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

Rockland County Wilderness Rescue: On Dec. 10 at 12 p.m., Central Dispatch requested Forest Ranger assistance with an injured hiker at Bear Mountain State Park. Rangers Cowart,



O'Connell, Russo, and Sweeney hiked into the location. Park Rangers and Park Police were with the 42-year-old from Staten Island, who had an ankle injury. Rangers assisted with the carry-out of the subject using a wheeled litter. The subject was then taken by UTV to an ambulance at Seven

Lakes Road and resources were clear at 3:20 p.m.

DEC Announces Third Year of Ice Fishing Creel Survey on Lake Champlain

Surveys to be Conducted January through March 2023
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the annual ice fishing creel survey will resume for its third year on the New York waters of Lake Champlain from January through March 2023.

"Anglers are important partners when it comes to the management of the Lake Champlain fishery," said Commissioner Seggos. "By participating in programs like the ice fishing creel survey, anglers provide us with information that ultimately benefits both our environment and the future of quality fishing in New York State."



Photo Courtesy of Steve Grausgruber

An ice angler holds a lake trout caught south of Westport on Lake Champlain in 2021. Data collected on catches like this helps DEC make management decisions that will affect the lake and its anglers for years to come.



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This survey is part of an annual effort to survey both ice and open water anglers. Data gathered during these surveys will help DEC fisheries biologists better understand angler use and expectations, while also informing management actions on Lake Champlain.

The 2023 ice fishing survey will take place at four access points: King's Bay (Point au Fer Road); Willsboro Bay Boat Launch; Bulwagga Bay Campground; and South Bay Boat Launch. Anglers coming off the ice will be asked to participate in the creel survey by providing information about their day of fishing. They will be asked to allow the DEC creel agent to collect biological data on their catch. Collected data will include target species, number caught, and size. Voluntary participation in the survey gives anglers the opportunity to contribute to future Lake Champlain management decisions.

A copy of the Lake Champlain Ice Fishing Creel Survey plan can be found on DEC's website. Previous years' reports can be found on the Adirondack/Lake Champlain Reports webpage. The 2023 ice fishing survey report will be made available later next year.

Anglers are reminded to always follow best practices for ice safety and to Love Our New York Lands and Leave No Trace™. This includes carrying out all gear and fishing waste, especially lines and lures that could potentially harm wildlife and other users. Anglers are also encouraged to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and Clean. Drain. Dry. their equipment and boats before use in a new waterbody.

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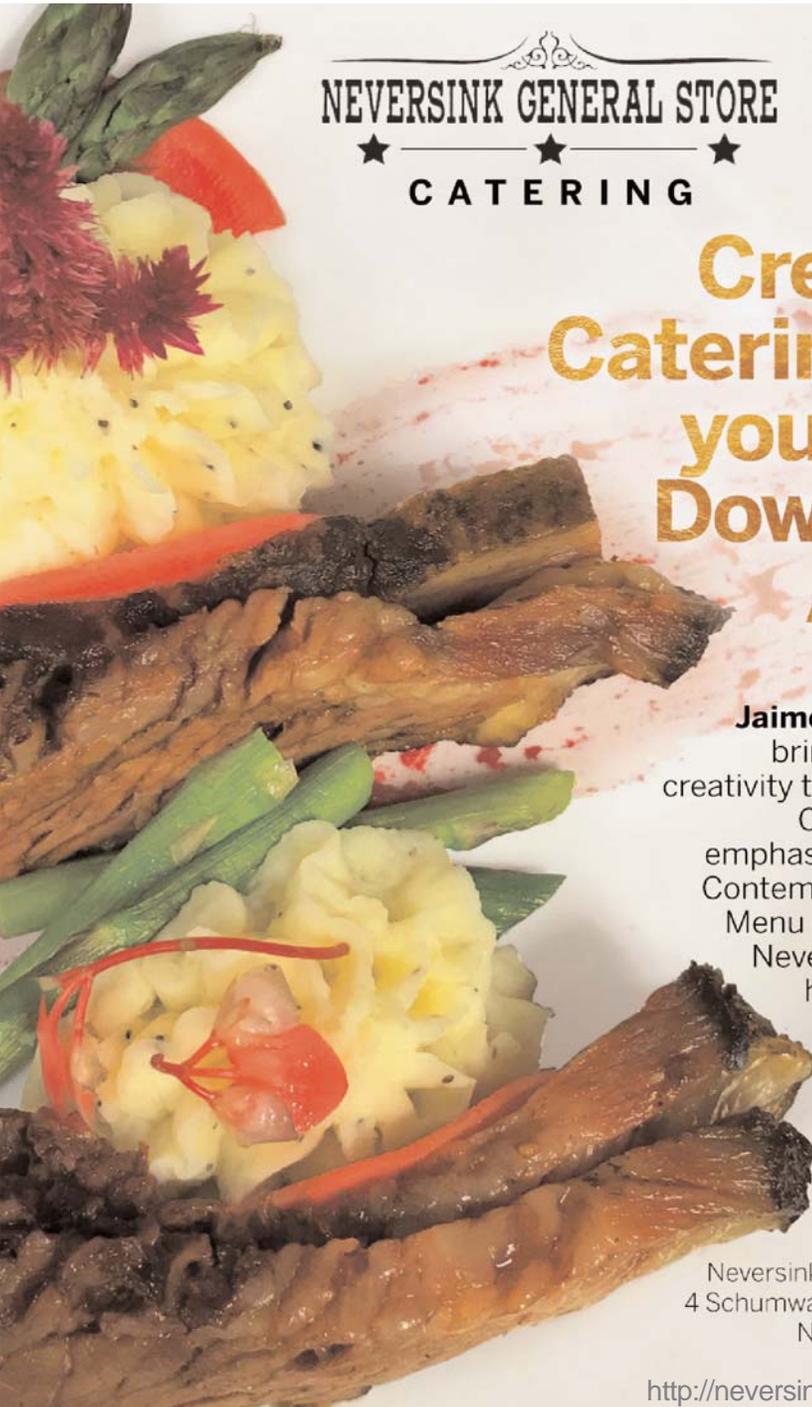
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Winter has Arrived in SullivanCatskills

Winter officially arrived on Tuesday and our Sullivan Catskills is blanketed in white. Pack up the jingle bells and the dreidels and join us. Our hoteliers have the hot chocolate and cookies ready. Pick a full-service resort, boutique inn, B&B, hotel, or cozy vacation rental and join the fun.

We're lighting up the night this holiday season. Start your adventure at the enchanting 1.7-mile drive-thru light show Peace, Love & Lights at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. Now through January 1 the fun includes the Holiday Hub, Holiday Market Pop-up, Santa Hat Sundays, and Dinner with Santa. They're holding the Gingerbread Build and Sip this Thursday from 6 - 9 pm. Over in Wurtsboro, Canal Towne Emporium's Annual Dance of the Lights Show runs every evening at 7 pm through Christmas Eve. And just down the road, you can see Crystal Connections' Holiday Light Show on select dates through the holidays. Christmas Light Show every night from 6 pm until 10 pm. Monteleone Gardens. December is a month worth celebrating at The Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark. Enjoy family fun, including wreath making, photos with Santa to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital, Cookies and Storytime, and more.

Our great big outdoors is so much fun in the snow! Go take an Alpaca Walk at Buck Brook Alpacas in Roscoe then do some holiday shopping in their store. Did you know you can walk through Peace, Love, and Lights at Bethel Woods? On Monday nights, Sullivan 180 hosts Walk-Thru Mondays. Snowshoeing is a blast on our trails. Check out the list of dozens of trails at Trailkeeper.org. And our doves on the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail look adorable in the snow. The trail is our tribute to the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair. There are 61 hand painted sculptures. Go find them all! Or take a trip around Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail and sample the flavors from over a dozen breweries, wineries, cideries, and distilleries. Bet you're hungry now. Our chefs and bakers will satisfy your hunger with their Catskill-icious creations.



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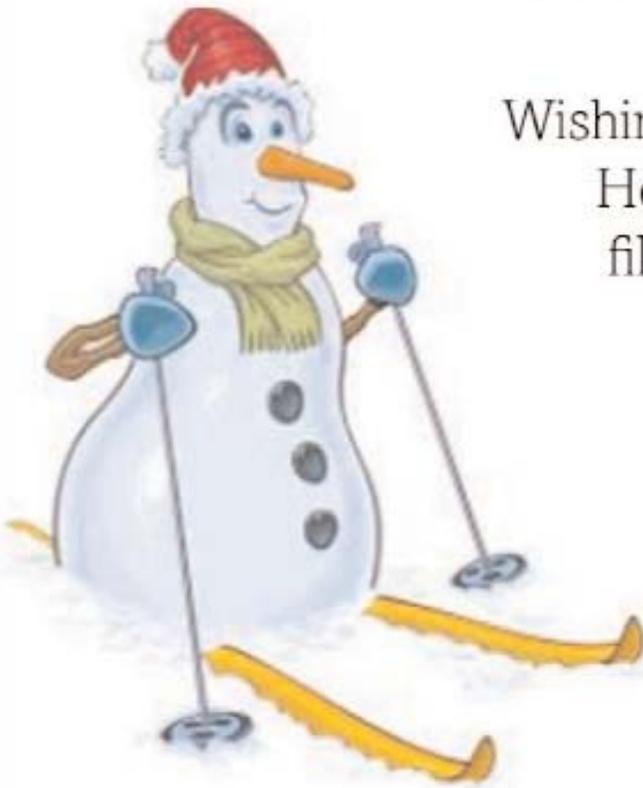
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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

I think the universe likes we mortals again. Two years of CoVid isolation and now it seems that all the major snow/ice events have been scheduled for weekdays leaving the weekends free for....PARTY!!



This last Saturday I found myself back at THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE for a holiday party for the family and friends of owners DAVID and TERESA TRESTYN. And you know music was center stage. DAVID (lead guitar and vocals) was on stage when I arrived with JOHN WICK (guitar), GUY LINDQUIST (bass) and EDINA (drums). Whenever David is on stage, one can be guaranteed everything from Rockin' Blues to ballads from his impressive repertoire.



Then in comes DIAMOND JIM with his guitar. I first heard him at an Open Mic hosted by CASWYN MOON and made a mental note to keep an eye out for him performing somewhere. But he was like a ghost. Then I caught a video from CABERNET FRANK'S over the summer, and there he was again as lead singer and guitar with a band! Then nothing again until last Saturday night. Someday I'll sit down with him and tell him this story. DIAMOND JIM, as a musician, is very good and he has a stage presence that took me by surprise. He has an intensity of focus on the audience that just draws them in.

BILL MAGARGAL, house drummer for HEARTBEAT, took over the drums when DIAMOND JIM took the stage. Bill has become one heck of a drummer, more than holding his own with not only one powerhouse but a second as LAURA GARONE joined the stage with her special brand of jazzy blues.

LAURA is fresh off the DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE production of ELLA'S JUKEBOX CAFE, a musical revue



honoring the music of the great ELLA FITZGERALD.

At some point, those drumsticks were seamlessly handed over to EDDIE, another of THE HEARTBEAT'S own and a fine drummer in his own right, so much so that I was unaware until BILL joined us at the table.



I was chatting with TERESA TRESTYN, fiber artist MARIE SPODEK and MARK McLEWIN from THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE when Mark said "Hello" to someone behind me and there was ALBI BELULI. He had just come from a gig at THE RUSSIAN MULE. When he too joined the stage, it became what can only be described as a 'star studded event'. I always enjoy ALBI'S performances, but it was quite another to hear him let loose on VAN MORRISON'S classic 'INTO THE MYSTIC' in the excellent acoustic space that THE HEARTBEAT provides.

And may you join with me in congratulating DAVID and TERESA TRESTYN on becoming great grandparents (they are too young!!) to a beautiful baby boy named KELLY. Both he, daddy and mother, their granddaughter, KIA are doing well.

There's one more party to attend this season, this one at CABERNET FRANK'S on Christmas Eve's Eve- Friday December 23 at 7pm hosted by TERI PARIS and FAITH KELLY. Join myself and the gang for CASWYN MOON, CON QUESO, FISHER and KEAN, POISON LOVE, KATHY GEARY and KEVIN HANEK, JEANIUS SOCIETY and MR AND MRS CLAUS in celebration of whatever you celebrate during this holiday season.

May your blessing be many this holiday season!
Until next time.....

New Citizens to Take Oath in Ulster County

Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack announces that a naturalization ceremony was to take place at the historic Ulster County Courthouse on Wall Street in Kingston on Friday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. however due to the weather the event was cancelled.

Approximately 23 new citizens were scheduled to take their Oaths of Allegiance accepting the responsibilities of an American, while also gaining the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth.

Those scheduled to be naturalized will be contacted by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to reschedule. For citizenship related questions, please contact the USCIS online at <https://www.uscis.gov/contact-center> or by phone at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

For information on future ceremonies in Ulster County, please call the County Clerk's Office.

Sullivan Dems Seek Candidates

(Sullivan County, NY) The Sullivan County Democratic Committee is seeking letters of interest from Sullivan County residents wishing to receive the Democratic Endorsement to run for countywide offices on November 7, 2023. The offices to be voted on are: Sullivan County District Attorney (four-year term), Sullivan County Clerk (four-year term) and Nine (9) Sullivan County Legislators (four-year terms).

Please submit letters of interest and a brief resume via email to Secretary Deanna Senyk at: secretary@scnydc.org and by mail to: Anne Hart, Chair, Sullivan County Democratic Committee, PO Box 502, Kiamesha Lake, NY 12751. Emails must be received by close of business January 15, 2023 and letters must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2023.

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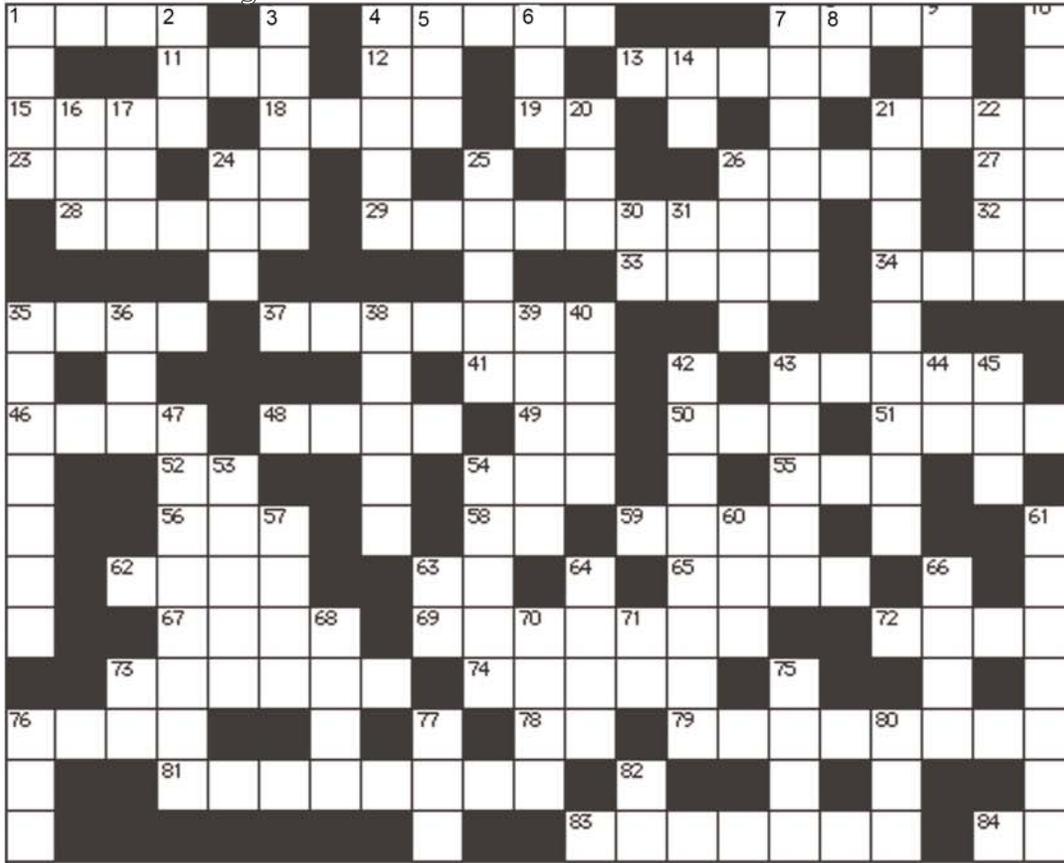
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'Twas the Night Before Christmas... - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 1 Gift brought by the Magi
- 4 Author of "A Visit from Santa"
- 7 What Santa may get on his suit
- 11 Also Known As
- 12 Form of an indefinite article
- 13 Terra firma
- 15 Terror
- 18 Leaf
- 19 By means than
- 21 Brought into existence
- 23 Tender Love & Care
- 24 Higher position
- 26 Surrender
- 27 You and I
- 28 Cheerful
- 29 Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth

- 32 Thirteenth star in a constellation
- 33 Hearing organs
- 34 Holds tightly in one's arms
- 35 Feeling of expectation
- 37 Large floating mass of ice
- 41 Address for a man
- 43 Not under control
- 46 Virtuous
- 48 Purchases
- 49 In the direction of
- 50 Total
- 51 Listen
- 52 Exclamation used particularly to ask to repeat something
- 54 Hook
- 55 Lyric poem meant to be sung
- 56 Coral reef
- 58 That which

- 59 Capital of Norway
- 62 Deep affection
- 63 Roman four
- 65 Edge
- 67 Route
- 69 Sea fish
- 72 Frame
- 73 Holy youth
- 74 Country
- 76 Savory pie
- 78 Chem. element Argon
- 79 Sheep tender
- 81 Twelfth Day of Christmas
- 83 Sacred candelabrum used in Jewish worship
- 84 New York

DOWN

- 1 Present
- 2 Daughters of the American Revolution

- 3 Joyous
- 4 Wonderful; exciting
- 5 Single unit
- 6 Slender curved bone that protects the thoracic cavity
- 7 Tension
- 8 Exclamation
- 9 Also
- 10 What brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem
- 14 Expressing arrival in a certain place
- 16 Tall deciduous tree
- 17 Highest card
- 20 Affirmative
- 21 Birthplace of Jesus
- 22 Made a clear resonant vibrating sound

- 24 Uniform Resource Locator
- 25 Woody perennial plants
- 26 Pasteboard
- 30 Chem element
- Tellurium
- 31 Mother
- 35 What a past Townsman writer, Tom and local water colorist artist, Ann, have in common
- 36 Professional
- 38 Where Joseph and Mary took Jesus after was born
- 39 Solemn ceremony
- 40 Spirits mixed with water
- 42 Large

- watertight chamber
- 43 Deluge
- 44 Each
- 45 Wither
- 47 Trim
- 53 Damage
- 54 Covers with asphalt
- 57 Twelve months
- 60 Top
- 61 Festivity
- 63 To be
- 64 At a distance
- 66 Old Norse Christmas
- 68 Cavernous
- 70 At a specified distance
- 71 Variant of 'hoy'
- 73 Senior
- 75 Doe
- 76 Little crippled boy in A Christmas Carol
- 77 Scrooge's sister
- 80 Exclamation of disbelief
- 82 Referring to a male

Old-Fashioned Gingerbread Cutout Cookies

- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In a large saucepan, combine the butter, sugar, molasses and vinegar; bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat; cool to lukewarm. Stir in egg. Combine the flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon and salt; stir into molasses mixture to form a soft dough.

Divide dough into thirds. Shape each portion into a disk; wrap in plastic. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours or until easy to handle.

On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/4-in. thickness. Cut with a floured cookie cutter. Place on greased baking sheets. Bake at 375° for 7-9 minutes or until edges are firm. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Decorate as desired.

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CHRISTMAS TIME Cryptogram

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Illustrations of Christmas items with dashed lines for labeling:

- Wreath, Candy cane, Gift, Stocking, Star, Wreath, Gift, Wreath, Star
- Wreath, Child, Gift, Stocking, Star, Wreath, Santa, Gingerbread
- Child, Gift, Stocking, Star, Wreath, Star, Reindeer, Wreath, Star, Gift
- Wreath, Star, Wreath
- Star, Santa, Child, Wreath, Reindeer, Snowman, Wreath, Christmas tree, Stocking, Star, Child
- Stocking, Santa, Child, Wreath, Gift, Gift

Kids' Christmas Fun Page

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WORD SEARCH

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- SANTA
- CHIMNEY
- SNOWFLAKE
- BELLS
- STOCKING
- GINGERBREAD
- HOLLY
- CANDY
- TREE
- STAR
- HAT
- SNOWMAN

Follow the dots

Star 10

19

Help Santa through the maze



Find ten differences between the two pictures



Volunteers Sought for Ag Protection Board

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB), established in 1992, seeks two volunteers to help preserve and promote the use of farmland throughout the County.

Under New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, counties are required to establish agricultural and farmland protection boards to assist in review of public land acquisition, review of non-farm projects within New York State Certified Agricultural Districts, formation and review of Agricultural Districts and the development and implementation of county and municipal agricultural and farmland protection plans.



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The AFPB generally meets quarterly, with occasional visits to properties to evaluate their inclusion into the Agricultural Districts. In addition, during the eight-year comprehensive review of an Agricultural District, members meet to review proposed modifications and prepare recommendations for the County Legislature. The Board also oversees the implementation of the County's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.

At this time there are two volunteer spots available:

One position for an active farmer

One position for an active farmer and/or other agricultural stakeholder and/or stakeholder from an organization dedicated to agricultural land preservation.

The term "active farmer" is defined as a person who actively farms land that he or she either owns or rents, and the property is either:

not less than seven acres of land used as a single operation for the production for sale of crops, livestock or livestock products of an average gross sales value of \$10,000 or more; or, less than seven acres used as a single operation for the production for sale of crops, livestock or livestock products of an average gross sales value of \$50,000 or more.

Terms are four years, upon appointment and confirmation by the Sullivan County Legislature. Volunteers must live in Sullivan County.

Potential volunteers should send a letter of interest and statement of qualifications to AnnMarie Martin, Clerk to the Sullivan County Legislature, Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701 or annmarie.martin@sullivanny.us by January 13, 2023.

Letter to the Editor:

President Biden Deserted A Marine

Brittney Griner is back in the U.S. after the Biden administration was able to negotiate a prisoner swap with Russia, but was this the right swap?

Paul Whelan, a former U.S. Marine, has been a Russian prisoner for four years. His health has deteriorated, and Whelan and his family are probably losing confidence in the

I am sure many people in the U.S. believe Whelan should have superseded Griner in the order of swapping prisoners. Furthermore, the prisoner we returned to Russia was an arms dealer who sold weapons to anti-U.S. terrorists. Have we enabled him to sell more weapons to terrorists who want to strike at the U.S.?

I wonder if Griner's popularity and notoriety as a big time basketball player played into her superseding Whelan in the prisoner swap. Did the Biden administration place importance on her popularity and the impact on the voting public when compared to Whelan's obscurity? Whelan was a Marine who was willing to fight and die to defend our country. Griner said she thought the national anthem should not be played prior to her basketball games.

Hopefully, Whelan will be receiving the same U.S. negotiating skills Griner received, and we will see him back in the U.S. very soon.

Donald Moskowitz
Former LT, U.S. Navy
Londonderry NH

This Thursday -Tango Trivia

Due to the winter weather, Tango Trivia is being postponed to this Thursday December 22nd. I realize the 22nd is dangerously close to Christmas, but hopefully some of you can still make it. Winter in the mountains. What can you do?

Third Thursdays Trivia at the Tango - December 22

7:00 at the Tango Cafe

at Hurleyville Performing Arts Center,

Hurleyville, NY

Hope to see you there.

Arthur

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**Notice of Resolution Adopted Subject to
Permissive Referendum**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District at the regular meeting on December 6, 2022 adopted the following resolution:

It is resolved that \$3,279.00 from the Equipment Repair Reserves be transferred to Contractual Expenses Account Number A3410.4.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District.

Date: December 13, 2022
Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary
Claryville Fire District

12/22

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning will hold its Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 3rd, 2023 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 scheduled to begin at 10 am. No other business will be before the Board at this meeting.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board.

Nancy Parrow
Town Clerk
December 20th, 2022

12/22

The Fallsburg Board of Education meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2022, was moved to Monday, December 19, 2022. 7:00pm in the Board of Education

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**The Tri-Valley Central
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The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be Thursday, January 5, 2023.
**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
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p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level**

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Governor Hochul Announces Completion of Transformational HealthAlliance Hospital to Enhance Health Care Services in Ulster County

- *New York State Capital Restructuring Financing Program Provided \$88.8 Million to Overhaul HealthAlliance Hospital in Kingston*
- *Expansion Project Reflects New York State and WMCHHealth Investments in Ulster County Health Care*

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the completion of a transformational overhaul of the HealthAlliance Hospital in Kingston. Funded with \$88.8 million through the state Capital Restructuring Financing Program, Westchester Medical Center Health Network's project to overhaul the hospital included a new two-story 79,000-square-foot structure and a full renovation of the existing 48,000-square-foot hospital.

"The health of every New Yorker depends on a strong, stable, and equitable health care system, and that includes investing in state-of-the-art medical facilities," Governor Hochul said. "With support from our state's Capital Restructuring Financing Program, the newly renovated HealthAlliance Hospital will boost access and essential health care services for residents of the Kingston area. We will continue to ensure that New Yorkers receive the high-quality health care they deserve, and we remain committed to building the health care economy of the future."

"Our doctors, nurses and health care professionals deserve state-of-the-art technology to serve their communities," said Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. "This project is an investment that will continue to serve the people of the Hudson Valley for years to come."

In addition to the new 79,000-square-foot wing, HealthAlliance Hospital also added a 25,000-square-foot emergency care center, a modern family birthing center, and a new intensive care unit furnished with the latest medical technology, which were provided as part of WMCHHealth's partnership with Philips. The renovated facility will also serve the community with emergent and preventive solutions for blocked arteries, irregular heartbeats and coronary heart disease in a new, advanced service cardiac catheterization laboratory.

The hospital expansion and renovation and enhancement resulted from the two-phase, Ulster County health care advancement plan initiated by WMCHHealth in cooperation with the state. The goal of the advancement plan is to consolidate the operations of the two HealthAlliance Hospitals in Kingston.

Most of the financing for the project was provided by the Capital Restructuring Financing Program, which is jointly administered by the state Department of Health and the state Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. This program

provides funding to capital projects that will enhance the quality, financial viability and efficiency of the health care delivery system in New York by helping facilities improve patient-centered care.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "The opening of the new HealthAlliance Hospital in Westchester demonstrates the importance of State-supported investment in health care settings and services within communities. I applaud everyone at the State and WMCHHealth involved in advancing the hospital's technology, offerings, and emergent and preventative solutions which will directly improve the care available for residents and patients."

tients across our entire network, locally and close to home."

Representative Pat Ryan said, "This community deserves best-in-class health infrastructure, and this investment is a huge step in the right direction. I want to thank the leaders of HealthAlliance hospital, all of our doctors and nurses, and everyone who helped build this amazing facility. I look forward to working right alongside them to make sure that everyone in the Hudson Valley has access to quality, convenient, and affordable health care."

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "There should be no hurdles in accessing quality, local, state-of-the-art health care for Hudson Valley residents, and the significant expansion of Kingston HealthAlliance Hospital moves us toward that shared vision for health equity. The loss of health care services across upstate New York is an issue that demands action, and I thank WMCHHealth and Governor Hochul for turning this moment into an opportunity to bring more health care, new services, and cutting-edge medical technologies to Ulster County through this exciting hospital expansion."

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill said, "Today is the culmination of two generations, over 20 years, of our community commitment to the modernization of health care in the Mid Hudson Valley. While this shiny new facility is impressive, it is merely a reflection of the dedication of our health care delivery community. Governor Hochul, colleagues in the State Legislature and an array of local officials worked with local leaders and health care professionals to make this happen. On behalf of a grateful community, thank you."

Acting Ulster County Executive Johanna Contreras said, "On behalf of Ulster County, I want to thank WMCHHealth and HealthAlliance for their \$113 million investment in our community. The HealthAlliance Hospital expansion in Kingston will improve local access to high-quality medical care for our residents and visitors. We appreciate their focus on transforming patient care in the region with a state-of-the-art, welcoming environment for patients."

Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said, "With the investment of over \$100 million into accessible health care right here in heart of our city, the needs of our growing community are being seen and met. I want to thank Governor Hochul, WMC Health, and our community, for rallying behind this investment in local health care while also ensuring the adaptive reuse of the former Kingston Hospital campus on Broadway. My role as Mayor is to make sure that my residents have the services they need to live a vibrant, healthy life and that is not possible without a well-funded, well-staffed hospital system. I look forward to opening this next chapter of health care here in Kingston and want to thank all of the dedicated health care workers who serve our residents each and every day."



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Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation

Russian Mule New Year's Eve Party
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Saturday, December 31

MENU

Starters

spring rolls *beef empanadas *spanakopita
*shrimp cocktail *crudite platter

Taste of Russia

olivier salad *vinaigrette salad *kabanosy *smoked fish platter
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Jan. 7, 2023

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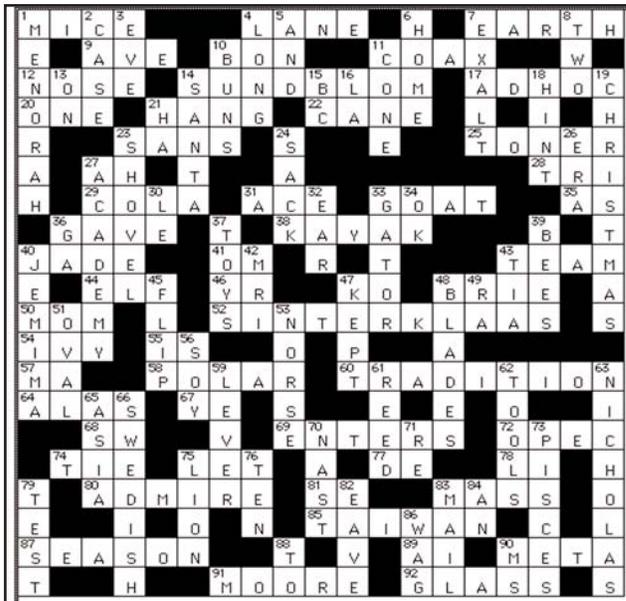
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

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United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 5:30 pm
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**PRAYER TO
THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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**
 1/7/23 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall**

**To all Local Municipalities, Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.**

Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2023** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events throughout the coming year. You may email them to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or
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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.

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week of

December 19 - December 23, 2022

Tuesday, December 20

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics**, Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building #2 - Veterans Agency Entrance, 100 Development Court, Kingston
- o **5:15 PM - Ulster County Commission on Reapportionment**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Trails Advisory Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

Wednesday, December 21

- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **10:00 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:15 PM - Ulster County Commission on Reapportionment**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and 1432 Lake Josephine Dr, Sebring, FL

Thursday, December 22

- o **4:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM - Youth Board**, at Youth Bureau Office, Development Court, Kingston

Friday, December 23

- o No Meetings

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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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The DMV will continue to take mail-in license renewals with proof of an eye exam and registration renewals to: Sullivan County DMV, 100 North Street, Monticello NY, 12701

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HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Free and open to all inside the Sullivan County Government Center Lobby, 100 North Street, Monticello

12 p.m., December 8, 2022

1 p.m., December 13, 2022

12:30 p.m., December 14, 2022

Livingston Manor High School Choir and Band

Fallsburg Elementary Chorus

Monticello High School Band, Orchestra, Chorus, and Emerging Ensembles

11 a.m., December 15, 2022

11 a.m., December 16, 2022

11:45 a.m., December 19, 2022

11:30 a.m., December 20, 2022

11:30 a.m., December 21, 2022

12 p.m., December 22, 2022

Sullivan County BOCES Chorus

Sullivan West 4th-6th Grade Chorus

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Liberty High School Honors Chorus

Sullivan West High School Select Choir

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2023 SULLIVAN COUNTY DMV



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Tues February 7

Tues March 7

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Thurs January 19

Thursday February 16

Thursday March 16

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Tues January 24

Tues February 21

Tues March 21

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HORTONVILLE

Thurs January 12

Thurs February 9

Thurs March 9

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LIVINGSTON MANOR

Tues January 17

Tues February 14

Tues March 14

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95 Main Street,
Livingston Manor, NY

GRAHAMSVILLE

Thurs January 5

Thurs February 2

Thurs March 2

License & Registration Appts

271 Main Street,
Grahamsville, NY

LIBERTY

Tues January 31

Tues February 28

Tues March 28

License & Registration Appts

15 Sullivan Ave
Liberty, NY

BLOOMINGBURG

Thurs January 26

Thurs February 23

Thurs March 23

License & Registration Appts

11 North Rd.
Bloomingburg, NY

Schedule an appointment on the county website sullivanny.us | County Clerk Russell Reeves

Monty Rotary Meeting December 13, 2022

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test were followed by recognizing our soon-to-be newest Rotarian,



Crystal Tweed who completes her third meeting and will be inducted along with Shayna Benskie immediately preceding the Holiday Celebration on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022.

image

The guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Matt Evans, Superintendent of The Monticello Central School District, provided a comprehensive "State of The School District Report," highlighting the many new initiatives that will further enhance and enrich the instructional programs that the district provides to the students.

Dr. Evans shared the difficulties that not only MCSD endured by all school district nationally endured as a consequence of the COVID 19 pandemic. "Transitioning back to "normalcy" has been challenging," Dr. Evans stated, "...but the cooperation of all community members continues to ease this transition and allow us to effectively meet the challenges that we face as a consequence of high absentee rates among faculty and students." In addition, Dr. Evans indicated that issues like inflation, labor/workforce at all levels and supply chain, all continue to contribute to the difficulties that MCSD faces.

"We continue to be at 95% + staffing levels and continue to actively seek qualified candidates to fill vacant positions in all categories," Dr Evans asserted.

The district was awarded a Federal Grant in excess of 375K to be used for the purchase of a fully electric school bus in addition to 20K for necessary infrastructure upgrades. By 2027, it is expected that all new school buses will be fully electric.

MCSD continues to be in the forefront of efforts to curb school violence. Through a grant in excess of 100K, the district was able to ramp up its efforts at the St John Street Alternative High School facility through the hiring of a SVP - School Violence Coordinator and the establishment of paid student internships. In addition, an enrichment specialist will coordinate after-school programs that target

"specialized skills development." The Mentor Program - a "Big Brother/Big Sister" initiative will be expanded in the high school.

The major infrastructure projects continue and are nearing completion both "ahead of time and under budget." In addition, the exterior facilities at the Main Campus will be open for public use during designated times.

MCSD clearly continues to serve the community well through its unwavering commitment to providing the finest quality education to all students.

Fill a Bag of Comfort for Those in Nursing Homes

Monticello Rotary along with the 3rd Judicial District in Sullivan County of the NYS Court System are collecting holiday goodies for those in Nursing Homes throughout our county. Being away from loved ones during the Holiday Season is very difficult. Many of our Senior Citizens have no family locally and the Holiday's can bring on sadness and depression. You can help us make a difference. Please donate items such as lap throws, shawls, gripper socks, large print puzzle books, finerless gloves, hairbrush/comb sets, and other items you think your grandparents might like. We will be collecting items through December 20th. Items may be dropped off as indicated in the flyer. Also, items may be dropped off at Kristt Company in Monticello or Albella Restaurant (just let them know it is for Monticello Rotary). You may also contact Lori Orestano-James to arrange a drop off of items by emailing lorijames.rotary@gmail.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Taste of Sullivan - Helen indicated that 5 possible venues are being explored. The anticipated date will be April 20, 2023. Reminder that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, at 5:30.

Library Box - Jacob is negotiating the logistics for a "trial run" at the Rock Hill Post Office scheduled for next week. If successful, the club will investigate the purchase of additional Library Boxes.

Senior Comfort Closet - Lori reminded members to bring comfort items specific to Senior Citizens who are infirmed to the Holiday Party on Tuesday. These items will be distributed during the Holiday Week.

Heart-A-Thon - Les provided an update on this partnership initiative scheduled for Friday, February 17th, 2023, from noon to 6 pm at Resorts World. Les indicated that they are working on an addition of a Helath Fair. Lori shared that a Monticello, Liberty and Livingston Manor combined Rotary Clubs Blood Drive will also be held that day. Other Blood Drive dates include the Monster Run and possibly, Rotary Day of Service.

Brad indicated that New Hope Community had donated \$1000 and that he would pick up the check on Monday, December 19th, 2022, between 10:30 and Noon.

Tis the Season - Holiday Party

We will be having our Holiday Party on Tuesday 12/20/22 at Albella's in lieu of our regular meeting. The Holiday Party will start at 6pm with a social hour followed by a delicious buffet dinner, dessert and

PILATES

HAPPY BODY

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

Sundays @ 10AM
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SUNY Sullivan's Rosemarie Hanofee Honored as Professional Woman in Business



Rosemarie Hanofee, dean of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Health Sciences at SUNY Sullivan, was honored last month in the Sullivan County Democrat's Professional Women in Business magazine.

As dean, Hanofee works with faculty to manage SUNY Sullivan's academic programs, coordinates its college-in-high-school programs, and works to create new programs to serve the Sullivan County workforce. She is also the coordinator of SUNY Sullivan's partnership with Hudson Link to provide higher education to inmates of the Sullivan Correctional Facility.

"We couldn't do what we do without Rose," said Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Marc Singer. "She is connected to the community, to the students, and to the faculty and staff. Most importantly, she really cares about what we do and how we help our students."

Congratulations Dean Hanofee, and thank you for all that you do!

Tim Lever Welcomed as Vice President for Administrative Services at SUNY Sullivan

SUNY Sullivan is pleased to announce Tim Lever, the former executive director of budget & planning at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, as SUNY Sullivan's new vice president for administrative services.

"I believe that the role of the community college is more important now than ever in today's perpetually changing higher education landscape, and SUNY Sullivan's continued and evolving impact on the lives of its students, the local community, and Sullivan County illustrate this critical role perfectly," said Lever. "I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to join President Quaintance and the rest of the team, and contribute to SUNY Sullivan's continued success."



SUNY Sullivan Chef Shares Success Story



Chef, author, entrepreneur, and SUNY Sullivan graduate Marcus Guiliano recently talked to students on campus about his experiences as a restaurant owner and shared tips for being successful after graduation. Guiliano, who owns Aroma Thyme Bistro in Ellenville and is a 1994 graduate of the Catskill Hospitality Institute at SUNY Sullivan, talked about the values of hard work and continued learning.

“Opening a restaurant is no joke,” said Guiliano, who earned a Professional Chef AAS degree with honors from SUNY Sullivan. “It’s one of the hardest things to do, (but) it’s also one of the most rewarding things to do.”

“By stressing the importance of passion, good work ethics, and other fundamental skills we teach here, Chef Marcus reinforced core elements of our Culinary programs and shared valuable insights with our students as they continue to work toward completing their degree and think about their next steps in the industry,” said Catskill Hospitality Institute Director Justine Hoskin.

SUNY Sullivan Visual Arts & Photography Alumni Inspire

Computer graphics/graphic design alumni Douglas Shindler '17 and Michael Davis '16 shared insights about their experiences and work as professional visual artists and photographers with current SUNY Sullivan computer graphics/graphic design students.

Shindler and Davis-Monticello residents who met as students at SUNY Sullivan showed images of their work and discussed the evolution of their careers, the process and inspiration behind their work, and opportunities in the local area. The artists also discussed the history and progress of their effort to launch the Black Library, a library and community art space in Monticello that will focus on celebrating Black history and culture. “It’s cool to see how people move on from the College and pursue their dreams,” said graphic design major Kathryn Widman, who was impressed by the artists’ confidence and courage.



SUNY Sullivan Generals Men’s Basketball Top Ranked in Nation NJCAA Division II Basketball Rankings



SUNY Sullivan is already a top contender on the national level after just four seasons as a Division II team. On Dec. 5, SUNY Sullivan’s Men’s Basketball team ranked number one in the nation in NJCAA Division II Men’s Basketball rankings. It is the first number one national ranking for the Generals since joining Division II in 2018.

Assemblymember Cahill to Honor Local Servicemen Fallen in Vietnam

(Kingston, New York) - On Friday, December 16, at the Ulster County Legislative Chambers in Kingston, the office and staff of Assemblymember Kevin Cahill hosted an event to commemorate the lives of forty-five (45) Vietnam era fallen service members from the Mid-Hudson Valley.

For many years, Assemblymember Cahill's office has held flag ceremonies honoring the lives of the area fallen service members. "I resolved early in my tenure in the New York State Assembly that it was fitting and proper to pay tribute to the young men from our communities who gave their lives in Southeast Asia," Assemblymember Cahill said. "Before I leave office at the end of the year, our office wants to make sure that all of these heroes receive proper recognition."

The event included friends and relatives of a number of the fallen Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, and Sailors as well as representatives from area veteran's organizations. Family members present received a commemorative flag flown over the State Capitol Building in honor of their loved one. Those families that were unable to attend will have the items shipped to them.

"In almost all cases, these were young men-some not out of their teens-who perished in a faraway land because their country called them to duty. Unlike us, they never had a chance to live long, productive lives. They should never be forgotten and deserve to be honored for the heroes they are," Assemblymember Cahill observed.

Each Veteran was individually acknowledged, with a brief reception that followed outside the legislative chambers.

Senator Gillibrand Announces Defense Bill Wins: Hails Historic Military Justice Reforms

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Chair of the Personnel Subcommittee, announced that several of her provisions were included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023. As the leading advocate on military sexual assault reform in the Senate, Gillibrand successfully pushed to remove all remaining judicial functions and prosecutorial duties for covered offenses, including sexual assault, from commanders. She also secured several provisions that would improve the quality of life of service members and their families, including an across-the-board pay increase for service members and civilian DoD employees. Following passage in the Senate on Thursday, the bill now heads to the president's desk for his signature.

"This year's NDAA is a historic milestone in the effort to professionalize the military justice system and give service members a system worthy of their sacrifice," said Senator Gillibrand. "For nearly a decade, I have fought alongside survivors, veterans, advocates and legal experts to implement a simple but fundamental change: removing judicial functions and prosecutorial decisions for covered offenses from the chain of command and putting them in the hands of independent, trained professionals. This year's defense bill implements this critical reform along with many other reforms I pushed for,

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Senator Gillibrand's priorities included in the FY2023 NDAA:

Military justice: Following nearly a decade of relentless advocacy alongside survivors, veterans and legal experts, Senator Gillibrand has passed historic changes to the military justice system. The FY2023 NDAA strips commanders of all remaining judicial functions and prosecutorial duties for covered offenses, including sexual assault. It also adds two new covered offenses to the list of those created last year - death or injury of an unborn child and mail: deposit of obscene matter - and will add a third, sexual harassment, in 2025.

Pay raise for service members: This provision authorizes necessary funding to give a 4.6% raise to service members and the Department of Defense's civilian workforce.

Cyber Academy: Establishes the Cyber and Digital Service Academy as a scholarship-for-service program partnered with universities and colleges in the United States, with a requirement for post-graduation DoD service for participants. This transformational program will provide financial support to the nation's future cyber workforce in pursuit of higher education in a number of covered cyber disciplines. It also attempts to address projected shortages in DoD's cyber workforce in order to tackle emerging threats across the globe.

Food access: This provision will reduce hunger in the military by increasing the eligibility threshold to participate in the Basic Needs Allowance program from 130% of the federal poverty line to 150%. This change will help service members and their families afford basic household items and keep food on the table. When appropriate, this provision also authorizes the Service Secretaries to increase this benefit to 200% of the poverty line. Senator Gillibrand co-led a letter to the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) and the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) asking for its inclusion in the final NDAA bill.

Health care wait times: Today, many military families are forced to wait several months after moving duty stations to receive referrals from their new primary care manager for specialists to treat lifelong, previously diagnosed illnesses. Senator Gillibrand's amendment will allow TRICARE Prime beneficiaries to receive specialist referrals from their current duty station in advance of a permanent change of station move. With this change, military families will have the ability to immediately seek out a specialist at their new duty station, which will help remove barriers to care and make the transition to a new duty station more seamless. (Contd. Pg 31)

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(From Pg 30) **Affordable child care:** After meeting with service members and their families across the state to discuss child care needs, Senator Gillibrand championed a pilot program to reimburse travel expenses for child care providers designated by the service member if child care is not available at a military child development center at a family's new duty station within 30 days. This will allow service members to bring a parent, family member, or close friend with them to a new duty station to help care for their children while waiting for a child care slot to become available. Gillibrand also supported the inclusion of a provision to help expand capacity at military child development centers.

Mental health resources: This provision mandates that DoD submit a report on shortfalls in its behavioral health workforce, while also directing that a plan of action be developed to recruit and retain more qualified providers.

Rideshare pilot program: Gillibrand pushed for the creation of a ridesharing pilot program on remote military installations to provide safe and affordable transportation for service members in hard-to-reach areas.

Burn pits: Throughout the preceding decades of deployments, more than three million service members have been exposed to toxins due to the widespread use of burn pits in deployed environments, with many subsequently developing cancers and respiratory diseases. The cause of these illnesses goes unrecognized because doctors fail to connect the toxic exposure with their symptoms. This provision will require DoD to assess methods to reduce the effects of burn pits and create an action plan to execute such methods.

Autism Care Demonstration: Empowers the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to provide data and final recommendations as to how Applied Behavior Analysis services should be provided through TRICARE.

Directs the Defense Health Agency to reevaluate the invasive stress tests currently used in the Autism Care Demonstration and determine if other tests may better gauge stress. It further directs the Defense Health Agency to modify or eliminate overly intrusive questions in the current test and ensure parents understand they are not required to answer objectionable questions.

PFAS remediation & treatment at U.S. military installations: Gillibrand successfully pushed to include critical per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) provisions that will further help address PFAS contamination at military facilities and exposure to defense communities. The FY2023 NDAA includes three of Gillibrand's provisions to:

1. Establish prizes for the development of personal protective firefighting equipment that does not contain PFAS.
2. Phase out military purchases of personal protective firefighting equipment containing PFAS.
3. Provide \$20 million for an ongoing study on the impact of PFAS on defense communities' health, conducted by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Israel missile defense: Authorizes funding for the Iron Dome short-range rocket defense system, David's Sling Weapon System, and Arrow 3 Upper Tier Interceptor Program as outlined under the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and Israel.

Unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP): As established in the FY2022 NDAA, the UAP office was given the task of providing a full spectrum of intelligence, scientific, and technical assessments related to UAPs. This year, three major updates were made to the office:

1. **UAP Reporting:** This provision aims to improve IC and DoD personnel reporting of UAPs. Most importantly, any person with relevant UAP information that has not been formally reported to Congress can directly inform the UAP Joint Program Office (JPO) and Congress without retaliation.
2. **Intelligence Community involvement:** This amendment will help ensure that the Intelligence Community is actively participating in addressing undersea phenomena and will modify the current All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) to include a director from DoD with a deputy director appointed from the Intelligence Community.
3. **Transparency of records:** This provision directs the Comptroller General, in coordination with ODNI and DoD, to collect and review all records of UAP collection from 1947 to the present. The provision allows one year for the compilation of records and mandates a summary on all records collected 180 days after compilation is complete. The provision also directs the IC and relevant agencies to comply with all requests of the GAO Comptroller General to improve transparency with the public and dispel misinformation. (Contd. Pg 32)

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Senator Gillibrand & Portman Introduce Bill to Expunge Criminal Records of Trafficking Victims

Washington D.C. - U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Robert Portman (R-OH) introduced the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act, a bill that would support victims and survivors of human trafficking and help them rebuild their lives.

Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery that involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to exploit a person for labor or commercial sex, or the exploitation of a minor for commercial sex. Survivors of human trafficking are unfortunately commonly charged with crimes like conspiracy, prostitution, and drug trafficking that they are forced to commit as a direct result of being trafficked.

These charges hurt a survivor's ability to start a new life and find jobs and housing, leaving them vulnerable to further exploitation. Under the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act, survivors of human trafficking would have non-violent criminal convictions that resulted from having been a trafficking victim vacated and expunged.

"All too often, victims of human trafficking are forced by their captors to commit crimes. These victims cannot refuse and then face criminal charges," said Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. "Congress has a responsibility to end this injustice. The Trafficking Survivors Relief Act would clear the non-violent criminal convictions of trafficking survivors and help them rebuild their lives with a fresh start."

"During my time in the Senate I have met with many brave trafficking survivors in Ohio who have told me about how they were forced into commercial sex and then charged with a crime," said Senator Robert Portman. "We must understand the coercive nature of trafficking and find a way to offer relief to a victims as they recover from the unimaginable trauma of being trafficked and sexually abused. This legislation is aimed at helping survivors get a fresh start as they build a life and overcome obstacles after being in the criminal justice system."

The Trafficking Survivors Relief Act would also:

1. Allow for an individual's status as a victim of trafficking to be a mitigating factor for courts to consider when imposing a prison sentence for violent crimes.
2. Require U.S. Attorneys to submit a report one year after enactment the number of motions filed under the law.
3. Require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a report 3 years after the date of enactment of the law to assess how many human trafficking survivors have filed petitions and how many have been granted vacatur and/or expungement.
4. Ensure that grant funding provided by the Office for Victims of Crime and the Office on Violence Against Women can be used for legal representation for post-conviction relief activities.

The Trafficking Survivors Relief Act is endorsed by FAIR Girls, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST), Freedom Network USA, and the National Survivor Network.

Chanukah is here!

It brings with it its message of light and warmth just in time for the cold winter months.

Below is a list of public menorah lighting's, their times, and places, as well as other Chanukah events. Menorah lighting's are open to one and all and no reservation is required.

Rhinebeck Village Municipal Lot

SUNDAY DEC 25TH EIGHTH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH
4:00PM Donuts, Latkes, and Chanukah Gelt!

Don't miss this year's... Teen Latke Cook-Off

TUESDAY DEC 20TH // THIRD NIGHT OF CHANUKAH
7:00PM

At The RJC, 02 Montgomery St.

Roll up your sleeves, break out that grater, and fry your way to victory as the local latke champion!

Chinese & Movie Night

SATURDAY NIGHT DEC 24TH SEVENTH NIGHT OF
CHANUKAH 7:30PM At The RJC 102 Montgomery St.

RSVPs are required for both the cook-off and movie night.

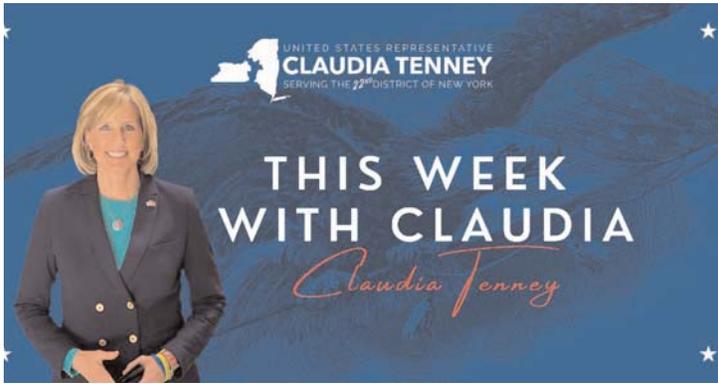
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Leading the Charge to Hold NY Attorney General Letitia James Accountable

This week, I sent a letter to New York Governor Kathy Hochul calling on her to appoint a special counsel to investigate allegations of sexual harassment within New York Attorney General Letitia James' office. Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik and Congressman Chris Jacobs joined me in sending this letter.

On December 2, 2022, the New York Times reported that Ms. James' longtime Chief of Staff, Ibrahim Khan, resigned due to at least two sexual harassment allegations against him. This comes after allegations leveled in 2017 that Mr. Khan had drugged and sexually assaulted a coworker at a December 2014 holiday party.

This long track record of inappropriate and possibly criminal behavior over many years brings into question Ms. James' claim that she was not aware previously of Mr. Khan's conduct. It is also concerning that Ms. James hired a law firm, Littler Mendelson, to which she has a personal connection, to perform an audit on her office. In addition, unlike her investigation into disgraced former Governor Andrew Cuomo, Ms. James refused to vet the Littler Mendelson contract with Comptroller DiNapoli.

Letitia James is the most partisan Attorney General in the nation, and she has lost the public's trust. Unfortunately for the people of New York, she is not above Albany Democrats' rampant culture of corruption, and instead she is proving to be just another part of it.

To restore public trust in this important office, it is imperative that Governor Hochul immediately appoint an independent special counsel to probe the culture of sexual harassment in Attorney General James' office as well as her efforts over the years to conceal it from the public. Governor Hochul told New Yorkers she would put an end to Albany's culture of sexual harassment and corruption. If she truly means what she says, now would be an excellent opportunity for her to prove it to New Yorkers. Read my full letter here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/12.13.22-letter-to-governor-hochul-on-ag-jamess-office-sexual-harassment-allegations-final.pdf>

READ MORE: NY GOP wants special prosecutor to probe how AG James handled aide's sexual harassment case at:

<https://nypost.com/2022/12/13/ny-gop-wants-special-prosecutor-to-probe-how-ag-james-handled-aides-sexual-harassment-case/>

Congresswoman Tenney on Bret Baier's Common Ground

Earlier this week, I joined Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi on Bret Baier's "Common Ground" segment to discuss issues that Republicans and Democrats are working together on. One of these issues of bipartisan importance is countering China, which is among the greatest threats of our time and one which will require a whole-of-government strategy and cooperation from both parties. We also discussed ongoing efforts to combat global food insecurity, which also helps support the continued agricultural exports of New York's farmers.

During this segment, I also discussed the bipartisan commitment to civility I first took as a member of Congress in 2017, when I was sworn in alongside Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi. I look forward to working with my colleagues to continue to promote constructive discourse and positive leadership for our Nation. Our country faces many challenges today, and it is critically important that Congress works together to find solutions that help seniors, working families and small businesses and family farms. I will always be a compassionate advocate for my community.

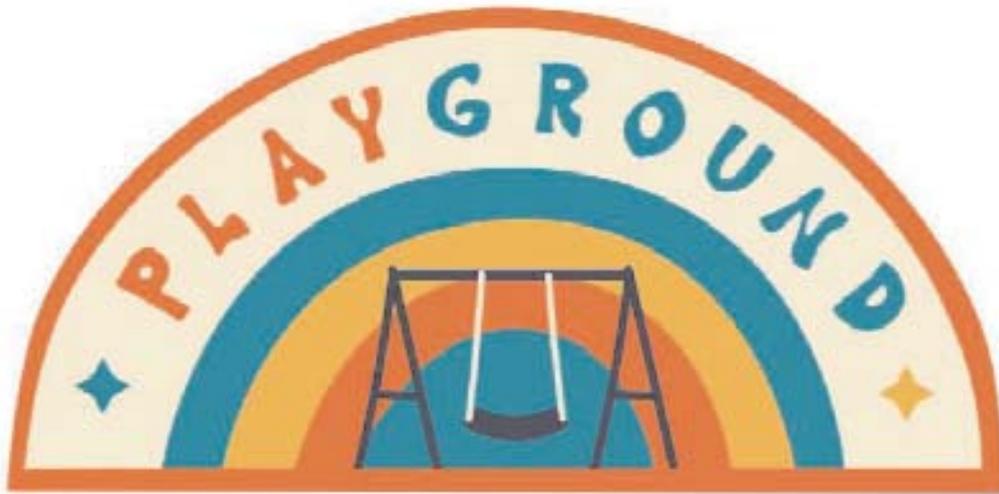
Watch my full interview here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orxgWlotR4E&feature=youtu.be>

I'm committed to restoring transparency to government, which is why I explain every vote I take on the House floor. While we may not always agree, you will always know where I stand on the issues and how I vote in Congress. This Congress my office has already explained more than 420 votes.

One piece of legislation we considered this week, the Quantum Computing Cybersecurity Preparedness Act, impacts the great research and development happening in our own community. H.R. 7535 is a win for the Research Lab in Rome and our national security.

As I mentioned, I voted "Yes" on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 7535, the Quantum Computing Cybersecurity Preparedness Act. Although still in its developing stages, the creation of quantum computing has shown the potential to radically improve our computing capacity by reducing the computing time for some calculations from years to mere minutes or even seconds. A great deal of the research into this new technology is occurring right here in upstate New York at the Air Force Research Lab in Rome, New York. However, this increased capacity also brings the risk of allowing bad actors to easily override the algorithms and encryption methods that currently secure most of our digital data. This bill will help mitigate national security risks, requiring the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to establish a rule or binding guidance related to the migration of Executive Branch cryptographic systems to post-quantum cryptography. These are the types of necessary steps we must take to keep the data of Americans safe. This bill passed by a vote of 420-3.



WE ARE BUILDING A PLAYGROUND!!!

**WHERE? At the Route 42 Community
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Join us in January for the Director's Challenge! Mrs. Thomas will show the students step by step how to create their version of this adorable snowman inspired painting.
Grades 1 - 6

Snow Date: ✨
January 25th

Wednesday, January 11th
3-4:30 p.m.

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**Scenes Around Town of
the First Snow of the
Season**



These beautiful photos from around the Rondout Reservoir and heading up Sugarloaf Road toward Denning, were taken by Donna Akerley.

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Thank you Donna.



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Acting Ulster County Executive Johanna Contreras Recognizes Second Vax-to-School Scholarship Winner

Elliot Wisneski, a second grader in the *Kingston City School District*, has won a two-year scholarship to *SUNY Ulster* through a lottery drawing

Eligibility for the second Ulster County Vax-to-School Scholarship aligned with eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine, and anyone aged 5-17 could enter to win the raffle upon vaccination by the Department of Health, a pediatrician, doctor or pharmacist

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Acting Ulster County Executive Johanna Contreras and Executive Director of the Foundation at SUNY Ulster



(Left to right): Acting Ulster County Executive Johanna Contreras, Leon and Elliot Wisneski and SUNY Ulster's Lorraine Salmon

Lorraine Salmon are pleased to announce the winner of the second lottery drawing for the Ulster County Vax-to-School scholarship: Kingston 2nd grader Elliot Wisneski won a two-year scholarship to SUNY Ulster. The scholarship will be held for the 7-year-old, who was entered into the lottery when he was vaccinated against COVID-19 during the County's Vax-to-School program last spring.

"We are appreciative to the Wisneski family for taking this important protection and choosing to get Elliot vaccinated against COVID-19," Acting County Executive Johanna Contreras said. "We are excited to support Elliot's education, and I want to thank SUNY Ulster and the Ulster Community College Foundation for their partnership in this effort to incentivize and normalize COVID vaccination."

"We would like to thank the Ulster County Executive's office and the SUNY Ulster Foundation for this scholarship and the opportunity for Elliot to begin his college career at the same school his parents attended," Elliot's father, Leon Wesneski, said. "Elliot wants to work for NASA when he grows up, so this scholarship will help to kickstart his space exploration career."

"Thank you, Acting Ulster County Executive Johanna Contreras and former Ulster County Executive Patrick Ryan, now U.S. Congressman, for making the Vax to School scholarship opportunity possible so

students can access higher education at SUNY Ulster through two-year tuition support from the Ulster Community College Foundation," Alison Buckley, Ed.D., President of SUNY Ulster, said.

"The County's commitment to our students and the future leaders of Ulster County while simultaneously highlighting the importance of their health and well-being through the COVID-19 pandemic is unparalleled. We thank Ulster County and all our donors who empower our Foundation," Lorraine Salmon, Executive Director, Foundation at SUNY Ulster said. "This year our Foundation will support Vax to School and other scholarships with \$1,000,000 in support for SUNY Ulster students."

Part of the statewide Vax to School initiative, eligibility for the Ulster County Vax-to-School Scholarship expanded when eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine expanded to 5-to-11-year-olds, and anyone aged 5-17 could enter to win the 2nd round raffle upon vaccination by the Department of Health, a pediatrician, doctor or pharmacist.

Earlier this month, Acting County Executive Contreras and Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith encouraged residents to get up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccinations. The CDC recommends that people ages 5 years and older receive one updated bivalent booster if it has been at least 2 months since their last COVID-19 vaccine dose, whether that was their primary series or a monovalent booster. The updated bivalent booster protects against both the original virus that causes COVID-19 and the Omicron variant.

You can obtain the updated booster at the same time as other vaccines, including your flu shot, at your doctor's office or at an urgent care or pharmacy. COVID vaccines and boosters are also free and widely available at pharmacies, pediatricians' and doctors' offices and at urgent care centers. To find a local vaccination site, visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/> or call 1-800-232-0233.

The Health Department's COVID-19 vaccination POD at the former Best Buy at the Hudson Valley Mall will remain open this winter to ensure equitable and easy access to free COVID-19 vaccines. Appointments are available at VaccinateUlster.com and walk-ins are accommodated. No insurance is necessary. The POD is a stop on the UCAT bus route. Additionally, residents can call UCAT for paratransit service to their vaccination appointment.

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December 12th

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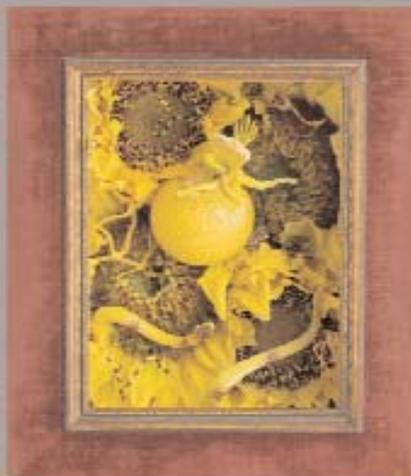
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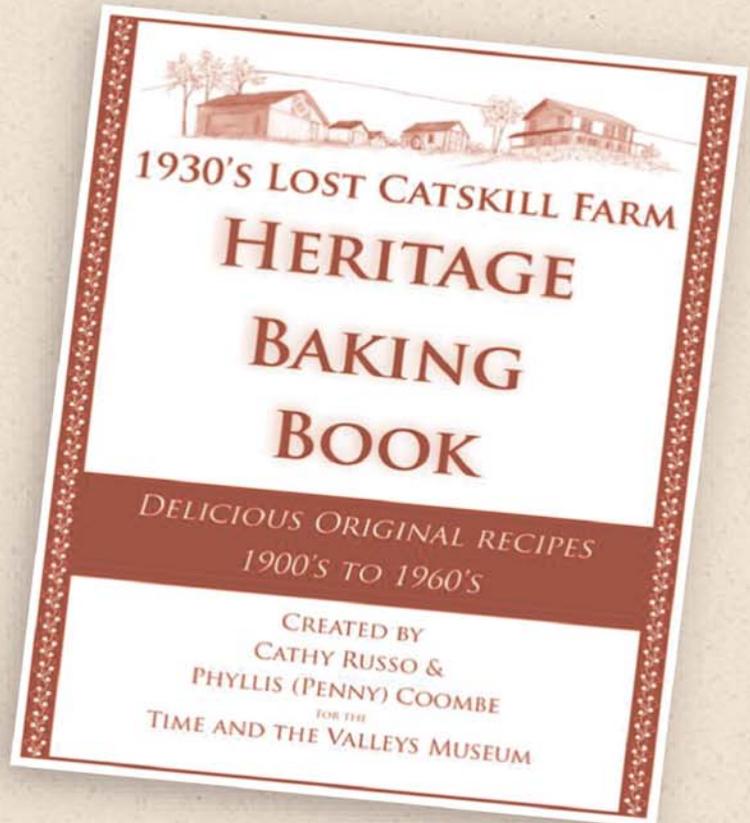
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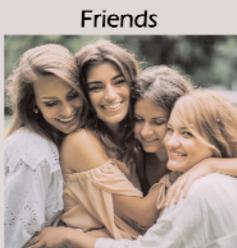


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- Through Jan. 3:** **LUMAGICA USA Winter Garden**, Stone Ridge
- Jan. 1:** **First Day Hikes**, various New York State Parks in Ulster County
- Jan. 4:** **"Stories of the Marginalized Workers on the D&H Canal,"** High Falls
- Jan. 8:** **"We Remember – Songs of Survivors,"** Woodstock
- Jan. 13-16:** **Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend**, Olivebridge
- Jan. 14:** **Robert Burke Warren's Bowie Birthday Bash '23**, Woodstock
- Jan. 21:** **"One on One – A Survey of Contemporary Monotypes & Monoprints,"** opens in Woodstock
- Jan. 21:** **"Joe Pera in Ice,"** Woodstock
- Jan. 21:** **The Hudson Valley's 14th Annual Traditional Robbie Burns Supper/Celebration**, West Park
- Jan. 21, 22, 23:** **25th Annual Catskill Ice Climbing Festival 2022**, Shawangunks

Please see the last two pages for a list of outdoor winter activities in Ulster County!

DATE	New Year's Eve
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. Noon. \$245-\$620. If you are unable to attend the whole weekend, you can still buy tickets for New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance. \$30 and up. 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. 8 p.m. \$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 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. Free 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. No cover. 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: Includes Buffet, champagne toast, accommodations and more. 5:30 p.m.-10 a.m. \$399-\$1,200. 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. Performances by Diata Diata. Hosted by Isis Vermouth. Special guests. 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
31	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
31	New Year's Eve @ The Lodge: Ring in The New Year with another great party with your friends at The Lodge. Live vinyl DJ, fireworks; cocktails and dinner. 5 p.m.-12:30 a.m. \$187.92. Urban Cowboy Lodge, 37 Alpine Rd, Big Indian. 802.274.0948; urbancowboy.com
31	New Year's Eve at Edgewood Mansion: Join us for an evening of vintage celebration with a carefully curated five-course meal and optional wine pairings from our in-house sommelier. Ring in the New Year in the Parlor Bar with a champagne toast at midnight. 5 p.m. \$85-\$125. Edgewood, 200 North Street, Kingston. 845-444-5231; huttonbrickyards.com

31	New Year's @ Sonder: Vegetarian alternatives available. Sparkling wine from all over the world and incredible shellfish. Music, dancing prix fix dinner and drinks until midnight. 7 p.m. \$65 Sonder Wine Bar, 346 Broadway, Kingston. sonderkingston.com
31	New Year's Eve with Teri Roiger 4tet: Dinner set 7-10 p.m. Dance set 10 p.m.-midnight. Cost includes food, dessert, champagne toast at midnight. \$75. Lydia's Café, 7 Old US 209, Stone Ridge. 845-687-6373; lydias-café.com
31	New Year's Eve Party at Mariner's Harbor with "The 90 Proof Band:" 10 p.m.- 1 a.m. Cash Bar. Cover includes live entertainment, champagne toast and Ball Drop. 7 p.m. \$20. 1 Broadway, Kingston. 845-340-8051; marinersharbor.com
31	"Let's Disco" - Hudson House New Year's Eve Party: Five hours of open bar along with DJ performance to your favorite 70's tunes. Champagne toast to 2023. Live feed of the famous Times Square Ball Drop. Disco-themed attire encouraged. Open bar and prix fixe menu. 8 p.m. \$55-\$85. Hudson House & Distillery, 1835 Route 9W, West Park. 845-834-6007; thehudsonhouse.com
31	Keegan Ales New Year's Eve with "Lara Hope & the Ark-Tones:" Special guests, "Greek Nite Band," a sixties psychedelic Greek and Balkan band. Midnight toast and Keg Drop. 9 p.m. No cover. 20 Saint James St., Kingston. 845-331-2739; keeganales.com
31	New Year's Eve Celebration featuring "The Cabinet Band:" American diner classics with a Latin American twist. 9:30 p.m. No cover. Pearl Moon, 52 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-684-5537; facebook.com/PearlMoonWoodstock

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Trending January 2023

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.
Through 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
1	First Day Hike at Minnewaska Preserve-Frozen Waters: Invigorating hike to see the Peter's Kill stream. Wehike first to the bridge across the Mossy Glen Footpath, where we will observe the icy cascades of the winter stream. Next, we'll see Awosting Falls. Surfaces may be very icy, so participants are encouraged to bring Micro Spikes or other ice traction devices. Dress appropriately for the cold. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Meet at the Lower Parking Lot. Pre-registration required: call 845-255-0752. Minnewaska State Park, 5281 Route 44-55, Kerhonkson. parks.ny.gov
1	First Day Hike at Sam's Point: Approximately three-mile loop hike. Snowshoes may be rented for a fee of \$5 per person. If there is insufficient snow cover, this will be offered as a hike. If renting snowshoes, please arrive early. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. 1-3:30 p.m. Minnewaska State Park, 400 Sam's Point Rd, Cragmoor. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov
4	"Stories of Marginalized Workers on the D&H Canal:" In Person or Virtual. With historian Bill Merchant. Learn about the lives and diverse experiences of the people of color, women, immigrants and children who built and worked on the Canal. 7 p.m. \$7; free for members. D&H Canal Museum, 1315 Main Street, High Falls. 845-687-2000; canalmuseum.org
5	The Pink Floyd Project: Performs a tribute to the British progressive rock legends. Under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. 8 p.m. \$23.37.\$29.02. The Colony Woodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com
6	Saugerties First Friday: Shops keep their doors open every first Friday of each month. Shop, drink, dine and play local. 1/6/2023 10:00:00 PM 1/7/2023 3:00:00 AM 0 https://www.facebook.com/DestinationSaugerties
6, 7, 8	Rock Academy Presents "A Tribute to Neil Young:" Words and music of Neil Young. 7 p.m. \$20-\$25. Wall Street Music Hall, 323 Wall St., Kingston. 323-538-3012; Facebook: The Rock Academy
7	Seasoned Gives and Holistic Health Community Present: Holistic healthcare sessions, including Massage, Ayurveda, Reiki, Energy Work, Acupuncture, Therapeutic Yoga and more. Deliciously healthy food and drink for purchase and artisan vendors. Noon-5 p.m. Seasoned Delicious Foods, 11 Lohmaier Lane, Lake Katrine. 845-802-3317; seasoneddeliciousfoods.com
7	New Year Swing Dance: Welcome the New Year Swing Dance with the Swing Shift Orchestra. No partner or experience necessary. Beginner lesson 7:30-8 p.m. \$25 Admission at the door includes lesson. 845-236-3939; got2lindy.com. White Eagle Hall, 487 Delaware Avenue, Kingston. whiteeaglehall.com
7, 21	Woodstock Farm Festival Winter Indoor Market: A celebration of local farmers, producers and artisans. Featuring locally roasted coffee, grains and beans, pasture raised meats, fresh produce and more. Saturdays, biweekly through April 7th. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bearsville Center Utopia Soundstage, 93 Tinker Street, Woodstock. woodstockfarmfestival.org
8	Esopus Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Donations. 1142 Broadway, Esopus. 845-384-6575; Facebook: Esopus Fire Dept.
8	"We Remember: Songs of Survivors" - A Musical Celebration: Audiences have been very moved by the PBS Documentary that tells the story of Holocaust survivors and talented singer songwriters whose lives mesh through this project. Musicians from the documentary will perform their original music and music from the film. The Colony Woodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com

12	Wolfman Jack: A live music project of veteran musicians from the New England area performing the psychedelic and electrifying era of The Grateful Dead. 8 p.m. \$17.46. The Colony Woodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com
13	"Moral Rights of Artists in America and Europe: What Rights Do artists Retain in Their Work After It has Been Sold?" Featuring Wall Street lawyer Hume Steyer. Suggested donation of \$15 per person if guests wish to help support the Canal Society and its mission. 7-8:30 p.m. D&H Canal Museum, 1315 Main Street, High Falls. 845-687-2000; canalmuseum.org
13	Justin Adams & Mauro Durante: New collaboration with Mauro Durante stems from a concert led by Ludovico Einaudi, the legendary Notte de Taranta in Puglia, where the two first played together, recognizing kindred spirits in the trance rhythms of Taranta which transcend "melancholia" or the blues. 8 p.m. \$23.37-\$29.02. The Colony Woodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com
13, 14	Rock Academy Presents: Arena Rock! Features the music of bands like Cheap Trick, Boston, Heart, Queen, Bon Jovi and more by the Academy's students. 7 p.m. \$20-25. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845.473.2072; woodstockplayhouse.org
13-16	Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend: Enjoy a winter wonderland of beautiful scenery and nutritious, tasty meals. Cross-country ski and snowshoe trails, ice skating on Lake Cole, ice fishing, and snow-covered hills perfect for sledding and snow tubing. Warm up indoors in our indoor floor hockey arena, climbing gym, archery range, and arts and crafts studio. \$167 per person (2-nights), or \$225 per person (3-nights) + lodging rate. The Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Rd, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; ashokancenter.org
14	Robert Burke Warren's Bowie Birthday Bash '23: Once again RBW and the band deliver songs spanning Bowie's entire catalog - from Ziggy Stardust to Aladdin Sane to the Thin White Duke; from 1969's "Space Oddity" to 1980's Scary Monsters to 2016's Blackstar. 8 p.m. \$25-\$28. The Colony Woodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com
14, 28	Kingston Winter Farmers Market: Bi-weekly indoor farmers market hosting 20+ local food vendors, music, and workshops. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bethany Hall at Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston.kingstonfarmersmarket.org
18, 25	Sip and Stretch - Mozzarella Making Class: Chef Tamara Christians will take you through hands-on techniques for stretching a sweet, tender curd into your own fresh mozzarella balls. Ticket includes supplies to make the cheese, recipes to take home, instruction and demo,, light snack and a glass of wine. 6 p.m. \$80. Dixon Roadside, 261 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-684-5890; dixonroadside.com
20, 21	Queens of Soul: Various artists. 7 p.m. \$20-25. Levon Helm Studios, 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. 845- 679-2744; levonhelm.com
21	"One on One - A Survey of Contemporary Monotypes & Monoprints:" Reception for the Artists. Dedicated to the art of singular printmaking. Artists have turned to monotype printmaking for many reasons: to inject spontaneity in their art practice, reboot their creativity, explore the parameters of the medium or simply enjoy the rich possibilities of pigment embedded into paper. Exhibition opens to the public January 13, 2023. Free. Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild, 36 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-679-2079; woodstockguild.org
21	14th Annual Robbie Burns Supper/Celebration: Reserve now; seating is limited. Donor Ticket includes pre-show Distillery tour, product sampling, meet & greet with Hudson Valley storyteller Jonathan Kirk and honorary membership in the Robert Burns Scottish Society of the Hudson Valley. 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$75-\$125. Hudson House & Distillery, 1835 Route 9W, West Park. 845-834-6007; thehudsonhouseny.com
21	"Joe Pera in Ice:" Best known for his current Adult Swim series, 'Joe Pera Talks With You', which The LA Times refers to as 'TV's quietest, most artful comedy.' He has performed his subdued standup on Conan, Late Night with Seth Meyers and Comedy Central. 10 p.m. \$40. The Colony Woodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com
21, 22, 23	25th Annual Catskill Ice Climbing Festival: Choose from multiple clinics on all the skills and techniques you need to get out on ice - from basic skills, to dry-tooling, to glacier travel techniques. Rock and Snow will offer 25% off for apparel and 15% off ice gear for all ice climbing festival registrants. \$195-\$230. Alpine Endeavors, PO Box 291, Rosendale. 877-486-5769; alpineendeavors.com
22	Stories for Choice - A Night of True Storytelling for Reproductive Justice: On Sunday, January 22, 2023 (what would have been the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark case, Roe v. Wade) TMI Project is proud to present "Stories for Choice." Features an international cast of 11 storytellers who will be traveling to Kingston from Mexico, Cameroon and across the U.S. for the performance. Pay what you wish. 7-9 p.m. Senate Garage, 4 North Front Street, Kingston. 845-802-5900; senategarage.com
28	The Dolly Disco - The Dolly Parton Inspired Country Western Dance Party: Dance party. 8 p.m. \$14.37-\$17.46. The Colony Woodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com

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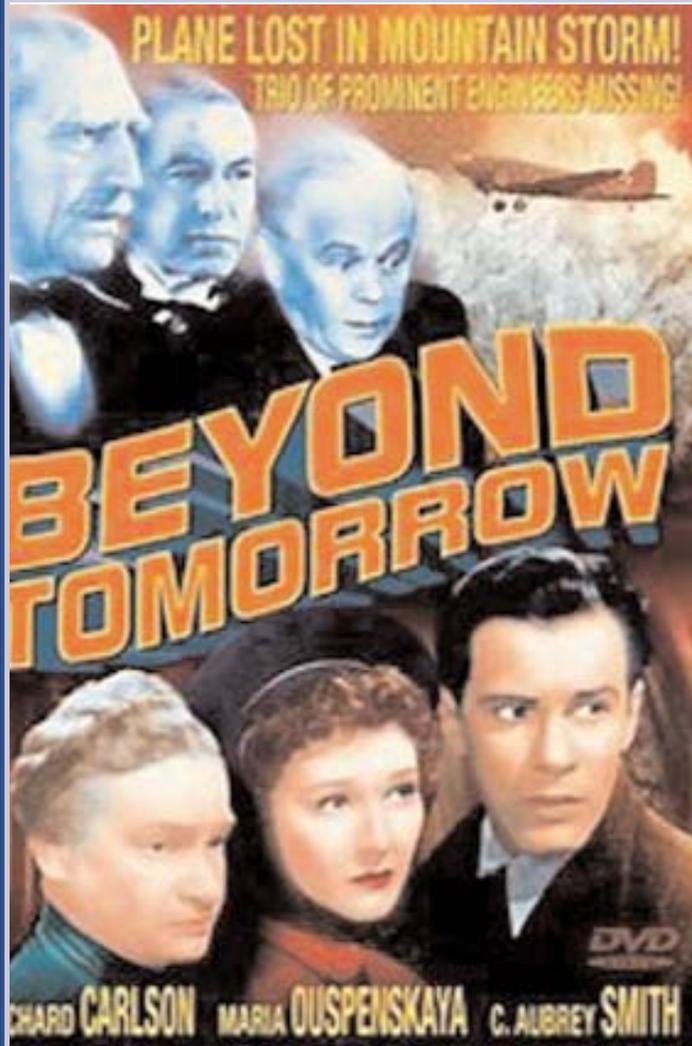
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This is a film that defines the relationship between the spirit, the soul, and the physical body, and the illusions of awareness that boasts that Einstein was right about what we are –the vibrations of reality that are by the grace of God. God’s Grace is our awareness. Use it well, in



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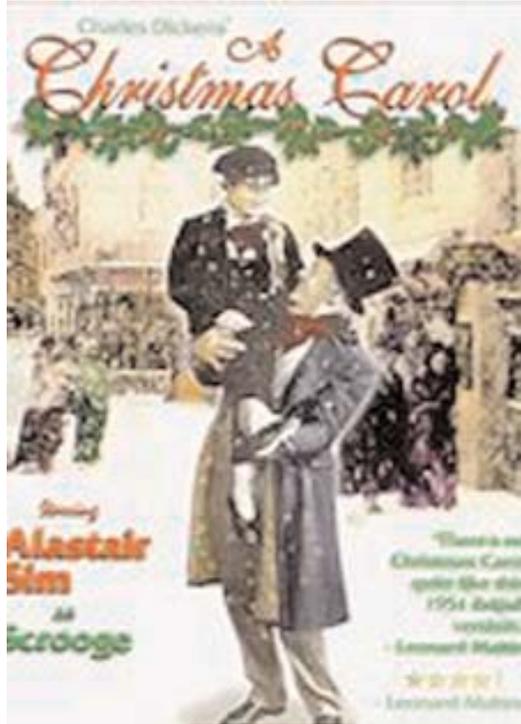
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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

(RELEASE / DEC 02, 1951, TV - PG / CC / 1HR. 26 MIN.)

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self-esteem, by not understanding or developing our experiences fully. When faced with heavy problems, one may go to the extreme –suicide. We are seeing this too often in today's world with a 70% rise in adolescent and teen suicide. For this reason this film is more important for today's youth than ever before. It reinforces hope, and a way out of devastating problems.



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