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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!



Christmas at Bi-Centennial Park has become a time honored tradition. It is the most wonderful time of the year —the park and the gazebo are aglow with twinkling lights.

The holiday season officially began this Sunday at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Bi-Centennial Park. Folks gathered to rekindle memories while anxious children watched and waited for Santa hoping he might be just around any corner.

This year's festivities began at 5:00 pm with holiday music, entertainment, hot cocoa, toasted marshmallows, hot dogs, hamburgers cookies and popcorn! And then, that magical moment happened! Santa and Mrs. Claus escorted by the local fire departments and 1st Aid Squads arrived!
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Music Therapy Programs Offer "Warm Hugs" to Young and Old Alike



November 30, 2021 - MONTICELLO, NY - Countless studies across the world have proven the value of music as therapy. The American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) says on their website, that "music therapy interventions can address a variety of healthcare & educational goals" including managing stress, alleviating pain, expressing feelings, enhancing memory, improving communication, and promoting wellness, physical rehabilitation and more. Further information on the AMTA website offers fact sheets, resources and bibliographies for music therapy with specific populations such as those with brain injuries, addiction, behavioral health, dementia and memory disorders, hospice, pain management, neo-natal care, autism and much more.

Melinda Marks Burgard, a NYS Licensed Creative Arts Therapist with a Master's Degree in Music Psychotherapy from NYU, has been practicing Clinical Music Therapy for over 30 years. Through Action Toward Independence (ATI), a local organization that promotes independence, inclusion, participation, and personal choice of individuals with disabilities, Melinda offers several musical therapy programs for both children and adults.

"Melinda's Music" uses her clinical skills (including her relationships with each group individual) to obtain non-musical goals, such as improving socialization, speech, fine and gross motor skills, emotional expression and obtaining a sense of calm. One of her programs - "A Warm Musical Hug," is an early childhood therapeutic music group for ages seven weeks to five years. It's a free, interactive Zoom Music Therapy session where adults, especially new parents, are required to attend.
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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

OBITUARIES

Dr. Richard H. Craft
4/12/1932 - 11/29/2021
Dale (McDole) Craft
6/4/1933- 12/4/2021



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our beloved parents, Dr. Richard H. Craft & Dale Craft.

Richard and Dale were lifelong residents of the area. They attended Ellenville Central Schools- Richard graduating in 1950 and Dale in 1951. Following graduation, Richard attended the Chiropractic Institute of New York where he graduated with honors, earning a degree as a Doctor of Chiropractor. Dale graduated from the Katharine Gibbs School-NYC. They were married on September 29, 1953, at the Calvary Baptist Church. They returned to Ellenville and founded Craft Chiropractic Associates. Richard and Dale built Craft Chiropractic, with Dale taking care of day-to-day operations. In addition, Dale managed her family's business, McDole Construction. For the past 40 years of her life, she devoted her time in supporting Richard, Dr. Mark Craft and Dr. Allise Marter at Craft Chiropractic. Richard and Dale were proud to witness the addition of another family business when their grandson, Dr. Devon Craft, opened Craft Family Medicine in Ellenville.

Our father has served this community throughout his life in a leadership role within many organizations, which included: church elder and bible teacher; Town of Wawarsing Supervisor-2 terms; President-Wawarsing Sportsmen Club, President - Noonday Club, President - Catskill Watershed Sportsmen's Council. He was a lifetime member of the NYS Chiropractic Association and a member of The Gideons International for more than 50 years. With a lifelong passion for knives, he was a founder of the Wawarsing Historical Society &

Knife Museum.

Mom & Dad were founding members of the Ellenville-Wawarsing Alumni Association.

Our mother served as President of the NYS Chiropractic Association Women's Auxiliary, and the Shawangunk Garden Club.

Our parents were rarely apart from each other. Mom followed Dad to Manhattan, where they both received their education and were married. They returned to Ellenville to remain close to family and be a part of this community. Their marriage was based on love and partnership, with mom in the background supporting our father in all his endeavors and passions. Mom followed our dad to Heaven. For this we are eternally grateful.

Richard and Dale are survived by their three children, Dr. Mark Craft - his wife Dr. Allise Marter, Cynthia Craft - her husband Charles DeVerna, Linda (Craft) Gillette - her husband JB Gillette; grandchildren, Jennifer (Gillette) Behrle - her husband Bill, Jack Gillette III - his wife Katie, Dr. Devon Craft - his wife Rachael Pompeii, Morgan Craft - her fiancé Jesse O'Bryan; great grandchildren, Landon Behrle, Madison Behrle, Ben Gillette IV. Richard's sibling, Kathleen (Craft) Zwart - her husband Paul. Dale's siblings, Richard McDole-his partner Jean Charlesworth, Jean (McDole) Jennings-her husband Glen and Joan (McDole) McClay-her husband Bill. As well as cousins, nieces, and nephews. In addition to their parents DeLoise and Marion (Houghtaling) Craft and Elsworth and Beulah (Dunn) McDole, Richard was predeceased by his sister, Nancy (Craft) Anderson Tosolini.

The Craft family would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Dr. John Lichtenstein for his care and support for our parents. We also want to thank the Ellenville Regional Hospital. We are grateful to the entire staff, but especially to the nursing staff for providing our parents with exceptional care and compassion. Ellenville is fortunate to have these professionals here to care for us. Thank You.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Richard and Dale's name to The Gideons International, Ellenville-Wawarsing Alumni Association, Wawarsing Historical Society and Knife Museum.

Graveside services were held privately at Fantinekill Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the guidance of Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville.

Personal condolences can be left for Richard and Dale's family at www.loucksfh.com

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

December 12, 1951

Mr. Neal Terwilliger passed away on Monday at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Miller in Ellenville. Mr. Terwilliger, the son of Meeker Terwilliger and Martha Osterhoudt Terwilliger, was born in Yeagerville on November 7 1871. At the age of two, he came with his parents to live on Lackawack Hill where he lived all his life as a farmer. He was married to Nora Van Wagner fifty-five years ago.

Millard Vandermark, an 83-year old farmer employed by George "Dewey" Scudder, shot an 8-point buck on the Scudder farm at Jeffersonville early last week. He had only been out in the woods for about 20 minutes. Mr. Vandermark, who has put his tag on several bucks in the past, said, "I just went out to show them young fellows how it is done."

Two patrolmen from the New York City Board of Water Supply, under Lieut. John J. Quinlan of Neversink, started patrolling the Livingston Manor, Lew Beach and Willowemoc area recently. They will also go to Roscoe on call, although it is anticipated that the New York State Police will take care of that section.

December 13, 1961

On Saturday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. a very pretty wedding took place in the Baptist Church at Lows Corners when Miss Judith Marie Bevins of Woodbourne became the bride of Mr. Roland Honaker of Hurleyville. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Louis Carlsen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, 85, died on Dec. 4th at the Monticello Hospital. Mrs. Meyers was born at Denning on April 1. 1876, the daughter of Martin Erts and Susanna Miller. She was married to the late John Hodge in 1904 and to the late Lorenzo Meyers in 1945. She lived in Hasbrouck

(From Pg. 2) Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Cypert of Hasbrouck and Mrs. Grace Vernooy of Woodbourne; two sisters, Mrs. Catherine LaPolt and Mrs. Genevieve Wilkow; two brothers, George Erts and Frank J. Erts.

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Household Hint:

Remove Hard Water Stains from your Kitchen Faucet

Put vinegar on a cloth and let sit on the back of your kitchen faucet and it removes hard water stains.

Nature Column - 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 and Shirley Davis.

Poinsettia –theChristmas Flower

Did you know that for the past 150 years, December 12th was recognized as Poinsettia Day? The Poinsettia, whether white, red or pink, remains one of the most frequently sold and delivered Christmas decorations in America during the holiday season.

The Poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) is a shrub or small tree, typically reaching a height of 2-13 feet. The plant bears dark green dentate leaves that measure 2.8-



6.3 in in length. The colored bracts - which are most often flaming red but can be orange, pale green, cream, pink, white, or marbled - are often mistaken for flower petals because of their groupings and colors, but are actually leaves. The colors of the bracts are created through photoperiodism, meaning that they require darkness 12 hours at a time for at least five days in a row to change color. At the same time, the plants

require abundant light during the day for the brightest color.

The flowers of the poinsettia are unassuming and do not attract pollinators. They are grouped within small yellow structures found in the center of each leaf bunch, and are called cyathia.

The poinsettia is native to Central America, and flourished in an area of Southern Mexico known as Taxco del Alarcon where the Aztecs used the plant for decorative purposes and they also put the plant for practical uses. They extracted a purplish dye for use in textiles and cosmetics from the plant's bracts. The milky white sap, today called latex, was made into a preparation to treat fever.

The plant's association with Christmas began in 16th-century Mexico. According to legend, a little girl, commonly called Pepita or Maria, who was too poor to provide a gift for the celebration of Jesus' birthday walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro. Her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy.

"I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes," said Pedro. As she walked a little further, she was inspired by an angel to gather weeds from the roadside and place them in front of the church altar. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel. As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes."

She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season and thus, the legend of the poinsettia was born.

From the 17th century on the Franciscan friars in Mexico included the plants in their Christmas celebrations.

These striking blooms caught the attention of Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, America's first ambassador to Mexico between 1825 and 1829. Dr. Poinsett brought a plant back to America and raised it in his greenhouses in Charleston, South Carolina. The plant was initially known in the United States as "painted leaf" or "Mexican fire plant" until eventually it was named *poinsettia pulcherrima*, or "poinsettia," in honor of its "discoverer" Dr. Poinsett.

Dr. Poinsett was the founder of the National Institute for the Promotion of Science and the Useful Arts, the predecessor of the Smithsonian Institution. In 2013 Congress passed a bill officially recognizing and honoring Joel Poinsett by declaring December 12th as National Poinsettia Day which commemorates the date of his death in 1851. The day was meant to honor Poinsett and encourage people to enjoy the beauty of the popular holiday plant throughout the holiday season.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

(From Pg. 3)

December 8, 1971

Services were held Monday for Theodore C. Shaut, 63, of Grahamsville who died at home on Saturday. Born in Bath, N.Y. on January 31, 1908, he was the son of Frank and Belle Saltzman Shaut. He married Mary Link in 1940 at Piermont. Mr. Shaut lived in Grahamsville for 25 years. He was a retired registered nurse at the Woodbourne Correctional Institution.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark of Grahamsville who are the proud parents of a baby girl born on November 24th.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hill married 28 years on December 14th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 24th.

Paul Timothy Corbett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Corbett of Woodbourne, has completed recruit training in Great Lakes, Ill. He has been assigned to the Navy's Fleet Sonar School in Key West Florida for 42-58 weeks of additional training. He is a 1971 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

December 10, 1981

Susie Davis of Grahamsville and Joann Oliver of Sundown will be competing in the National Junior Olympics on Saturday, December 12th in St. Louis, Missouri. Thirteen regions from the U.S., Hawaii and Japan will be represented.

Airman Joseph A. Flynn III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Flynn of Grahamsville has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss. After completing Air Force Basic training at Lackland he will now receive specialized instruction in the Avionics Systems field. He is a 1978 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

James and Wendy Muthig McCarthy of Denver, Colorado are the very proud parents of a 7 lb. 9 oz. son, Jason Lee McCarthy born November 12, 1981 at the Fritz Army Hospital in Denver. Maternal grandparents are Carol and Ken Curry of Grahamsville. Paternal grandparents are Clyde and Joyce Muthig of Parksville.

COVID-19 UPDATE

**The Library Building Will be
Temporarily Closed to the
Public.**

Due to the rising COVID-19 cases in our area, and to help keep our community safe, the library building will be temporarily closed to patrons as of December 6, 2021.

Staff will be available during our normal business hours to answer patron questions and prepare items for curbside pickup.

Library Hours:

Monday - 10:00 - 1:00

Tuesday - 10:00 - 7:00

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Thursday - 10:00 - 7:00

Friday - 10:00 - 5:00

Saturday - 9:00 - 1:00

What's Available During This Time

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At First Light Mysterious Book Report No. 468 by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

Award-winning and best-selling author —as well as personal friend —Barbara Nickless, has just launched her latest book featuring a pair of all new characters in a high intensity thriller that will take your breath away.

At First Light, (Thomas & Mercer, \$15.95, PB, 400 pages, ISBN 970-1-5420-26-41-3), by Barbara Nickless, introduces a female character named Addie Bisset, who's a homicide detective who works in the

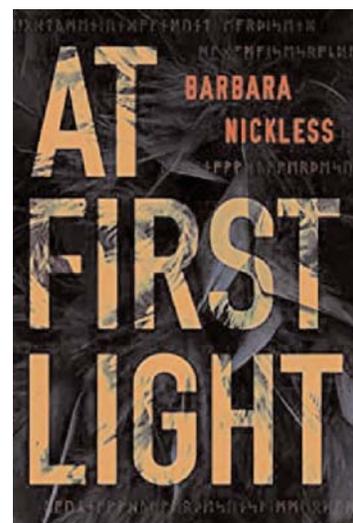
Chicago Police Department. The novel opens at the scene of a man who's been ritually murdered, his body staked out to resemble the ancient bodies found in peat bogs throughout Europe, then left beside the Calumet River with mysterious symbols carved on wooden strips arranged like sunbeams around his head. They turn out to be Viking runes. Baffled, Addie calls in a consultant, her friend, university professor Evan Wilding, a forensic semiotician (Someone who studies signs and symbols) to try to decipher the markings. When a second body, also killed in ritualistic manner turns up, it becomes apparent they're dealing with a possible serial killer in this outstanding psychological thriller. Evan uses all of his linguistic ability in attempting to get inside the killer's mind and find out exactly who he or she is. In translating the archaic runes, he determines that the killer intends to slay three more victims. But as Addie and Evan struggle to find the monster before he claims more victims they're impeded by an unknown someone who's deliberately leading them astray, as well as hampered by her misogynistic superior . . . a lieutenant . . . who doesn't think females are capable of anything more than administrative or clerical duties.

A back-story featuring tidbits of romance, as well as frequent references to the epic poem *Beowulf* and a smattering of historic Viking lore, keep the plot moving and the reader fully engaged and eager for the next installment of what promises to be an exciting and dynamic series. Barbara Nickless is an awesome talent! You won't be disappointed.

Like the review? Let your friends know, *You saw it in the Mysterious Book Report*, because the greatest compliment you can give is to share our work with others.

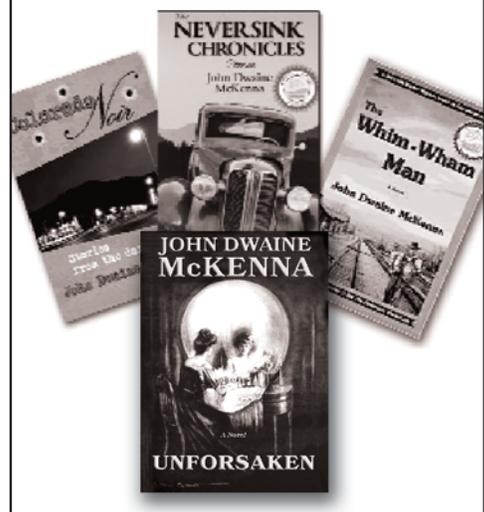
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Join us on National Wreaths Across America Day December 18, 2021

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Roscoe's Westfield Flats Cemetery has been registered with this national organization, and we plan to lay holiday wreaths on the graves of the veterans buried there. The ceremony, which is open to public, will begin at noon followed by the placement of the wreaths at the cemetery located at 1955 Old Route 17.

Support Local this Holiday Season!



December 18, 2021 at 12:00 pm

**Westfield Flats Cemetery in the Village of Roscoe
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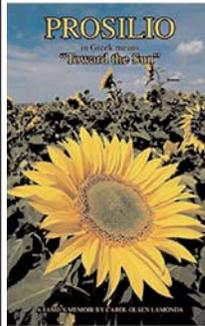
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SAVE THE DATES! Holiday Craft Fair
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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda Shop Local

Covid is still here, but the difference is we have learned how to deal with an unwanted houseguest that has over-stayed his welcome.

Last year at this time, we were all hunkered in and shopping on-line. This year we, mostly vaccinated, venture forth, keeping our distance, wearing our masks to celebrate the season of light.

Santa is forging the Tree Lighting Ceremony for a caravan visit around town; the Olive Free Library has opened its doors to vendors again; St. James Church in Kingston is selling cookies at \$10.00 a pound.

These three events, magnified by thousands show our human resilience to celebrate in the face of pandemic. If you can, safely bring the kiddies to see Santa, buy some cookies, and buy from our local artisans. We are feeling our need to connect and help each other through these difficult days.

Buy some cookies! Come he Olive Free Library Craft Sale, Route 28, West Shokan

Plan to meet Santa as he rides around town in a fire truck.

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- 11:00 AM BLACK ALDER RD - BOSTOCK RD, SHOKAN
- 11:30 AM ONTEORA HIGH SCHOOL, BOICEVILLE
- 12:00 PM DAVIS PARK, WEST SHOKAN
- 12:30 PM 28A - BRODHEAD - BUTTERNUT KNOLLS, WEST SHOKAN
- 1:00 PM OLIVERIDGE CO 1 FIREHOUSE, OLIVERIDGE
- 1:30 PM MILL RD - ACORN HILL RD
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Music Therapy Programs Offer "Warm Hugs" to Young and Old Alike

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The first half of the session enhances developmentally appropriate music activities for the child, and educates the adult how to utilize these skills for everyday purposeful play. The second half of the group focuses on verbally and musically supporting caregivers by encouraging musical activities, specifically for their individual child, toward the developmental goal. Every few months, free instruments are available- when eligible.

Other programs are: "Stand By Me" - Music Therapy and Verbal Support for "CarePartners" of people living with dementia. "Our Musical Memories" is another group available for CarePartners with their person living with dementia. The "Musical Memories" group also offers free instruments to eligible group members.

Each of the programs are free, meet monthly and require internet access and Zoom (camera).



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Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!

On Friday, December 3, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll. The list of the students achieving Honor Roll status can be found on the following website: <https://www.trivalleycsd.org/look-whos-on-the-tvss-honor-roll/>.

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Makayla Hendrickson and Emily Lucak won awards for Academic Excellence, Jordan Dymond and Logan Weyant won awards for Leadership, Katricia McLennon and Ariona Zeininger won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Josh Chaney and Bryan Rogerson won awards for Most Improved, Emma Richardson and Madison Yonker won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Kara Carlsen and Natalie Moore won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

In the 7th grade, Shayden LaForge and Fabian Vives won awards for Academic Excellence, Jacob Davison and Lorenzo Haffner won awards for Leadership, Anna Furman, Hailie Prince, and William Richardson won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Jax Hannold and Shelby Lyons won awards for Most Improved, Aaron Edwards and Chris Prousalis won awards for Outstanding Participation, and William Blume and Chase Graham won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!



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Pictured on the left - (left to right): top row- Natalie Moore, Emma Richardson, Logan Weyant, Emily Lucak, Makayla Hendrickson; bottom row- Bryan Rogerson, Kara Carlsen, Katricia McLennon, Madison Yonker, Josh Chaney

Pictured to the right (left to right): top row- Aaron Edwards, Shayden LaForge, Fabian Vives, Jacob Davison, Lorenzo Haffner, Shelby Lyons; bottom row- Jax Hannold, Chris Prousalis, William Richardson, Chase Graham, Anna Furman, Hailie Prince



What could be better than spending a weekend in our Sullivan Catskills where the holiday season is in full swing?

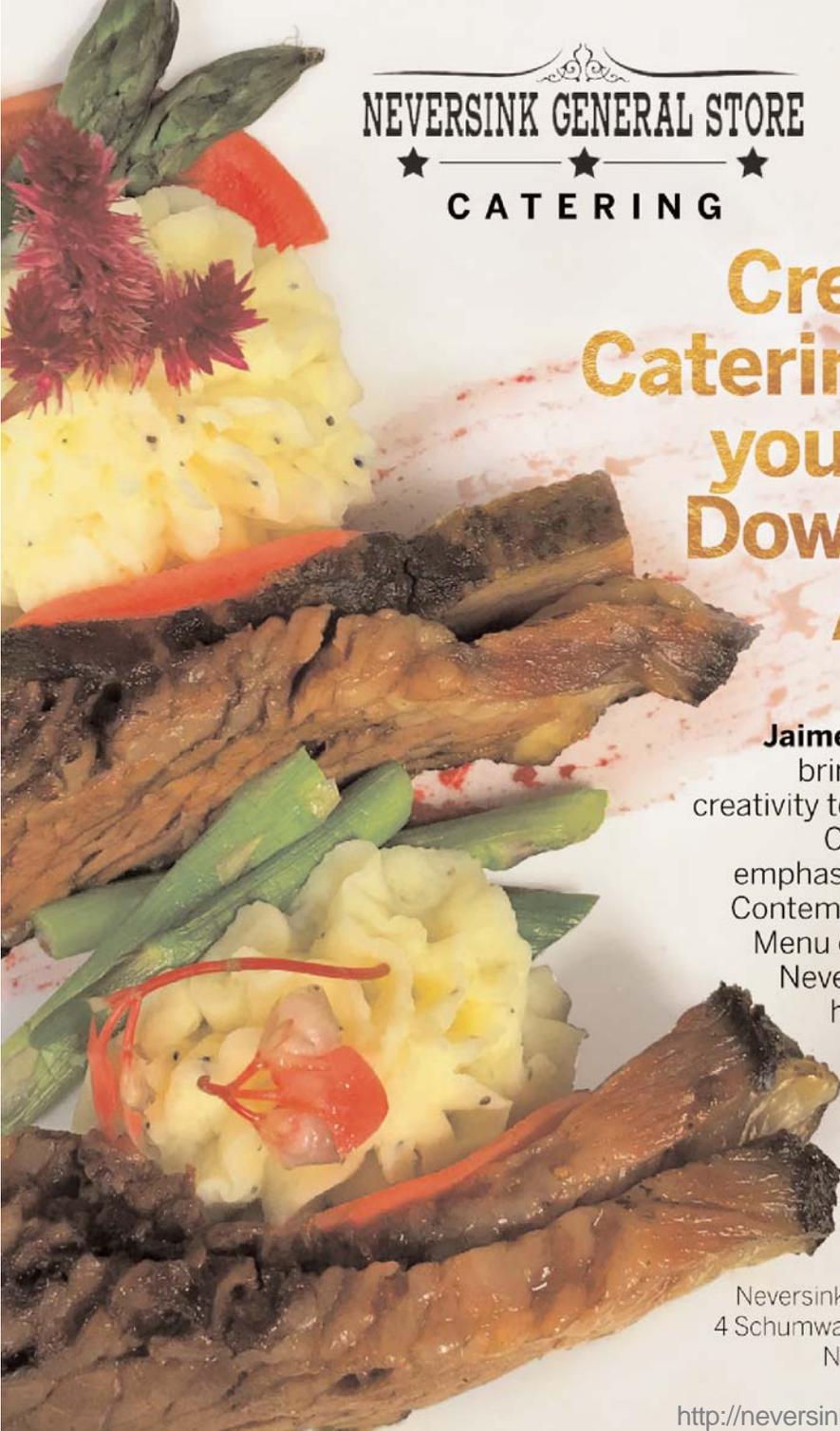
Pack up the car with family and friends and make the drive to our legendary vacationland where nature surprises, creativity amazes, and delicious holiday treats galore. Take your pick, or visit them all, we have plenty of bakeries and cafes serving up holiday goodies and other decadent treats to satisfy your sweet tooth. Check out: Forage and Gather, Jeffersonville Bake Shop, Country Road Bakery, 2 Queens Coffee, Tusten Cup, Neversink General Store, DeFilippis Bakery, Forest-burgh General Store, Spruce Home Goods, of course, our talented Catskill-icious chefs and restaurateurs serve up a yummy selection of desserts to finish off your meal, too.

After you've satisfied your craving, put that sugar rush to work in our crisp country air where white stuff has already dusted our legendary landscape. That'll put you in the holiday mood.

There is more holiday fun every night until January 2 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts where Peace, Love & Lights is bigger and better than last year! Now, this drive-thru holiday light spectacular is a full 1.7-miles and includes new themed areas. Afterwards head over to the Holiday Hub at the Market Sheds and for a little dancing by the 30-foot-tall lighted Musical Mega Trees synched to holiday tunes. And if you really want to work off those cookies, stick around. Every Monday night the route is exclusively for walkers and sponsored by our friends at Sullivan180.

If you're on the hunt for the most unique holiday gifts this season, be sure to shop our talented makers and artisans through the holiday season including: Holiday Market at Bethel Woods weekends through December 19; Narrowsburg Union, the 2021 Holiday Market weekends through December 19; or The Farmhouse Project Holiday Makers Market - December 11 and 12 at the Arnold House in Livingston Manor

If you want to do some retail therapy just for YOU, there is plenty more shopping to discover. From antiques and flea markets to general stores, pottery makers, jewelers, florists, specialty wine shops, and more. Oh, and don't forget... our Good Taste Beverage Trail. Our brewers, vintners, distillers, and cider makers have just the thing for that someone on



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The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

This weekend was the HOLIDAYS IN HURLEYVILLE on Saturday, December 4. This has always been a big day there. The first one, a few years ago, had musicians DEBBIE FISHER and then LION ZEN performing outside at the corner of Main Street by the HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTER. There was a huge dance celebration within that same center. And even though it was chilly, Main Street was crowded with people milling about and chatting or hurrying to whatever event they wanted to see next. And this was consistent each year before the pandemic. This year was weird and then not at the same time. There were a quite a few parked cars but almost no one on the street! The first thing that came to mind was the massive spike in CoVid cases over the week. Nope. I found those people...in every small business up and down Main. And they were spending money! And if they weren't in the businesses, they were in the Arts Center. So all in all it was a very good day for Hurleyville!



I did my part. I visited FIBER ON MAIN, one of my favorite places and RACHEL CORRIGAN, one of my favorite people who now runs it. In relation to some of the other businesses, it and LA SALUMI (fine Italian products) are the two smallest spacewise...and I almost didn't get in because there were so many people (mostly masked). But I flashed my Press Pass (not really). BUCK BROOK ALPACAS had brought in their wares and everyone wanted something! Gee, what could I possibly have bought in a store with yarn? Yes, more pandemic socks on the way!

Sunday afternoon saw me off to the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM and their TREE THEME OPEN HOUSE AND CRAFTS FAIR, also in Hurleyville. Each tree was decorated in unique fashion. One was done completely in old postcards. Another was done in with bits from the Historical Society. Another in origami bird and butterflies. The dozen or so decorated trees would have brought me there. I usually don't do a Christmas tree because frankly, my cats would just love that too much. But I do enjoy seeing other people's trees.

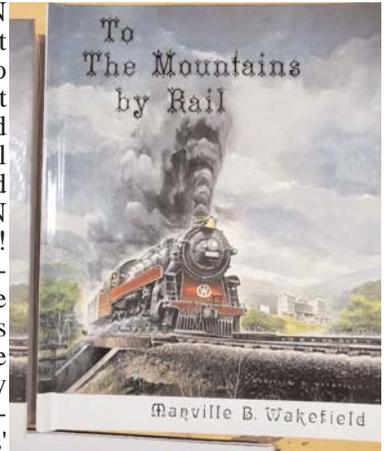
I had just missed LITTLE SPARROW (Carol Smith and Aldo Troiani) on stage but got a chance to at least say "Hi" to Carol who just happened to be chatting with guitarist BILL GRIESBECK and fiddle player LIL SCOLES. How lucky am I to run into four more of my favorite people! (I say four, even though I didn't see Aldo but I'm sure he was around somewhere).

Who was on stage was MICKEY BARNETT! If you've never heard him sing Christmas music, you are really missing out! That suave sophistication weaves through it until it can makes even me melt a bit.

There was a good selection of vendors as well. Everything from children's books to gnomes. I had a chance to chat with MYRON at his table with books from the Historical Society and with BILL FLECK and KIM SIMONS at their table of books. You know where this is going, right?

TO THE MOUNTAINS BY RAIL has been out of print for a while. I have a history with this book. When I first moved up here, a friend lent it to me. Then I got busy and only got about a quarter of the way through before it was

time to give it back. MYRON probably doesn't remember but he had told me that I could go to the museum and read it there. And yes, that happened too. What I didn't realize until I learned it had been reprinted was that I wanted MY OWN copy. Merry Christmas to ME! The reprint is pretty impressive. Just a bit smaller than the standard coffee table book, this baby looks like a coffee table book right down to the glossy pages (and I should know, having a few 'coffee table books' on Tiffany glass to Gargoyles). And the price of \$59.95 is not pricey when you consider the quality of this printing. If you know someone who would love this, you can find it at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM and at THE HURLEYVILLE GENERAL STORE, both on Main Street in Hurleyville.



And then there's BILL FLECK and his wife KIM SIMONS. I KNOW I've met them before, where I don't know and it's going to bug me until I figure it out. Bill, yes, he's a musician so that's feasible. Kim, recent competitor on Food Network's HALLOWEEN WARS and THE BIG BAKE (Bravo Kim!), not a watcher. So where? That aside, Bill one of the books he had written was a book on LON CHANEY JR. Halloween, for decades, has been special to me. I take the day, do nothing but watch those old black and white 'horror' movies. My late husband also preferred them to the modern versions. We were married on Halloween. So, I was intrigued and added his CHANEY'S BABY to my collection. Now I have to get in touch with KIM as I want 3 copies of her gluten free cookbook!

And now I have to go because my soup should be done. What's up with the grocery stores? I had a craving for beef stroganoff and all I could find was 'fat free' sour cream. Disappointing result. The only broth I could find for this soup is 'no salt'. This should be interesting.

Stay well, stay safe and stay MASKED!
Until next time.....

John Sebastian's "Jug Band Village" at Bearsville Theater, Musically Relives Greenwich Village Days

John Sebastian's "Jug Band Village" show at Bearsville Theater on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 8 P.M. started over 1/2 hour late. Late because the predominately white haired line. of customers patiently waited outside the theatre steps, down the steps, and along the path and deep into the parking lot, waiting to pay to get standing room, or at least stand somewhere in the lobby by the bar to hear the concert.

Inside, John Sebastian had brought together an entire stage full of the regions finest folk and blues musicians and two showstopping women performers, namely Anne Raines on slide guitar, and Cindy Cashdollar on several harmonicas and singing a raunchy rousing Betty Smith blues vocal.

Also participating were Fred Neil, Tim Harden, Steve Boone, Paul Rishell, Jimmy Vivino and James Wormworth.

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Thanksgiving Musical Bash at Heartbeat Music Hall



Non-stop musical consisting of several musical groups and solo artists performing at the Heartbeat Music Hall in Grahamsville. The stage was packed with musicians accommodating and connecting with each other. The Heartbeat Music Hall was packed with over 50 people. Of course, much of the audience was fellow musicians.

John Sebastian's "Jug Band Village" at Bearsville Theater, Musically Relives Greenwich Village Days

The rest of the stage was packed and stacked with the finest sound, recording equipment and speakers. And on stage were two hand held cameramen. In the audience by the side of the the stage was an elevating camera recording the event for some future showing[^]. It was worth the wait or even coming in late. I believe everyone got in and listened somewhere inside.

The Bearsville Theater has a kinship with Sullivan County, the music mecca of the c'atskills. As I recall, the Bearsville Theater was built for musical entrepreneur Mr. Grossman by the Cyperts, a family of old country German craftsmen, who also supervised its expansion. The Cyperts lived in Claryville which is just up the hill from Grahamsville which is in Sullivan County.

The jug band music was interspersed with John Sebastian's historical notes, stories and anecdotes of his life-long quest to discover the source, definition, meaning, and current and future status of jug band music. And several of the original music innovators, long since forgotten, appeared and performed on the crowded stage, then immediately got off to let another guest on.

Most of the songs were never popular and little known, but was an important building block in the popularity of jug band music.

And the sitting audience frequently stood and clapped. And the standing audience weaved and swayed with the music, and many danced.

John Sebastian seem suprised and appreciative of the overwhelming response.

As an encore, John performed an extended medley of Loving Spoonful songs.

At the end of the show, the stage crew was busy dismantling all the speakers, electrical equipment and moving it from the stage into a large truck/ John sg./ d in passing that he had to be in Albany tomorrow for his next show. (Contd. Pg. 13)

John Sebastian's "Jug Band Village" at Bearsville Theater, Musically Relives Greenwich Village Days

(From Pg. 12) Congradulations to John Sebastian and his group of excellent and versatile musicians for reviving and reliving Jug Band Music.

Incidentally, for the record, during the entire Jug Band Music performance, fr&m where I stood, I didn't hear or see one jug or even a kazoo.

Written and submitted by William A. Brenner

William A Brenner is a lawyer from Grahamsville, NY. He attends and reviews local theatrical productions and musical concerts. Brenner graduated from the New York University School of Law in 1965, which is located at Washington Square in the heart of Greenwich Village. Brenner plays the banjo.

(ECO) Steven Shaw was honored with the Wildlife Officer of the Year Award

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced that Environmental Conservation Police Officer (ECO) Steven Shaw was honored with the Wildlife Officer of the Year Award from the Shikar-Safari Club International.



ECO Shaw stands with award in hands

"On behalf of DEC, congratulations to ECO Shaw on this well-deserved recognition of his dedication to protecting our natural resources and holding those who break New York's environmental conservation laws accountable," Commissioner Seggos said. "As this year's Shikar-Safari Club International 'Wildlife Officer of the Year,' ECO Shaw is a shining example of the tireless efforts DEC's Law Enforcement Officers undertake each and every day to ensure New York's environment is protected for generations to come."

Shikar-Safari International Club was founded in 1952 by an international group of hunters interested in exchanging ideas about the sport and promoting ethical hunting of big game animals. Each year, the club sponsors an award for the Wildlife Conservation Police Officer of the Year in all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and territories of both US. And Canada, acknowledging the important role ECOs play in local, national, and international wildlife conservation.

ECO Shaw earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Purdue University in 1993, and a master's degree in Environmental Policy from Indiana University in 1996. Shaw did not pursue his dream of becoming an ECO until he entered the 15th Basic Training Academy at the age of 32 in the early 2000s. His goal to become an ECO dates back to his childhood when he was fishing on the Hudson River with his father and grandfather in the town of Moreau, Saratoga County. A man in a green canoe quickly appeared and approached the trio asking if they were having any luck catching fish. The man also checked his father and grandfather's fishing licenses, looked at and measured the walleye they had on a stringer, and talked to them about fishing the Hudson River in general. It wasn't until the man left that Shaw's father explained that the man was a local game warden, responsible for making sure people were hunting and fishing legally. This interaction stuck with Shaw and eventually led him to his career at DEC.

ECO Shaw has served as an officer for 18 years in Saratoga County in DEC's Region 5. In 2020 alone, he responded to approximately 300 calls for service, from catching poachers and enforcing fish and wildlife laws to assisting with the hunter education programs at the county's Fish and Game clubs and the county fair. In addition, ECO Shaw is credited with single-handedly developing a fishing clinic for special needs children in his area, which he has hosted for the past 10 years.

ECO Shaw spends much of his spare time outdoors fly fishing out west, brook trout fishing in remote Adirondack ponds in his canoe, ice fishing local lakes, and hiking in the Adirondacks. He's often joined on these outdoor adventures by his sons Hudson, 15, and Jackson, 12, as well as his girlfriend Lisa. Shaw and Hudson became 46ers this year and are now working on their Winter 46.



ECO Shaw and Commissioner Seggos shake hands during award ceremony

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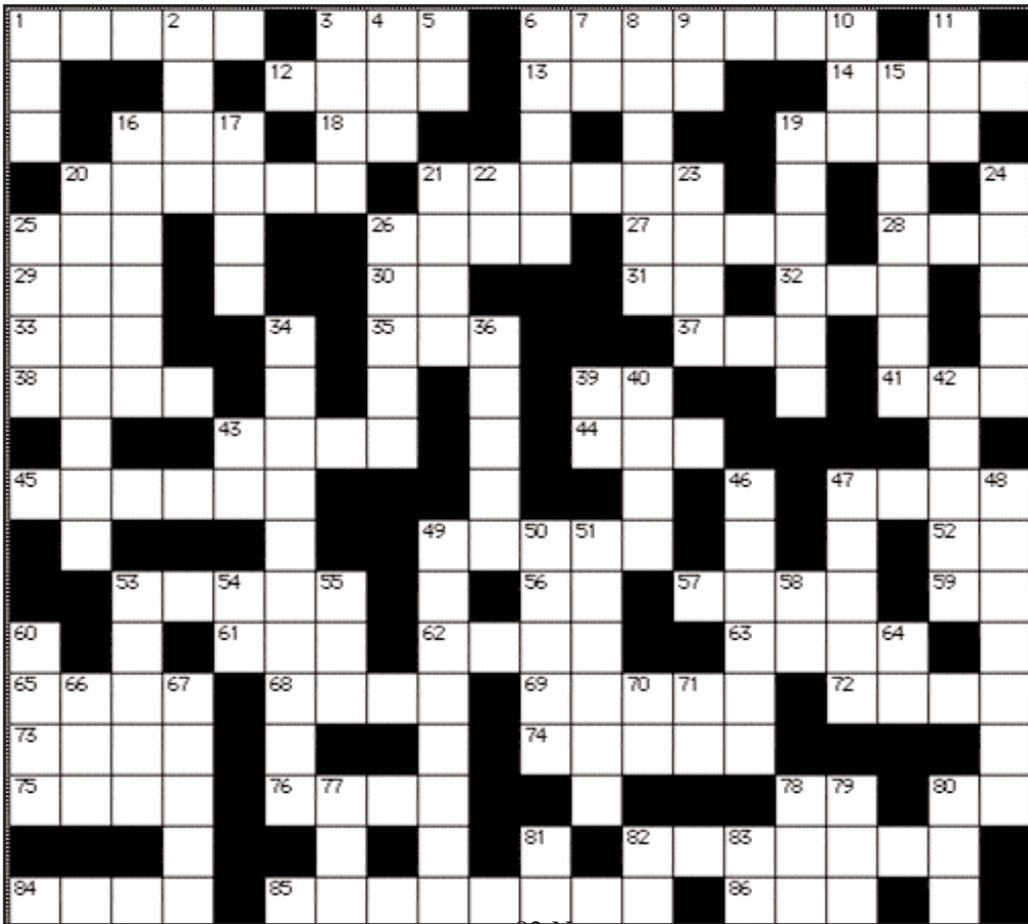
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cheerful carols
 - 3 Night 28 Paraphernalia
 - 6 Old World bird 29 Contribute to something
 - 12 Kiln 30 Sound of Santa
 - 13 Ebb and flow 31 Used to express motion
 - 14 Mythical Scandinavian god 32 Female sheep
 - 16 Congress Industrial Organization 33 Non-existent
 - 18 Extra-terrestrial 35 An upper limb
 - 19 Cut with small quick strokes 37 Second day of the week
 - 20 A trough for cattle to eat from 38 Brave act
 - 21 Moved rhythmically to music 39 Referring to myself
 - 25 What was sent on the third day of Christmas 41 Plant fluid
 - 26 Vocal music 43 "A Christmas Story" cure for using curse words
 - 27 Christmas, as a refrain in 44 Sick
 - 53 Job 45 Inactive farmland
 - 56 Language engineering 47 Slant
 - 57 Person admired for their courage 49 Corn salad
 - 59 Used before a man's surname 52 Roman Catholic
 - 61 Fruit of a rose 80 At the age of
 - 62 Cherished 82 Not sacred
 - 63 Used to refer to every-one of two or more 84 Song of celebration
 - 65 Poetic form of listen 85 Hymn or chant
 - 68 Young deer 86 Globe
 - 69 Person acknowledged as holy
 - 72 Kilogram
 - 73 Icon
 - 74 Vehicles with runners that travel on snow
 - 75 Decorative painting
 - 76 Make musical sounds with a voice
 - 78 __, la, la, la, la, la, la, la
 - 81 "_____ Night"
 - 82 Not sacred
 - 84 Song of celebration
 - 85 Hymn or chant
 - 86 Globe
- DOWN**
- 1 Adult human males
 - 2 Condensed moisture from the atmosphere
 - 3 At all times
 - 4 Animal doctor
 - 5 Printer's measure
 - 6 Wound
 - 7 Private Investigator
 - 8 Arrival of a notable event
 - 9 Regarding
 - 10 Victor
 - 11 Pointed end of an object
 - 15 Author of *A Christmas Carol*
 - 16 Wax cylinder with a wick
 - 17 Troll
 - 19 "_____ Night"
 - 20 Relating to the Middle Ages
 - 21 Portal
 - 22 Indefinite article
 - 23 Terrible fate
 - 24 Emboss
 - 25 End of the arm including the palm
 - 26 Keen
 - 34 Deep bank of snow
 - 36 The night before Christmas she was in her kerchief
 - 39 Third note of the major scale
 - 40 River in Central Europe that runs through Germany
 - 42 Siren
 - 43 To such a great extent
 - 46 Sugary pleasant tasty delights
 - 47 Large solid piece of hard material
 - 48 Miserly Dicken's character
 - 49 Twelve o'clock at night
 - 50 Social division

- 51 Official messenger bringing news
- 53 Religious folk song usually associated with Christmas
- 54 Exclamation of surprise
- 55 Environmental
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- 81 Alternating current
- 82 Southeast
- 83 Commanding Officer
- 58 Egyptian sun god
- 60 Voucher greeting
- 64 Informal greeting
- 66 Without any fuss
- 67 Famous U.S. fashion designer
- 70 Indo-European
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- 77 Irish Republican Army
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Old-Fashioned Gingerbread Cutout Cookies

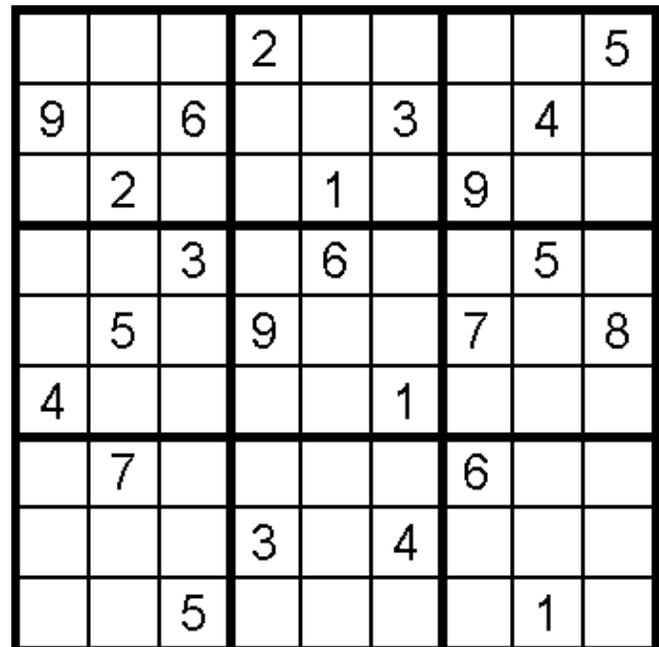
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

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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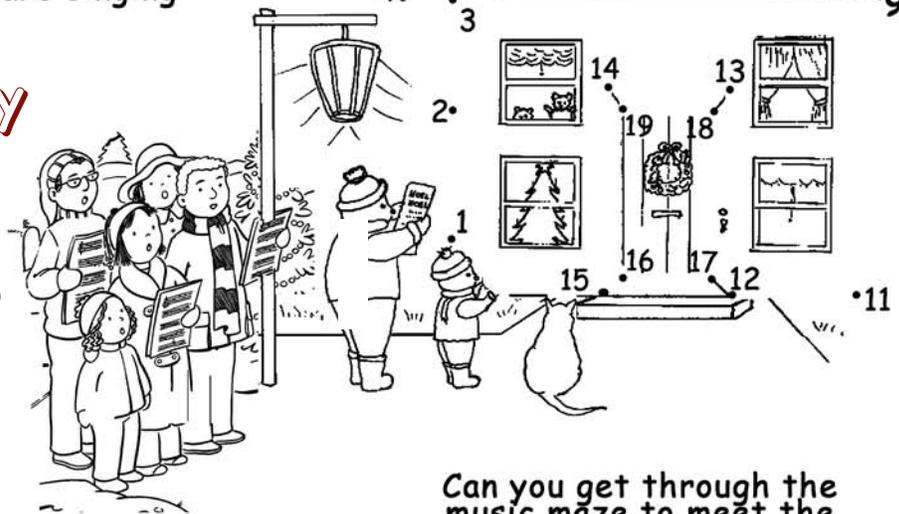
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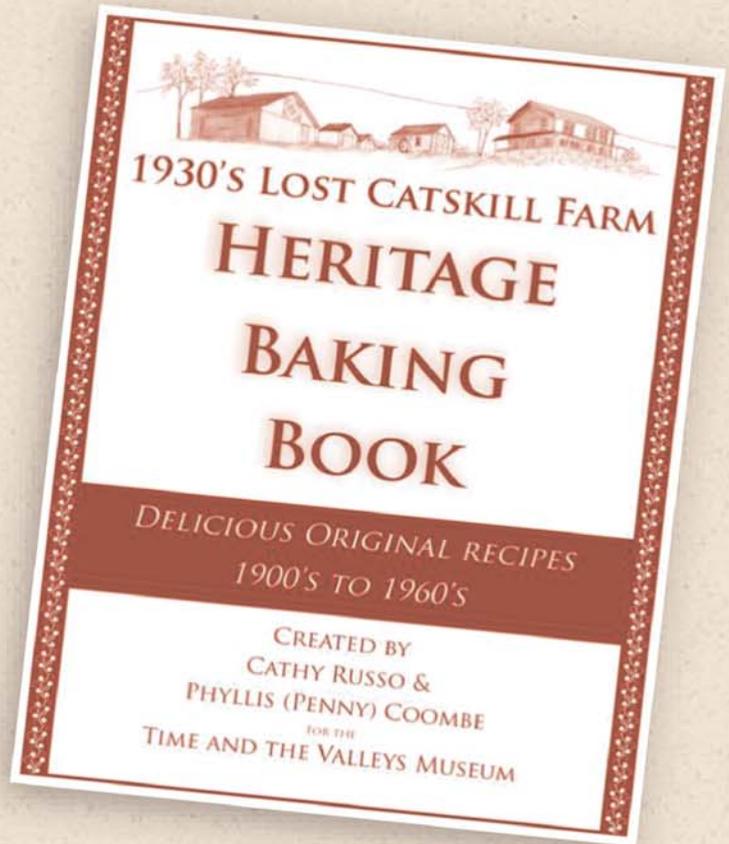
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RESOLUTION #1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF NEVERSINK, SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO UTILIZE SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$75,000.00) DOLLARS FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO PAY FOR MISECELLANEOUS ROOF REPAIRS FOR THE FIRE HOUSE

This resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

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DMV will be at the Neversink Town Hall on 12/09/2021.



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Search [sullivancountydmscheduling](https://www.sullivancountydmscheduling.com)

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Please read all appointment types before selecting one. If you select the wrong appointment type you may have to reschedule due to time constraints.

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*****Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule)*****

Callicoon Town Hall - 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule)

Rockland Town Hall - 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)

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Customers **MUST** have all forms completed **PRIOR** to arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - dmv.ny.gov

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ONLY THE PERSON COMPLETING THE TRANSACTION WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE DMV

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For further information please contact us at: 845-794-3872

We reserve the right to cancel multiple appointments or appointments to out of county residents.

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings

Regular Meeting #12 -
Thursday,
December 16, 2021
Call to Order - 6:00 p.m. -
Secondary School Library
Lower Level
Anticipated Proposed
Executive Session -
6:00 p.m. -
Secondary School Library
Upper Level
Regular Meeting resumes -
approximately 7:00 p.m. -
Secondary School Library
Lower Level

Regular Meeting #13 -
Thursday, January 6, 2022
Call to Order - 6:00 p.m. -
Secondary School Library
Lower Level
Anticipated Proposed
Executive Session - 6:00
p.m. - Secondary School
Library Upper Level
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All Board Meetings will be
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Fallsburg CSD Board of Education

December Meeting

December 15, 2021



Holiday Shop

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Saturday, December 11th 11 to 3p.m.

Time and the Valleys Museum

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Random Drawing for Lift Tickets at Participating New York Ski Mountains Children Ages 5-11 Who Receive Their First Vaccine Dose or Anyone Who Has Received a COVID-19 Booster Eligible

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the new 'Ski for Free' Covid-19 vaccine incentive sweepstakes for children ages five to 11 and booster shot recipients. The six-week sweepstakes - the beginning of which will be announced in the coming days - is intended to bolster vaccination rates among children ages 5-11 as well as individuals eligible to receive a COVID-19 booster dose. Eligible New Yorkers will be able to enter a random drawing for free lift tickets to participating mountains, thanks to Ski Areas of New York and the Olympic Regional Development Authority.

Our new 'Ski for Free' incentive for children and booster recipients allows New Yorkers to take full advantage of our state's incredible mountains while protecting themselves and their loved ones from this pandemic," Governor Hochul said. "The vaccine is our best weapon in the fight against COVID-19 and we need to encourage every eligible New Yorker to get their shot, whether it be a first dose, second dose, or booster."

Tickets awarded through the 'Ski for Free' Sweepstakes can be used any time during the 2021-2022 Winter season and will contain information on any holiday blackout dates that may apply. Entrants will be able to select their region of choice, in either the east or west of the state. Participating mountains in each region are:

Whiteface ; Gore ; Belleayre ; Windham; and West

The 'Ski for Free' sweepstakes includes the following prizes:

- o Children ages 5-11: Winners for a total of 240 two-packs of tickets (one adult pass and one child pass) will be selected over the six-week sweepstakes period. 40 two-packs of tickets will be awarded per week, divided evenly between the two regions. Children ages five-to-11 who received their first vaccine dose after Nov. 3 are eligible to enter the sweepstakes. Entries must be completed by a parent or legal guardian, and the winners will receive an adult/child pair of ski tickets (Contd. Pg. 30)

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Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 3:00 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sales will reopen in the Spring

See you then



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches
House Worship Plan
Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
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Dial by your location
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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

Pastor Kenneth Ronk
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
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Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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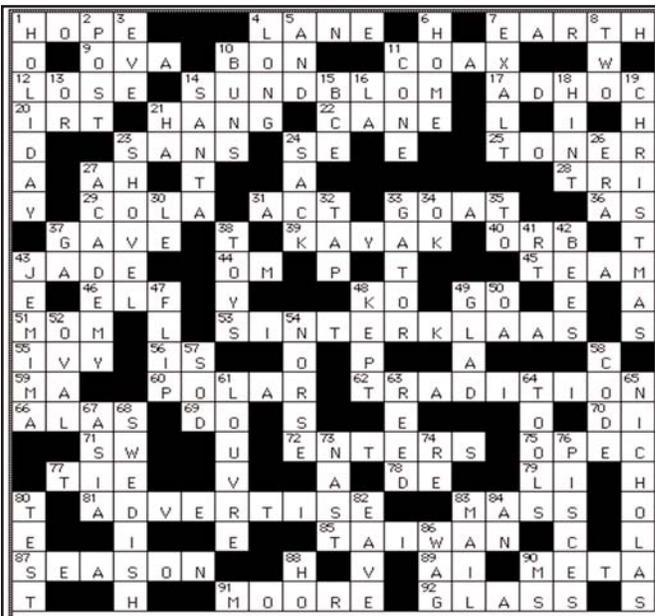
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Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



2021 Town of Neversink Holiday Hours

The Town of Neversink will observe the following Holiday Hours: Christmas - close at noon on 12/23 and all day on 12/24. New Years - close at noon on 12/30 and all day on 12/31.

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on Christmas Day - Saturday 12/25. It will be OPEN on Monday 12/27 from 11 am to 7 pm. Wednesday's 12/29 hours will remain as usual.

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on New Year's Day - Saturday 01/01/2022. No additional hours will be added.

Please plan your Transfer Station and Town Hall business accordingly. The Town of Neversink wishes you a very Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

The GUMC held their final 2021 Thrift Sale on November 6th. Even when we are closed we want the community to know that, by appointment, our Thrift items are always available to anyone in case of an emergency by calling 845-985-2283. Because of storage space we are **NOT ABLE** to receive items again until next spring. Please help us by storing your treasures at your house until then.

Thanks to everyone who has helped our church keep this Mission open throughout the uncertain 2021 season.

Monti Elks Bingo for Veterans

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 (46 North Street, Monticello) invites you to join us for a special Holiday Bingo on Saturday, December 11th. The doors open at 12:30 and calling starts at 2 PM. There will be over \$1600 in cash prizes, along with 50/50's, pull tabs, door prizes and raffles. Hot food will also be available. This event is sponsored by Belle Reve Senior Living in Milford, PA where they provide quality living for seniors. All proceeds will be shared by our local Veterans organization and the Elks Lodge. Find out more by calling Past Exalted Ruler Julie LiGreci at: (973) 349-7390. Bingo also continues at the Lodge every Tuesday evening at 7.

Visit the Time and the Valleys Holiday Shop

Time and the Valleys Holiday Shop will be open Saturday, December 11th from 11 am to 3 pm.

You will find a variety of unique books, gifts, heritage toys and local crafts. If you can't make it to the Holiday Shop, call 845-985-7700 or email to visit another day. info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org

Museum exhibits will also be open on December 11th.

You will receive a pair of historic notecards with each purchase.

Time and the Valleys Museum is located on State Route 55 in Grahamsville, NY.

All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
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Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
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VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurlayville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12/7/21 Claryville Fire District -District Elections 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
 12/8/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
 12/11/21 **Time and the Valleys Holiday Shop - Saturday, December 11 - 11am to 3pm**
 12/14/21 Town of Denning Town Board & Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm
 12/16/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
 12/21/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm App. Submission Date 12/7/21
 12/23/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - 1/2 Day - CHRISTMAS
 12/24/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - CHRISTMAS

During these uncertain times - PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION for updates & changes

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

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.

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

Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2021** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events throu out the coming year. You may email them to: tvtownsmen@yahoo.com or
 USPS Mail - The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740
 or Drop them in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update

December 6 - December 10, 2021

Monday, December 6

- o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics, at 303 Clinton Ave, Kingston
- o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Powered by Zoom Meetings, 824 0767 8137, Passcode: 036021, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Trail Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC), Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 824 7966 4021, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, December 7

- o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 837 3710 7425, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 812 0847 2211, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, December 8

- o 4:00 PM - Periodic Compensation Review Committee, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 831 9474 6457, Passcode: 647542, Dial In (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Commission on Reapportionment, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 876 7303 5652, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, December 9

- o 4:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 898 1739 6176, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM (or immediately following Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee) - Caucus: Republicans, Powered by Zoom Meetings. Meeting ID: 829 2194 4683, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Friday, December 10

- o No Meetings

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Governor Hochul Signs Package of Legislation to Support Small Businesses

Governor Kathy Hochul signed a package of legislation to increase State agency support of small businesses in New York. Legislation S.033/A.3456 will create a small business liaison with the Departments of Agriculture and Markets, Environmental Conservation, Labor, Transportation, and Taxation and Finance. Legislation S.113a/A.6508a requires the Secretary of State to confirm receipt upon receiving a statement of filing and include useful information for all businesses that apply to reserve a name, including but not limited to contact information for the local Small Business Development Council, local Entrepreneurial Assistance Program, Business Mentor NY, and Empire State Development.

After helping my mom start a flower shop, I know how much hard work and dedication it takes to operate a small business," Governor Hochul said. "Small businesses have been hit hard over the past two years, and New York must do everything in our power to help them survive - and thrive. This legislative package will ensure State government can continue to be a partner and an advocate for small businesses across New York."

Legislation S.033/A.3456 amends the State Administrative Procedure Act to create a small business liaison with the Departments of Agriculture and Markets, Environmental Conservation, Labor, Transportation, and Taxation and Finance by designating an existing employee to serve in this capacity. The liaison will assist small businesses in a variety of ways such as serving as the primary contact for small business, being equipped with basic information on the agency, helping small

Time is Running out...



If you have ever considered adopting a dog, have you thought about the perks of adopting an older dog? Older dogs are already housebroken, don't chew up your furniture or slippers like a puppy and you will have a good clue as to what their personality is. Life is tough for all of us when you get older.

This senior Lab/Shepherd mix is presently calling the local dog pound home. It wasn't so bad when it was sunny and warm. Now, the nights are longer and it is starting to get chilly out. The nights at the dog pound are lonely and cold for this female dog who is the only guest at the pound.

While the radio that the Dog Control Officer plays, does break the silence of the long cold nights, this poor lonely pooch is just waiting to lay by someone's feet, for a pat on the head, and to become someone's faithful companion.

Think about it. And... if you are not able to have a dog at this time, maybe you know someone who is.

If you want to make this senior female dog happy and warm for the holidays, why not call the Town of Neversink DCO at 845-985-7281 today and arrange to adopt her. It certainly would become a happy story for the Holidays 2021.

See page 49 for further information.

businesses navigate the agency bureaucracy, hearing and reporting concerns of small business, advocating within the agency on behalf of small businesses, initiating and encouraging small business education and outreach on behalf of the agency, and collaborating with agency staff on any small business regulation.

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SC Legislators Mark Repeal of Energy Tax—End of 4% Surcharge Brings Some Relief to Taxpayers

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County legislators this week made note of the State-approved December 1 repeal of the 4% Energy Tax, instituted during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, when County finances faced a potentially perilous future.

"We created the tax amidst unknown times," explained Legislature Chair Robert A. Doherty. "As soon as we confirmed the County was in a better financial position, we took it off taxpayers' backs."

It's unfortunate we had to create the tax," acknowledged District 5 Legislator George Conklin, chair of the Legislature's Management & Budget Committee, "but let's also recognize that it's not too often government removes a tax."

"I'm pleased we repealed it for the benefit of our residents, especially during this time of escalating inflation," said District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs. "This will alleviate a financial burden on our taxpayers. While small, every little bit counts."

The Energy Tax itself has been levied on commercial properties in Sullivan County since 1975 and will remain so. Any charge for electricity and various heating fuels is subject to a 4% surcharge remitted to the County.

Residential properties had long been exempted. However, on July 23, 2020, the Legislature unanimously removed that residential exemption, effective Sept. 1, 2020, in order to prepare for anticipated fiscal impacts related to the pandemic. When those impacts ultimately did not fully materialize, legislators on August 19, 2021, unanimously agreed to reinstate the residential exemption, effective December 1, 2021 (as early as the State would allow).

"We do not relish raising taxes, which is why we built in a March 2023 'sunset' when this particular tax would end," noted Legislature Vice Chair Michael Brooks. "Thanks to an improved fiscal outlook, we were able to repeal it in advance."

"Our financial position improved, for which I'm thankful, and in turn that means we can eliminate a tax on home energy costs at a time when prices are otherwise rising," stated District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen.

"We ended it 15 months ahead of time," added District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone. "In essence, it's a 4% relief for taxpayers."

"Although the Energy Tax was helpful during very uncertain times," stated District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, "I'm excited to say it's been repealed in order to give everyone a break."

"I received many phone calls from people who said they could not afford it, so I'm very happy to see it go," remarked District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez.

"I'm one of those taxpayers who's happy this tax has ended. Usually we're having to deal with the creation or hike of a tax, so I'm really glad to have been a part of ending a burden on taxpayers," affirmed District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello.

Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck noted that bills with the Energy Tax applied may still arrive in local mailboxes in coming weeks, as any charges generated in November remain subject to the tax.

"But I'm thrilled the Legislature agreed to end this tax



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WINTER READING "AlphaBOOKbet" CHALLENGE

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Senator Mike Martucci Calls on the Department of Labor to Maintain Current Farm Overtime Rule

The 2019 Farm Labor Bill was a shot to the heart of New York agriculture. It drastically increased costs, pushed more farmers into selling their land and contributed to higher consumer prices. It was one of the main issues I campaigned against in 2020, and in 2021, it remains a consistent area of concern for the family farms I represent. On December 15th, the Wage Board at the New York State Department of Labor will meet to consider making this terrible policy even worse by lowering the overtime threshold from the current 60 hours per week to 40 hours per week. I urge the board to reject this idea and maintain the current requirements instead. Their failure to do so could be the death knell of Upstate agriculture.

Bipartisan Bill Inspired by Sen. Gillibrand's September Hearing Addressing Volatile Milk Pricing; Dairy Pricing Opportunity Act Strong First Step to Broader FMMO Reform

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senators Gillibrand (D-NY), Leahy (D-VT) and Collins (R-ME) introduced their bipartisan Dairy Pricing Opportunity Act, which would require the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to initiate the process of holding Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) hearings within six months allowing producers and industry to consider and review proposals that could change Class I skim milk pricing. This way, the producers who understand these dynamics firsthand will have a voice in formulating any potential changes in calculating the price of Class I milk. The introduction of this bill was a direct result of Senator Gillibrand's Senate Agriculture Subcommittee hearing on modernizing milk pricing and the Federal Milk Marketing Order system (FMMO) and would pave the way for critical FMMO reform in not just Class I pricing, but potentially other areas of need. Gillibrand will continue her efforts as chair of the Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock Dairy, Poultry, Local Food Systems, and Food Safety to focus on modernizing the FMMO system.

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“When the dairy pricing system isn't working for farmers, the economic ramifications are felt across the country. I heard from producers across the industry firsthand during my subcommittee hearing on dairy pricing and the message was clear- our dairy pricing system is inadequate, out of date, and working against producers. That's why I introduced the Dairy Pricing Opportunity Act, a bill that would put the power back in farmers' hands and bring the industry together to build a system that works for the 21st century dairy farmer. This bill is a great first step and I look forward to continuing efforts on broader FMMO modernization.” - Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, chair of the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Local Food Systems, and Food Safety and Security

“Even before the coronavirus pandemic upended the dairy economy, producers in Vermont and throughout the Northeast were already struggling through years of price volatility, market consolidation, and rising costs. Small- and mid-sized farms, the very same farms that have underpinned Vermont's rural communities for generations, have long borne the brunt of these market forces. As Congress and USDA help farmers recover from the pandemic's immediate impacts, it's a critical time to reexamine the federal milk pricing system and ensure it works equitably for all farmers.”
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Random Drawing for Lift Tickets at Participating New York Ski Mountains

(From Pg. 21) The 'Ski for Free' sweepstakes includes the following prizes:

o Booster recipients: Winners for a total of 120 single tickets (one adult pass) will be selected over the six-week sweepstakes period. 20 single tickets will be awarded per week, divided evenly between the two regions. Individuals ages 18 and older who received their booster dose after Nov. 3 are eligible to enter the sweepstakes. Entries must be completed by the individual who received the booster dose, and the winner will receive one adult ski ticket.

Olympic Regional Development Authority CEO Mike Pratt said, "Ski resorts in New York State are open and we're excited to welcome guests for outdoor recreation and adventure at our mountains this winter. We're fortunate to have many outdoor recreational opportunities in New York State and the ski areas appreciate working together with State Health Officials to promote healthy lifestyles."

SKI NY President Scott Brandi said, "We are proud to partner with Governor Hochul's administration for the 'Ski for Free' Covid Vaccine Sweepstakes. Many of our ski areas have opened, others are getting ready, and all are making snow when the temperature drops! We urge you to get your vaccine, enter the sweepstakes, and come join us at one of our ski areas!"

Information about the 'Ski for Free' sweepstakes is available here.: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/programs/ski-free-vaccine-incentive>

When announced, instructions on how to enter the sweepstakes will be posted on the website.

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Neither booster shot recipients nor parent, step-parent or legal guardian, spouse, sibling, grandparent or residing household member of the five-to-11 entrant can be an employee of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), Office of Information Technology Services (ITS), or the New York State Executive Chamber.

Established in 1982, the New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) was created by the State of New York to manage the facilities used during the 1980 Olympic Winter Games at Lake Placid. ORDA operates Whiteface, Belleayre and Gore Mountain ski areas; the Olympic Sports Complex at Mt. Van Hoevenberg; the Olympic speed skating oval, Olympic jumping complex and Olympic arena. As host to international and national championships, the Authority has brought millions of athletes, spectator and participants to the region, resulting in significant economic development.

Board of Trustees Meeting Preliminary Agenda Village of Monticello

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021
6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Motion to accept the agenda
5. Approval of the minutes from the November 3rd, 2021 & November 30th, 2021 Special Meeting
6. Public Hearing-Proposed Local Law #10 of 2021- A local law to Opt Out of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and/or On-Site Cannabis Consumption Establishments in the Village of Monticello
7. Mayor/Manager Report
8. Building Department Report-October & November 2021
9. Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills
10. Resolution setting a Public Hearing date for Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 for Local Law# 1 of 2022- To adopt a Local Law to Change the Zoning of Property Located on the North Side of Starr Avenue and on the East Side of Fraser Avenue from R1 to RM
11. Resolution authorizing payment to Dell Technologies in the amount of \$2,399.97 (State Bid) from app#A.3120.206 (Police-Computer Equipment). Current account balance before expenditure is \$14,001.00
12. Resolution authorizing the Emergency Purchase of Sodium Fluoride in the amount of \$2,879.80 from Coyne Chemical for the Water Department from App#F.8330.458 (Purification Chemicals). Account balance is \$77,468.59 after expenditure
13. Resolution authorizing payment to OCL Analytical Services (sole source provider) for Sludge Testing in the amount of \$1,715.00 for the Sewer Department from app#G.8130.419 (Sewer Treatment/Disposal-Lab Supply/Testing). Account balance after expenditure is \$13,305.47
14. Resolution authorizing the Emergency Purchase of a Back Hoe from Broken Tractor LLC(quotes attached) in the amount of \$2,974.67 for the Water Department from app#F.8340.459 (Transmission-Truck Equipment/Tools). Current account balance is \$7,000.00
15. Resolution authorizing payment to General Code (sole source provider) in the amount of \$1,195.00 for the Village Code Online from app#A.1410.403 (Clerk Contractual Expenses). Current account balance is \$3,000.00
16. Resolution authorizing the Mayor/Village Manager and Village Treasurer to sign the Tentative Agreement attached hereto with the White Collar Employees
17. Resolution authorizing the Mayor/Manager to publish a Request for Real Estate Brokerage Services for the sale of the attached properties and to enter into a Listing Agreement with a licensed real estate broker for the sale of the properties listed the annexed Schedule A
18. Resolution naming the Village of Monticello as an Additional Insured for the "People In Mind" of New York, Youth Recreational Program being run by Darrin Raynor
19. Public Comment
20. Executive Session
21. Adjournment



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Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus Embrace Army-Navy Rivalry, Make Friendly Wager of Award-Winning Local Products

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, a West Point graduate and Army combat veteran, is wagering Fruition Chocolate from Shokan, Keegan Ales' award-winning beer from Kingston, and a bottle of world-famous Hudson Whiskey from Gardiner

Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus, a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves, is wagering an award-winning Riesling from Brotherhood Winery in Washingtonville, rye-barrel aged Maple Syrup from Finding Home Farms in Greenville, and Apple Cider doughnuts from Soons Orchard in New Hampton

KINGSTON, N.Y. - With the Army-Navy football game one week away, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus have embraced the spirit of the historic Army-Navy football rivalry, making a friendly wager on the game's outcome between the two County Executives. County Executive Ryan, a West Point graduate and Army veteran, will wager some of Ulster County's finest products, Fruition Chocolate from Shokan, award-winning Keegan Ales beer from Kingston, and a bottle of world-famous Hudson Whiskey from Gardiner, on what he states is the "small chance that Army loses." Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus, a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves, is wagering an award-winning Riesling from Brotherhood Winery in Washingtonville, rye-barrel aged Maple Syrup from Finding Home Farms in Greenville and Apple Cider doughnuts from Soons Orchard in New Hampton.

"Every other week I am friends, neighbors, and colleagues with County Executive Steve Neuhaus." Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "But this week, Steve, we are rivals! Even though I know that my Army team is going to defeat your Navy team...on the small chance that Army loses, I will offer up some of the best products that Ulster County has to offer. And of course, no matter the outcome of the game, I am so proud of the exceptional young men and women of our service academies, and deeply appreciate their commitment to serve our country."

"I think head coach Jeff Monken has done a phenomenal job at West Point and we are proud that the Black Knights represent Orange County," Orange County Executive Steve

Neuhaus said. "However, on Saturday, I'm pulling for Navy. The storied rivalry always brings out the best of both academies and I'm sure the 122nd edition of America's game will be another classic."

The Army-Navy game is one of the most storied and enduring rivalries in college football. This year's contest will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. ET on CBS at MetLife Stadium. Navy won 14 straight games in the series between 2002 and 2015, but Army has taken control recently with victories in four of the last five.

Pat Ryan is a graduate of West Point and served two combat tours in Iraq as an Army intelligence officer.

Steve Neuhaus serves as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves, assigned to a Naval Special Warfare team. In 2019, Neuhaus served with the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force on a six-month deployment to Iraq.

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UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces Transformative Deal on Former IBM Site in Town of Ulster

- *County Executive Pat Ryan calls the deal “momentous and transformative,” and “one of the biggest wins for Ulster County in decades;” says that the County will soon announce additional exciting details about the future redevelopment plans for the site*
- *Landmark deal includes provisions to fully remediate remaining environmental issues, put the property back on the tax rolls, and finally reactivate the site as a regional economic engine*
- *In the deal, National Resources would commit \$12 million, roughly the amount currently owed in back taxes, and enter into a formal agreement with the EPA for environmental cleanup*
- *The Ulster County Legislature is expected to take action to finalize the deal prior to the end of the year*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County Court Judge Bryan Rounds has signed off on a negotiated settlement deal between Ulster County and Alan Ginsberg, owner of the remaining properties that comprise TechCity on the former IBM campus in the Town of Ulster. The deal allows for the ultimate sale of TechCity to National Resources, a nationally-recognized developer known for revitalizing former industrial sites, for a combined amount of \$12 million, which is roughly the amount currently owed in back taxes.

The purchase is expected to include \$5 million in cash payments over a five year period, plus at least \$7 million in financial commitments for substantial remediation work required on the property. Based on recent actions by the EPA, any new owner will be required to quickly commence environmental cleanup and costs in a manner that is acceptable to both the EPA and New York State DEC. The sale of the property would allow for taxes to once again be collected on the parcels and would finally and fully wrest control of the campus from Alan Ginsberg, who has owned the former IBM site since 1998.

“Today’s announcement regarding TechCity is momentous, and represents one of the biggest economic wins for Ulster County in decades,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “For far too long, TechCity has been a shell of past economic success. Now we have finally reached an exciting and transformative moment, one where we can revitalize this site and remake it as a thriving beacon of new opportunity for our County.”

“Today’s announcement is a major step forward in cleaning up the asbestos-ridden TechCity site that will boost jobs, promote economic development, and protect the public health. I look forward to continuing to work with the EPA, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, State Senator Hinchey, Assemblyman Cahill, the Town of Ulster, HVEDC, and the site’s new owner, National Resources, to clean up and revitalize the former IBM-site, unlocking its full potential to create thousands of good-paying local jobs,” Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said. “As Majority Leader, I am proud to have delivered hundreds of thousands of dollars for EPA to help cleanup this site, on top of historic funding for both Ulster County and the Town of Ulster through the American Rescue Plan

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for development opportunities, and billions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act to supercharge cleanup efforts at superfund sites like this across New York. TechCity has the power to serve as a national model for cleaning up and repurposing contaminated sites nationwide and I will continue working tooth and nail until this site is brought back to its full potential as a beacon of economic growth in the Hudson Valley.”

“This is a moment many of us here in Ulster County have been waiting decades for,” Ulster County Legislator Brian Cahill said. “I’m grateful to County Executive Ryan for his instrumental leadership in making this happen and the cooperation of my fellow Legislators for supporting the plan. I would also like to acknowledge the diligence and hard work of the Director of Ulster County Economic Development, Tim Weidemann. I look forward to continuing to work together with the Executive’s team and members of the i.Park 87 development team to accomplish the full redevelopment of this critical economic asset.”

“An experienced partner like National Resources will help us unlock the potential of the former IBM campus,” said Sarah Haley, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance and a member of the County’s Enterprise West Advisory Committee. “With their financial resources, bench of potential flagship tenants, and deep experience remediating complex environmental issues, they are the ideal partner to return this blighted property to the economic engine Ulster County has long desired and deserved.(Contd. Pg. 34)

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Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, members of the Ulster County Legislature, National Resources and other partners will hold an event in the coming days to lay out additional details on the future vision for the location.

National Resources, a nationally-recognized developer known for revitalizing former industrial sites, currently is working to redevelop the former IBM site in Fishkill. Their Fishkill location, known as iPark 84, features over 2 million square feet of commercial space and currently is slated to have GlobalFoundries, eMagine, and a film studio as tenants. In addition, National Resources is developing a film production facility in Yonkers for Lionsgate Entertainment. Over the past 15-years, National Resources has developed over 5 million square feet of space in eight different locations while creating more than 20,000 new jobs in these formerly vacant spaces.

Background:

As a first step toward addressing the worsening situation on the campus, County Executive Ryan initiated foreclosure proceedings on two parcels on the west side of the campus in 2019, and in November 2020 the Ulster County Court granted the county ownership through foreclosure of all of the buildings and properties formerly used by Bank of America in the western portion of the industrial campus formerly occupied by IBM. Over the past year, the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, the County's general purpose Local Development Corporation, has begun to market the west campus, issuing two Requests for Expressions of Interest that surfaced more than 20 potential tenants, developers and consultants, including National Resources, the developer of i.Park 84 at the former East Fishkill IBM site.

In early July 2021, County Executive Ryan joined Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and other federal and state representatives as they announced commitments from the EPA to accomplish a cleanup of the site, which is listed on the EPA's Superfund Program. After numerous delays by (From

Ginsberg, the EPA proceeded to begin the cleanup effort in the summer, incurring some \$630,000 of cost to cover the asbestos-laced debris piles located on the site, which was secured by EPA with liens against two of Ginsberg's properties on the east campus in October.

In early July 2021, County Executive Ryan joined Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and other federal and state representatives as they announced commitments from the EPA to accomplish a cleanup of the site, which was being handled under EPA's Superfund Program. After Ginsberg's failure to comply with EPA's cleanup order and numerous delays, the EPA undertook a removal action in 2020, incurring over \$630,000 to stabilize the site. In September, EPA filed liens against two of Ginsberg's properties on the east campus.

By late July 2021, in its continuing effort to resolve the impasse, the County commenced foreclosure on nearly all of Ginsberg's remaining properties, with the recognition that Ginsberg's precarious financial condition threatened to further impede him from completing the environmental cleanup and sensing that the campaign of

increasing pressure was chipping away at Ginsberg's control of the property.

The decision from Judge Rounds comes as a court-ordered settlement of those foreclosure proceedings initiated by Ulster County in July 2021. By November 2021, the amount of unpaid taxes and related fees had again risen to approximately \$12,000,000, even after Ginsberg's August sale of six parcels to a Suffern-based clothing wholesaler resulted in repayment of nearly \$3,000,000 in back taxes. When combined with an estimated \$7-10 million in required environmental cleanup costs, the cost of acquiring the remaining TechCity properties has become a major impediment to their redevelopment, which threatens to put the properties in a perpetual cycle of blight and disinvestment. Instead, the settlement ordered by Judge Rounds would reduce the upfront cost for acquisition of the properties in return for assurances from the new owner regarding cleanup and redevelopment of the site.

Following the Judge's order, the Ulster County Legislature will consider several resolutions to effect the transition of the properties. First, at its December 2nd session, the Legislature is expected to vote to accept the deeds for the properties from Mr. Ginsberg, with the deeds placed in escrow until closing. At the December 2nd session, the Legislature is also expected to set a public hearing for the evening of December 21st, which will allow residents and members of the public to voice their support or concerns. Following that hearing, the Legislature's last step would be a resolution to surplus the properties to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, which would in turn sell the properties to National Resources, according to terms outlined in the settlement agreement.

At its prime in the 1980's, the IBM campus had 7,000 employees and was the heart of Ulster County's economy. IBM moved out in 1995 and subsequently sold the entire campus in 1998 to Ginsberg, who promised full redevelopment. For the past 22 years, Mr. Ginsberg's ownership has coincided with steady decline on the site, culminating in the botched demolition of several buildings in 2015 and 2016, which created significant new environmental challenges.

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After re-canvassing the votes, errors were found in the original reporting of the votes cast. Based on official results released today incumbent Supervisor Bill Rieber has received 1286 votes to his opponent's 884, for a significant 18 point, 402 vote margin.

Rieber stated "This is a huge win and re-energizes my faith in the good people of the Town of Thompson and validates the hard work our team and I have put in over the past 8 years, achieving measurable results. I am overwhelmingly grateful for the Democratic and Conservative endorsements and the significant support I received from my Republican friends. I look forward to a very busy agenda moving Thompson forward over the next two years."

Certified Results of SC's 2021 General Elections

Certified (official) results of Sullivan County's 2021 General Elections have been posted on our website. Please note that Town of Fallsburg results are pending and will be posted once official.

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Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live a happy and healthy life doing what he loves and that is to bicycle all throughout our town making people smile. Nick is a big part of the community, he takes pride with his volunteer work with the EMS and is the Honorary member of the Monticello Fire Department.

Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

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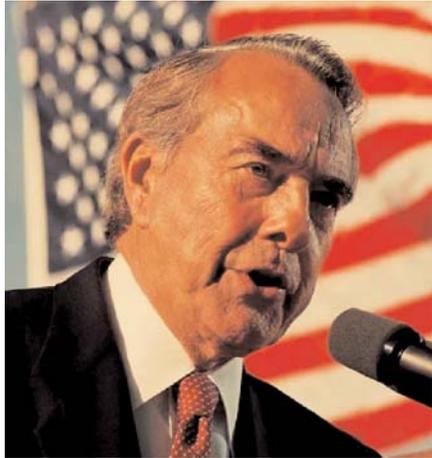
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Bob Dole, Warrior and Faithful of the Senate, Dies at 98

- L Comando, Editor

Robert Dole, who was left for dead on a World War II battlefield after receiving serious wounds making his right hand useless, went on to become the Senate majority leader and became the longest-serving Republican leader, the last of the World War II generation to win his party's nomination for president, died on Sunday. He was 98.



As the old soldiers of World War II faded away, Mr. Dole, who had been a lieutenant in the Army's legendary 10th Mountain Division and was wounded so severely on a battlefield that he was left for dead, came to personify the resilience of his generation. In his post-political career, he devoted himself to raising money for the World War II Memorial in Washington and spent weekends there welcoming visiting veterans.

The Elizabeth Dole Foundation said in a statement on Sunday, "It is with heavy hearts we announced that Senator Robert Joseph Dole died earlier this morning in his sleep. At his death at age 98 he had served the United States of America faithfully for 79 years."

In one of his final public appearances, Dole rose from his wheelchair to salute former President George H.W. Bush in December 2018 as he paid his respects to the fellow World War II vet and former political rival as the 41st president lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda.

Bush beat out Dole for the Republican Party's presidential nomination in 1988, but Dole didn't bear a grudge.

"This is a case where two political enemies became fast, fast friends, and that's the way it's supposed to be," Dole said at a commemoration of Pearl Harbor's 75th anniversary in 2016.

Dole, who was wounded by German machine gun fire while fighting in Italy in April 1945, was a longtime advocate for the rights of the disabled – an issue of personal relevance to him.

As a 21-year-old platoon leader, Dole was trying to pull a radioman from the line of fire when he was struck in the upper back and right arm.

It took three years of treatment and countless setbacks before he was able to recover from the wounds, although he lost the use of his right arm and most of the feeling in his left.

Dole, who received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with a "V" for valor for his actions, always carried a pen in his right hand to discourage people from trying to shake hands with him.

Despite being beaten by Bush for the GOP nomination in 1988, Dole, who was the Senate Majority Leader at the time, strongly promoted his former rival's agenda and helped assure passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990.

In 2018, Dole was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor given by Congress. Dole, one of just eight senators to ever earn the medal, said he was "extremely honored" by the award.

If my war injury "left me scarred," Dole wrote in his memoir, "it also prepared me for the longest walk of all. And, through it all, I've realized that I've never walked alone."

This Week in Washington with Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Bringing Christmas Cheer to our Nation's Capitol

My office is kicking off the Christmas season in style! This year we launched a new tradition and partnered with a local school district, whose students created handmade ornaments for our office's Washington, DC Christmas tree.

Thank you to the Grade Five Art Club at Clinton Elementary School for their wonderful, handcrafted Christmas tree ornaments. It's so great to have a little piece of upstate New York in Washington. I am wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas as many of your own family traditions start to get underway this holiday season!

To check out some close up pictures of these wonderfully creative ornaments, please visit my Facebook page.



Defending Our Second Amendment Rights

Protecting Your Right to Concealed Carry (Tim Schmidt Hosts NY Rep. Claudia Tenney)

I recently sat down with Tim Schmidt, President and Founder of the United States Concealed Carry Association. We had a great conversation about New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen, the Second Amendment case currently before the Supreme Court. We also talked about gun safety, concealed carry laws, and recent far-left attacks on our Second Amendment rights. You can watch our conversation at the video linked above or by clicking here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o291FdnJS90>

Our Founders knew that the right to bear arms was critical to our Constitutional Republic. Sadly, New York's gun laws have become some of the most overreaching in the country, unconstitutionally restricting our right to lawfully possess a firearm and making it harder for employers like Remington Arms to grow and thrive in our region. (Contd. Pg. 41)

Holiday Elves are Busy at BCES

In late November, Santa's elves at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) are very busy preparing for the holiday season. For as long as anyone at the school can remember, some of these elves create a Holiday Toy Drive. For the past eight years, literacy specialist for grades K-5 Ms. Jaime Walsh has been guiding the program. Ms. Walsh is expecting her second child in January and will turn the program over to her colleagues Ms. Dawn McCarthy and Ms. Courtney Dromazos. They have been working at her side this year to learn all the information.

This is a staff-run and staff-paid endeavor. A small Christmas tree is placed in the Teacher's Lounge in late November (Jaime's grandmother bought this particular tree during Jaime's first year with the program). The directors of the program receive names of students from the teachers, staff, social workers and nurses. School staff informs a parent to get permission for their participation in the gifts. Paper mittens, with information on a child, such as gender, age, clothing size are pinned to the tree's branches. Teachers take a mitten and purchase a toy or item of clothing appropriate to the child's description.

On December 16th and 17th, parents can come to BCES to pick up the gift for their child. If they choose not to pick gifts up, staff will present gifts to the child directly. In addition, school librarian Ms. Julia Levner provides books for each child.

Good luck with the new baby Ms. Walsh and thanks for all you, the new team and the entire staff of BCES do to bring some holiday cheer to the Fallsburg community.



Left to right third grade teachers Courtney Dromazos and Dawn McCarthy and literacy specialist K-5 Jaime Walsh behind the Christmas tree donated years ago by her grandmother.

FCSD Recognizes Student Volunteers at Board Meeting



In the attached photo are left to right Angelina Alvarado, Annalise Clark, Addison Alvarado, Board of Education member Mike Weiner, who presented the certificates, and Avery Wall-Carty. Jayden Johnson was unable to attend the ceremony and was given her certificate at a later date.

At the Fallsburg Board of Education meeting on December 1, 2021, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz was honored to acknowledge five students, who had volunteered five hours of their time at Lighthouse Ministries on Sunday, November 21 to serve a special meal to our country's veterans. "We value very highly the volunteer efforts of all school community members, especially our students," said Dr. Katz. "The fact that the event involved the recognition of our veterans made it extra special."

The Superintendent called each student up to receive a special certificate of recognition for their efforts: From BCES were Addison Alvarado, Annalise Clark, and Avery Wall-Carty; from the Junior/Senior High School were Angelina Alvarado and Jayden Johnson. Jayden was unable to make the presentation and will receive her certificate later on. Fallsburg Central School District is proud to honor these fine young people.

Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association Announces Award Winners for 2021

December 3, 2021 - The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) is proud to announce the award winners for 2021. The



Robert DeSalvio

Achievement, Buck Brook Alpacas; and TOAST Award for Exceptional Service, Jean Paul Medina, Executive Chef, Callicoon Hills.

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

Robert DeSalvio currently serves as the President of Genting America's East. He joined the Genting team in December 2019. In this role, DeSalvio leads operations for Resorts World New York City, Resorts World Catskills, Resorts World Bimini and Resorts World Hudson Valley (opening Summer 2022).

DeSalvio has over 40 years of cross-functional experience in the gaming and hospitality industries with a proven track record of creating and implementing successful marketing and growth strategies.

"I am humbled and incredibly grateful to receive this award from an organization that plays such a critical role in making the Catskills an incredible place to live, work, play and stay," DeSalvio said. "Being recognized for this would not be possible without the dedicated team of professionals at Resorts World Catskills, who work tirelessly to make the casino-resort an experience to remember for our guests. The Catskills holds a special place in my heart and I am excited about what the future holds for this one-of-a-kind region."

The STAR Award for Business Achievement recognizes a

SCVA will present the awards at our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party on Thursday, December 9, presented by Resorts World Catskills.

Honoring a long tradition of recognizing outstanding individuals and businesses in the Sullivan Catskills, the winners this year are: STAR Award for Individual Achievement, Robert DeSalvio, President of Genting Americas East, Resorts World Catskills; STAR Award for Business



Jean Paul Medina

business that exhibits how their business has affected the image of the Sullivan Catskills to the traveling public and enhanced the visitors' experience.

Since 2013, Buck Brook Alpacas has transformed into a well-known, Agri-Tourism destination. A 40-acre haven for over 100 alpacas, two llamas, a pot belly pig, ducks, chickens, peacocks, and a variety of angora rabbits, the farm hosts thousands of visitors each year.

"The team at Buck Brook Alpacas is honored to be receiving the 2021 Business Achievement Award from the Sullivan Catskills Visitor's Association," said Kara McElroy, co-owner along with her husband, Justin. "We are grateful for the support provided to us by the SCVA over the years. It has helped us become a leading Catskills tourism destination and allows us to do what we love everyday!"

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

As Executive Chef at Callicoon Hills, Medina built the catering program and restaurant, all the while serving his delicious menu and building lasting relationships with customers, who know him by name.

"We knew JP was special the moment he walked into a half-finished Callicoon Hills," remarked Hope Rechsteiner, Director of Sales & Events. "Our suspicions were more than confirmed when we first tasted his cooking, which is always full of butter and love. We watched him work to build a physical kitchen and a kitchen team from the ground up (quite literally), with resilience as we dealt with the staffing shortage of the pandemic. His team respects him and his excitement for food and dedication to excellence is contagious and very apparent when you step into his kitchen."

All winners will be honored at the SCVA annual meeting on Thursday, December 9 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Resorts World Catskills.

"We are excited to recognize the award recipients who have achieved a high level of excellence and accomplishment," commented SCVA President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood. "We're proud that they are part of our Sullivan Catskills."

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

We are very excited to announce our Award Winners. Please see attached press release and photos.



Pictured at Buck Brook Alpacas left to right: James, Kara, Justin and Ryann McElroy

SC Public Health Urges Masking, Vaccination—Active COVID Cases Rising Fast Throughout the County

Liberty, NY - With COVID-19 cases spiking dramatically in Sullivan County this week, Public Health Director Nancy McGraw is urgently encouraging residents to stay masked in close public quarters and to get themselves and their families fully vaccinated.

“We’re seeing cases climb very fast, consistent with much of the rest of the nation,” noted McGraw. “The most serious of these cases continue to be unvaccinated people, who remain far more vulnerable to coronavirus than those who have been vaccinated.”

As of Friday, December 3, Sullivan County had 476 active COVID-19 cases, with 1,110 others in quarantine/isolation due to exposure. Eleven people were in the hospital, with three in intensive care.

“This is the highest number of active cases we’ve had since April of 2020, when COVID was just starting here,” McGraw pointed out. “Around 80% of the hospitalizations we’ve been seeing have been of unvaccinated individuals. The remaining 20% who end up needing hospital care have been among partially or fully vaccinated individuals with underlying health conditions that put them at high risk such as obesity, hypertension, asthma, COPD or diabetes. The breakthrough percentage among vaccinated individuals is very low, demonstrating that vaccination works to protect from serious illness and death.”

The New York State Department of Health has been closely monitoring hospitalization rates, noting that fully vaccinated New Yorkers have an 89.8% lower chance of being hospitalized with COVID-19 than those who are unvaccinated.

According to the CDC, while COVID-19 vaccines are working well, some people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will still get sick, because no vaccines are 100% effective.

“This is why we continue to urge vaccination, so that people are reasonably protected and our healthcare system is not overwhelmed. In addition, taking your chances of getting COVID-19 by not getting vaccinated puts you at higher risk of long-term health complications and possible disability from long-COVID,” McGraw explained.

“At the very least,” she added, “everyone should be wearing masks when they cannot socially distance from others (six feet or farther away). Masks are proven to greatly reduce chances of infection, not only of coronavirus, but other transmissible diseases like the flu.”

Where to Get Vaccinated

Sullivan County continues to update its website with Public Health clinics, which can be viewed (and registered for) at <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/PublicHealth/COVIDvaccines/clinics>. The page also provides a link to other area vaccine providers that may have more convenient times and locations.

Currently, Public Health has pediatric clinics (ages 5-11) set for 3-6 p.m. at the RJK Middle School in Monticello on December 20 and Public Health Services' Gladys Olmsted Building in Liberty on December 22; and booster clinics scheduled for December 8 (1-5 p.m.) and December 29 (3-5 p.m.) at the Olmsted Building. Booster shots do not have to match the brand of the original dosage but are only available to those over 18.

Emergency Status Continues

Unlike other counties in New York, Sullivan only briefly dropped its emergency declaration in mid-summer. County Manager Joshua Potosek reinstated the state of emergency in August, and it has continued ever since.

“My office, Public Health and all our departments continue to take COVID-19 very seriously, and we have worked very hard to inform the public about how they can combat this virus at home, at work and in places they patronize,” Potosek affirmed. “That’s borne out by the fact that 72.5% of our population over 18 has received at least one dose of COVID vaccine, with the highest vaccination rates being in our most vulnerable 55+ population.”

“We will continue to emphasize the message of personal responsibility - that it’s up to each of us, all of us, to remain vigilant and protect ourselves and our families,” he stated.

McGraw added that her team continues to monitor for cases of the approaching Omicron variant.

“At this point, it appears Omicron is highly transmissible but fairly mild in symptoms,” she explained. “However, we don’t yet know how it will behave in our population and if current vaccines will be effective against it. So we’ll have more to share as we are notified by the NYS Department of Health.”

For questions about coronavirus, Public Health welcomes calls at 845-513-2268. Information is also available at www.sullivanny.us, www.health.ny.gov and www.cdc.gov.

Active cases of COVID-19 in Sullivan County are at their highest point since April 16, 2020.

Please Wear
a Face Mask



Help Stop the Spread

Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect other people.

We all need to show respect to one another
in difficult times.

Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

This Week in Washington with Congresswoman Claudia Tenney

(From Pg. 37)

The case currently before the Supreme Court will ultimately decide the future of concealed carry laws in New York and around the country. Earlier this year, I was honored to lead 175 of my House colleagues in an amicus brief to the Supreme Court affirming our support for our constitutional rights and of the plaintiffs in this case. I am hopeful that the court will remain true to our founding principles and uphold the Second Amendment.

Standing for Life and Countering Censorship

I stand for human life, which is why I will always fight to defend the rights of the unborn. Unfortunately, today the rights of the unborn are constantly under threat. This week the Supreme Court began reviewing a case that could set an historic precedent and extend vital protections to the unborn.

This week, I also joined my colleagues in sending another letter to Google over its censorship of pro-life content on its platform. In September, Google made the alarming decision to censor information from Live Action - a pro-life, non-profit organization - about life-saving medical treatments for unborn children. My colleagues and I were deeply concerned about this infringement on freedom of speech, so we wrote to the CEO of Google expressing our concern. The response we received this week only raised more questions, prompting us to send another letter seeking important clarifications. As a member of the House Big Tech Task Force, I am going to keep pressure on Google and other tech giants to run their platforms fairly and transparently. These information gatekeepers should not be allowed to make partisan decisions that violate our constitutional rights. You can review the letter we sent by clicking here.

Stories Continue Pouring in from Essential Caregivers Across the Country – Essential Caregivers Stories from Alaska and Arizona

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o291FdNJS90>

As I've shared before, the pandemic cut families off from their loved ones in long-term care facilities. Seniors and those with intellectual disabilities were forced into isolation. Many very sadly experienced rapid physical and mental decline. I continue to receive heartbreaking stories from essential caregivers across the country, who are joining me in support of the bipartisan Essential Caregivers Act to ensure resident rights are protected in the future.

This week on the House floor, I shared more stories from a recently released book, "Protecting Them To Death: The Impact of Isolation in Long-Term Care." This book, which includes powerful accounts from caregivers across the country, shows how devastating isolation can be. I will continue to share stories from caregivers and residents until Congress takes action on the bipartisan Essential Caregivers Act. We must protect the rights and dignity of those living in long-term care facilities. We must help our most vulnerable fellow citizens.

Congress Must Deliver a Long-Term Spending Bill

Congress voted this week on yet another misguided short-term funding bill, which extended funding for the federal government until February 18, 2022. I voted "No" because, while neither party wants a government shutdown, this legislation does not deal with any of the challenges facing our nation, including the border crisis, skyrocketing inflation, and unconstitutional vaccine mandates.

This continuing resolution provides appropriations for the disastrous policies of the Biden Administration, which are leaving Americans worse off economically and infringing on our liberties. I cannot support legislation that allows for the

continuation of open borders policies, vaccine mandates, and other government failures. I will continue to advocate for a full-year spending agreement that delivers real relief to the American people and advances our core national security priorities, which have gone unaddressed under these short-term bills.

My Votes Explained

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. To read more about my votes, please click here.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4026, the Social Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act of 2021. This bill requires the Government Accountability Office to report on actions taken by the Department of Health and Human Services to address social determinants of health, especially how data collection about social determinants of health complies with privacy laws. This bill passed the House by a vote of 399-28.

I voted "No" on H.R. 550, the Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2021. This bill undermines the health privacy of Americans, requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the data sharing between federal, state, and local immunization information systems, without adequate and necessary additional safeguards and privacy measures. Health records should be private, and this legislation would allow the government greater ability to access sensitive information. This bill passed the House by a vote of 294-130.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2685, the Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act. This bill would require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to submit to Congress a report on the state of cyber security of U.S.-based mobile communications networks, the vulnerabilities that could affect these networks, and available countermeasures or best practices. It is vital that threats and risks to our carriers, communities, and national security are identified and addressed. This bill passed the House by a vote of 404-19.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4045, the FUTURE Networks Act. This bill would establish a 6G Task Force within the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), responsible for producing a report on the adoption of the next generation of wireless communications technology. For the United States to remain competitive we must ensure we are at the cutting edge of new technologies. This bill passed the House by a vote of 394-27.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4055, the American Cybersecurity Literacy Act. This bill would require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to launch a cybersecurity literacy campaign to better educate Americans on cybersecurity best practices and tools. This bill passed the House by a vote of 408-17.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5720, the Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act. This bill would require financial disclosure reports to be made publicly available online and require federal judges to submit periodic transaction reports of securities transactions in line with other federal officials under the STOCK Act. Americans deserve to know that their public servants are not profiting from confidential information they receive in their public service. This bill passed the House by a vote of 422-2. (Contd. Pg. 42)

This Week in Washington with Congresswoman Claudia Tenney

(From Pg. 41) I voted “No” on H.R. 4352, a bill amending the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian Tribes. This bill would amend the Indian Reorganization Act to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court case *Carcieri v. Salazar* and make it easier for the Secretary of Interior to take private land into trust for a greater number of federally recognized Indian tribes. These powers would infringe on the rights of local governments and communities, depriving them of local control and needed tax revenue. This bill passed the House by a vote of 302-127.

I voted “No” on H.R. 6119, the Further Extending Government Funding Act. This legislation, which funds the federal government until February 18, 2022, does not deal with any of the challenges facing our nation, including the border crisis, inflation, and vaccine mandates. This continuing resolution provides appropriations for the disastrous policies of the Biden Administration, which are leaving Americans worse off economically and infringing on our liberties. I cannot support legislation that allows for the continuation of open borders policies, vaccine mandates, and other government failures. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 221- 212.

I voted “No” on H.R. 2930, Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act. This bill seeks to prohibit the exportation of Native American cultural items and archaeological resources that were illegally obtained. It provides for the return of these items, including voluntary returns, and it establishes and increases related criminal penalties. While well intended, the bill establishes excessive penalties and does not take into consideration the unique circumstances of native tribes. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 364-57.

Honoring a Living Hero of Pearl Harbor



Thomas Nelson of Ilion turned 100 in October. He is one of the last living survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack. As our Nation remembers the 80th anniversary of the attack at Pearl Harbor this month, it was my honor to present his family with the official Congressional Record honoring his heroic military service from a floor speech I delivered earlier this year. The Herkimer County Legislature also presented a commendation officially marking November 28 as Thomas Nelson Day - a great honor for a tremendous man!

Thank you to Assemblyman Brian Miller, County Legislator Bob Hollum, and so many other members of our community who made the ceremony possible.

Meeting with the Bosnian American Association of Utica

I was honored to meet with members of the Bosnian American Association of Utica this week. It is my privilege to represent our area's vibrant Bosnian American community in Congress as both a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Congressional Caucus on Bosnia.

The countries of the former Yugoslavia will always hold a special place in my heart. I studied in this beautiful region when I was younger and later worked for the Yugoslav Consulate during the Sarajevo Olympics. I was honored to assist the Refugee Center in resettling Bosnian refugees to Utica and publish *Mostovi*, the first Bosnian-language newspaper in our area. I will continue to work with a range of stakeholders to bridge divides and advance peace, prosperity and stability in the Balkan

FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL



FROST VALLEY YMCA COMMUNITY EVENTS



DEC 10, 2021 5:00 – 8:00PM Annual FREE Community Holiday Family-Style Dinner

We welcome local families and friends to join us for a delicious holiday dinner (served family style) accompanied by holiday crafts and cookie decorating your whole family will enjoy. Join us for this FREE event in the Thomas Lodge Dining Hall from 5-8pm for family fun, with family-style dinner served at 5:30pm sharp.

Please bring a government issued photo ID and a mask to wear when not seated with your party. Social distancing and mask-wearing safety protocols will be required regardless of vaccination status.

Shuttle Service:

For those without transportation, there will be limited busing available. Limited space available. Advanced registration is required!

Bus Pick-Up/Drop-Off Times:
Neversink Town Hall – 4:45pm/8:15pm

RSVP TODAY!

While this is a FREE event, reservations are required as space is limited. Families wishing to sit together must make 1 combined reservation.

To Register:

CALL: 845-985-2291 x 450
EMAIL: reservations@frostvalley.org
VISIT: www.frostvalley.org/community-dinner

DEC 27-31, 2021 8:30AM – 5:30PM Winter Break Day Camp

Looking for something for your kids to do when they are on break from school? Frost Valley offers engaging, stimulating activities for children during their winter break. Daily activities include archery, snow adventures (weather permitting), broomball, arts & crafts, and more! Parents will be responsible for providing a bagged lunch for their camper as Frost Valley will not be providing lunch this year.

Social distancing and mask-wearing will be required. A brief health questionnaire will be conducted, as well as daily temperature checks at drop off.

What to Bring:

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

Times/Transportation:

Winter Break Day Camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from camp as we will not be offering busing this year.

Ages/Rates:

For ages 5-12
\$195 - 4 days, \$225 - 5 days

To Register:

CALL: 845-985-2291 x 203
EMAIL: daycamp@frostvalley.org
VISIT: www.frostvalley.org/winter-break-camp

UC NOW TRENDING... DECEMBER 2021

MAIN EVENTS

Dec. 12 38th Annual YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County REINDEER RAMBLE 5K: Rain, Snow, Sunshine. Run/Walk 5K anytime between 11/28/21 and 12/12/21. Everyone registered will receive a Reindeer Ramble long sleeve shirt. NEW: the First 75 registered will receive an adorable reindeer ornament. Sign up with five friends and enter our Santa-Pede contest. Each winner of the three winning teams will win a \$20 DoorDash gift card. Noon. YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County, 507 Broadway, Kingston. 845-338-3810; ymcaulster.org

Nov. 26-Dec. 23 The Catskill Mountain Railroad Christmas Express, Kingston

Nov. 26-Dec. 19 A Frosty Fest, Ulster Park

Dec. 3 Ninth Annual Snowflake Festival, Kingston

Dec. 3-4, 10-13, 17-19 Shadowland Stages presents **"HANDLE WITH CARE,"** Ellenville

Dec. 4 Bardovan Presents "EN VOGUE," UPAC, Kingston

Dec. 4 The Wawarsing Wassail Featuring Joshua R. Peters Memorial Electric Fire Truck Parade, Ellenville, Napanoch and Wawarsing

Dec. 4, 11, 18 Annual Made In Kingston, Kingston

Dec. 5 Saugerties Holiday in the Village, Saugerties

Dec. 10 Light Up the Hamlet, Highland

Dec. 11 Second Annual Holiday Hoopla Parade and Winter Carnival, New Paltz

Ole Savannah ice skating: New outdoor ice rink opening day. Perfect for families, friends, private parties and corporate events. Food, beverages and skate rentals available. Weekdays 4-9 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Ole Savanna Southern Table & Bar, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; olesavannah.com

Through Jan. 9 Fieldfield + Supply @ Little Village: A Modern Makers Pop-Up: Over 40 makers and designers. Gifts for home decor, kitchen, pantry, accessories and more. Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 17 Railroad Ave Kingston. fieldandsupply.com

Nov. 24-Dec. 19 Ulster County's First Holiday Tree Hunt: Scavenger hunt, holiday tree viewing and shopping local. Holiday Tree Hunters will visit locations listed within their Holiday Tree Hunt Guide and ask the business to "stamp" their corresponding business space on the guide. Once the required corresponding stamps are collected, drop off the Holiday Tree Hunt Guide at People's Place to be entered to win one of the donated gift certificates. People's Place, 17 St. James Street, Kingston. 845-338-4030; peoplesplace.org

Dec 11, 18 Immuneschein Tea Haus Holiday Pop Up Market: Saturdays, Nov 27, Dec 11, Dec 18 11-5 p.m. Featuring jewelry, pottery, textile art, leather bags, crafts and more. Immuneschein Tea Haus, 1776 NY-212, Saugerties. 845-684-5136; immuneschein.com

Ole Savannah ice skating: New outdoor ice rink opening day. Perfect for families, friends, private parties and corporate events. Food, beverages and skate rentals available. Weekdays 4-9 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Ole Savanna Southern Table & Bar, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; olesavannah.com

Dec 10-13, 17-19 "HANDLE WITH CARE"- A young Israeli woman is on holiday in the U.S. when tragedy strikes on Christmas Eve. She needs to make her way through it with Josh,

a young American handicapped in both Hebrew and romance in this heartwarming holiday comedy. Friday-Saturday 7 p.m. Saturday and Sundays 2 p.m. The Main Stage at SHADOWLAND STAGES, 157 Canal Street, Ellenville. 845-647-5511; shadowlandstages.org

Dec 10-12, 17-19 A Frosty Fest: Holiday Nights – Spectacular Lights – Over One Million Lights. North Pole with Santa. A drive-thru experience enjoyed in the comfort of your own vehicle. New for 2021: Watch Santa's Magical Mansion Choreographed Musical Light Show. Additional attractions can be found on our website. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. Visit website for tickets and hours. Reservations required. A Frosty Fest, 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845-339-2666; afrostyfest.com

Dec 10,-12, 17- 19, 22, 23 The Catskill Christmas Express Enjoy a 60 minute wonderous trip through the Catskill Forest to Santa's Workshop at the North Pole. See website for details. Westbrook Lane Station, 55 Plaza Road, Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com

Dec 11-12, 18-19 BornWild Adventures-"The Secret Ruin Hike:" Certified NY State hiking guide. Explore the ruins of the Overlook Mountain House. Climb to the summit of the Mountain Fire Tower to enjoy breathtaking views. Perfect for beginner to intermediate hikers. All welcome. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Overlook Mountain Trailhead, 353 Meads Mountain Rd, Woodstock. 765-314-6181; bornwild.rocks

Dec 19 Pete Levin Trio: Join us for Jazz Brunch with live music. No cover. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Pearl Moon Woodstock, 52 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-684-5537; pearlmoonwoodstock.com

Dec 8 A Christmas Carol Dinner Theater Show- THE VENUE UPTOWN presents Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," an interactive dinner theatre experience. Kick off the holiday season with song, laughter and nostalgia as actors and carolers bring scenes from "A Christmas Carol" to life. \$55. 7-9 p.m. Best Western Plus Hotel and Conference Center, 503 Washington Ave, Kingston. 845-802-7007; facebook.com/events/271070281623065.

Dec 10 Light Up the Hamlet of Highland: 6-8 p.m. Vineyard and Main Streets, Highland. 845-691-2050; townoflloyd.com/pages/lloydny_bcomm/events/index

Dec 10-Jan. 3 Town of Saugerties Christmas Light Trail: Family-friendly. Safe event to celebrate the holidays. Information and locations: 845-246-2800; facebook.com/saugerties.NY.US

Dec 11 Second Annual Holiday Hoopla Parade and Winter Carnival: Parade will kick-off at noon from the New Paltz Middle School and process to Hasbrouck Park located at 15 Mohonk Avenue in New Paltz. The Winter Carnival will have lots of good food, family fun, and festivities for all. Noon-3 p.m. Please contact Phoenix at pkawamoto@townofnewpaltz.org or 845-256-5014 for any questions. New Paltz Middle School, 196 Main Street, New Paltz. townofnewpaltz.org

Dec 11 High Falls Tree and Menorah Lighting: Sponsored by the High Falls Civic Association. A program of holiday songs, poetry and readings. Tree and menorah lighting at 5:30 p.m. Santa will help usher in the season. Volunteers welcome. Route 213 and Second Street, High Falls. Check to confirm event: facebook.com/highfallscivicassociation

Dec 11 Paige Turner's Holiday Cabaret-"CHRISTMAS is a Drag:" NYC's own Showbiz Spitfire is back to make your holiday season merry and bright with an evening full of jokes, songs, and yuletide cheer. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St, Kingston, biggayhudsonvalley.com/events/paige-turners-christmas-is-a-drag-catch-3-performances-this-december/

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Dec 11 "Winter Star Gazing: A Nature Walk with Ethnoecologist Justin Wexler:" Learn the meaning of the constellations to indigenous people of the region. Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz. 845-255-1889; huguenotstreet.org

Dec 11 Santa at High Falls District: Santa will tour High Falls District. 9:00 a.m.-noon. Dec. 12: Holiday Food and Toy Drive, noon-4 p.m. Hot cocoa, coffee, prewrapped baked cookies. High Falls Fire District, 333 Firehouse Rd, High Falls, 845-687-0222. highfallsfd.org

Dec 11-12 Olive Free Library Holiday Craft Fair: Do your holiday shopping right in the town of Olive. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 4033 Route 28-A, West Shokan. 845-657-2482; olivefreelibrary.org

Dec 8-12, 15-19, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, 31 Magnanini Winery: Brunch, lunch and dinner events. Dec. 31: Special New Year's Eve Dinner. Magnanini Winery, Restaurant & Distillery, 172 Strawridge Rd., Wallkill. 845-895-2767; magwine.com

Dec. 12 Hudson River Maritime Museum Nautical Rope Wreath: Learn how to create a nautical rope wreath. Each student will craft a beautiful piece to add some sea-themed flair to their holiday decor. Registration required. Deadline December 4. HRMM Wooden Boat School, 86 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

Dec.12 Woodstock Symphony Orchestra: "A Baroque Christmas:" 5 p.m. Snow date: Dec. 19, 5 p.m. WSO: 845-266-3517; woodstocksymphony.org. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-679-6900; woodstockplayhouse.org

Dec.17 "Nightmare Before Christmas:" From producer Tim Burton. Jack Skellington, the leader of Halloweentown, schemes to celebrate a very different Christmas. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$6. Ulster Performing Arts Center, 6-01 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

Dec.17, 18 "A Christmas Carol" Live Theatre Event: Interactive retelling of the classic Dickens' masterpiece. Live original music, puppetry, visiting professional actors, local actors and volunteer "cast" members from the audience. 7 p.m. Matinee: Dec. 18 2 p.m. Purchase tickets online \$20; children \$15. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main Street, Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org

Dec. 18 A Holiday Concert to Benefit the Washbourne House: Featuring Amy Helm, Kate Pierson, Emily King, Catherine Russell, Alecia Chakour, Mikaela Davis, Josh Kaufman & Annie Nero, Simi Stone, Reggie Earls, Marco Benevento and more. \$75/\$45. Purchase tickets online. Levon Helm Studios, 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. 845-679-2744; levonhelm.com

Dec. 31 Fourth Annual New Year's Eve Event: The Haunted Shanley Hotel invites you to celebrate the New Year with our kind of spirits. Great Gatsby Themed. Ghost Hunt & Psychic Event featuring Scotty the NJ Medium. Visit website for details. The Haunted Shanley Hotel, 56 Main St., Napanoch. 845-2107-3112; thehauntedshanleyhotel.com

"Cozy Catskills Christmas" Featuring The Ladybug Barn Entertainers & Special Guests

DVAA is thrilled to announce the reopening of the Tusten Theatre in time for celebrating the winter holidays. It's been a long, cold road these past two years and DVAA is excited to present Ladybug Barn Entertainers' "Cozy Catskills Christmas!"

The Ladybug Barn Entertainers are bringing back Christmas cheer to make you fall in love with the most wonderful time of the



year all over again. Come deck the halls and fill the walls with your merriest fa-la-las this December at the reopening of DVAA's Tusten Theatre.

Glam up or cozy down while listening to your

favorite Christmas classics, from Bing Crosby and Vince Guaraldi, to Elvis and The Grinch. Camellia & Odetta Hartman of the Ladybug Barn will lead a full band featuring special guests who will



bring unique talents to this holiday extravaganza celebrating love, light, and the gift of gathering in song.

"...it's that time of year when the world falls in love/every song you hear seems to say/Merry Christmas, may your new year's dreams come true..."

About the Artists:

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

Health / Safety Requirements:

COVID-19 safety guidelines will be in effect for audience attendees and staff. Proof of a complete COVID-19 vaccination must be provided. Facial masks must be worn at all times indoors. Social distancing should be maintained at all times from others outside your own party. Seating and other accommodations will be arranged to minimize close contact - the theater will be limited to 50% capacity. If you are feeling ill in any way, for any reason, please do NOT attend the performance. Anyone who is obviously ill will be kindly asked to leave.

Acknowledgments

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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!



Bi-Centennial Park is decorated...



Some gathered around the fire



TVCS Band played Christmas Carols



Little tots waited ...



...while others chatted and waited for the countdown to begin



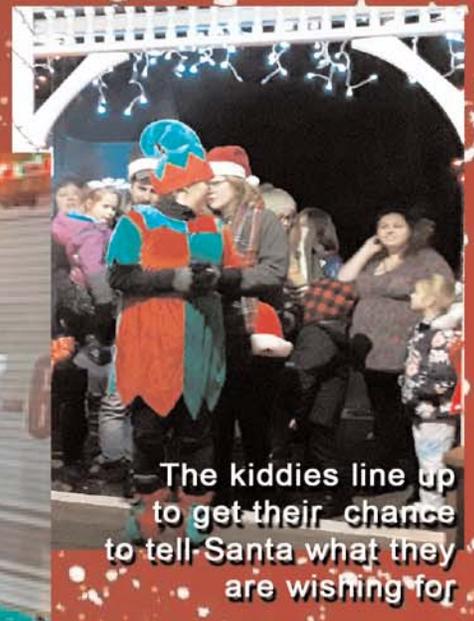
Town of Neversink Supervisor Chris Mathews and his wife, Karen get ready for the countdown...



... the drums roll as the crowd counts down with Supervisor Chris Mathews and the tree is lit for the holiday season!

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! (From Pg. 46)

And a big surprise! Another magical moment. Santa arrives with Mrs. Claus!

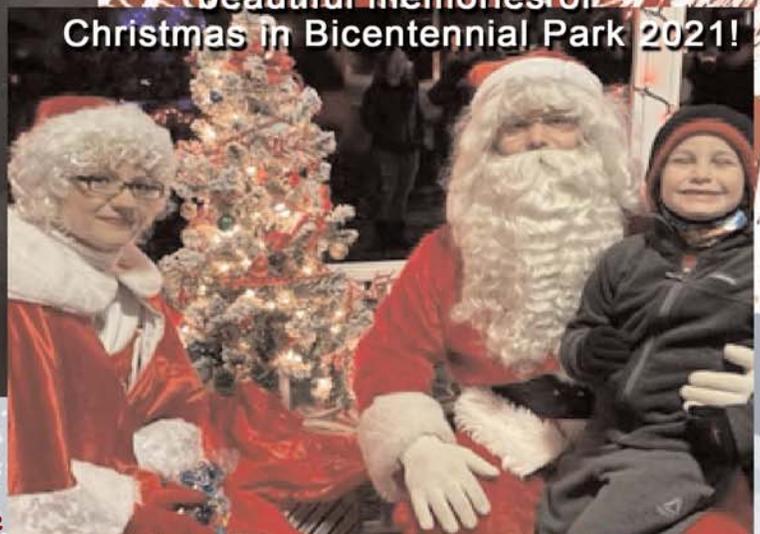


The kiddies line up to get their chance to tell Santa what they are wishing for



Some children gave Santa hugs, others stood back in awe but everyone left with smiles, holiday cheer in their hearts and beautiful memories of

Christmas in Bicentennial Park 2021!



A big thank you to Cher Woehl, Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Director, her husband Walt and all who helped to make this year's Christmas Tree Lighting in Bi-Centennial Park a spectacular event giving us new memories to carry in our hearts the whole year through.

This Week with Congressman Delgado

As we finish up the first week of December, I wanted to give you and update on how I've been serving you.

Holiday Cards for heroes

This week, I announced my Holiday Cards for Heroes program for the 2021 holiday season. I invite all residents of New York's 19th Congressional District to create holiday cards for active-duty service members and health care workers. My office will share the holiday greetings with local heroes who have worked hard to keep us safe this year. Cards will be accepted starting now through Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

Our upstate heroes have sacrificed so much to keep our communities safe and healthy, the least we can do is say thank you. I look forward to sharing your handmade cards, drawings, and kind words with local service members and health care workers. Let's make sure our heroes know how grateful we are.

Holiday cards should be placed in an unsealed envelope, addressed to my Kingston office, 256 Clinton Avenue, Kingston, New York 12401.

Lowering Costs and Addressing the Supply Chain

On Thursday, I joined Reps. Cindy Axne (IA-03), Susie Lee (NV-03), and Susan Wild (PA-07) along with more than 20 other colleagues to call on Democratic Leadership to take additional legislative action to ease supply chain bottlenecks and help lower costs for families, seniors, and small businesses.

Problems with our supply chain and delays getting goods to market are leading to higher costs for New Yorkers. We need to take action to unlock our supply chain and lower costs for working people. That's why we called on leaders to take action on bipartisan legislation that will support domestic manufacturing and provide additional solutions.

I have consistently worked with Democrats and Republicans to address supply chain issues and lower costs for NY-19 families. In October, I introduced the MADE HERE Act, which brings together educational institutions, private companies, nonprofits, labor groups and government-funded resources to recruit a skilled workforce and promote domestic manufacturing. Last month, I called on the President to release inventory from the Strategic Petroleum Reserves, to lower gas prices and heating costs ahead of the winter months. Following this call, the White House announced they would tap into oil reserves.

As a member of the PFAS Task Force, I have been continuously working with people on the local, state, and federal level to clean up our water and address PFAS contamination in our upstate communities. I've had meetings with the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Health (DOH), and the Rensselaer County Department of Health (RCDOH) focused on PFAS levels in Poestenkill. We are working together to protect the public health and environment of the Poestenkill community.

Next week, the DEC, DOH, and RCDOH are holding two public availability sessions on Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. and again from 6 to 8 p.m. The sessions are being held in the Algonquin Middle School, Averill Park, NY 12018. These sessions will update the community on the ongoing efforts to protect drinking water supplies and investigate potential sources of contamination. At the availability sessions, DEC, DOH, and RCDOH experts will staff individual stations on the various aspects of the investigation and agency response, providing opportunities for local residents to ask questions of experts one on one. Like an open house, residents can arrive and depart at any time during the sessions.

Collaborating in DC and NY-19

This week, I met virtually with several different groups from the district. I spoke with Veterans for Mustangs - a group focused on preserving and protecting the wild American Mustang. We had a great conversation about the importance of safeguarding these animals and our environment, as well as the ways our veterans can be a part of the solution.

I was honored to join the Schoharie County Village Officer's Association holiday celebration. I was grateful for the opportunity to highlight my work to help our rural towns and villages and thank our local leaders for all they do in support of our communities.

I had the opportunity to meet upstate students for a virtual Military Service Academy meet and greet. I spoke with the NY-19 students who are applying to the four military academies and learned more about their motivation to serve, academics, extra-curricular activities, and leadership experiences. It was incredible to hear from each student and I am confident they all have bright futures ahead of them.

COVID-19 Booster Shot and Vaccine Update

UPDATE: If you are 18 years and older and received the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna initial vaccine series at least six months ago or the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at least two months ago, you are eligible for your COVID-19 booster dose. Boosters can help provide additional protection, especially for those over the age of 50 and others with underlying conditions.

<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/booster-doses>

The FDA authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for children 5 through 11 years old. The CDC approved the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for kids aged five to 11.

Get Covered

The New York State of Health's Open Enrollment Period for 2022 is NOW going on. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, which I voted to pass, New Yorkers will be able to browse more plan options from more insurance companies and continue to benefit from lower healthcare costs.

2021 Open Enrollment has been extended through December 31, 2021. 2022 Open Enrollment began November 16, 2021 and will continue through January 31, 2022. If you are interested in signing up for health insurance, reviewing the options for you and your family, or changing your provider, you can visit <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/> to look at your options. If you are currently uninsured, this window is an opportunity to get the coverage you need.

Support for Seniors

The Annual Medicare Enrollment Period is open NOW until December 7th. Get started today and see what plan works best for you.

Visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information.

Individuals in Dutchess County can apply for Individual Assistance from FEMA the following ways:

Staying Healthy & Safe

Cold and flu season is upon us, make sure you keep yourself and your loved ones safe by getting your flu shot. Find out more about where to get the shot and what you should know about the flu in New York State below.

<https://www.health.ny.gov/>

As we've officially entered the last month of 2021, I'm excited to finish the year strong and look forward working hard for our communities in 2022. As always it's an honor to represent you in Congress.

Sincerely,
Antonio

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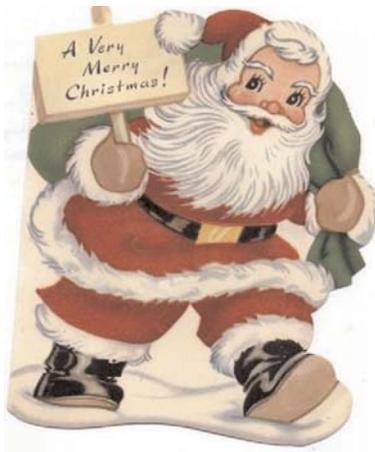
Meet Santa Claus in Monticello on December 19

MONTICELLO, NY - Santa Claus is coming to Monticello on Sunday, December 9. He will be at 343 E. Broadway, Suite 4 in Monticello between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

For only \$5, children can have a photo taken with Santa, get a gift, have some hot chocolate, a piece of pie, cookies and more. All proceeds benefit Hope Alive 845.

Call 845-707-4124 for more details, or go to the Facebook page: Hope Alive 845, or visit: <http://HopeAlive845.com>.

Hope Alive 845 Inc. is a Non-Profit Organization that services the 845 and surrounding areas. Their mission is to help families, friends, victims, and law enforcement with support or necessary services to locate missing, kidnapped, trafficked or exploited children and adults.



A Holiday Tradition Continues New Hope Community Hosts Holiday Family Drive-Thru Dinner Dec. 14th

What: A total of 100 families will attend a Holiday Family Drive-Thru Dinner hosted by New Hope Community (NHC) at its Loch Sheldrake, NY campus. Staff of the organization, which supports individuals with developmental disabilities, will spread joy and goodwill to local families.

- More than 400 hot meals to feed approximately 100 families provided through the generosity of ShopRite, Sam's Club, Adams Fairacre Farms, Red Lobster, Hannaford, Texas Roadhouse, Jenkins-Lueken Orchards, and FritoLay to assist local families in need.
- ShopRite gift cards will be distributed with the dinners, courtesy of the NHC Foundation.
- Santa and his elves will greet families.

Why: New Hope Community is continuing an annual tradition of community outreach for families in need of extra help this holiday season. Many families continue to experience challenging times, especially those who have navigated health concerns or loss due to COVID-19.

When: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, Time 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Where: New Hope Community- 5 New Hope Community Drive Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759 (Sullivan County) or GPS: 872 State Rt. 52, Hurleyville, NY 12747 Tel: 845-434-8300

Who: Debra McGinness, Chief Executive Officer, New Hope Community, joined by New Hope Community staff

Governor Hochul Announces Agreement with 1199SEIU and Greater New York Health Care Facilities Association to Avert Potential Nursing Home Strike, Protecting Workers and Residents

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced an agreement with 1199SEIU and the Greater New York Health Care Facilities Association to avert a potential strike in New York State's nursing homes. The new, three-year agreement covers worker wages and benefits, ensuring health care heroes are treated fairly and nursing home residents have the care they need.

"After days of intense discussion and collaboration, I am proud to have facilitated a fair agreement with 1199SEIU and the Greater New York Health Care Facilities Association that protects working people and nursing home residents," Governor Hochul said. "In the midst of a deadly public health crisis, it's imperative to that New Yorkers living in long-term care facilities receive the care they deserve. At the same time, we need to ensure the hard-working women and men who work in these facilities are treated with dignity and respect. This agreement is a major step forward."

Earlier this month, 1199SEIU workers in nursing homes and long-term care facilities authorized a strike if an agreement was not reached. The new three-year agreement between 1199SEIU and the Greater New York Healthcare Association and other nursing home organizations covers worker wages and benefits. The notice for a strike was withdrawn after Governor Hochul brought both sides to the table to craft an agreement.

George Gresham, President of 1199SEIU, which represents 450,000 healthcare workers, said: "Our nursing home heroes took a stand for the contract they deserve after having spent nearly two years caring for residents in the face of the worst pandemic any of us have ever seen. We appreciate Governor Hochul for standing with us to ensure that New York's for-profit nursing homes step up to do the right thing by guaranteeing healthcare for the heroes who continue to provide exceptional care for our loved ones."

Michael Balboni, Executive Director of the Greater New York Healthcare Association said: "Greater New York Healthcare Association thanks Governor Hochul for demonstrating leadership that matters and helping to settle this contract. Her concern and focus on the needs of the long-term care industry came at just the right time and we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with her."

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is promoting **Shop Small Sullivan Holiday 2021**

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is promoting Shop Small Sullivan Holiday 2021 with participating businesses to encourage shopping locally in November and December.

Download the Shop Small Sullivan Holiday 2021 flyer by clicking on this link:

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Happy Holidays from The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce!



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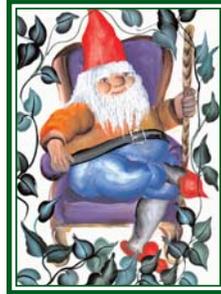
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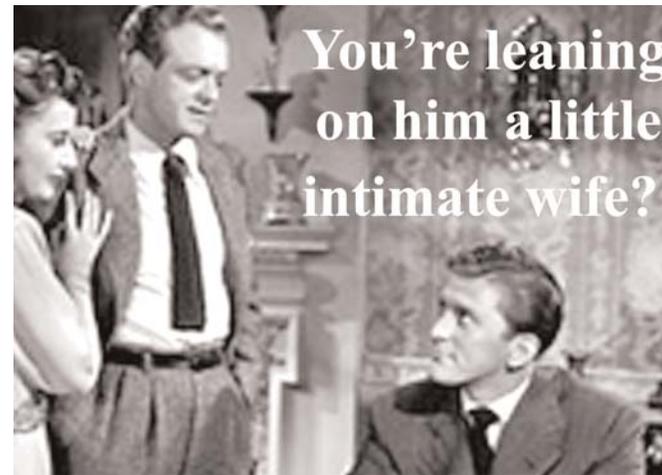
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First and only **FILM NOIR** directed by **LEWIS MILESTONE** (All Quiet on the Western Front), **FIRST FILM** for actor **KIRK DOUGLAS**, a screen-

play written by Robert Rossen (The Hustler), **THE STRANGE LOVE OF MARTHA IVERS** is the kind of film any movie buff should have the desire to see. It’s enchanting, exciting, passionate, fearful, seeking the all good of humanity, and then Satan comes down the stairs, and life becomes competition, for all who defy God shall parish and be banned from heaven, only



those who in some way have true contrition will see heaven as all realize in the end. A 1946 American film noir drama, from a screenplay



You’re leaning on him a little intimate wife?

written by Robert Rossen (and an uncredited Robert Riskin), based on the short story "Love Lies Bleeding" by playwright John Patrick. Produced by **Hal B. Wallis**, the film stars a superb actress **Barbara Stanwyck**, and one of my

favorite (musketeers), **Van Heflin**, the exciting and stunningly beautiful **Lizabeth Scott**, and features the fabulous **Kirk Douglas** in his film debut.

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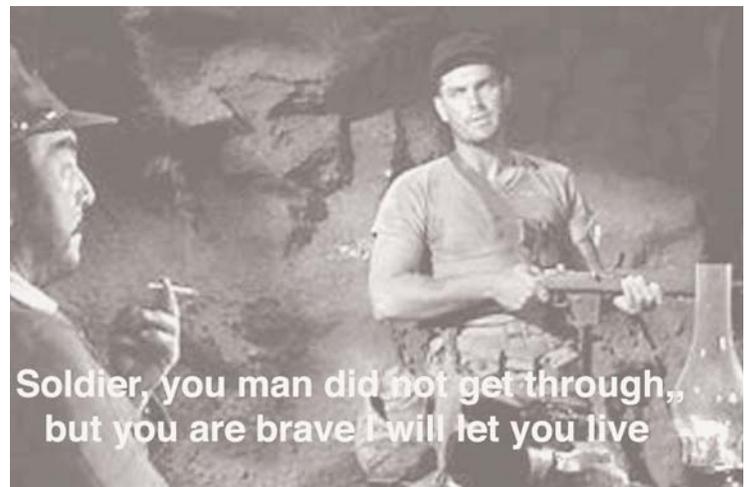
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