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Ethelbert B. Crawford Library presents 'Shorts & Sweets for Valentines'



MONTICELLO, NY - February is the month during which we celebrate exceptional relationships with spouses, lovers and special friends. Honor that unique bond in your life by bringing that special someone to **"Shorts & Sweets for Valentines"** presented by the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library in Monticello on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Enjoy jokes, poems and short stories for lovers and friends presented by Carol Montana, the Artistic Director of Big Sky Productions. Carol has been presenting **Shorts & Sweets** programs for many years now using the themes of Valentine's Day, April Fool's Day, Mother's Day, Gratefulness, Friendships and the December Holidays.

Yummy sweets will be available during the presentation courtesy of the library. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. And because it's still winter, the snow date is Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m.

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. For more information, call 845-794-4660.

*Carol Montana of Big Sky Productions will present a program of **Shorts & Sweets for Valentines** on Tuesday, February 13 at the Monticello Library.*

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On the Front Burner: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. Psalm 112:1

OBITUARIES

Bill (Robert William) Bruning



was born on August 10, 1940 of Claryville, NY formerly of Middletown, NY. He was the son of Louise Bruning Mo-shier and William H. Bruning.

Bill graduated from Middletown High School in 1957 and three years later entered the US Army, service from 1960 to 1963.

While living in the Middletown area he was a member of the Phoenix Engine Company, Circleville Fire Company, Washington Heights Fire Company, and was an Officer in the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department.

Bill was employed at IBM for thirty years only to enjoy many years of carpentry and politics after his first retirement. After moving to Claryville, he served as a Town Councilman for two years and then was elected Town Supervisor, staying in office for ten years until his second retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Bruning; son Robert S. Bruning, his wife Monica and their son Beau of Irving, TX; daughter Viki Tolson, her husband David and their daughters Caroline and Lillian of Waxhaw, NC; sister Suzanne Bruning of New Paltz, NY; all the Hadden and Duczeminski nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son William R. Bruning, whom he missed every day of his life; and his sister Donna Hadden.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788 with a funeral service at 4pm at the funeral home.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at Circleville Cemetery, 890 Goshen Turnpike, Goshen, NY with full military honors.

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

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Robert Bruning, please visit our Tree Store

Eric Mark Hannold, Sr., of



Neversink, NY, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at home. He was 64.

He was the son of William H. Han-nold and Minnie Mae (Gorr) Han-nold, born on February 9, 1959 in Creg Clair, NY.

Eric worked for the Town of Fallsburg as manager for several campgrounds and golf courses. He was a member of the Woodbourne Fire Co. In his free time he enjoyed fishing, hunting and operating machines and tractors. But above all else he enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

He leaves behind his wife May Hannold; children Tabitha Wiener (Jeff), Eric Hannold, Jr. (Alison), Chad Hannold (Jessica), Ethan Hannold (Devyn) and Jayelyn Hannold; ten grandchildren; siblings Vicki Smith, Roger and Duane Hannold and Barbara Gorr; as well as many other siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins; and his canine companions Marley, Zeus, Rocky and Schyler. He is predeceased by his son Robert Hannold; and several brothers and sisters.

A visitation was held on February 2, 2024 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A funeral service was held at 1:30pm at the funeral home. Burial followed at Woodbourne Cemetery, Parsonage Rd., Woodbourne, NY 12788.

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Mickey Barnett, 81, of Bethel, NY,



passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

He was born in Yonkers, NY to Michael and Evelyn Pelepako and attended Commerce High School.

Mickey was involved in every phase of the entertainment industry. (Contd. Pg. 4)

NOTE OF GRATITUDE:

The family of Philip and Carolyn Coombe would like to thank all who visited with family and joined in celebrating Carolyn's life Saturday, January 27. We especially want to thank those who made the day so special including Anthony and Jennifer Perito, Pastor Kenneth Ronk, Kevin Giroux for playing the music, the staff, volunteers and board members of the Daniel Pierce Library for assisting with serving food and cleaning up, and Erik Risher and his staff for making the main dishes. We thank all who provided other food items and the many, many delicious desserts!

Carolyn was able to enjoy her last months right at her home thanks to the friends who supported her and her family. We could not have made this journey without the kind assistance of Betty Botsford, Sally Estes, Phyllis Gillette and many dear friends who visited, dropped off food, called and sent cards. We are blessed to live in a most generous and caring community.

With Gratitude,
Philip Coombe Jr. and Family

Days of Yore... Today's History

February 10, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman Jr. have bought the Sumner Krum house in Grahamsville and will make their home there. Mr. Denman, who is employed by the Sullivan County National Bank in Liberty, returned recently from service in the Marines. Mrs. Denman is the former Mardell Matzinger of Liberty.

When the calendar says winter,
and you wish that it was spring

Are your meals just ordinary,
do they lack a certain zing?

Try using Fairmount frozen foods for dinner,
lunch or snack

They'll put the oomph in winter food t
hat mealtimes used to lack!

KUM TO KRUM'S

February 5, 1964

Miss Linda Ann Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rose of Grahamsville and Mr. Harold Buley Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buley, also of Grahamsville, were united in marriage on Sunday afternoon at the Grahamsville Methodist Church. Mrs. Buley is employed at the Woodbourne Laundry. Mr. Buley is employed at the Victory Market, Ellenville. Both are Tri Valley School graduates.

Edward M. Condon has been notified of his acceptance at Fordham University and also at Niagara University. He plans to major in biology and will enroll in a pre-medical course. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Household Hint:

Tip for Spring Cleaning

Always clean from the top down - i.e., start with the top of your cabinets, then the countertops, then the floor. This way the dirt and dust works its way down to the last thing you clean.

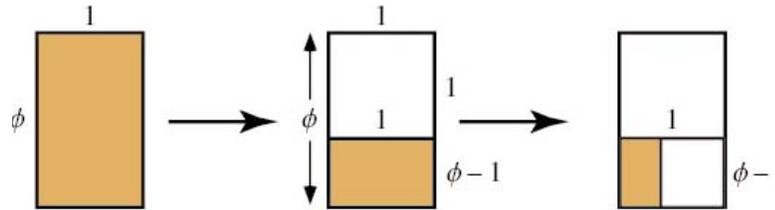
Nature Column - L. Comando

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

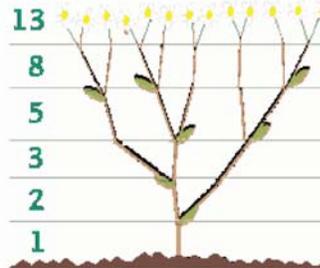
A Golden Rule of Nature

With the nicer weather coming, if you have time take a walk outdoors and take note, before the leaves appear on the trees, of the shape of the tree branches and the pattern in the way the tree branches grow.

Have you ever wondered why the branches seem to have this pattern that reaches up to the sky? There are writings from ancient India relating to the secret of the trees and nature and this pattern. In 1209 Leonardo of Pisano (a/k/a Fibonacci) took a scientific approach, using his skills discovered this mathematical formula in nature.



Fibonacci came up with a numerical sequence. Starting with zero (0) and one (1). Fibonacci added the last two numbers in the series together, and the sum became the next number in the sequence. The number sequence started to look like this: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34... The number pattern had the formula $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ and became the Fibonacci sequence. But it seemed to have mystical powers!



When the numbers in the sequence were put in ratios, the value of the ratio was the same as another number, ϕ , or "phi," which has a value of 1.618. The number "phi" is nicknamed the "divine number". Scientists and naturalists have discovered the Fibonacci sequence appearing in many forms in nature, such as the shape of nautilus

shells, the seeds of sunflowers, falcon flight patterns and galaxies flying through space. The ratio between the forearm and the hand is the Golden Ratio! We have one thumb on each hand. 2 bones in each thumb. 3 bones in each of the other fingers and 5 fingers on each hand. The PHI constant is often used in art and design. It is even used for the ever-present plastic credit card -- all golden proportion rectangles!

Why do trees have this pattern? We know trees need sunlight.

And we know in today's world when collecting solar energy the photovoltaic ("PV") array is the way to do it. A photovoltaic array is a linked collection of multiple solar cells. Making electricity requires as much sunlight as possible.

Collecting sunlight is key to the survival of a tree. Leaves are like solar panels of trees that collect sunlight for photosynthesis. Trees in a forest compete with other trees and plants for sunlight. As trees evolve the Fibonacci pattern is in effect helping trees track the Sun moving in the sky collecting the most sunlight even in the thickest forest.

The Fibonacci Sequence allows a very efficient filling of space producing branches that alternate from side to side. The branches will all branch again at the same time. Before the leaves begin to appear, you can see the magical silhouetted pattern against the background sky.

The ancients seemed to know the language of nature. Examples of the Golden Ratio are everywhere. This is the perfect time of the year to take a look at the trees in your back yard and see for yourself how they branch in very specific ways-- the Fibonacci sequence.

OBITUARIES

(From Pg. 2)

Mickey Barnett

At a young age, he started acting in bit parts on network television programs but decided on a singing career at age seventeen. His wide range style as an entertainer had him appearing at concerts, hotel nightclubs, worldwide resorts, fairs and on both radio and television. Mickey has received numerous awards over the years from many organizations in the music industry and locally including Band of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, and Entertainer of the Year and were displayed proudly in his office and recording studio. In 2021, Mickey was deeply honored to be named the 2021 recipient of the Sullivan County Historical Society History Maker Award for his contributions to the entertainment world through originality and influence producing, performing music and having a significant impact on the arts, music and culture of Sullivan County. As such, the family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sullivan County Historical Society.

Mickey was preceded in death by his companion of 14 years, Naomi McCormick and sister Doris Drost.

He is survived by his brothers Jack Pelepako and his wife Jane of Mahopac, NY, Bob Pelepako and his wife Martha of North Carolina; his daughter Karen Torres of White Plains, NY; godson Gary Grund and his significant other Michelle of Slate Hill, NY; and grandchildren Thomas Eckes and Janine Eckes.

Although Mickey had so many close family and friends, the family would like to add a special thanks to Edna Tursi, Aldo Troiani, Gary Takorian, and Janine Kurth.

A memorial service was held at Colonial-Ramsay Funeral Home located at 3534 State Route 55 in Kauneonga Lake, NY on Monday, February 5th with a graveside service to be held for close family followed by a celebration of life with family and friends at a future date and location to be determined.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial-Ramsay Funeral Home, for further information call 845-583-5445 or 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Days of Yore... Today's History

(From Pg. 3)

Miss Merleen Currey has been notified of her acceptance at Albany State Teachers College. She plans to major in mathematics and will become a teacher.

Brian Mitteer has been awarded a \$300 annual scholarship at Delhi Institute where he will prepare for a career in animal husbandry.

February 13, 1974

Grahamsville Scout Troop 197, sponsored by the Grahamsville Fire Company, will hold an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday, February 16th at the Tri-Valley Elementary School for Eagle Scout Thomas Arielly, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Arielly of Neversink.

Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Graham, 8 years on Valentine's Day; on the 16th three couples have anniversaries: Rev. and Mrs. Irving Marsland, Jr. 27 years, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti 26 years, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walter 27 years.

On Monday, February 4th, the Tri-Valley Forum Team traveled to Minisink to compete against other forum teams. The team, consisting of juniors Andy Kremer and Kevin Kinne and seniors, Paula Bitter, Jim Gorman and Jim Denman, gave a magnificent performance, resulting in their winning against Ulster County B.O.C.E.S.

February 9, 1984

On February 1, 1984, First Lieutenant Thomas M. Arielly was promoted to the rank of Captain during promotion ceremonies at Ft. Hood, Texas. Capt. Arielly graduated from Tri-Valley Central School, Class of 1976 and the United States Military Academy at West Point, Class of 1980.

(From the pen of Tom Higgins) I got a kick out of this sign hanging behind the counter at Grahams's Chestnut Woods Restaurant in Grahamsville - "All I want is less to do, more time to do it and more pay for not getting it done".

Army Pvt. Dale K. Houghtaling, son of Helen A. Lake and stepson of Everett L. Lake of Claryville, N.Y., has arrived for duty in Frankfurt-Hoescht, West Germany. Pvt. Houghtaling, a telecommunications specialist with the 17th Signal Battalion, was previously assigned at Ft. Gordon, Ga.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published February 13, 1997

Do you remember the fun of gliding over a frozen creek with the freezing air nipping at your cheeks? Or recall the breathless excitement of trying to leap over a mound of ice only to fall on your butt and finish your trip sitting down? And the cozy warmth of the wood burning stove as you entered your home and pulled off your boots and stuck your cold feet in the bake oven and tossed your mittens, dripping wet, up on the warming oven to dry?

In the good old days, winter fun could be found almost anywhere if you lived where the snow often fell. The daytime possibilities were endless and night time coasting and skating were great. Having pop-corn while relaxing and warming up was just out of this world.

A few more things are missing these days. Window panes etched by Jack Frost is one. Today's modern double paned windows have sent poor Jack packing. I am an old lady and I look back to the cold mornings back then when I awoke to kaleidoscope patterns of ice on the windows. Each pane was a unique work of art, far more intricate than anything created by artists today. Looking at those panes, it was easy to imagine a flock of birds or a forest of trees all captured in fast fading snapshots of ice. To my fading eyes, the pictures of today crossing our TV screens can never take the place of those etched on our windows by poor old Jack Frost of long ago.

Mid-Hudson Misfits Roller Derby Cupid Scuffle Charity Scrimmage Announced for Sunday, February 25th



Photo credit: Pix by Papi

ACCORD, NY - The Mid-Hudson Misfits Roller Derby Team, in conjunction with Mid-Hudson Mischiefs Junior Roller Derby, will hold the first event of the 2024 season - Cupid Scuffle - on Sunday, February 25th, at Skate Time, in Accord. This action-packed, hard-hitting roller derby event will feature a mixed scrimmage, in round robin-style, with alternating jams for adult and junior players. The scrimmage will benefit Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, who will host a table at the event (www.girlscoutshh.org).

Doors open at 5 PM, and the first whistle kicks things off at 6 PM!

Get your tickets here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/059716fb-8ff9-4c90-8626-3b61a9708686>

Secure your tickets online by 2 PM on Feb. 25, to join our will-call list for a quicker entry. Tickets purchased after 2 PM are still valid; will-call ensures a faster check-in. And remember to take a screenshot of your e-ticket with QR code for the smoothest check-in of all.

The Skate Time concession stand will be open with food, drinks, and adult beverages.

Seating is limited, so bring a folding chair for comfy cheering!

Here is our Facebook event link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/417187704067245>

And mark your calendars for our heavy-hitting home bouts this season at Skate Time:

- o Saturday, May 11th, we play Dirty Jersey
- o Saturday, September 14th, we return to the track vs. Ladies Death and Derby Society

Come join us for a night of roller derby bliss, and consider joining the team!

Keep up to date with the Mid-Hudson Misfits - and Mischiefs - Roller Derby Teams on Facebook and Instagram. Skate Time is located at 5164 Route 209, Accord, NY 12404.

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

Hudson's Kill

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 74

by John Dwaine McKenna

Mysterious Book Report No. 389

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Although they're few and far between . . . "Rare as hen's teeth," as my old Irish mother used to say . . . some authors show early on in their careers that they are on the way to literary greatness, and destined to leave a wordsmith's mark on the world. Writer Paddy Hirsch is such a one. And now, less than twelve months after his electrifying debut, *The Devil's Half Mile*, (MBR No. 352, 01 Nov '18) comes his second historical thriller: *Hudson's Kill*, (Forge, \$25.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-7653-9916-8).

Hudson's Kill begins in the year 1803, at the burgeoning, lawless and deadly southern tip of Manhattan Island, where the city of New York is developing its master plan for how the metropolis will be laid out and built. The city is teeming with speculators, schemers and scalawags of every type known to the human race, each of whom are trying to outdo the others in grabbing the most real estate riches. In addition, there's the usual allotment of corrupt officials, thugs, criminals, killers, con artists, gang leaders, rapists and thieves . . . as well as all of the rapacious stock, bond, and commodities traders who frequent the Tontine Coffee House, where they buy and sell all day long.

New York's a miasma of social, political and financial tensions, to which racial unrest must also be added, for slavery was legal at the time in New York, (it was not abolished until 1827,) and all of the factions are battling for control of the city.

Against that unstable and highly charged background of social unrest, a young woman of color is found stabbed to death in an alley. A mere girl, barely in her teens, her murder sets serial characters Kerry O'Toole, a schoolteacher, one-time pickpocket and courtesan . . . along with City Marshall Justy Flannagan, a former Fenian, Irish rebel and émigré to America . . . on divergent paths, but with the same goal: find the person who did it. Kerry goes undercover, while Justy uses all the powers of his office to bring the perpetrator to the gallows. It's a dark and dangerous undertaking that will lead them both to the same reclusive colony of criminal religionists who are hiding in plain sight in the area known as Hudson's Kill. "There, they uncover a craven political conspiracy bound up with a criminal enterprise stunning in its depravity," according to the liner notes, and the MBR could not have said it better.

Hudson's Kill establishes Paddy Hirsch in the forefront of current thriller writers with its compelling prose and kinetic plot, as well as its dynamic and skillful storytelling that will educate and entertain all whodunnit lovers . . . while leaving them thinking that the next installment of this outstanding series can't come soon enough !

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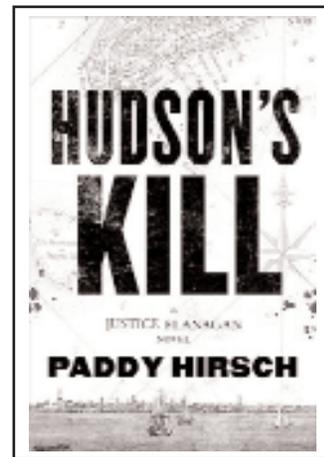
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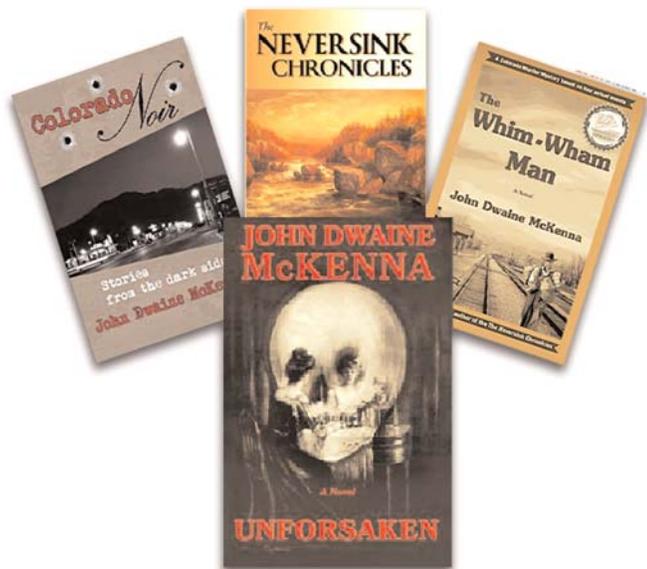
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda



Computer Use

It is hard to believe that computers and iPhones have only been a part of our lives for two decades. They have become ESSENTIAL parts of our daily routine.

If you are like me, you may start your day with checking emails and texts. Next, I will scroll through social media (FaceBook and Instagram) to catch up on what's up with friends and news events. Then Wordle after my brain has awakened to the cup of coffee I just consumed while "checking in.."

However, aside from communication and gaming, there are the everyday tasks. I needed to print out confirmation of a flight to Aruba made online yesterday with a credit card and frequent flyer membership which gets managed online. Then I got confirmations, online, to check miles deducted from my account.

Then came an updated statement came from the bank, coupons to select from the supermarket, a request for a review on Amazon, and the daily deletion of junk, spam, and trash that accumulates.

Computers were supposed to save us time and effort. No more paper records, except one must print out copies of all important information because they can easily get lost in cyberspace.

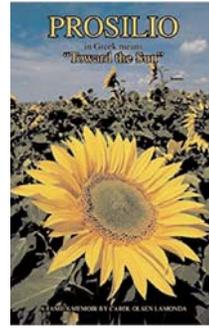
Of course, all these daily secretarial chores require passwords which, if not saved or linked to fingerprint or eyes, should be written down and updated. More record keeping.

I also do a lot of shopping online rather than make trips to Kingston.

My youngest granddaughter has grown up in this "computer age." I still remember, and still use, a planner, a notebook, and a filing system so sometimes I feel like my work has doubled rather than pared. I still marvel at how all this information can fit in a computer that fits in my pocket. I wonder what is next.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*





Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

Show us the love!

Open house, donut day and card making-it's busy at the DPL

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-With Punxsutawney Phil's blessings, things are about to heat up-and with Valentines' Day right around the corner-what better way to "feel the love" than to head to the DPL!

February is looking to be a very busy month. Our children's winter reading challenge is wrapping up-on Leap Day, to be exact-but there is still time to get in on the action. It's pretty simple, when your child(ren) read for 20 minutes or complete a specific bingo square, they color it in. When the reading log or bingo sheet is complete, they bring it in and receive a fantastic book prize and our many accolades!

On Saturday, February 10 we are hosting our Take Your Child to the Library Day. Open house is from 9AM to 12PM with a very special magic show at 10AM by the Amazing Mr. Mystic! The day is sure to be incredible, with so many fun activities for the children to take part in, the many wonderful books to be checked out and opportunities for families to enroll their youngest members in our upcoming Spring Children's Programs.

Then, on Tuesday, February 13, DPL staff, board members and our fabulous volunteers will be here cranking out the most delicious donuts in celebration of Mardi Gras. The donuts heavenly aroma permeates throughout the library...it's just amazing and I vote to for us to start a line of candles. The donuts do need to be preordered, which can be done by calling us at 845/985-7233, online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org or by filling out a pre-order form which is available at the circulation desk. Options include Cinnamon Sugar or plain and are \$9.00 per dozen. Lest you forget, these are the same delicious donuts we make for our Giant Pumpkin Party! So, don't delay, get your orders in.



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Also, there are spots available for our Jupiter program Thursday, February 22 from 6:00 to 7:00PM for adults and children 10 and up. Participants will join local experts John Kocijanski & Irene Pease in a viewing of the PBS Nova Documentary "Jupiter" and follow with a Q & A session. We will head outside (weather permitting) for a viewing of this spectacular planet and its moons. If you are curious about the galaxy, this program is for you. Register online!

If you're looking for something a little sweet (and you already ate your donuts, ha ha), come check out the Valentines' Day displays of books we have throughout the library. From children's picture books, to YA love stories, to adult "swoony-worthy" picks, we are here to help you celebrate the holiday of love and romance.



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The Scene Too SPOTLIGHT

— By Jane Harrison

As I sit here, sipping on my second cup of coffee, I am replaying this last week. So many wonderful performances and one bizarre occurrence. Bizarre, because it never should have happened.

First was an announcement that Wade and RJ, owners of CABERNET FRANK'S, were putting their properties in Parksville up for sale. It was a shock, but not really. They, their staff and customers have put up with abusive harassment by neighbor Joe Petters now for eight very long years. You've read about their struggles right here.

What happened next really took the cake. The two beleaguered owners of this most popular music venue, were arrested on two misdemeanors each! The charges, as explained to me, were just so ridiculous and as phony as a three dollar penny. But there it was. Which brings me to my first question: What the heck are the investigative procedures in matters like this?



So, on their court date last Wednesday, there were about fifteen of us there to support them. And that number just kept growing until there were easily forty five or fifty. Musicians who perform there, patrons, friends...some from as far away from Brooklyn. Apparently that courtroom only holds about twenty five people, so we all milled about going from friend to friend in conversation. I felt badly for the officer at the door. Every time he opened it, there were more supporters! A very large group of quiet orderly people.

And there, parked at the end of the street, was Joe Peters in his truck sans the 'Peter's Glass' signs. How do I know it was him? I pointed out the truck to my friend Nick, a brash no nonsense kind of guy, who strode right down the street and snapped his picture up close and personal. Shortly after, the truck did a slow drive-by with a scowling face peering out at those gathered. I think we were supposed to be intimidated. It brings me to question number two: What is this guy doing out? He was recently found to have violated the Order of Protection which carried, I believe I read, a two year sentence.



On this day, nothing could be adjudicated. The reason? No 'discovery'. Discovery is the investigation and evidence that lead to the charges in the first place and this is then shared with the opposing attorney, in this case with MICHAEL SUSSMAN, Wade and RJ's attorney. The proceedings were then postponed until March. A few days later, all the charges were dropped, and the case dismissed. Such very good news!!

CABERNET FRANK'S is without a doubt a bright spot, not just in Parksville, but in the county. And it was not the only business they had going. There was, in the early days, a recording studio as well. People started coming to the beautiful Catskills to record their commercials, their music, their music videos, their documentaries. Most were harassed unmercifully to the point of going elsewhere. This too, would have been a bright spot in Parksville. Which leads me to question three: Why doesn't 'he' want that? And four: How is nothing being done? God help anyone with an Order of Protection!

But look at it another way. The case was dismissed, but nothing has changed. Imagine it's you, not knowing what to expect every time you open the door to your home to leave for work. Imagine panicking every time you get into your car wondering if it's been tampered with. Every time you open the door to your home to GO home. Because you never know who is standing just out of your line of vision. Because you never know if you'll be sucker punched. All because of a man caught on tape pushing cat feces under your home with his bare hands.

I hadn't planned to make this so long or emotional but the injustice of it all just gets to me. And for that, I apologize. Next week, back to normal with the three fantastic performances I caught this weekend.

And a special person passed away this last week. I only met Mickey Barnett a few times, but he was a heck of a nice guy and what a voice, a voice that never dimmed from his younger years. Rest In Peace, sir. You will be missed.

Until next time.....

New York State General Permit Now Available to Expedite Recovery Efforts After Major Storm Events

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have issued the first State Programmatic General Permit (NYSPGP-1), which authorizes activities to facilitate the recovery and restoration of damaged properties, projects, aquatic resources, and infrastructure following major storm events.

The NYSPGP-1 ensures critical environmental safeguards and encourages best management practices while agencies work to bring infrastructure back online and restore quality of life for communities quickly and without unnecessary delays. This permit will also help eligible project sponsors and the public obtain Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements following specific storm events that are declared federal disasters.

“In times of crisis, governmental agencies must respond quickly and competently to protect lives and property,” DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. “That’s why DEC is proud of the collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help communities and enhance state and federal storm response. This permit is an important tool to help eliminate duplication of effort between federal and state agencies by making the permitting process more efficient for municipalities during extreme storm recovery efforts or emergency declarations.”

“Recent history has emphasized that our agencies need to be quicker and more adaptable during emergency operations. This permit allows us to get people the help they need in a timely and efficient manner,” Lt. Col. Colby Krug, USACE Buffalo District Commander said. “No one agency can do anything alone. Response requires a whole-of-government approach and this expedited permitting is just another example of the federal and state governments working together to provide for the people of New York.”

When activated in response to a widespread storm event, the NYSPGP-1 permit provides one application for the purpose of complying with both agencies’ regulations collectively governing discharge of pollutants into fresh waters, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands. This new permit expands each agency’s existing storm response capabilities to ensure environmental approvals necessary for response to widespread storm events are expedited.

The NYSPGP-1 will be available for use throughout New York State, except for Long Island, New York City, and portions of Rockland and Westchester counties.

The issued permit (PDF) is available for download.

For more information about the NYSPGP-1 permit, including application and notification requirements, please visit the DEC’s website. To assist with permits needed for flooding impacts and for a determination on whether proposed work requires a DEC permit or approval, please contact the appropriate DEC region permit administrator.



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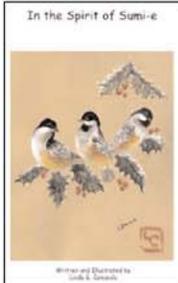


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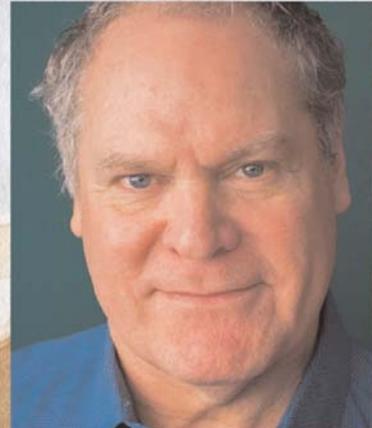
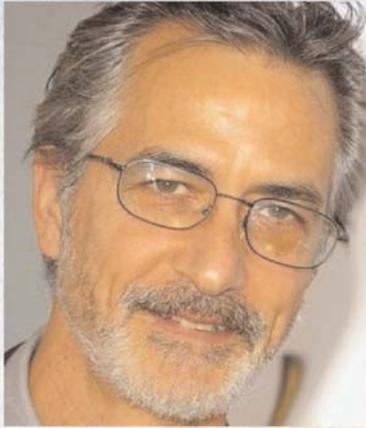
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The Road to Jerusalem

BY NICKY GLOSSMAN

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SHADOWLAND STAGES is thrilled to announce a special staged reading of *The Road to Jerusalem*, written by Nicky Glossman. This exclusive event, featuring esteemed actors Tony Shalhoub, David Strathairn, and Jay O. Sanders, is scheduled for Saturday, February 17, at 7 pm at SHADOWLAND's MainStage Theatre, located at 157 Canal Street in Ellenville. All proceeds from the evening will support SHADOWLAND STAGES. James Glossman directs.

The Road to Jerusalem by Nicky Glossman follows seven interconnected stories surrounding the small town of Jerusalem, Arizona in 1889. Together, they explore the twisted series of hopes and hungers that manifested a harsh destiny in the American West, all in the service of making a new world from the old. Salvation or damnation, each must find their own way to walk on the Road to Jerusalem.

Tickets for this one-night-only reading are a suggested donation of \$40.00. To secure your seats, tickets are available through the Shadowland Stages box office. Contact (845) 647-5511 or conveniently reserve your seats online at shadowlandstages.org.

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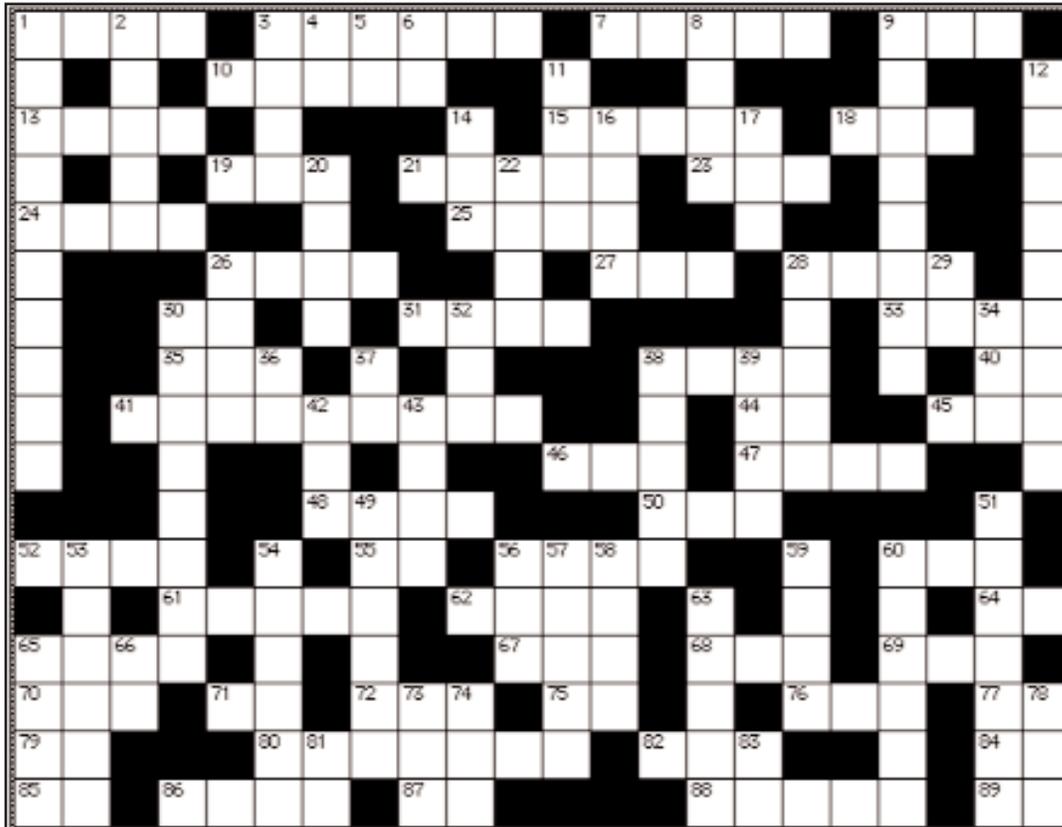
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ACROSS

- 1 Gently move to and fro
- 3 More than anything else
- 7 Started
- 9 Charge
- 10 Trendy
- 13 Prepare the way
- 15 Alliance
- 18 "Honest"
- 19 Jewel
- 21 Regular rhythm
- 23 Mental sharpness
- 24 Bundle of hay
- 25 Decays
- 26 Grow weary
- 27 Compulsory contribution levied by the government
- 28 Relating to Thailand
- 30 In the direction of
- 31 Not confined
- 33 Route
- 35 Victor-

- ious
- 38 Tatted trim
- 40 Egyptian sun god
- 41 Memorialize
- 44 Before noon
- 45 Still
- 46 Excavate
- 47 Ability to look at words and comprehend
- 48 American colonist who supported the Revolution
- 50 Kept out of sight
- 52 Mountainous Indonesian island
- 55 Advertisement
- 56 Abrupt stop
- 60 Attribute of

- color
- 61 Necessary items
- 62 South American country
- 64 To a great extent
- 65 Old Glory
- 67 Ritenuto
- 68 Donkey
- 69 Short sleep
- 70 Not home
- 71 To a higher position
- 72 Consume food
- 75 At the age of
- 76 Cain and Abel's mother
- 77 Extraterrestrial
- 79 Ancient Sumerian city
- 80 First Republican president of the United

- States
- 82 Writing Instrument
- 84 Colorado
- 85 Regarding
- 86 Not closed
- 87 Chemical element tellerium
- 88 Small fried cake of sweetened dough
- 89 Tennessee (abbrev)

DOWN

- 1 Lincoln's political party
- 2 Gallant
- 3 Masculine
- 4 Form of indefinite article used before vowel sounds
- 5 Part of the mind
- 6 New York
- 8 Get bigger
- 9 Second month
- 11 A necessity
- 12 Person

- nominated for election
- 14 Short hair of some animals
- 16 Bird's shelter
- 17 Peck
- 20 Lincoln's wife's name
- 22 Folk tale
- 26 Work extremely hard
- 28 Pervading idea
- 29 A Galilean moon
- 30 Chirping noise
- 32 A rodent
- 34 They exist
- 36 Northeast
- 37 Man's title before surname
- 38 Source of illumination
- 39 Comb and clean

- hemp fibers
- 42 Tied knot with two loops
- 43 Dry
- 49 Hurry
- 51 Deep admiration for someone
- 53 Mysteriously attractive
- 54 Human beings
- 56 Third person singular feminine pronoun
- 57 Of the sun sign
- 58 Stringed instrument
- 59 Dark pink
- 60 Sincere
- 63 Spoke with great enthusiasm
- 65 Quartet
- 66 Expressing location of a

- particular place
- 73 Do something
- 74 Foot digit
- 78 2000 pounds
- 81 Surrounded by
- 83 Negative answer

Mary Todd Lincoln's White Cake

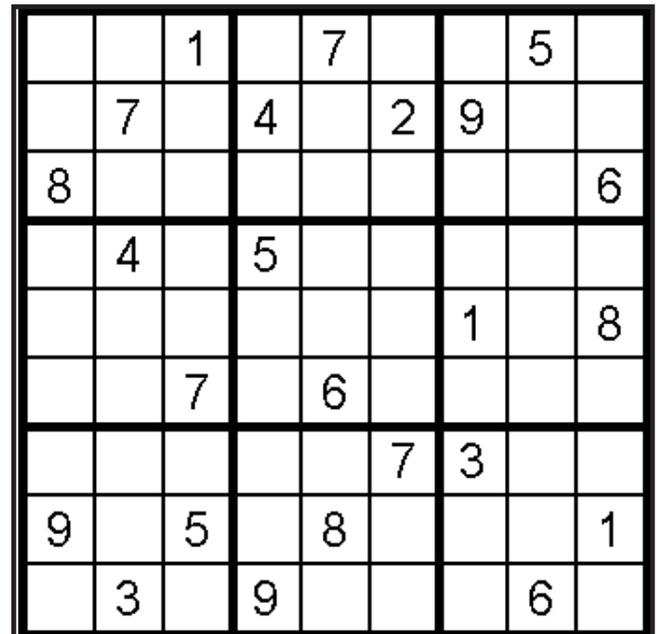
- 1 cup
- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 6 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- confectionary sugar

Beat egg whites until frothy. Add 1 cup sugar gradually until egg whites are stiff peaks. Finely chop almonds. Cream the butter and remaining 1 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Add vanilla extract and almond extract to milk. Combine nuts with flour mixture. Add wet to dry by thirds. Fold beaten egg whites into batter. Turn batter into a 10-inch tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for about 1 hour or until cake tests done. Frost with boiled icing.

Boiled Icing

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 3 egg whites
- Pinch salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

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2024 Chinese New Year of the Dragon Cryptogram

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- MARDI GRAS DANCING PARADE
- CAKE MASKS DOUBLOONS BEADS HATS TUESDAY
- CARNIVAL GREEN PURPLE GOLD

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There are at least 5 differences between the two pictures. Can you find them?



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The following children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to 5 years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The spring eight-week long session begins the week of April 8th.

These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community. Registration is required.

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, April 10th

This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Two programs will be held each Wednesday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Must be 12 months by 12/1/23.

Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 11th

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Two programs will be held each Thursday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 24 months by 12/1/23.

Story Hour (3, 4 and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 12th

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Tri-Valley CSD**Tri-Valley's
next Board Meeting:**

Thursday, February 15, 2024

This Board Meeting will be on
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Services Returns
Community Services Extends
Hours to Welcome Walk-Ins**

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County's Department of Community Services is pleased to announce the resumption of walk-in service for those seeking mental health, substance use and/or other therapeutic assistance, starting in mid-February.

"We were forced by the COVID-19 pandemic to go to appointments only, but since that crisis has passed and our staffing levels have risen sufficiently, we are very glad to welcome people back who can't or don't want to wait for an appointment," said Deputy Health & Human Services Commissioner Melissa Stickle. "Starting February 13, Community Services will remain open three more hours every Tuesday evening, till 8 p.m., no appointments needed. And starting February 15, our Mental Health Clinic will accept walk-ins every Thursday between 9 a.m. and noon."

The Department of Community Services offers the following:

- o Individual Psychotherapy
- o Marital & Family Counseling
- o Group Therapy (not offered during extended Tuesday hours)
- o Medication Therapy
- o Crisis Intervention/Outreach
- o Court Evaluations
- o Consultation & Education
- o Case Management
- o Anger Management
- o Psychological Testing Treatment Reaching Youth Program (TRY)
- o Coordinated Children's Services Initiative SPOA

Car vs. School Bus

On Monday February 5, 2024 at approximately 3:05 PM, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office responded to a collision between a car and a small school bus in the vicinity of 907 Old Liberty Road in the Town of Thompson.

Deputies found that a 2023 Kia Forte driven by Shyla Carlson, 43, of Hurleyville was travelling southbound when it swerved into the path of the school bus, hitting it head on. The bus, which belonged to Bus Student Company of Spring Valley, NY was transporting 6 students of various ages to the Center for Discover.

No injuries were reported on the bus. The driver of the KIA was transported to Garnet Catskills for treatment of a hand injury.

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Hurleyville Fire Dept, Mobile Medic, Rock Hill Ambulance, Hatzolah Ambulance, Bethel Ambulance, SC EMS - 1, SC EMS-2 and the state police.

The accident remains under investigation and charges are pending.

**Restorative Justice
Volunteers Needed!**

Training: Wednesday, February 21st, 4-6:30 pm

Ulster County Probation and Family of Woodstock's One80 program are looking for volunteers to expand their Juvenile Community Accountability Board (JCAB). They are seeking to diversify their volunteer pool to have representation from all walks of life! JCAB members participate in a planned face-to-face Restorative Circle with the youth referred. The Circle aims to provide everyone an opportunity for helpful discussion, reflection, and making amends. They currently have a good number of Kingston based volunteers and are looking for volunteers from other (mostly southern) parts of the county.

Volunteers will be required to attend a one-day training on Wednesday, February 21 from 4 PM to 6:30 PM. To register, contact Kim Mapes at (845) 802-7966 or kmap@co.ulster.ny.us.

Learn more about One80/JCAB through this volunteer testimonial video created by One80 staff Lenny Bass

**Act for Change
Anti-racism Program**

February 27th - April 16th, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Act for Change brings together teens from across Ulster County to engage in anti-racist dialogue and work across identity groups. Teens will have the opportunity to attend/give a workshop and we plan a culminating event at the Ulster County government offices. All other meetings will be virtual. Attendance is a critical part of this program. Act for Change was co-developed by teens, Cooperative Extension staff, and Cornell faculty and undergraduate students. Youth development professionals, are you interested in FACILITATING a teen anti-racism group? Check out our Facilitator's Guide.

More information contact Audrey Trossen, 4-H Educator, at act242@cornell.edu

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The Scholastic Art Awards for Sullivan, Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties Honors another Year of Excellence

LIBERTY: Sullivan BOCES and the Hudson Valley Scholastic Art Affiliates, a consortium of organizations including Dutchess BOCES, the Enlarged City School Districts of Middletown, the Orange County Arts Council, and Orange-Ulster BOCES came together once again to organize and present the Regional 2024 Scholastic Art Awards Program for Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties. The ceremony was held at SUNY New Paltz on Friday, February 2.

The Hudson Valley Regional Affiliate had over 500 incredible middle and high school artists participate in this year's program. The competition had 2,640 works of art adjudicated, with 209 Gold Key winners, 276 Silver Key winners, 440 Honorable Mentions, and 5 American Vision awards given to students to recognize their remarkable work.

"This event not only showcases the incredible talent within our schools but also encourages the pursuit of artistic excellence among our students," stated Susan Zieres, Arts In Education Coordinator at Sullivan BOCES.

Sullivan County had nine gold key and two silver key winners.

Devyn Callahan, Tri-Valley Central School, American Vision Nominee, and Gold Key

Samantha Mentnech, Tri-Valley Central School, - 1 Gold Key

Endya Alvarez, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key

Kaitlyn Bodolosky, Liberty Central School - 2 Gold Key

Giovanni Flores Leon, Liberty Central School - 1 Silver Key

Joaquin Isler, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key

Leonel Malaga Ventura, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key

and 3 Silver Key

Maria Quintanilla, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key

Allison Vasko, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key

Rachel Yaun, Liberty Central School - 1 Gold Key

For the second time in the competition's history, a student from Sullivan County was awarded an American Vision nomination. Devyn Callahan, an eleventh-grade student from the Tri-Valley CSD, received this prestigious award for her painting "Jelly Spread Toast." Each year, only five pieces are selected for the American Vision Award. To be considered for this recognition, the nominee has to exemplify the emergence of an original, personal point of view or style in their work of art. "Coming from Sullivan County, I am exceptionally pleased that Devyn Callahan's painting won the American Vision Award for our County," said Zieres.

Students receiving a Gold Key Award in architecture, ceramics, design, painting, illustration, fashion, photography, digital art, mixed media, printmaking, sculpture, or film categories will have the opportunity to receive additional recognition. Their work is adjudicated on a national level by a panel of leading creative professionals. National Gold Medalists are announced in March and are honored during a special awards ceremony in June.

"On behalf of the Hudson Valley Regional Scholastic Affiliate, we are proud of the artistic accomplishments of our students. We wish our gold winners luck as their work moves through the National adjudication," stated Zieres.

Parents and community members are encouraged to view the artwork to show their support for these budding artists. The artwork will be displayed at SUNY New Paltz in the Fine Arts

Rotundra from February 2 through February 25 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

History of the Scholastic Arts Awards

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the country's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12. Since the program's founding in 1923, the Scholastic Art Awards have fostered the creativity and talent of millions of students.

Annually, 250,000 students in grades 7 through 12 participate in regional programs, and 50,000 receive regional awards and exhibition opportunities. More than 30,000 entries qualify for national adjudication, and 1,100 young artists and writers nationwide receive national awards. The Gold Portfolio Award recipients receive up to \$10,000 in scholarships, representing the highest level of achievement in the Awards.

Many of our nation's most accomplished artists and writers are alums of The Scholastic Art Awards, including Richard Avedon, Truman Capote, Frances Farmer, Joyce Maynard, Joyce Carol Oates, Sylvia Plath, Robert Redford, and Andy Warhol.

Fallsburg CSD Announces Middle and High School Honor Roll List

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce their honor roll and Superintendent's honor roll lists for the second marking period. These students were commemorated for their high academic achievement. These students are:

7th Grade

Honor Roll list: Yasmina Bache-Seraphin, Adriel Canales Gonzales, Estrella Canales, Surey Delgado, Amelia Forman, Leyna Greenberg, Angelina Lara-Jones, Elijah Lucas, Emily Mackerley, Angelica Esperanza Martinez-Lopez, Patrick Maxwell Jr., Carlos Mazariego Pena, Xander McCarthy, Victor Medina Orellana, Marielyd Muniz, Nancy Orellana Mejia, Om Patel, Justin Peralta Rosa, Easton Pugh, Dominico Retana, Franklin Reyes-Rodriguez, A'miyah Sellers, Mason Stafford-Martinez, Samuel Vega Rosales, Joshua Velazquez, Hailey Vogel, and Honor Wilson.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Jack Bensimon, Xzander Berrios, Abdiel Cabrero, Joseph Cerone, Nicolas Ciorciari, Michael Damms, Alyssa Florence, Sara Flores Ramos, Keily Garcia Menjivar, Dina Gottlieb, Katherine Juarez Cadena, Lindsay Lopez Landaverde, Rebecca Moocz, Teresa Nardi, Daniel Perez Martinez, Jeybi Rodriguez Canales, and Samantha Saciolo.

8th Grade

Honor Roll list: Elenora Ahmetaj, Ilana Burke, Deysi Diaz Hernandez, Amhara Gillmer, Carlos Granados Reyes, Jancarlos Guardado, William Hamilton, Stephon Harris, Senaida Jeronimo Sanchez, John Ketcham, Emmett Kleingardner, Dalila Koljenovic, Alisson Lagos Guardado, Yasmel Leon Mota, Nazareth Manjarrez Paredes, Brandon Mariaca, Madelyne Maxwell, Jaqueline Mazariego, Paola Melendez Deras, Kileen Milligan, Jaysi Nicanor-Perez, Melina Ortiz, Tatiana Parada, Shiv Patel, Pedro Pineda Ortiz, Benjamin Santos Jr., Kiara Sauer, Marion Sesay, Zayd Amir Snead, Angel Toxqui Hernandez, Helen Vasquez, Avery Wall-Carty, and Lavante Ward. (Contd. Pg. 25)

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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

St. Mary's and St. Andrews Church
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Mass Times
SUNDAY EUCHARIST
5:00 PM Saturday Evening
7:30 AM Sunday Morning
10:00 AM Sunday Morning
(Latin) 11:30 AM Sunday Morning*
(Spanish) 1:00 PM Sunday Afternoon
*Sung Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays

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9:00 AM Saturday

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

See you in the Spring!

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The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
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Worship Service 9:30 am
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Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

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Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



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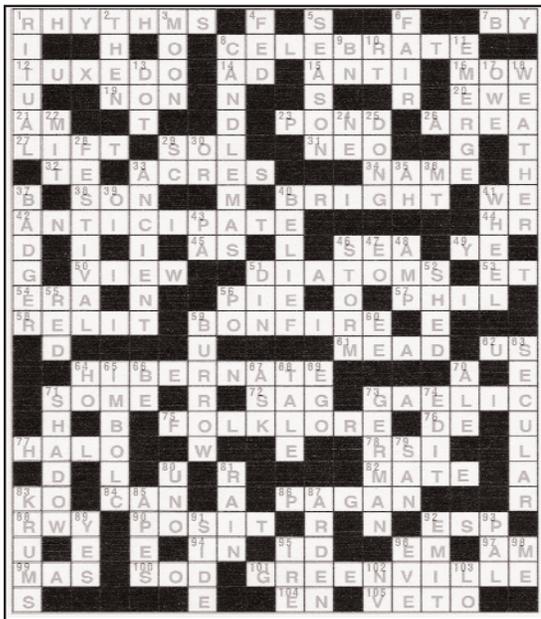
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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1	4	9	5	3	8	6	2	7
6	5	3	7	2	9	1	4	8
2	8	7	1	6	4	5	3	9
4	1	8	6	5	7	3	9	2
9	6	5	2	8	3	4	7	1
7	3	2	9	4	1	8	6	5

GRAHAMSVILLE UMC THRIFT MINISTRY

We are no longer accepting donations for the Thrift Ministry. Thanks to all for your generosity which has helped to make a successful season. We look forward to returning in the Spring of 2023.
The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

<https://grahamsvilleUMC.org>
 GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com—Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, March 2, 2024 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall
Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale
 (Covered Dish Suppers are held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly, and perennials. Seedling varieties allow for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

Other items available through the program are fruit trees and wildlife habitat housing.

Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens and streambank and road bank stabilization.

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2/8/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
2/13/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/15/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
2/15/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/28/24	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
2/19/24	Town of Neversink Holiday PRESIDENTS' DAY
2/20/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
3/2/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
3/5/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
3/6/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
3/2/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update

for the Week Of

February 5 - February 9, 2024

All Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at
<https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

Monday, February 5

- o 6:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; & Via Livestream
- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, February 6

- o No Meetings

Wednesday, February 7

- o 5:30 PM - Housing Policy Oversight Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, February 8

- o 4:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, & Via Livestream
- o 5:30 PM (Or Immediately Following Laws & Rules) - Ways & Means Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; 33114 Parke Place, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034; & Via Livestream

Friday, February 9

- o 4:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

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Fallsburg CSD Announces Middle and High School Honor Roll List

(From Pg. 21)

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Addison Alvarado, Autumn Rain Atkinson, Keily Brizuela Fuentes, Sophia Cordova, Maddelynn DeMondo-Gernant, Natalia Evangelista, Mariama Gai, Melanie Gomez Perez, Isabella Gonzales, Eriberto Gonzalez Jr., Layla Hermann, Camdyn Hoefling, Kate Islas Escamilla, Sophia Jacobs, Dayana Mendoza-Gallo, Ronny Mendoza, Evelyn Molina Ax, Dillan Padilla Avila, Payton Pisaniello, Kayden Saravia, Jiahny Sebastian, and Joslyn Smith.

9th Grade

Honor Roll list: Jordyn Cerone, Carissa Ciorciari, Fatoumata Gai, Riley Gorr, Chanel Han, Lucas McCarthy, Conner McManus, Jozyr McNeil, Heysel Mejia Corcio, Dayana Murillo Madrid, Fabio Narkaj, Efrain Rodriguez, Axel Salinas Mejia, Inmer Santos Morales, Abigail Toledo, and Rodrigo Zacapexpan Reyes.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Sarah Blume, Emina Cenovic, Ashleigh Fuentes Ardon, Eric Moocz, Robert Perrera, Alisha Tremper, and Peyton Varner.

10th Grade

Honor Roll list: Edison Bastidas Avendano, Bintou Darboe, Marcos DerasLopez, Jonathan Dias Paredes, Sebastian Fowler, Kaedyn Freeman, Hector Jami Cocha, Virginio Jeronimo Sanchez, Joey Ketcham, Eric Li, Johnarris Lopez-Landaverde, Carmen Montes Velasco, Isis Santos Berrios, and Gavin Storms.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Angelina Alvarado, Saladin Basic, Karrine Bennett, Andrew Bensimon, Xzavier Berrios, Lee-Ann DiNapoli, Jaecob Espinoza, Emmabella Ferreira, Douglas Medina Carcamo Jr., Joslyn Odell Schreier, Madeline Pantel, Allison Rojas, Marilyn Santos, and Skylar Wright.

11th Grade

Honor Roll list: Maya Ballard, Isaiah Brown, Amerie Capicchioni, Nehemiah Damon, Kenya Escalante, Kaelyn Fuentes, Adrianna Garcia, Isaac Hernandez Martinez, Hayden-Marie Herrera, Bryce Junior, Daris Koljkenovic, Mayline Maldonado, Francely Maradiaga, Nancy Martinez Cadena, Jamin McCollough, Brianna McManus, Juan Morales Perez, Brianna Noller, Mauricio Ordonez Nunez, Dalila Ortiz Fuentes, Keven Padilla Perdomo, Jennifer Rios Nunez, and Emy Sierra Mejia.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Isabelle Batista, Kimberly Diaz, Ethan Dunn, Jeffrey Evangelista Jr., Nicole Jimenez, Hannah Johnson, Erli Maldonado Garcia, William

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12th Grade

Honor Roll list: Jasmine Acevedo, Ezekiel Acosta, Meredith Anderman, Haris Basic, Jordan Batista, Madison Bertholf, Nikolas Bonner, Emily Bou, Sherlin Bruno Pinzon, Emily DeLaCruz, Alaina Dinkel, Etiben Escalante, Lilly Fairman, Arianna Gonzalez, Adira GreerPadilla, Terrence Hayden Jr., Lidia Hernandez Ponce, Ashley Ingrassia, Aryany Mercado Dubon, Cian Meyer, John Padilla Orellana, Catherine Pena, Semaj-zae Potter, Nadiushka Rosa Gonzalez, Alexandra Ruiz, Rugiatu Sesay, Willson Torres Martinez, Diego Ugsha, Ariel Vasquez, Alyssa Velazquez, and Isaiah Young.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Gustavo Avila Morales, Asly Avila Reyes, Anngeleena Bruno, Emma DeGraw, Alexander Depuy-McBride, Chloe Doolittle, Miya Ennist, Jaedon Espinoza, Brandon Fierro, JeanCarolos Galeas Iraheta, Kevin Hernandez Martinez, Kristian Huttemeyer, Mia Irlbacher, Jane Islas Escamilla, Angelina Levner, Adam Mednick, Georgia'Rane O'Brien, Junior Ordonez Bonilla, Emily Perna, Jalysa Poindexter, Elizabeth Rivas-Ferruffino, Selina Rodriguez, Besart Selimaj, Charlotte Steingart, and Christopher Yautentzi Reyes.

Winter Hiking 101

Sat, Feb 10 / 11am-12pm / Catskills Visitor Center

Join Catskill Center Staff Alexa Tumbarello at the Catskills Visitor Center for a 1-hour talk and mini-hike to learn the basics of winter hiking! The program will cover safety, gear, tips for staying comfortable, and more. Bring your questions and desire to learn!

Participants should dress for cold weather including a hat, gloves, and warm jacket. Advanced registration is helpful but not required.

Catskills Visitor Center
5096 NY-28, Mt Tremper, NY
12457



David Brittenham and Carolyn Summers
 P.O. Box 424
 Neversink, New York 12765
concernedcitizensofneversink@gmail.com

February 5, 2024

Sheriff Michael A. Schiff
 Sullivan County Sheriff's Office
 58 Old Route 17
 Monticello, NY 12701
 Fax: 845-794-0810
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District Attorney Brian Conaty
 Sullivan County District Attorney's Office
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 Email: Brian.Conaty@sullivanny.us

By First Class Mail, Fax and Email

Re: Ongoing Harassment of Wade St. Germain and RJ Baker

Messrs. Schiff and Conaty:

We are Sullivan County residents and property owners. We are appalled at the behavior of Sullivan County law enforcement with respect to two prominent local citizens and business owners, Wade St. Germain and RJ Baker, the proprietors of the popular venue Cabernet Frank's in Parksville.

We were gratified to hear that the absurd charges against Messrs. St. Germain and Baker were dismissed by the District Attorney following the court hearing last week. We remain thoroughly unhappy that charges of this kind were brought in the first place in our County, and even more so concerning the manner in which they were brought.

We believe that, whether or not intended, Sullivan County law enforcement is sending a clear message that LGBTQ+ community members are not welcome in our county, even those that own a high profile, anchor business in a struggling hamlet that desperately needs their presence. That is not acceptable. We believe that homophobia has no place in Sullivan County. Sullivan County prides itself on welcoming tourism. Just how welcoming do you think the County will be viewed if it comes to have a homophobic reputation?

We believe that the very least that the Sheriff and the District Attorney owe the public is this: (1) make a public statement about how these charges came to be brought; (2) identify and if appropriate discipline those responsible; and (3) assure the public that this sort of grievous miscarriage of justice will not happen again.

We also believe that the Sheriff and the District Attorney owe an apology to Messrs. St. Germain and Baker, along with strong assurances that the law enforcement personnel of Sullivan County will treat them respectfully and ensure that their protection order is enforced, and that their neighbor Joe Peters will not be allowed to continue to harass them. And further, the County at a minimum should reimburse them for their legal expenses and any other out-of-pocket costs involved in this miscarriage of justice.

To be clear, we are expressing our views solely as Sullivan County residents and property owners. We have no connection, personal or otherwise, to Messrs. St. Germain and Baker, or their business endeavors. We simply want to see justice for these members of our community, and law enforcement conducted in Sullivan County in a respectful, unbiased, even-handed and lawful manner.

Respectfully submitted,

David Brittenham and Carolyn Summers

cc: Wade St. Germain and RJ Baker
 Michael Sussman, Esq.
 Members of the Sullivan County Legislature
 Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association
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SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF

58 OLD ROUTE 17, MONTICELLO, NY 12701

Dear Mr. Brittenham and Ms. Summers,

I am responding to your letter of February 5, 2024 in which you express several concerns related to the recent charges filed against Mr. Wade St. Germain and Mr. R.J. Baker in the Town of Liberty Justice Court.

The charges in question involved an alleged violation of a court order and the alleged unlawful dissemination or publication of an intimate image. While I understand that you may find these two charges that are found in the New York State Penal Law to be “absurd”, they are nonetheless valid laws that have been passed by the state legislature. Under the New York State Criminal Procedure law, the Deputy Sheriffs involved in this investigation had “probable cause” to file these charges. Ultimately, the District Attorney, at his discretion, exercised his authority to dismiss the charges in the “interest of justice.”

Your assertion that the Sheriff’s Office is not welcoming to the LGBTQ+ community or somehow displays “homophobia” is quite amusing. The Sheriff’s Office under Sheriff Michael Schiff’s tenure has a solid record of outreach and engagement with the LGBTQ+ community. The Sheriff and his staff have spent countless hours over the years working with the community on local issues, public events, as well as the investigation and prevention of crimes and violence. Furthermore, the Sheriff’s Office not only employs members of the LGBTQ+ community, but has promoted members through the ranks to leadership positions within the organization. We have reached out to our friends and neighbors in the community and they agree that the allegations outlined in your letter are baseless, without merit and appear to be intentionally divisive given the circumstances.

Over the past several years the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office has investigated numerous criminal complaints made by Mr. St. Germain and Mr. Baker against their next door neighbors. These investigations have been conducted without any hesitation or bias. Where appropriate, arrests have been made. The defendants in these cases have been prosecuted and in certain instances have even served jail time. What is important to remember is that being a victim in one case does not give one immunity from prosecution in another. When the Sheriff’s Office receives a complaint from a member of the public, the matter will be investigated and the necessary action will be taken. The law must be followed and applied equally.

Thank you for taking the time to contact the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Chaboty".

Eric Chaboty
Undersheriff

TVCS Adult Education Spring Session Begins February 12th

The Adult Education Spring 2024 Session will begin the week of February 12, 2024 and will end April 26, 2024.

Our spring session offerings are as follows:

Hallwalking: Monday-Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm- Sign in at the SS front desk

Painting: Every other Monday (5 classes) 6:00 8:30 pm- ES Art Room (\$10/class for supplies)
Meeting dates: 2/12, 2/26, 3/11, 3/25, 4/15

Basketball: Monday- 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. -SS gym

Quilting: Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm- SS Lower level meeting room

Volleyball: Tuesday 6:00-8:00 pm- SS Upper gym

Yoga: Wednesday 6:00-7:15 pm- SS Library

Chess: Wednesday 6:00-8:00 pm -SS Media Center

If you are interested in participating in the Adult Education Program, please take some time to complete and return the survey located here: <https://www.trivalleycsd.org/about-us/adult-education/>

For more information call Kathy Moran at 985-2296, or e-mail kathryn Moran@trivalleycsd.org.

FAMILY of Woodstock Hotline Training

Family of Woodstock is offering a Hotline training program starting Friday, February 9th. The program is designed to provide crisis intervention and support services to those in need. As a Hotline volunteer, you'll be equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to help individuals and families in crisis. This is a great opportunity to make a positive impact in your community while gaining valuable experience. Don't miss out!

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Spring Training is on 4/13/24 & **Orientation** is on 5/4/24, both from 11am-2:30pm.

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Ongoing County Training Focuses On Building Up First-Responders' Ranks Bureau of Fire Hosting Professionally-Taught Classes

Monticello, NY - As January closed out, the Sullivan County Bureau of Fire hosted a Recruitment & Retention Coordinators' Workshop at the Emergency Training Center in Swan Lake.



The workshop was grant-funded by the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Workforce Solutions, and instructors from around the country and locally shared ideas about the skills necessary to bring in and keep quality volunteers.

"Participants were able to come away with a plan - specific to their department - to recruit and retain members, which is a crucial activity for all of our volunteer agencies," said Deputy Public Safety Commissioner and Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild, himself a firefighter and longtime member of the Jeffersonville FD.

Attendees included members from Sullivan County Bureau of Fire, Sullivan County Bureau of EMS, EMS agencies, fire departments and even Pennsylvania first-responders.

The Bureau of Fire will be hosting another workshop February 24-25, called "Helping Members Find Their Spark Through Mentoring." If you are a member of a fire department or EMS squad and would like to attend, you can find information on registering at <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Fire/Training>.

Participants included, standing from the left, Woodbourne FD Chief James Tavormina, Workforce Solutions Trainer Zachary Hottel, Workforce Solutions Trainer Jill Holland, Sullivan County 911 and EMS Coordinator Alex Rau, Lake Huntington FD Commissioner/Firefighter Jenna Sayers, Woodbourne FD Captain Jesse Payne, Neversink FD EMS Captain Ann Bivins, Lehigh County (PA) Emergency Management Agency Special Operations Coordinator Kevin Krotzer, Loch Sheldrake FD Firefighter Arron Wizwer, Workforce Solutions Trainer Chis Barron, and Kauneonga Lake FD Firefighter Nicole Blais; and kneeling, Sullivan County Deputy Public Safety Commissioner and Fire Coordinator John Hauschild.

Open Call for Artists in All Mediums

The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA) and curators Marguerite (Maggie) Fuller, Phyllis Chekenian, and Dave Janiec are seeking submissions for the 2024 GREAT WALL OF HONESDALE (GWH). All entrants pay a \$30 entry fee and may submit up to 3 images of artwork through the website CaFE. Creative interpretation of this year's theme "JOURNEY" is encouraged. The deadline for submission is March 24, 2024, and entrants will be notified on April 22, 2024.

The Great Wall of Honesdale is a well-known landmark in Wayne County, Pennsylvania. Over five million cars drive past the Great Wall of Honesdale each year and view the large-scale 11 x 17 foot art panels. In June 2024, twelve panels with newly selected artwork will be unveiled. They remain on display for an entire year. Chosen artwork is also displayed virtually as a permanent feature on the Great Wall of Honesdale's website, which includes links to artist websites and/or social media account(s). TheGreatWallOfHonesdale.com

For full details, please visit the WCAA website:

waynecountyartsalliance.org/entries-2024-great-wall/
and the Call for Entries on the CaFE website:

artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=12958

Free Weekend Performances at DVAA 2024 Salon Series

Presented each year amidst the winter months, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's Salon Series offers audiences the opportunity to experience intimate performances and creative events in Krause Recital Hall. The weekend afternoon events take place from mid-February to early April and are free and open to the public.

Join us as DVAA takes audiences on an exploration of the creative process, featuring exciting new voices from within our community and beyond. Attendees are invited to get up close and personal with various works ranging from play readings to poetry, live music, experimental art to movement and meditation.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2 PM

Love Letters with Act Underground

The 2024 Salon Series launches with a special Valentine themed event. Join us for a reading of AR Gurney's Love Letters directed and performed by members of the Act Underground Theatre Company. The play chronicles the relationship between Andy Makepeace Ladd III, a staid, dutiful lawyer, and Melissa Gardner, a lively, unstable artist, through their lifelong correspondence, told entirely through their notes, invitations, and letters exchanged from second grade through high school, college, and adulthood. Tracing the story of their bittersweet relationship, Love Letters unfolds through what is written-and what is left unsaid-in their letters over their lives. Featuring Lisa Gonsalves and Gregg Triggs, the performance is directed by Kyoshin Lohr.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 2 PM

"Langston Hughes' Poetry" with G. Oliver King

Honoring Black History Month, DVAA welcomes actor G. Oliver King to perform a selection of poetry as the author, Langston Hughes. King's approach as an actor and performer allows him to embody the persona of the literary giant of the Harlem Renaissance. King has previously performed as

Frederick Douglass and MLK's iconic "I Have a Dream" speech throughout the region.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th, 2 PM

"Live Loop Painting" with Seth Faergolzia

Hear the colors, see the music! Antifolk avant-rock artist, Seth Faergolzia, performs wildly imaginative, improvised paintings with feedback sound loops in a synesthetic spectacle. Faergolzia, known for his avant-garde musical style has toured globally and continues to innovate in the realm of performance art.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17th, 2 PM

"SCCO: Evolution of the Double Bass" with Andrew Trombley

Andrew Trombley, a renowned double bassist and Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra's Artistic Director, will perform a unique program exploring the development of the double bass from the 18th to the 20th centuries. With pieces by Beethoven, Pergolesi, and Lee Hoiby, the performance will demonstrate the technical and vocal capabilities that make the double bass one of the most remarkable instruments in Western classical music.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 2 PM

"Chair Yoga for Artists" with Liza Laird & Steve Werner*

Whether you're a painter, sculptor, writer, or any other creator, repetitive motions can strain both body and mind. Liza Laird will lead us in a Chair Yoga session tailored to alleviate the physical toll of artistic endeavors and ignite your creative spark through movement and meditation. No prior yoga experience is necessary! The session will be accompanied by percussionist Steve Werner with the ethereal sounds of the handpan, creating an immersive sound bath for participants. Laird is a fiber artists and certified yoga teacher. She teaches knitting and mindfulness classes and hosts retreats online and worldwide. Her book, Yoga of Yarn, is the go-to guide for knitters who want to take a spiritual journey with their craft.

* space is limited; advance registration recommended

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 2 PM

Richard Hoehler's "E"

Blending elements of memoir and tribute, this one-person show promises to be a memorable experience. "E," written and performed by Richard Hoehler, is directed by Leigh Strimbeck. The performance is a poignant exploration of the remarkable friendship between Hoehler and the much older Edith Speziali. With irreverent wit and candid storytelling, the actor shares the experiences, triumphs, and unconventional dynamics of their relationship. Hoehler is a playwright, actor, and advocate. He is the founder of Acting Out, a pioneering theatre company for the formerly incarcerated based at HB Studio. His upcoming book, Acting Out: How a Prison Theatre Workshop Broke Free, will be released in the fall of 2024.

ADMISSION & LOCATION:

The Salon Series events take place at 2 PM in DVAA's Krause Recital Hall, on the 2nd floor of 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

All events are free and open to the public. Advance registration is recommended for Chair Yoga for Artists on March 30th.

In case of inclement weather, please check the DVAA website or social media for schedule changes:

<http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/DelawareValleyArtsAlliance/>

<https://www.instagram.com/dvartsalliance/>

SUPPORT:

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

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Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative Complements Governor Hochul's Landmark \$1 Billion Plan to Strengthen New York's Mental Health Care System

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$30 million in supportive housing funding to serve older adults, survivors of domestic and gender-based violence, veterans and chronically homeless families, and individuals with a mental illness or substance use disorder. Administered by the State Office of Mental Health, the eighth round of funding through the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative resulted in 122 awards, which will provide conditional funding for services and operating expenses for up to 4,839 units of supportive housing.

“Supportive housing plays a critical role in our efforts to strengthen New York's mental health care system and ensure all New Yorkers can live successfully within their community,” Governor Hochul said. “The Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative provides the funding needed to provide the services vulnerable populations can rely on to live safely in independent settings.”

Since its inception, the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative has provided operating funding for more than 8,400 units serving vulnerable populations.

This initiative provides operating funding for supportive service providers serving homeless veterans and their families; survivors of domestic and gender-based violence; older adults who are disabled or frail; young adults with a history of incarceration, homelessness, or foster care; chronically homeless individuals and families; individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities; individuals reentering the community from prison; and those living with HIV or AIDS, serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders. The state Office of Mental Health serves as the lead procurement agency for the funding, which is dispersed by an interagency workgroup of eight state agencies serving vulnerable New Yorkers.

Funding may be used for rental assistance and services to eligible target populations to ensure their housing stability. Permissible uses include rental subsidies and other occupancy costs; services or staff to identify and locate eligible individuals that need housing; primary and behavioral health services; employment and vocational training; educational assistance, parenting skills development and support; child care assistance counseling and crisis intervention; children's services, including educational advocacy, support and counseling; and costs associated with services that help individuals and families remain stably housed.

Projects may receive up to \$25,000 per unit per year for service and operating funding needed to operate permanent supportive housing units. Awards are conditional and are contingent on a project securing capital funding for new construction, the adaptive reuse of non-residential property, or the rehabilitation of unregulated residential property to create integrated affordable supportive housing.

Research has shown that permanent supportive housing reduces the demand for shelters, hospital beds, emergency rooms, prisons, and jails, in addition to having a positive effect on employment, school attendance, and mental and physical wellbeing. Supportive housing projects can also positively impact neighborhoods through new construction or by rehabilitating existing buildings.

The initiative complements Governor Hochul's landmark \$1 billion

multi-year plan to strengthen the state's mental healthcare system and drastically reduce the number of individuals with unmet mental health needs throughout the state. Adopted as part of the FY 2024 budget, the plan also includes funding for 3,500 new residential units for New Yorkers struggling with mental illness, dramatically expands outpatient services, and closes gaps in insurance coverage for behavioral health services, prohibiting carriers from denying access to medically necessary, high-need, acute and crisis mental health services for both adults and children.

Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, “Governor Hochul has long been an advocate for supportive housing and understands the need to establish more capacity throughout the state. Her commitment has helped thousands of individuals and families to receive the services they need while living in their own homes. Safe and dignified housing will give people living with mental illness and substance use, our veterans and many others dealing with critical life issues the stability and support they need for a successful recovery.”

Assemblymember Aileen Gunther said, “I am pleased to see that New York State is investing in crucial resources for our most vulnerable residents. Housing is a fundamental human right, and the announced funding will aid those facing challenges in securing a place to live, accessing services for special needs, and addressing mental health issues statewide. It's imperative that we continue advocating for and assisting those in need, making supportive housing available and accessible all across New York State.”

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Governor Hochul Announces Black History Month Exhibit Opens in NYS Capitol

1964: New Yorkers Who Shaped History on View from February 1 to February 29

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the opening of the 2024 Black History Month exhibit in the New York State Capitol. The exhibit celebrates the 60th anniversary of the passage of The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the New Yorkers who helped pave the way for its passage and continued to fight for justice throughout the state.

“New York State has played a pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement and this exhibit will showcase the influential men and women who advocated for justice leading up to the passage of the Civil Rights Act,” Governor Hochul said. “We must continue to honor and pay tribute the New Yorkers who fought and marched for Black rights during this time.”

“New York is proud to have paved the way in the fight for racial justice and civil rights,” said Lieutenant Governor Delgado. “We know the importance of honoring our history and allowing our past to illuminate our future. May we never forget the sacrifices of the civil rights leaders who came before us and may we continue their fight until true liberty and justice for all is finally realized.”

New York State Office of General Services Commissioner Jeanette Moy said, “Black History Month is an opportunity to recognize and honor the significant contributions that the African American community has made and continues to make in our state and nation. 1964: New Yorkers Who Shaped History’ pays tribute to Black New Yorkers who fought for justice and whose collective efforts provided the momentum required to pass the national Civil Rights Act of 1964.”

Black History Month Exhibit

The exhibit, “1964: New Yorkers Who Shaped History,” is located in the Governor’s Reception Room on the Capitol’s second floor and takes visitors on a journey through the fight for civil rights and justice while shining a light on the New Yorkers who played a pivotal role in the fight for justice in New York and the nation. New Yorkers featured in the exhibit include:

Dorothy Height is one of the most influential women in the modern Civil Rights Movement. She is credited with founding the YWCA’s Center for Racial Justice in New York City. Dorothy was also among the first to merge Black and women’s rights. United States leaders, including President Johnson, came to Dorothy for counsel and advice on political matters because of her organizing and civil rights knowledge.

Bayard Rustin was one of the most prolific advocates during the Civil Rights Movement. He was one of Dr. King’s closest advisors and a key organizer of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. He was also responsible for one of New York City’s largest demonstrations for civil rights in 1964: The New York City School Boycott.

Philip Randolph was a labor leader and political strategist who founded the nation’s first Black labor union in 1925, the

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. He was also key in organizing the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Ella Baker was an African American civil rights activist and community organizer who co-founded the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

The free exhibit, which runs through the end of February, is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. For more information, please visit [here](https://empirestateplaza.ny.gov/1964-new-yorkers-who-shaped-history).
<https://empirestateplaza.ny.gov/1964-new-yorkers-who-shaped-history>

Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in UlsterCorps 15th Annual MLK Day Celebration of Service. Saturday, January 13th, 2024 at the Rosendale Recreation Center. The event honored over 160 volunteers from non-profit service organizations throughout Ulster County for their hard work and dedication.

Together we celebrated the broad circle of kindness and generosity that knits us together as a community and demonstrates the value of the volunteer spirit across all generations.



Special thank to our speakers, County Executive Jen Metzger; Esi M. Lewis, Esq.; and Rev. Evelyn Clarke; musicians Love is Love; and to all our sponsors and supporters: Adams Fairacre Farms; Angel Food East; Barbara Bash; Bardavon; Blackboard Bistro; Blue Mountain Bistro-to-Go; Chris Warren; Deborah & Michael DeWan; Green Cottage; Hannaford Plattekill; High Falls Cafe; High Falls Co-Op; Hudson Valley Farm Hub; Hudson Valley Seed Company; Hurds Family Farm; Kingston Candy Bar; Marysa Sacerdote Jewelry; Mental Health Association in Ulster County; Michael DeWan Appraisal & Assoc.; Main Course Catering; MyTown Marketplace; People’s Place; Raising HOPE; RCAL; Rondout Valley Growers Association; Seasoned Delicious; ShopRite New Paltz; Taiji and Qigong by Martha Cheo; The Bakery; Top Taste; Tops Friendly Markets; Town of Rosendale; Ulster Literacy Association; Ulster Savings Bank; Vitality Yoga; Yum Yum Noodle Bar.

Governor Hochul Announces Statewide “Buy Safe, Charge Safe” Campaign to Raise Awareness About the Dangers of Lithium-Ion Battery Fires

Complements the Governor's State of the State Proposal to Ban the Sale of Unsafe Lithium-Ion Batteries Used in Micro-mobility Devices

Multi-Agency Effort Will Educate Consumers About How to Properly Purchase, Use, Charge and Maintain Devices with Lithium-Ion Batteries

New Lithium-Ion Battery Consumer Guide Provides New Yorkers with Clear Safety

Governor Kathy Hochul announced a statewide campaign to raise awareness about the safe use of consumer products that contain lithium-ion batteries, such as e-bikes, e-scooters, hoverboards, smart phones, laptops, toys and power tools. These consumer products have enhanced our lives in many ways; however, they pose serious safety risks if not used properly and with safety in mind. In New York City, there were over 250 fires, more than 130 injuries and at least 18 fatalities in 2023. More fires have occurred statewide, including in Greene, Herkimer, Orange, Jefferson and Suffolk counties, among others. Governor Hochul has also proposed a ban on the sale of uncertified or improperly certified lithium-ion batteries used in micro-mobility devices such as e-bikes and e-scooters.

“As our technology develops, sometimes at a blistering pace, it can make our lives easier and more enjoyable. It can also bring risks we're not accustomed to, and our first line of defense is awareness,” Governor Hochul said. “This campaign effort launched by our best-equipped agencies will help New Yorkers to make educated, safe, smart choices with their purchases on how to best store and use them. I encourage everyone to take just a few minutes to heed these warnings to protect life and property—one life lost is one life too many.”

This multi-agency effort will educate consumers about how to properly purchase, use, charge and maintain devices with lithium-ion batteries, and the potential dangers of their improper use. The effort consists of several New York State agencies, including the Department of State, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Department of Motor Vehicles and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. The Governor also included a proposal in her State of the State and Executive Budget to restrict the sale of lithium-ion batteries in micro-mobility devices unless the batteries have been certified by a nationally recognized testing and certification laboratory in accordance with specified safety standards.

The “Buy Safe, Charge Safe” public awareness campaign will run statewide beginning February 1, 2024. The

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campaign will include display, search and social media ads targeted to individuals purchasing or using consumer products that contain lithium-ion batteries. The ads will focus on what to look for when buying lithium-ion batteries, how to use them safely and how to dispose of them. The ads will also be paired with an educational video. Consumers who click on the ads or video will be directed to a website with more information about using lithium-ion batteries safely. The new one-stop website can be found at: ny.gov/chargesafe

As part of this effort, the New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services created a Lithium-Ion Battery Consumer Safety Guide to give New Yorkers clear safety guidance. Understanding how to safely buy, use, charge, maintain, store and dispose of these items is critical to preventing lithium-ion battery fires. Additionally, understanding the warning signs of a potential fire and knowing how to respond helps reduce the risk of devastation and tragedies.

Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez said, “Consumer products powered by lithium-ion batteries are being used more and more in our everyday lives, but many consumers are unaware of the potential dangers they pose when not handled properly. It's critical for New York consumers to understand how to safely use, charge and store these products, and that's why we've worked with our agency partners to develop clear user guidance and a consumer education campaign to help keep New Yorkers safe.”

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority President and CEO Doreen M. Harris said, “Lithium-ion batteries power everyday consumer products used by millions of New Yorkers, underscoring the importance of raising awareness of potential dangers associated with this technology. (Contd. Pg.

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(From Pg. 34) Empowering the public with the knowledge and information they need to continue to handle or operate these products responsibly not only builds on the State's efforts to protect our communities from potential risks but will help guide us toward a future where innovation and safety harmonize for the well-being of all."

In addition to the public education campaign, the DHSES Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) has developed fire service guidance and related information for lithium-ion battery incidents which is available on its website here. Additionally, OFPC has developed a lithium-ion battery awareness course, with over 2850 course completions to date, including 450 online completions through the DHSES Learning Management System.

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion batteries power many products consumers use every day, and with proper use, pose minimal risk. However, if not handled properly, the lithium-ion battery within the product can become extremely overheated and start large fires that can be hard to control.

Buying tips:

- o Purchase products from reputable manufacturers and vendors: Products that are well-engineered and well-tested are safer products. Avoid the “low price, low quality” option that could put you or your family in danger.
- o Look for a nationally recognized certification laboratory: Safety marks from nationally recognized certification laboratories, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL), mean a product has been certified to meet safety, quality or security standards. Look for safety marks on product packaging, the product itself or within product details when shopping online.
- o Check for recalls before buying: Check to see if a product has been recalled by reviewing the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) database at www.cpsc.gov/recall.

Usage tips:

- o Follow manufacturers' instructions: Always charge, store, and use your devices according to the manufacturer's instructions. Do not disassemble or modify your device's battery in any way. This significantly increases the risk of explosion.
- o Only use the charger that came with your device: If you need to buy a new charger, make sure the replacement is approved by the device manufacturer. Don't replace batteries and chargers with components unless they are specifically designed and approved for your device. Just because a charger fits in your device doesn't mean it is safe to use.

Charging Tips:

- o Never leave any lithium-ion powered devices unattended while charging: Unattended charging can increase the chance of overcharging. When overcharged, lithium-ion batteries may overheat, explode and catch fire. Always remove devices and batteries once they are fully charged.
- o Pick a safe place to charge your device: Do not plug your micro-mobility devices into a power strip or overload an outlet. Do not charge large micro-mobility devices, like e-bikes and hoverboards, near doorways that could block your exit in an

emergency. Avoid charging smaller devices-like smartphones and laptops-under pillows, on beds or on couches. Charge lithium-ion batteries in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids and tripping hazards.

Disposal Tips:

- o Never throw away lithium-ion batteries in household trash or recycling bins: Call2Recycle organizes retail collection takeback programs and voluntary collection programs to safely dispose of lithium-ion batteries and the devices that use them. See Call2Recycle's website for more information at <https://www.call2recycle.org/>. For more information on how to properly manage batteries at end-of-life, see the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation at www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/72065.html, or at www.nyc.gov/batteries for NYC residents.

Warning Signs of a Lithium-Ion Battery Fire

- o Device is hot: It is normal for batteries to generate some heat when they are charging or in use. However, if your device's battery feels extremely hot to touch, it is likely defective and at risk to start a fire.
- o Device is swelling or bulging: Look for any type of lump or leakage from the device as well.
- o Device is making a hissing, cracking, or popping sound: Some failing lithium-ion batteries make hissing, cracking or popping sounds.
- o Device has an odor: Pay attention to any strong or unusual odors coming from the battery. Lithium-ion batteries emit toxic fumes when they fail.
- o Device is smoking: If your device is smoking, a fire may have already started. Get outside, stay outside and call 9-1-1.

If you notice any of these warning signs:

- o Stop using the device and turn it off immediately.
- o Unplug it from the power source.
- o If safe to do so, move it away from anything flammable using tongs or gloves.
- o Leave the area.
- o Call 9-1-1.

What to do if your lithium-ion battery catches fire?

- o Leave the area immediately then call 9-1-1. If you can't get outside, call 9-1-1 and tell the fire department you can't get outside.
- o Do not try to put the fire out yourself. Lithium-ion battery fires spread quickly, aggressively, and can become explosive or reignite. Water may not prevent a battery from burning and fire extinguishers do not work on lithium-ion battery fires. The safest decision you can make is leave the area immediately and call 9-1-1.

For more information on fire safety, prevention, and response visit:

- o NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Fire Prevention and Control: www.dhSES.ny.gov/office-fire-prevention-and-control
- o NYS Division of Consumer Protection: www.dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection.
- o NYS Division of Consumer Protection's Fire Safety Brochure: www.dos.ny.gov/fire-safety-tips
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Attention all Campers! Here is Your Trivia Update for the Month ...

Because the first fell on a Thursday, It's a Valentine's Day sandwich! Mmmm...

The next Trivia Night at The Sullivan House is one week from TODAY: Tuesday, February 13th! 7pm (Elke is determined to make her debut).

The Sullivan House Bar and Grill. 544 Wurtsboro Mountain Road, Wurtsboro, NY
<https://sullivan-house-bar-grill.business.site/>

This one's Character Trivia, so it's a game and a bit of a show. Flyer attached. Hint: Elke is a Bulgarian film star known for her work in film noir.

The next Trivia Night at The Tango Cafe will be next Thursday, February 15th! 7pm go time. Pre-registration is highly recommended to ensure your team gets a table. Reservations can be made at tangocafe@hacny.org or 845-520-5453

This one's a bit more nerdy but, then, so am I.

See the attached flyer for a clue to one of the categories (kind of - he's signing ON).

Both evenings are free. Food and drink available and advised.

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WAHS Players Present 20th Anniversary Production of Les Misérables

The WAHS Players will perform the musical *Les Misérables* at Wallenpaupack Area High School (6552 Route 6, Hawley) on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m.; Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 13 at 6 p.m.; and Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available beginning March 1.

Based on the classic novel by Victor Hugo and set in post-revolutionary France, during a period of widespread poverty and ongoing political and social unrest, *Les Misérables* explores what it means to hunger not only for bread, but also for liberty, justice, salvation, and love. Following its characters and their struggles over several decades, *Les Misérables* explores the danger of indifference to human suffering and reveals the power of compassion.

The WAHS Players first performed *Les Misérables* twenty years ago when Director Alison Hoffmann made her directorial debut at Wallenpaupack. Hoffmann recalls, "Staging this show as a young director in 2004, I'm not sure I realized how powerful the experience would be for students or audiences. When we got a standing ovation one night after Act I - which rarely happens - I knew something had connected. The show's themes, including a yearning to have your voice heard and counted, are universal and just as powerful today as they were twenty years ago."

Members of original production and all WAHS Players alumni are welcome to attend the Saturday, April 13th, 6 p.m. performance and participate in a meet-and-greet immediately after the show. On the 13th, complimentary tickets will be available to WAHS Players alumni. Please visit www.wallenpaupack.org/wahsplayers or email Business Manager Sara Rosencrance at rosencsa@wallenpaupack.org for more info.

Additionally, WAHS Players alumni aged 21+ are invited to an afterparty at The Foundry (318 Main Street, Hawley) following the meet-and-greet. Tickets to this event will be sold separately. \$20 will cover entry, appetizers, and non-alcoholic drinks. There will be a cash bar. For more information or to purchase tickets for this event, please email hoffmaal@wallenpaupack.org.

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Governor Hochul Announces NYS Parks Centennial “Share Your Story Project”

- *New Yorkers Invited to Mark 100 Years of State Parks by Sharing Memories Throughout This Centennial Year*
 - *Campaign is Part of Multi-Faceted 2024 Celebration of New York State's Parks and Historic Sites*
- Watch Centennial 'Share Your Story' Video to Learn How It Works <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uUDVauLb7c>

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the digital “Share Your Story” project and invited the public to share stories, photos, and videos reminiscing on their experiences at New York State Parks and Historic Sites. The multimedia campaign will run throughout 2024 in celebration of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Centennial.

“For 100 years, New Yorkers have visited State Parks and Historic Sites to make memories, to learn and explore, and to have fun,” Governor Hochul said. “This project is a chance to come together to reflect on those memories, listen to each other's stories, and celebrate one of New York State's most significant environmental and cultural legacies and the role it's played in our lives. Don't be shy, Share Your Story.”

New York State Parks has developed several methods for people to share their stories, all of which are explained in detail on their Share Your Story webpage. Text, photos, and videos can be emailed to stories@parks.ny.gov. People may post to Facebook, Instagram, or X using the hashtag #NYStateParksStory. People may also submit text-only stories of up to 500 words using the submission form at parks.ny.gov/100/story.

Throughout 2024, the public will also have the opportunity to hear each other's stories. Stories will be shared on the New York State Parks' Instagram, Facebook, and X channels at @NYStateParks. Stories will also be posted on the New York State Parks Blog at nystateparks.blog; on the New York State Parks website at parks.ny.gov; and in email newsletters.

“As Commissioner, I always enjoy hearing from our staff and from the public about the memories they've made at parks and sites,” said Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid. “Since we began planning our Centennial celebration, we felt it was important to provide an opportunity for people to share their memories. I'm proud to see the launch of the Share Your Story project. I invite everyone to think back, connect with your friends and family, get out the old photo albums, plug in the old external hard drives, and share your stories with your fellow New Yorkers.”

To prompt memories, “Story Sparks” will be posted regularly on State Parks social media channels (@nystateparks), as well as sent in Centennial email newsletters. Staff from Parks and Sites are sharing their own memories in a video series launching in the coming weeks. Several prominent New Yorkers will also share their memories in a series of videos launching later this year. Participating in Share Your Stories is a mission in the Centennial Challenge announced in December.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which saw a record 79.5 million visits in 2022. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit parks.ny.gov, download the free NY State Parks Explorer app or call 518.474.0456. Join us in celebrating our Centennial throughout 2024, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the OPRHP Blog.

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The Wayne County Community Foundation 2024 Scholarship

The Wayne County Community Foundation is very excited to announce the opening of our 2024 scholarship application window for local students! From February 1st to April 1st, high school seniors can apply for a scholarship through our online portal, found at WayneFoundation.Org/Scholarships.

Our streamlined application process utilizes Kaleidoscope, an online portal designed for use by students. Once completing our main application, applicants will be automatically considered for specific scholarships based on the information they provide. Some scholarships require additional information or essays.

The Wayne County Community Foundation has been a trusted partner in supporting local students' academic ambitions for over 30 years. We currently manage more than 50 scholarships with new ones added every year. In addition to those meant for Wayne County high school students, the Foundation also holds a few scholarships for students in other regions, as well as for adult learners and children.

For more information, visit our website <https://WayneFoundation.Org> or send us an email.

Daniel Pierce Library Presents...

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 10, 2024
Open House 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



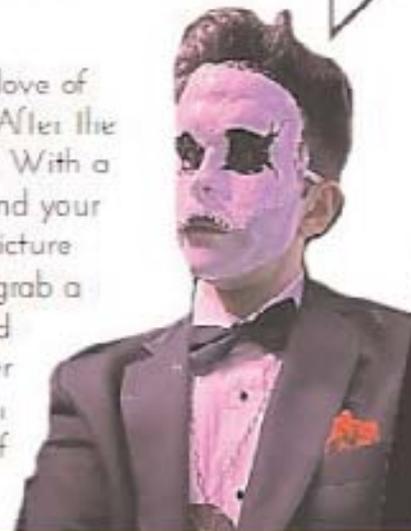
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Consider taking HUM1350 this spring, which will introduce students to the importance of public spaces for community health and wellness; careers and opportunities associated with caring for public spaces, facilities and grounds, parks and main streets; an understanding of the effort to engage citizens in creating public spaces.

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Pattern for Progress welcomes seven regional leaders to its Board of Directors



James Arrabito
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Susan Browning
President
Vassar Brothers Medical Center



Alison Buckley
President
SUNY Ulster



Javier Gomez
Director of Community Development & Impact
Hudson River Housing



Tony Marmo
President
Normann Staffing



Julika von Stackelberg
Family & Community Resilience Educator
Cornell Cooperative Extension



Clarissa Timbrouck
Commercial Relationship Manager
Rondout Savings Bank

NEWBURGH - Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress is pleased to announce the addition of seven regional leaders to its Board of Directors. Directors on Pattern's board support its nonprofit mission to provide objective research and planning to the Hudson Valley by helping the organization with strategic planning, governance, fundraising, and by bringing the nonprofit's work to regional leaders who can use it for action.

Directors are nominated and voted into office by the broader membership of Pattern for Progress, which includes academic institutions, businesses, nonprofit organizations and local governments throughout the nine-county region that it serves. The following were appointed as new board members:

James Arrabito is an attorney with Catania, Mahon & Rider, PLLC in Newburgh. His practice focuses primarily on all aspects of environmental regulation, diligence, and litigation under state and federal law. Arrabito also works with clients on commercial real estate transactions and development matters, providing multi-faceted legal counsel with a strong emphasis on mitigating environmental liabilities. Arrabito also represents landowners in negotiating ground leases and purchase options for utility-scale renewables projects in the Hudson Valley. Arrabito earned his law degree from Rutgers Law School and, prior to entering private practice, served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jaynee LaVecchia (Ret.), Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Susan Browning is western regional president of Nuvance Health and president of Vassar Brothers Medical Center, where she oversees the center's operations, including financial performance, patient satisfaction and quality of care. She works closely with a team of healthcare professionals to ensure the medical center continues to be a leader in healthcare in the Hudson Valley. Prior to joining Nuvance Health, Browning served at Northwell Health for more than 24 years in numerous roles. She was vice president for administration at New York Presbyterian-Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, where she managed hospital operations and support services, as well as strategic ambulatory care development and outpatient operations. Browning earned her master's degree in public health from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and her bachelor's degree of arts from Barnard College at Columbia University. She is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, past president of Healthcare Leaders of New York, and also served as an examiner with the United States Department of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program.

Alison Buckley is the seventh president of SUNY Ulster. She assumed office in 2022, bringing a student-centered approach to leadership and cultivating a culture of inclusive excellence to increase degree completion and transfer to four-year colleges and universities (Contd. Pg. 47)

Pattern for Progress welcomes seven regional leaders to its Board of Directors

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Buckley previously served as vice president for enrollment management and student affairs for Connecticut State Community Colleges, and associate vice president of enrollment management at Howard Community College in Maryland. She is also experienced in the classroom; she taught at the American College Dublin, the Community College of Philadelphia, Delaware County Community College, and Howard Community College. She currently serves on the advisory committee of Presidents for the Association of Community College Trustees, the National Junior College Athletic Association Presidents' Commission, and has served on the American Association of Community Colleges Commission on Institutional Infrastructure and Transformation. Buckley earned a doctoral degree in organizational leadership studies from Northeastern University, a master's degree in history and a postgraduate certificate in museum studies from the University of Delaware, an M.Phil. in women's studies from the University of Dublin, Trinity College, and an M.B.A from the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park. She holds a bachelor's degree in classics and history from Randolph College, where she currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

Javier Gomez is the director of community development and impact for Hudson River Housing. He oversees advocacy, communications, and various community programs and local partnerships for the agency. He also reviews internal data and prepares reports related to the nonprofit's organizational impact. Gomez held previous positions within the agency as a real estate development program coordinator and manager of real estate development, where he coordinated the development of affordable housing projects throughout the Hudson Valley. Before joining Hudson River Housing in 2018, he completed a one-year service term as an Americorps VISTA for the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative in the City of Newburgh sponsored by the United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region. Gomez has a deep interest in the issues of regional community and economic development as demonstrated by his other professional experiences as a Pattern for Progress Fellow, Good Work Institute Fellow, and as a cohort-member of the Community Preservation Corporation's ACCESS program. He is a second-generation American of Dominican and Colombian heritage, and a lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley. Gomez earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Marist College.

Tony Marmo is the president of Normann Staffing, a staffing and recruitment agency based in Kingston. Normann Staffing has served hundreds of businesses and placed thousands of employees in Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Greene, Columbia and Sullivan counties. Marmo previously served as the CEO of Kingston Hospital, and as an administrator at three skilled nursing facilities in New York and New Jersey. He continues to hold an active license to administer a nursing home in New York. Marmo is an active community volunteer. He is currently the Hudson Valley District Membership Chair for Rotary International; is the co-founder and current president of the Ulster County Italian American Foundation; serves as president of Ulster Strong, and a board member for the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation. He serves on the board of the Ulster County Workforce Development Board and

volunteered as a co-host on Kingston Community Radio/WGHQ for 18 years, most recently as co-host of Tutto Italiano! on Radio Kingston/WKNY. Marmo earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Pace University and his master's degree in public administration from Long Island University.

Julika von Stackelberg is the family and community resilience educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County. She is an educator, resilience trainer, and researcher focused on building communities of belonging based on strategies that promote well-being and equity. She is a speaker and community organizer with insights and strategies for professionals, families, individuals, and youth that reduce stress, foster connection, increase protective factors, build resilience, and create belonging. Julika has a culturally diverse background and is internationally experienced through work and research. She is a leader of innovative community-based approaches to increasing public health through programs like the Master Community Builder Program, a research-based program she developed, piloted, and launched in 2023. The program is built on a culturally responsive and sustaining framework that centers on human and planetary well-being and expertly trains individuals to build resilient communities. Julika serves on several community coalitions and organization boards and holds appointments on statewide advisory and advocacy committees. Julika holds a bachelor's degree in African studies and development studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London and a master's degree in social justice and community organizing from Prescott College. Von Stackelberg is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in sustainability education at Prescott College, AZ, where she is researching social imaginaries as a framework for the transition toward resilient and regenerative communities.

Clarissa Timbrouck has worked in the banking industry for 12 years, and with Rondout Savings Bank since 2017. She has worked in both retail banking and lending, currently in commercial lending. She is knowledgeable in providing community members with exceptional service and delivering solutions to help them achieve their financial goals. Timbrouck is passionate about learning about local businesses, guiding them through their financial needs and helping them succeed in the community. She is very involved in the community by sitting on a variety of boards including, The YMCA of Ulster County, The YWCA of Ulster County, and the Kingston Midtown Business Foundation.

About Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress is a nonprofit organization that provides objective research, planning, and educational training throughout the region. Its work identifies civic challenges and promotes regional, equitable, and sustainable solutions to constantly improve the quality of life in Hudson Valley communities. Pattern develops its work upon a considerable foundation of facts and experience, without political aims or affiliations.

Pattern was founded in 1965 by the region's academic, business, and nonprofit leaders. It serves a nine-county region that includes Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. Visit Pattern-For-Progress.org. Follow on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn @PatternForProgress, and on Twitter @HVPattern.



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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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After a busy week down in Washington, D.C., I wanted to provide another update on how I'm fighting for Hudson Valley priorities:

LIFTING KIDS OUT OF POVERTY, INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES

Hudson Valley families are feeling the pressure of making ends meet.

This week's landmark Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act provides direct relief to over 16 million working families, lifts hundreds of thousands of kids out of poverty, and lowers the cost of housing for hundreds of thousands more.

In NY-18 alone, the expanded Child Tax Credit that I've long advocated for will improve the lives of over 40,000 kids. The enhanced Low-Income Housing Tax Credit will help develop more than 200,000 affordable housing units nationwide.

Combined with historic investments in our local small businesses and increased incentives for research and development, we're setting up the Hudson Valley economy to thrive for decades to come.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Everyone deserves the assistance they need right where they're at - my team goes that extra mile to cut through bureaucratic red tape and get Hudson Valley families the benefits they've earned with the C.A.R.E.S. Van.

We're almost at our goal of visiting every one of NY-18's 82 municipalities. If you could use assistance with a federal agency, I hope you'll join my team at one of this month's events!

GIVING A LONG OVERDUE AWARD



Sergeant Stephen Cole of Rhinebeck undertook heroic actions in service to our country in the Vietnam War.

It was an absolute privilege to present him with a long overdue Purple Heart and by entering his heroism into the Congressional Record in recognition of his selfless service and bravery.

Sergeant Cole, we owe you a debt of thanks that can never be fully repaid.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As we begin celebrating Black History Month throughout February, there are countless events across the Hudson Valley uplifting and amplifying the invaluable voices and stories of Black Americans.

Black History Kingston is organizing many events for the Hudson Valley to join in - learn more about some of them here !

HONORING POUGHKEEPSIE HEROES

It was a true privilege to attend this year's Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department awards ceremony.

Thank you to our officers for their heroic actions keeping our families safe, and to the honorees, including officers Erik Anderson, Travis Van De Water, Kevin Brady, and Lawrence Eberwein, whose courageous actions saved the lives of members of our NY-18 community.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE ANDERSON CENTER

A huge Happy 100th Birthday to the Anderson Center for Autism!

I was honored to present CEO Patrick Paul with a Congressional Record thanking the Center for its invaluable services to and fierce advocacy for our Hudson Valley neighbors and loved ones with autism.

PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY

This past week marked 84 years since the first Social Security check was issued.

From bringing the Social Security Administration back to Ulster County with the CARES Van, to assisting seniors secure their earned benefits, I'm committed to protecting Social Security and making it easily accessible.

If you need assistance with Social Security, contact my office here <https://patryan.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency> on my website or by calling (845) 443-2930.

MARKING INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Last Saturday marked International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and 79 years since the Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated.

It is our solemn duty to never forget the 6 million Jews and millions of others murdered during the Holocaust.

We must remember, so that such evil never returns to this earth.

SENDING VALENTINES TO VETS

NY-18, there's still a few days left to participate in this year's Valentines for Vets!

Our veterans risk their lives to protect us - it's the ultimate form of selfless love for our country and fellow Americans. Help us thank them for their sacrifices by dropping off or mailing your cards to my Newburgh office at 605 Broadway in by February 7.

I'm looking forward to delivering them to veterans across the Hudson Valley.

CONGRATULATING THE CARY INSTITUTE

Thrilled this week to announce that the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies will receive nearly \$600,000 to start a new program training teachers from underserved schools in cutting edge ecological sciences, bringing top-tier science curriculums to schools in the Hudson Valley and across the country.

Teachers will also have the opportunity to participate in Cary's renowned tick-borne Lyme disease research program that I saw in action at a visit to the Institute last year.

Teachers interested in participating can learn more and apply here . <https://www.caryinstitute.org/eco-inquiry/research-experiences-teachers-biorets> (Contd. Pg. 54)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 53)

PREPARING YOU FOR TAX SEASON

The Inflation Reduction Act gave the IRS the funding to crack down on wealthy tax cheats and help hardworking Hudson Valley families file their taxes for free.

New York State is part of the pilot program for the IRS's new, free online tax software. Learn more here . https://apnews.com/article/income-taxes-irs-filing-season-tax-3183677b56af696bd5e005fa01388f79?utm_campaign=TrueAnthem&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter

You can access additional tools for preparing your taxes and file online here at the IRS website . <https://www.irs.gov/>

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

The Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program provides critical funding to strengthen volunteer fire departments and districts statewide. Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$1,000,000 if proposing projects for construction, renovation, or purchase costs for critical facilities (buildings, training facilities, etc.) that support fire operations, or up to \$500,000 if proposing projects for allowable fire service equipment to upgrade and improve their response capabilities. Application due April 30. See the following for more information and resources: Request for Applications (RFA) , Application Worksheet , Frequently Asked Questions , E-Grants Tutorial

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) provides support to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The FY 2024 AFG application period is expected to run Jan. 29 through March 8, 2024. The AFG Program will conduct application development workshop webinars for the 2024 AFG starting on Jan. 8, 2024. The schedule is posted HERE . <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/workshops>

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Specialty Crop Block Grant program is now accepting proposals for projects that work towards the following outcomes: improved pest and disease control, develop new seed varieties and specialty crops, expand specialty crop research and development, and improve environmental sustainability of specialty crops. The potential grant award was recently increased to \$250,000. Learn more about this grant and others here . <https://nyfvi.org/>

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available through its Community Change Grants Program to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. This opportunity will be available for a year, closing on November 21, 2024, and EPA will review applications on a rolling basis. This allows applicants to utilize technical assistance and possibly resubmit a new application if not initially selected. EPA encourages applicants to apply as early as possible.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is now accepting applications for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2024. The pop-

ular program helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact. RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the state and local levels, including municipalities, Tribal governments, counties, and others complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects. Application due by February 28, 2024 .

New York State's Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program has announced that \$1 million is available to support community growing spaces and fund projects geared toward the development and enhancement of urban farms, school gardens, and community gardens across the state. Learn more here . <https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0318-urban-farms-and-community-gardens-grant-program>

New York State recently announced more than \$60 million in capital grant funding will be available to nonprofit human services organizations through the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program to support the delivery of critical services to New Yorkers. Eligible nonprofit organizations that provide direct programs and services to New Yorkers may receive grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 for the completion of small- and large-scale construction projects. Learn more here .

If you want to stay up-to-date on all of that my office is doing, I encourage you to follow along on our social media channels: Facebook and Twitter .

Please remember that my office is always here to help if you have a question or need assistance. You can reach us using the contact information above and below and we will do everything we can to connect you with the resources you need.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Nominating Donald Trump for a Nobel Peace Prize



Donald Trump was instrumental in facilitating the first new peace agreements in the Middle East in almost 30 years. For decades, bureaucrats, foreign policy "professionals," and international organizations insisted that additional Middle East peace agreements were impossible without a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. President Trump proved that to be false. (Contd. Pg. 55)

This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 54) In 2020, President Trump negotiated the normalization agreements between Israel, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Morocco, and Sudan, which were signed in December 2020 and January 2021. Trump also worked diligently to lay the groundwork for a future normalization agreement between Israel and Saudi Arabia. These valiant efforts, led by President Trump, created the unprecedented Abraham Accords that continue to go unrecognized by the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, underscoring the need for his nomination. Now more than ever, when Joe Biden's weak leadership on the international stage is threatening our country's safety and security, we must recognize Trump for his strong leadership and his efforts to achieve world peace. I am honored to nominate former President Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize and am eager for him to receive the recognition he deserves.

READ MORE: Rep Tenney nominates Trump for Nobel Peace Prize for 'historic' Abraham Accords
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/rep-tenney-nominates-trump-nobel-peace-prize-historic-abraham-accords>

Supporting the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act

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

The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024 is a pro-growth, pro-worker bill that ensures that hardworking Americans, family-owned farms, and small businesses that have suffered for far too long under Biden's disastrous policies receive much-needed economic relief. This comprehensive bill was shaped by critical feedback from Main Street Americans across the country and New York's 24th District. This package, focused on renewing President Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, will boost our economy and give manufacturers the tools they need to bolster our global competitiveness. Not only does passing this bill work to preserve over 7,300 jobs in New York, but it also retains \$622 million per year in R&D-related wages for our state. I am thrilled that this bill, which will increase desperately needed economic growth, passed the House this week. By voting in favor of this bill, I reiterated my commitment to supporting fiscally conservative economic policies implemented by President Trump that deliver much-needed relief for the hardworking taxpayers of NY-24.

I recently spoke at a Ways and Means Committee Markup to highlight how this fiscally conservative bill will grow our economy. View my remarks here or at the link above!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNSsBsbPDMQ>

Prohibiting Federal Funds from Being Used to Provide Gender Transition Procedures to Minors

Radical pro-transgender policies continue to be pushed on our children, threatening their well-being and safety. Not only are gender transition procedures dangerous, but irreversible. Studies show that 80-95% of gender-dysphoric children stop experiencing dysphoria after puberty if the child receives no hormonal or surgical intervention. In addition, 70% of taxpayers are opposed to these experimental and irreversible treatments on minors, making legislation to prevent the federal government from supporting these surgeries critical. I co-sponsored the PROTECTS Act to ensure that tax dollars are not used to fund these procedures on our nation's youth and to continue my fight to protect our children against these radical and woke ideologies.

Transparency in Congress and a well-informed electorate are vital to preserving our self-governing Constitutional Republic. My constituents deserve to know how their members of Congress vote, which is why I have explained every vote I have cast in Congress since I was first elected.

To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House, please click here. <https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained>

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6976, the Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act, which would make driving under the influence a

deportable crime for illegal immigrants. Each year, over 10,000 Americans, including roughly 1,000 children, die from drunk and impaired drivers. H.R. 6976 would ensure that illegal immigrants who carelessly risk the lives of Americans are deported and no longer pose an active threat to our fellow citizens. We must continue to combat the scourge of impaired driving, and this bill is a thoughtful first step. H.R. 6976 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 274-150.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7024, the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024, legislation to extend many critical provisions from President Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I played a key role in shaping H.R. 7024, which is fully offset by curtailing a pandemic-era program and provides economic growth and much-needed tax relief for New Yorkers. This bipartisan legislation was developed with the feedback of Main Street Americans, provided through the House Ways and Means Committee's numerous field hearings held across the country. It contains many provisions to support small businesses and boost our competitiveness with adversaries around the world, such as China. In particular, this bill will boost domestic research and development and encourage investments in American business and manufacturing. In addition, it would increase access to affordable housing and maintain a child tax credit structure that rewards work, while rejecting extreme policies advocated by far-left groups. From hardworking families, to manufacturers, to multigenerational family farms, H.R. 7024 will have wide-ranging benefits for so many New Yorkers who are suffering under soaring costs, rising taxes, and regulatory expansion. As a longtime small business owner, I understand firsthand the pressures that Americans are facing, which is why I was honored to support this bill as it passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 357-70.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2754, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the "Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building". Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza served in the United States Marine Corps until he and 13 other service members were killed by a suicide bomber in Kabul, Afghanistan during the withdrawal effort. Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez joined the United States Marine Corps Reserves in 2000, serving until 2005 when he was killed during a combat operation in Anbar Province, Iraq. Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. enlisted in the United States Army in 1996, eventually working as a U.S. Border Patrol agent in his hometown of Laredo, Texas. In May 2004, he was deployed to Iraq, where he would remain until 2005 when he was killed a day before his previously scheduled return home. These three men dedicated their lives to serving and protecting America, making the ultimate sacrifice in the process. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 420-0, with 2 voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6678, the Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act, which would make committing social security fraud or fraud related to COVID loans and grants a deportable crime. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, one of my top priorities is ensuring Social Security is protected for our seniors and available for generations to come. Social Security fraud weakens our nation's Social Security system, costing billions of dollars per year. Illegal immigrants who commit Social Security fraud should be immediately deported. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 272-155.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6679, the No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act, which would expedite the removal of members of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and anyone involved in the horrific October 7 massacre. In addition, it would ensure these individuals are ineligible for asylum claims. While hundreds of individuals on U.S. terrorist watch lists pour across our border, the Biden administration refuses to enforce U.S. immigration law.(Contd. Pg. 56)

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(From Pg. 55) We must ensure that individuals that are associated with these horrific terrorist groups are not allowed in the United States. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 422-2, with 1 voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5585, the Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act. H.R. 5585 would make intentionally evading U.S. Border Patrol agents, or law enforcement agents assisting U.S. Border Patrol, a deportable crime. Under this bill, aliens that are convicted of, or admit to, this offense would be ineligible for asylum and would be immediately removed from the United States. Further, this bill adds enhanced penalties if evasion from law enforcement results in serious bodily injury or death. Due to President Biden and his administration refusing to enforce our nation's laws, Congress must work to give law enforcement the tools they need to effectively do their jobs. I wholeheartedly support this commonsense legislation and will work with House Republicans to bring an end to our crisis at the border. H.R. 5585 passed the House by a vote of 271-154.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5528, the Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act of 2023. H.R. 5528 requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to report to Congress on whether the "lowest price technically acceptable" procurement method creates strategic and technical vulnerabilities in our national defense. Under existing law, federal agencies are required to purchase the lowest price technically acceptable item, but in many cases, these items may be critical for national security and the lowest price technically acceptable solution may be from China or another hostile nation. H.R. 5528 would help evaluate whether this procurement method properly ensures America's national security, protecting our nation from threats and hostile foreign actors. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 397-0.

I voted "Yes" on S. 3427, the Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act of 2023. S. 3427 would extend authorization for overtime pay from 2023 to 2028 for the United States Secret Service (USSS). Additionally, this bill would require the USSS Director to provide an in-depth proposal on how to minimize overtime usage to save taxpayer dollars. S. 3427 promotes fiscal responsibility while ensuring America's leaders remain secure from threats. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 379-20.



Mollinaro Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Provide Consistent & Reliable Funding to Delaware & Susquehanna River Basins

Molinaro: Bill Will Protect Waterways & Access To Clean Drinking Water

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today introduced the Ensure Funding For Our Environment Act. This bipartisan bill will provide consistent and reliable federal funding for the Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commissions (RBCs), which protect clean drinking water and improve climate resiliency, flood mitigation, and wildlife protection in Upstate New York. Rep. Molinaro introduced the bill alongside and U.S. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA-6).

The Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commissions, consisting of the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), the

Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), and the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) manages water sources and serves drinking water to over 24 million residents across 7 states, including New York. They are supposed to receive federal funding through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), but federal funding has failed to be regularly delivered, leaving the RBCs to face significant budgetary shortfalls.

Rep. Molinaro's bill will address this constant state of uncertainty by changing the source of the funding from the Army Corps to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA's focus is safeguarding our environment and supplying federal funds to protect our nation's natural resources. They will prove to be a reliable and consistent source for funding.

Rep. Molinaro said, "For decades, the Delaware River Basin Commission and Susquehanna River Basin Commission, which manage these rivers, have not had a consistent source of federal funding, leading to untenable budgetary shortfalls. Supporting our waterways and protecting access to clean drinking water cannot be optional. By moving the funding source to the EPA, my bipartisan bill provides consistent and reliable funding to ensure clean drinking water is protected and more progress can be made on flood prevention and climate resiliency efforts along the Delaware and Susquehanna River communities."

Rep. Houlahan said, "I remain committed to the sustainable management of our nation's water resources, and I'm proud to partner with Rep. Molinaro as we introduce the bipartisan Ensure Funding for Our Environment Act. With a special emphasis on prioritizing the Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commissions, which collectively serve over 24 million residents across 7 states and the District of Columbia, this bill will direct federal resources where they are desperately needed. Despite congressional direction and authorization, these commissions have faced a cumulative federal funding shortfall for years, hampering their vital water resource management efforts. Building on my previous legislative efforts, Congress can rectify this funding deficit and put the Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commissions on a sustainable path for the benefit of our communities and the environment."

Andrew Dehoff, Executive Director for the Susquehanna River Basin Commission said, "We see great benefit in Representative Molinaro's proposed bill as it would be a major step in remedying a decades-long challenge in ensuring the federal funding committed to the River Basin Commissions in each legislated compact. Securing the overdue federally-obligated funds, to match consistent partner-state contributions, is crucial for effective river basin management, long-term project planning and continued prudent oversight of our rivers and watersheds into the future."

Steve Tambini, Executive Director for the Delaware River Basin Commission said, "The DRBC thanks Congressman Molinaro and Congresswoman Houlahan for introducing the Ensure Funding for Our Environment Act. By committing to bipartisan funding solutions for our shared water resources, this bill demonstrates the importance of science-based water management for over 14 million people in communities throughout the Delaware River Basin."

Rep. Molinaro has prioritized efforts to support the DRBC and SRBC's efforts to improve climate resiliency, flood mitigation, and wildlife protection for Upstate New York. The bill is also endorsed by the Choose Clean Water Coalition and the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed.

Molinaro Passes Bipartisan Tax & Inflation Relief Bill for Working Families

Molinaro: Relief Bill is Pro-Worker, Pro-Family, Pro-Growth

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today released the following statement on his vote to pass the bipartisan Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act:

“Working families in Upstate New York are facing an affordability crisis with historic inflation bogging them down. They need tax & inflation relief now. Our bipartisan bill delivers.

“First, the bill answers my calls to expand the Child Tax Credit - putting more money in parents' pockets to help them deal with soaring gas, grocery, and childcare costs. Second, it helps small businesses innovate and grow, making it cheaper to stay in Upstate New York and create job opportunities right here at home. Third, it enhances the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit to address the shortage of affordable housing options in Upstate New York.

“No bill is perfect, and as it moves forward, I'm continuing the fight to address the SALT cap and deliver property tax relief. But, we can't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. When I have a bipartisan opportunity to deliver meaningful tax & inflation relief for working families, I'm taking it.”

Specifically, the bipartisan Tax Relief for American Families and Works Act:

Expands the Child Tax Credit by adjusting the credit for inflation and eliminating the penalty for larger families to ensure it applies fairly to parents with multiple children. A nonpartisan analysis by the University of Pennsylvania's Penn-Wharton Budget Model found that these provisions will deliver \$20 billion in enhancements.

Restores full Research & Development (R&D) expensing so Upstate New York businesses can immediately deduct the cost of their investments, grow in New York, and create jobs. That same nonpartisan analysis found that these provisions will deliver \$200 billion in incentives for workers and job creators.

Increases supply of affordable housing by enhancing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, a public-private partnership with a proven track record, with increased state allocations and a reduced tax-exempt bond financing requirement.

Rep. Molinaro Invites Governor Hochul to Land in Reality on Border Crisis, Meet with NY Republicans

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today responded to the Hochul Administration statement on the border crisis.

“Governor Hochul loves to fly over Upstate New York in her state-sponsored helicopter. I'd like to cordially invite her to land in reality.

“I voted to pass the Secure the Border Act in May. Since then, the Governor has failed to pressure the President or Democrat-controlled Senate to act on this bill. She has refused to repeal New York's Sanctuary State status. She has allowed New

York City to bus migrants upstate and house migrants in schools. And now, her new budget proposes cuts to school funding in Upstate New York and adds \$2.4 billion in funds for migrants living downstate.

“I'm not going to be lectured to by Governor Hochul on a crisis that she's caused. But, in the spirit of actually wanting to solve the problem, I'll ignore the Governor's hyperbole and invite her to an immediate meeting with myself and New York's Republican Congressional Delegation. Let's go!”

Background:

There is currently no border deal or drafted bill in the Senate. Negotiators are still negotiating.

However in May, Rep. Molinaro voted to pass the Secure the Border Act, a comprehensive border security and immigration package.

Governor Hochul has failed to pressure the Senate or White House to act on the Secure the Border Act, despite travelling to Washington, DC several times to engage President Biden's Administration and convene Democrat-only meetings with lawmakers.



Hey Governor, Leave Our Kids' School Funding Alone!

This week in Albany, I took part in a press conference unveiling a legislative package aimed at keeping education a priority for all New Yorkers. The top provision - reversing the devastating cuts to schools that the governor included in her budget proposal.

ALBANY - 01/29/24 - Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C-Schenevus) today joined with members of the Senate Republican Conference to unveil a legislative package aimed at keeping education a priority for all New Yorkers. Key among the legislative package's provisions is reversing the devastating cuts to schools that Governor Hochul included in her budget proposal. “Students statewide should have access to a quality education that prepares them for future success - regardless of where they live,” said Senator Peter Oberacker. “The governor's budget is gutting many of the schools I represent and the elimination of the “hold harmless” provision will be devastating for districts that are already struggling. We need to reduce state mandates that are burdensome and unnecessary and ensure that our schools - all of our schools - are receiving their fair share of state aid.”

The elimination of the “hold harmless” provision that provides critical stability to local school districts is a glaring example of Albany Democrats' misplaced priorities. This bloated \$233 billion budget siphons state aid away from local schools while dedicating \$2.4 billion in taxpayer dollars earmarked for migrants, bringing the total to \$4.3 billion over the last two years. (Contd. Pg. 58)

Hey Governor, Leave Our Kids' School Funding Alone!

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The migrant crisis continues to get worse because the Democrats refuse to put an end to wrongheaded sanctuary city policies. Instead, they continue to throw more money at the issue and away from programs that provide for our New York families, including school aid.

Education should always be among the top priorities for state government, and the Senate Republican Conference is committed to ensuring that New Yorkers' hard earned tax dollars help schools obtain the resources they need.

The legislative package unveiled today includes proposals that will keep our students safe and improve educational outcomes in school throughout the state:

- o Reversing misguided changes in the education formula proposed in the Executive Budget that will take resources away from our local schools;
- o Closing the pandemic learning loss gap by ensuring unspent Federal emergency relief aid supports academic recovery programs, expanding state grant funding, creating an office in the State Education Department to track outcomes of such programs and focusing on future aid increases for early education to ensure students are provided a solid foundation for future academic challenges;
- o Prohibiting the housing of migrants in K-12 schools or on school grounds throughout the state (S.7391, Senator Alexis Weik); and
- o Committing greater resources for school building security by creating a school resource officer program to permit the employment of retired law enforcement officers and provide grants to school districts and non-public schools. (S.4985, Senator Oberacker).

"From the moment the governor laid out her budget proposal I have heard from a number of concerned school superintendents, teachers, and parents. By cutting school aid, property taxes will be going up in areas that can least afford to take the hit and more people will be packing up and leaving our state. I will be pressing for changes to ensure our schools and our students are not shortchanged," added Senator Oberacker.

Here in the 51st Senate District alone, the proposed cuts total almost \$30 million! If the governor's budget is enacted, schools will be forced to cut educational programs or raise local property taxes - neither option is beneficial for our region's future.

In a proposed budget that increases state operating funds by \$5.9 billion for a grand total of \$233 billion there are a lot of places that could have been cut or not added in the first place. Among the examples - \$2.4 billion for illegal migrants, \$150 million for swimming pools, and let's not forget that football stadium in Buffalo.

I strongly OPPOSE the education cuts and will fight to ensure all schools get their fair share of funding in this year's state budget.

My website now includes a special online petition - Save Our Schools - and every signature helps send a message.

CLICK HERE to join the fight and sign my petition.
<https://www.nysenate.gov/petitions/peter-oberacker/hey-governor-leave-our-kids-school-funding-alone>

DEC Announces Changes to Sporting License Fulfillment Beginning Aug. 1 Plain Paper to Replace Synthetic Paper, Allowing for Easier and Quicker Printing

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that by Aug. 1, the paper used for state sporting licenses and carcass tags will change from special stock synthetic paper to plain paper. This change will modernize the license purchasing process by allowing easier, quicker access to licenses and tags and offering at-home license and tag printing options for the increasing number of hunters, trappers, and anglers who purchase their licenses online.

"DEC's transition to paper tags will provide the sporting community with a streamlined process to go afield," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "This cost-effective shift to paper tags will reduce the state's carbon footprint and ensure our sporting license program is at the forefront of emerging technologies. In recent years, supply chain issues have made it increasingly difficult and more expensive for fish and wildlife agencies to acquire synthetic paper and many have successfully made the switch to plain paper licenses. New York State looks forward to joining our partner states in this transition to modernize our system."

Customers will still be able to purchase licenses in-person at an issuing agent, online, or over the phone, but will have more flexibility in license delivery, including printing at the point-of-sale or email and print-at-home. Additionally, when hunters and anglers are afield, proof of licensure can be shown electronically through the HuntFishNY mobile app. The app is also a fast and easy way for hunters to report their game harvests. Currently, the only option for backtags and carcass tags will be plain paper. —

This change is effective for the 2024-25 license year and will begin with sales starting Aug. 1, 2024. Lifetime license holders should also expect to receive their 2024-25 licenses and tags on plain paper by mail by Sept. 1, 2024. The change to plain paper does not apply to the spring 2024 turkey season.

More information on this change is available in a "Q&A" format on the DEC website. Additional details will be forthcoming prior to licenses going on sale on Aug. 1. Customers are encouraged to check DEC's website and to sign up for DEC Delivers for information and updates regarding this change

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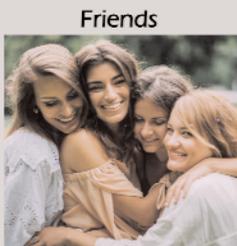


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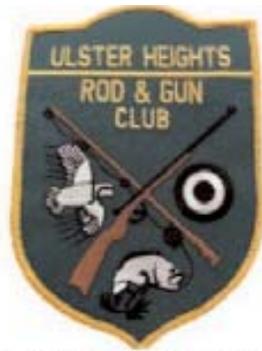


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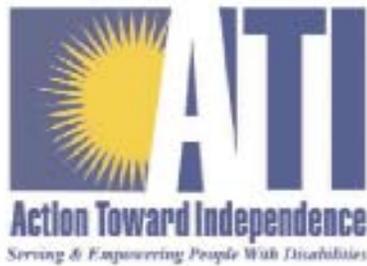
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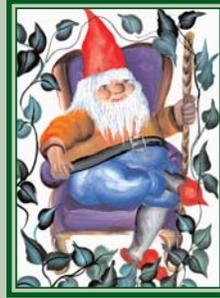
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Indy, now sexagenarian (Harrison Ford), takes on Soviet agents in search of a crystal skull with special powers, at the behest of a kid named Mutt (Shia LeBeouf). The search leads to a reunion with old flame Marion (Karen Allen), and you can work out the math on that one yourself!

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Pierce Brosnan*

This weeks' Trivia question: True or false— Elizabeth Taylor stars as a young girl in *Blue Velvet*?

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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE #1
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MURDER BY DEATH (1976 / 1h 34m / Comedy / TV-14/ CC)



A spoof on the "*TEN LITTLE INDIANS*". A criminal madman invites the world's greatest detectives for a night of dinner and murder, mayhem, and laughter. **Directed by Robert Moore. Starring Peter Falk, Truman Capote, Alec Guinness, Peter Sellers and Elsa Lanchester.**

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TEN LITTLE INDIANS (1966 / 1h 29m / Drama | TV-14)



Party guests at a remote mansion have been brought together to pay for past crimes that they almost have gotten away with.

Director George Pollock. Starring Hugh O'Brian, Shirley Eaton, Fabian, and Leo Genn.

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DOCTOR ZHIVAGO (1965 / 3h 17m / Epic / TV-PG / CC)

"*Doctor Zhivago*" (1965), a sweeping romantic drama set against the backdrop of World War I and the Communist Russian Revolution.



Two lonely lovers huddle together in a bombed out home trying to find a few minutes of peace as thirty million people are murdered in the name of communism. The poor and working class have no rights, the communist committee is no better than a fascist dictator.

"The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency realized that the novel presented an opportunity to embarrass the Soviet government. An internal memo lauded the book's "great propaganda value": not only did the text have a central humanist message, but the Soviet government's having suppressed a great work of literature could make ordinary citizens "wonder what is wrong with their government". - Wikipedia



Director by the great David Lean, (*Lawrence of Arabia*). Starring Omar Sharif, Geraldine Chaplin, Julie Christie and Tom Courtenay,

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