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Fallsburg High School Pool is Back



Honored guests at the opening ceremony with the new pool in the background. Left to right are NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's Legislative Aide Matt McPhillips, FCSD BOE President Mike Weiner, Sullivan County Legislators Ira Steingart and Joe Perrello, Deputy Supervisor of Town of Fallsburg and BOE Member Dr. Sean Wall-Carty, Town Supervisor Kathy Rappaport, FCSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, Town Councilperson Rebecca Pratt, and long-time Town of Fallsburg lifeguard instructor Janet Carey

On January 24, 2023, a group of FCSD administrators, staff, students, parents, family members, and local public officials huddled together on the steps leading to the new and greatly improved swimming pool underneath the gymnasium at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. Everyone was very happy to be there. In the words of Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz and Board of Education President Mike Weiner, this moment was long awaited by the community of Fallsburg. It took a team of stakeholders to bring the pool back to life.

Both Dr. Katz and Mr. Weiner thanked the construction team and past and present buildings and grounds committee members in bringing the project to fruition. They extended thanks to the public for their patience and the support of the voters to provide for the

swimming pool, the remake of the gymnasium and locker rooms, and the new track upgrades to athletic fields over the past few years. "It was said that the pool was decrepit and was no longer an asset," remarked Mike Weiner. "Well as one looks at this pool, that description no longer holds water."

One of the happiest guests was long-time FCSD physical education teacher and athletics coach Ms. Janet Carey. For years when the old swimming pool was functioning, she was busy training many Fallsburg students to become life guards for the local hotels and camps throughout Sullivan County.

The Town of Fallsburg Supervisor and Council, Sullivan County Legislators that represent the Town, and a representative from NY State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's Office were happy to share this special moment.

The ceremony was recorded, and will soon be available on the FCSD website www.fallsburgcsd.net.



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Days of Yore.... Today's History

February 18, 1953

Negotiations for the sale of the Harold Dierfelter farm on Thunder Hill have been completed and Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna and sons, the new owners, will move in at once. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Sheeley lived there for many years until Mr. Sheeley's retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Robinson of Rocky Hill are the proud parents of an 8 1/2 lb. boy, Gary Ronald born February 11th at the Hamilton Avenue Hospital in Monticello. Gary has two brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur DuBois and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson are the baby's grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Erts are the proud parents of a daughter, born February 12th at the Benedictine Hospital in Kingston. Mr. and Mrs. George Erts of Denning are the baby's paternal grandparents.

Sixteen friends gathered at the home of Miss Marilyn Mickelson to celebrate her eighteenth birthday Saturday night. The guests enjoyed round and square dancing and they watched television. Sharing the birthday spotlight with the Mickelson family was Raymond who celebrated his 13th birthday on Monday.

February 20, 1963

The State Education Department announced today the county lists containing the names of 16,242 winners of regents scholarships. Among the recipients are TVCS seniors Miss Susan Shaut and Miss Elizabeth Spann.

Work will begin on Friday, February 22nd on the building that was donated to the Grahamsville First Aid Squad by the contractor at Lows Corners. The building, which will eventually house the ambulance and equipment of the First Aid Squad, must be torn down immediately to make way for the

landscaping at the outlet works. The lumber will be stored on the Cliff Slater farm until the Squad finds a permanent location.

February 14, 1973

Karen Van Aken, a sophomore at the State University College at Cortland, has been named to the Dean's List. Miss Van Aken is majoring in Sociology and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Aken.

Leonard Houghtaling, 80, a retired carpenter, died Thursday at Liberty Community General Hospital after a long illness. He lived in Parksville. Mr. Houghtaling was born May 13, 1882 in Willowemoc to Elias and Mary Wood Houghtaling. He married Ada Anderson on Sept. 27, 1945 and was a member of the Liberty American Legion Post and a veteran of World War I. Survivors include his widow; a stepson, Stewart Decker of Claryville; a sister, Mrs. Clara Bedford; two brothers, Chester of Willowemoc and Oscar of Claryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hartman of Woodbourne have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary to Roy Garber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Garber of Liberty. Wedding plans are incomplete.

February 17, 1983

Congratulations to Wendy Krom of Grahamsville and Joann Oliver of Sundown who were nominated for admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy by Congressman Matt McHugh.

Did you know that the Roosevelt Administration's original plan was to issue dog tags to all social security recipients. The Hearst newspapers complained that it military regimentation. The dog tag idea was dropped and cards were substituted. The original Social Security Act was signed into law on August 14, 1935. Back in 1795, Thomas Paine issued a pamphlet calling for pensions for anyone over 50.

Ziti and Military Care Package Night for Kids & Teens at Grahamsville UMC

Food, games, and fun-filled community service activities for kids/teens ages 8-18! The Grahamsville United Methodist Church hosts a monthly youth gathering and the next event, "Ziti and Military Care Package Night," will take place on Friday, March 10, from 6-8 pm, in the Grahamsville UMC Church Hall, Route 55, Grahamsville. All are welcome! The kids will enjoy a meal, play games, and make care packs for the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion & local service people stationed abroad with Chaplain Mike Sparrow, formerly of the UMC in Ulster Heights and Napanoch. Open to all children ages 8-18, no fee to participate. Please RSVP to Amanda by March 6 at 845-538-6145 (text) or grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com. Donations are needed for the care packs: protein bars, candy (non-melting), toothpaste, toothbrushes, shoe laces, playing cards, blank cards, pens, and handwritten letters of encouragement. Donations can be dropped off on Sundays during the church services or contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong at 845-985-2283 to arrange an alternate time.

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents "Oliver Twist"

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is excited to announce auditions for its July performances of Lionel Bart's "Oliver!".

This award-winning musical adaptation of the classic Dickens novel, "Oliver Twist," springs to life with some of the most memorable characters and songs ever to grace the stage.

The streets of Victorian England come to life as Oliver, a malnourished orphan in a workhouse becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker. Oliver escapes to London and finds acceptance amongst a group of petty thieves and pickpockets led by the elderly Fagin. When Oliver is captured for a theft that he did not commit, the benevolent victim, Mr. Brownlow, takes him in. Fearing the safety of his hideout, Fagin employs the sinister Bill Sikes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap him back, threatening Oliver's chances of discovering the true love of a family.

'Oliver!' is a musical theatre masterpiece, perfectly showcasing the talents of a large ensemble cast as they bring these classic characters and musical scores to life.

Audition dates & time - February 18 & 19, 1-5pm

Callbacks - February 23, 6-9pm; **Location** - St. John's Church, St. John St, Monticello. Please be prepared to cold read and sing a song from Oliver. Looking for males & females ages 10-60+

Performance dates are July 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8 PM and July 16 & 23 at 2PM at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg.

For more information, please contact Director Heather at HeatherSCDW@gmail.com.

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

Happy Groundhog's Day!

After last weeks Arctic chill and temps falling in the low teens and single digits, once again we are seeing those beautiful ice formations that have formed in the local creeks and streams. These unique ice formations that seem to defy nature, form from the steam bed up. They are known as anchor ice. If natural laws are perfect, how is it that ice, which is lighter or less dense than water, can sometimes form on the bottom of creeks and streams and not at the surface? How does that happen?



When the rocks in the streambed have chilled below the freezing point it sets the stage for an ice formation. The swift flow of the stream does prevent the surface water from freezing, however free-floating crystals called frazil, begin to form in the super cooled water columns of the turbid stream

Whenever the frazil contact other objects, or other frazil, it will immediately adhere to it. Once an anchor point is established the ice will grow quickly forming a cloud-like appearance in the stream that is under the water surface.

Anchor ice is different than ice on the reservoirs, ponds or lakes or even in a puddle when a sheet of ice will form across their surface when the water reaches the freezing point. In fast moving mountain streams, like those in the Catskills, the water molecules are below the freezing point and are attracted to each other and want to bond together, but are unable to do so in the turbulent water. As the water near the bottom of the stream bed moves more slowly it sort of drags along rocks and sand where the microscopic ice particles start to join together and form the beautiful anchor ice.

Anchor ice grows very rapidly once it starts. It can change the flow and appearance of a winter stream overnight. Anchor ice usually disappears as quickly as it forms.

These past couple of weeks's of weather changes created the perfect cycles of thaws that melted any insulating snow covering, followed by this past week's cold spell created the perfect environment for anchor ice to form and build up from the bottom of the streambed.

Anchor ice is considered a phenomena - another reminder that Nature's laws are perfect. Nature is in control of the rules. Nature will create conditions where rules distinctly differ from what we normally would think, but regardless, it turns out perfect!





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..

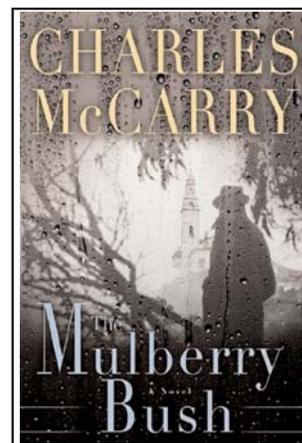
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The Mulberry Bush

Mysterious Book Report No. 250

by John Dwaine McKenna



Somewhere in the big junkyard that passes as my mind, there's a snippet of a country song that goes . . . "I thought I'd been loved and I thought I'd been kissed, but that was before I met you . . ." which I'm going to rip off and paraphrase to introduce this week's Mysterious Book Report. It goes like this: I thought I'd read all the great spy novels, but that was before I read the man many consider to be the greatest spy writer of all time. His name is Charles McCarry, and his works are known for their accurate historical facts, their spot-on spy and tradecraft details, and their extensive knowledge of Washington D.C. politics, as well as what Publisher's Weekly calls, "*Meticulous, intelligent prose.*"

His newest standalone, *The Mulberry Bush*, (Mysterious Press, \$26.00, 308 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2410-4) is a masterpiece which combines age-old themes of love, revenge, duplicity, treachery and revolution into a complex and twisted noir thriller involving, "Themes of trust, motive and tarnished ideals," according to Kirkus Reviews.

It's a complex plot in which a young, unnamed spy sees his father drummed out of CIA . . . because of a prank that made his superiors look foolish . . . and then reduced to penury and destitution, begging for coins at Union Station, homeless and living in the street. Vowing to avenge his father's disgrace, the young man, who has a talent for languages, speaking Arabic, Pashtun, and Farsi, gets accepted at CIA and works as an 'off-the-books,' agent under deep cover in the Middle East, where he locates and identifies terrorists so other CIA agents can kill them. He's so successful at it, that after a few years the terrorist organizations are pooling their resources, trying to find him. He's brought back to Langley, Virginia in

order to save and protect him. Still focused on revenge and without much to do, he studies Russian, becoming proficient in less than a year. Then, still off the books, he's posted to Argentina, where he meets a woman named Luz, whose parents were also betrayed and killed . . . a woman who wants revenge. . . and seems to be his soulmate. They marry, intending to bring his plan to fruition, or so he thinks . . . but "*The truth of spies is lies.*" according to Mr. McCarry . . . and the novel rocks along with new plot twists, turns and treachery on every page until its stunning denouement . . . at which point . . . if you love reading spy yarns, you'll think, *Why didn't I see that coming?* and start looking for McCarry's other works. He's erudite, prosaic, addictive, devilishly complex, and yeah, he's probably the greatest spinner of spy yarns working in contemporary fiction. I'm a fan!

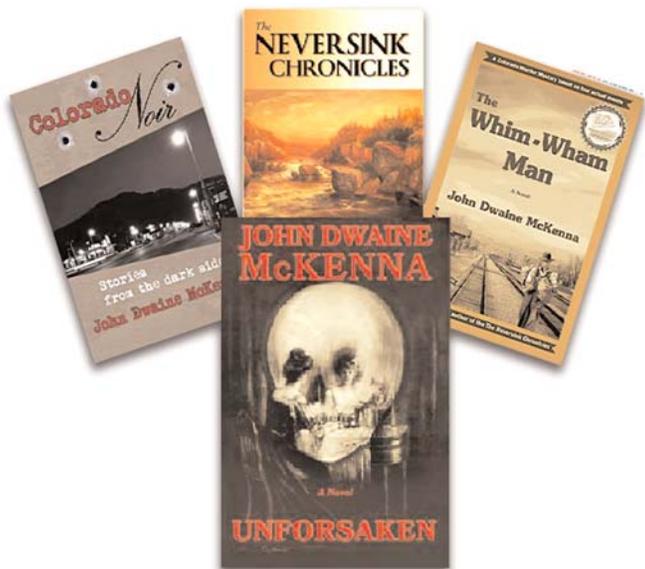
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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Because of illness and extremely cold weather, the Olive Free Library postponed the opening of AGELESS, the Senior Art Exhibit, until Saturday, March 11.

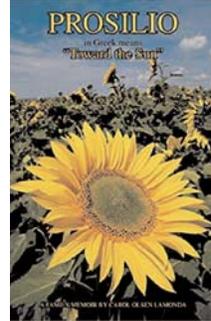
Please join us on Saturday, March 11, from 2-4, at the Olive Free Library for an opening reception for the Senior Art Group's ongoing exhibit entitled AGELESS.

The art work is on display in the downstairs gathering room, and the Library will get a percentage of the sale price. The exhibit will be ongoing and evolving so visit often.

The group, which meets every Monday morning at the Legion Hall on Mountain Road in Shokan, is fortunate to have a small budget from the Town of Olive that enables us to have art lessons in many media by various local artists. We have been fortunate to have had Mira Fink, Sue De Sanna, Linda Schultz, Judith Boggess, and Linda Champanier mentor us in oil,

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!**

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watercolor, and pastel painting. Hopefully, Janette Kahil will be doing a special presentation on portrait painting.

Occasionally, we have special fiber art projects lead by Donna Kopf or MaryAnn Shultis. Many of our group are multi-talented and diversely crafty in scrap-booking or stamping, or quilting.

Come and enjoy original art by your friends and neighbors. I guarantee the chatter and conversation will be worth your visit.

Upstairs in the. Community Room a juried exhibit by premier local artists is ready for viewing and sale.

Come get a double dose of art in one short trip to West Shokan. Plus snacks!

Check out the new
Senior Art Group Exhibit

AGELESS

Join us for the opening:
Saturday
March 11
2:00 p.m.
open for viewing now!

When I ponder what makes something "art", I find the definition is as elusive as the parameters of art. I do know that if the word ART is removed from the word EARTH, you are left with "EH."

Art is seeing with the heart and creating with the soul. –Carol LaMonda

Art is a line around your thoughts.–Gustav Klimt

Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist. –Pablo Picasso

Art is not a handicraft, it is the transmission of feeling the artist has experienced. –Leo Tolstoy

Art is never finished, only abandoned. –Leonardo da Vinci

The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance. –Aristotle

Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life. –Pablo Picasso

Artists are just children who refuse to put down their crayons. –Al Hirschfeld

Art is AGELESS –Senior Art Group?"



FCSD Welcomes Law Enforcement Officers



Officers that graduated or attended FHS left to right: Deputy Cheryl Davis, Officer Breann Jones, Officer Kyle Geraine, Trooper Russell Corley, and Officer Kelvin Nunez.

Ms. Kristen Meyer's son, Rory graduated Fallsburg High School in 2015. He now is a Deputy Sheriff in Sullivan County. Kristen, who currently is in the Technology Department in the high school, had been the Guidance Office Secretary for many years. She knew and spoke with students that expressed interest in law enforcement as a career just as had her son. She suggested to the administration in the high school that they invite a group of officers from various jurisdictions in Sullivan County to an assembly of high school students. A neighboring district does something similar, and she thought it might be beneficial for our students to hear from some law enforcement officers that were Fallsburg alumni. The Administration enthusiastically supported the idea.

On February 1, 2023, eleven officers came to Fallsburg High School and met with two assemblies of 10th and 12th graders and 9th and 11th graders. Overall 400 students participated. Ahead of time, Ms. Meyer received many questions to ask the law enforcement team. Several students wanted to know about how the officers got into the field, whether it was through the experience of family members, educational courses and majoring, or through former jobs.



Left to right: Sullivan County Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Shaw, Deputy Cheryl Davis, Fallsburg PD Officer Kyle Geraine, Fallsburg PD Officer and FCSD School Resource Officer (SRO) Phillip Brooks, FPD Detective Brendan Pavese, NYS Police Trooper Russell Corley, Liberty PD Officer Breann Jones, FPD Detective John Chevalier, SC Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Hartman, SC Deputy Jason Beebe, and Monticello PD Officer Kelvin Nunez.

Students wanted to know the procedures once someone was accused of a crime. One question was about the use of Narcan, the drug administered by police and other trained individuals to revive people that had overdosed on addictive drugs and were near death. That was a pretty scary tale and held the attention of the young people. Another question was about scariest situations they faced. In answering these questions, officers emphasized how much crime in Sullivan County is related to drug abuse. Finally, two female officers in attendance were asked about women entering police forces.

The give and take of questions and answers held the attention of the assemblies. Ms. Meyer said, "The officers, deputies and trooper were awesome with the students." Students, law officers, and other staff shared the same sentiment about the interaction during the two group meetings. People were aligned over the success of the programs and were encouraged to support future events between law enforcement and students in FCSD. Good community relations between police and the public is very important in light of what is happening in the daily news in school buildings and America's cities and towns. Everyone benefits from discussing issues in public forums, such as February 1.

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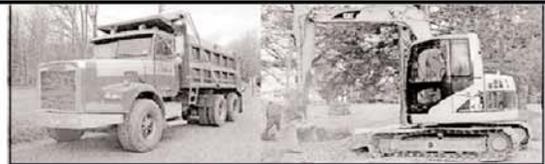
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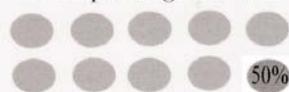


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SCDW Audition Notice

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop - the Catskill's award-winning Community theatre -is seeking actors to cast "A Lovely Day to Kill Your Spouse" by Lindsey Brown. This is an rollicking comedy of a bickering, long-married couple seeking to do each other in, thwarted by the realities of the situation and by their evil siblings.

Seeking 2 males - 50ish and **2 females** 40ish. Also, seeking a **stage manager, props person, set crew & painters.**

Auditions will take place on Saturday, March 11, and Sunday, March 12, from noon to 2:00 PM at the Senior Center on Laurel Avenue in South Fallsburg. Show dates are June 9, 10, & 16, 17, at 8:00 PM and June 11 & 18, at 2:00 PM.

Please make your interest known to Director, Sally:
h.845-434-0209 or c.845-798-8896 or gladsally@gmail.com

DEC and Partners Conduct Second Year of Adirondack Moose Research Project

*Data Collected from GPS Collars Guides
Research on Moose Population Health,
Mortality, and Dispersal*



The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the second year of a moose research project in the Adirondack region. This year, 19 moose were fitted with GPS collars as part of a multi-year project assessing moose health and population. DEC partnered with researchers at the New York Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF), and Native Range Capture Services to safely capture, collar, and collect biometric data on the sample moose.

"Each year of this valuable research increases our understanding of New York's moose population and its vital role in our State's biodiversity," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The data collected through DEC's research partnership with Cornell, SUNY ESF, and Native Range Capture Services helps us understand the health of our moose and allows us to make evidence-based management decisions to support this treasured species in the future."

The GPS collars will provide location data and information on moose activity patterns, movements, and mortality. Data collected as part of this research effort will contribute directly to the continued management of moose in New York.

Previous moose research in the Adirondacks has helped researchers better understand adult moose survival and reproduction, but little is known about calf survival and dispersal in New York. By collaring calves and monitoring their survival to adulthood, biologists will be able to investigate factors limiting moose population growth, such as the effects of parasites on juvenile moose survival. These parasites, including winter ticks, brain worm, and giant liver fluke, and their associated diseases have increasingly become a management concern in the northeast and elsewhere.

"There are multiple stressors in New York that might be limiting moose population growth," said Angela Fuller, Cornell University Professor and U.S. Geological Survey New York Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Leader. "Our research team includes wildlife and disease ecologists and wildlife managers, working closely to better understand the role that parasites might be playing in limiting moose populations. The recent moose collaring effort will allow us to estimate calf survival and better understand moose health."

"The opportunity to capture and sample live moose provides us with a ton of valuable information about moose health," said Krysten Schuler, Wildlife Disease Ecologist and Director of the Cornell Wildlife Health Lab. "Unfortunately, we are seeing more evidence of parasites, like winter ticks and liver flukes, on the young moose, but this study allows us to identify management options for these problems."

The cooperative research project is funded by a Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration grant through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These funds are collected through federal excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment and then apportioned to states for wildlife conservation.

This year's research also included sampling white-tailed deer pellets and water sources to detect and better understand the prevalence and distribution of brain worm and giant liver fluke across the landscape. Larvae from these parasites are found in deer scat, where they are picked up by snails and then incidentally consumed by moose as they forage on plants. Trail cameras were deployed in the fall of 2021 to determine range overlap between deer and moose and to monitor hair loss on moose infested with winter ticks.

For additional information about moose biology, current research, or to report moose sightings, visit DEC's website at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6964.html>



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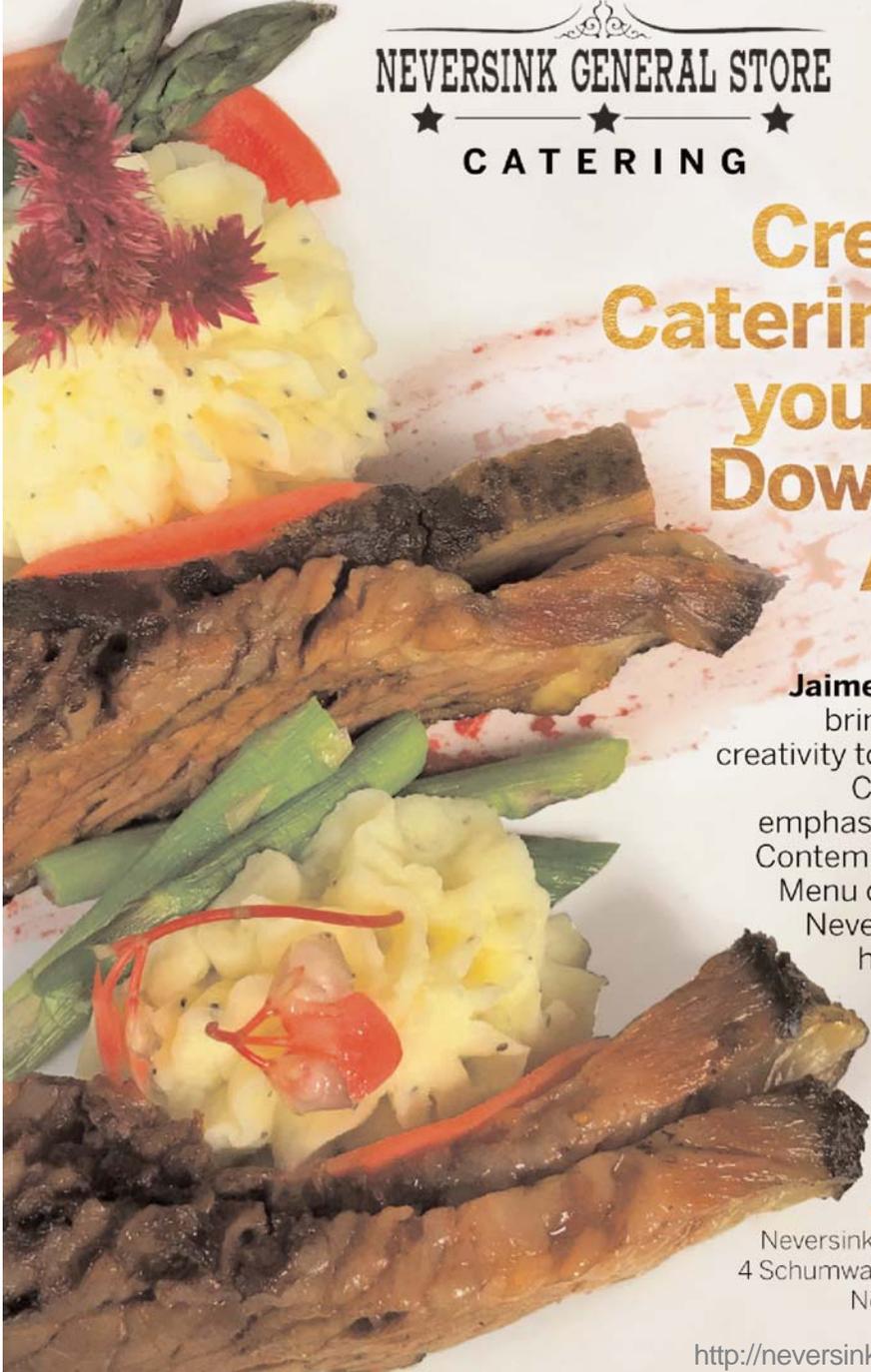
Less than 90 minutes from Midtown Manhattan lies a 250,000-acre playground, with 35 peaks and 350 miles of growing trails, including access to the world-famous Walkway Over the Hudson and Catskill Park. Hiking, biking, kayaking, windsurfing, golfing, fishing, skiing, snowshoeing - outdoor adventure awaits year-round.

The Catskill Park (also known as the Catskill Forest Preserve) was established in 1885 and encompasses 286,000 acres of state land within the park. The acreage within the preserve includes forest, meadows, wetlands, and lakes. It also spans four counties: Greene, Ulster, Sullivan, and Delaware.

Fire towers in the Catskill Park were built in the 1800s to keep an eye on firestorms, but today just five remain throughout the park. They have been restored so visitors can enjoy the fantastic views from the top of five mountains: Overlook, Hunter, Red Hill, Balsam Lake, and Tremper.

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Welcome to the Catskills

The Welcome to the Catskills webpage is the place to go if you are interested in learning more about the Catskills. It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and Leave No Trace. Be sure to check out the links to additional information and tips for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other backcountry users in the Catskill Mountains. Go to webpage for more information:

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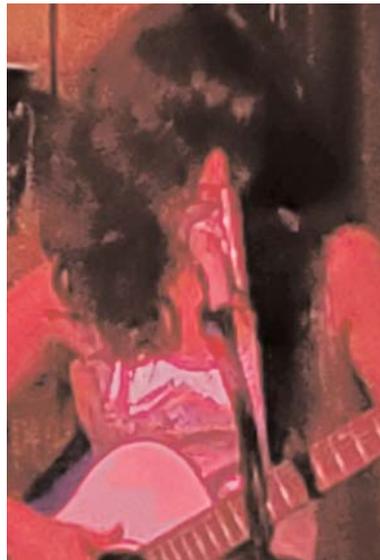
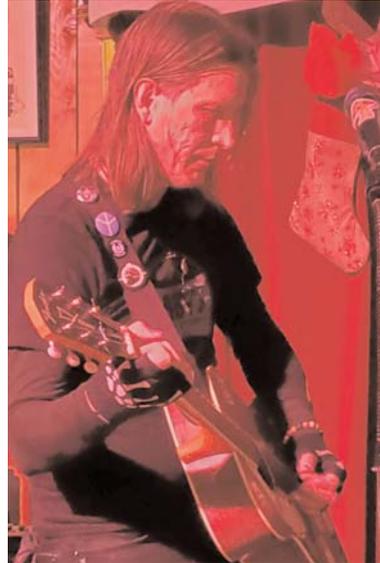
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The Scene Too

Y'know it's one thing to choose to stay in the house and not go anywhere. It's quite another to be confined to the house by single digit temps and wind chills well below zero. I'm still trying to learn how to live with my newly acquired health issues but I can also tell you that as the temperature rose, I was just itching to get out.

And Sunday night seemed like the perfect time as it was the kick off for the Southern Tour of CASWYN MOON and FAITH KELLY at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville. This is the second tour for this dynamic duo, the first earlier this year covered the Northern part of the country, as far west as the Dakotas and Montana.

This is the most ambitious tour schedule yet, as they are booked in forty seven places in the space of forty five days. Let that sink in. Forty seven bookings in forty five days. I



was thinking this is a bit crazy...but then I remembered I often do some sort of work seven days a week. So maybe it's not that crazy.

This was a night of pleasant surprises, musically



and friend-wise, the first being DAVID MILNER on drums. I have seen this wonderful musician often as a solo artist and seeing him

behind a drum set was a treat. This Canadian born musician moved to the states several years ago to marry his beautiful (and talented singer) MITZI. This last year, they formed CON QUESO, where they perform as a duo.

I remember seeing MITZI in her first few public performances and to see her now to have found her wings, well, I feel particularly privileged to have watched her growth. The great TERI PARIS was also on hand, fresh off a night as part of the WOMEN IN MUSIC series at the CREATIVE COMPOUND in Honesdale. This is getting quite a bit of buzz among musicians as a series, attracting some of the best female performers from our area including FAITH KELLY, DEBBIE FISHER and SARAH HULSE. And as a venue it is now on my radar. Granted, it's a hike, but it looks like a place I need to explore. DAVID MILNER will be performing there for their BRUNCH SERIES on this coming Saturday and weather permitting, I'll be there.

The night started off with CASWYN MOON's enigmatic storytelling originals and including a few in tribute to a musician friend he lost this year and to his friend BOBBY WOOD. If you are not familiar with BOBBY, you can find his music on YouTube and he's well worth the listen.

CASWYN stepped off, giving the stage to the high energy performance, both vocally and physically, of FAITH KELLY. Again, a litany of originals, and some from her new solo album with GREG CASTRO due to drop in April. YAY, another launch party!

CASWYN is also contemplating going back in the studio for another solo album. Stay tuned.

The audience was also full of surprises, DEE (LION ZEN), JUDY SISSELMAN and BILLY and TAMMY among others. The latter two are hosting a birthday party next Saturday for BOBBY D and husband BILLY with performances by JAKE-TOWN ROAD and THE JOHNNY JULES BAND. Looks like Saturday is going to be a very busy day for this lady.

I had only planned to stay an hour....then three and a half later.....

Stay safe, stay well and for heaven's sake keep your mask and hand sanitize handy!

Until next time.....



Teri Paris jewelry designer and Lisa

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Governor Hochul released her 2023 Executive Budget, and while there are investments to applaud, it's clear that we'll also have to work hard to advance important Catskills priorities. We're still digging in, but two things immediately stand out to us.

First, the Governor is proposing to add more than 200 staff to the Department of Environmental Conservation—a historically underfunded and understaffed agency charged with protecting clean air, clean water, and public health. We're thrilled to support this proposal and are grateful she included it in the Executive Budget. On the other hand, last year we worked together to secure \$8 million for stewardship projects in the Catskills and the Adirondacks. The Governor did not include that commitment in her proposal, and we'll be working with legislative allies to secure that funding in the final budget, to be adopted by April 1.

We have more to share with you this week, including links to watch full recordings of our Catskill Park Day webinars; an opportunity to RSVP for a free upcoming art exhibition in Narrowsburg, with a theme centered on sustainability and climate change; exciting plans from the Open Space Institute to connect trail networks in our region; and info about how Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger is helping lead the way in advancing initiatives to promote sustainability and climate solutions in the Catskills.

Ramsay Adams, Executive Director
Catskill Mountainkeeper

Jealousy Fuels Hatred

Various fabricated comments and beliefs of hatred are expressed, but the primary reason groups of people and some organizations are hated is jealousy by others. The jealousy can be related to the successes of the targeted people or organizations.

The New England Patriots football team was hated by fans beyond New England due to its successful seasons. The New York Yankees baseball team has been hated by fans of other baseball teams.

Successful people are hated by those who are less successful. Various races, ethnicities and religions in the world are targeted with hatred, some because of their high success rates in fields of endeavor. In the U.S. Asian and Indian (from India) Americans have experienced hateful acts and speech by jealous people. Jews have been the recipients of hatred over the ages due to jealousy of their successes. Successful Christians have experienced physical violence and hatred in Muslim countries.

Many haters have had failing experiences, such as bad childhoods, or failed marriages, or sexual inabilities, or poor performances in school or their work, or financial difficulties.

Maybe the jealous people should stop trying to lift themselves up by putting others down; and work at improving their positions in life.

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Molinaro Statement on Chinese Surveillance Balloon

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement on the Chinese surveillance balloon:

"I applaud our military personnel for conducting a successful operation to neutralize the Chinese surveillance balloon. Like many Americans, I have watched the past few days unfold with great concern for our national security. We need to know how this balloon was able to penetrate our airspace, what sensitive material it was able to capture, and how we will prevent future breaches. I call on the Biden Administration to hold a classified briefing for Members of Congress to answer these questions and propose a path forward. We must work together to hold China accountable and better protect our national security."

NY Governor's Budget Proposal Increases Catskills Visitor Center Funding

The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development applauds Governor Kathy Hochul for increasing funding for the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center in her Executive Budget proposal unveiled February 1. We're thrilled to see support grow to \$200,000 following our advocacy efforts.

"The Catskills Visitor Center is a critical piece of the plan for managing the increasing number of visitors to the Catskill Park," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "We applaud the Governor for recognizing the importance of the CVC, and the value of the partnership between the Catskill Center and New York State. This partnership allows us to do more together than we could separately to educate and interpret the Catskill Park for visitors and residents alike."

The Catskill Center will work with our Senate and Assembly representatives to ensure that the funding remains in their budget proposals and, ultimately, the final budget.

The funding represents a \$50,000 increase over the prior year's budget, and remains in the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). The Catskill Center's Executive Director first wrote a letter to Governor Hochul in November requesting the increase, citing the critical Catskill Park visitor services provided at the Catskills Visitor Center - the Catskill Park's only official visitor center.

In December, the Catskill Park Coalition, which the Catskill Center co-chairs, wrote to Governor Hochul advocating for Catskill Park priorities, including \$200,000 to support the Catskills Visitor Center in its education and stewardship of the region's natural and recreational resources.

Finally, in January, Senterman again sent a letter to the governor, urging her to not only increase Catskills Visitor Center funding to \$200,000, but to have the funding remain a line item in the EPF directed to the Catskill Center in continuation of a partnership with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Catskill Center manages and operates the Catskills Visitor Center.

February as National Children's Dental Health

Liberty, NY - PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP) is pleased to celebrate February as National Children's Dental Health month by raising awareness of the importance of oral health. PRASAD CDHP knows all too well the impact that oral health can have on the lives of children.

In the US over 51 million school hours are lost each year due to dental health problems or pain. Dental cavities are the single most common chronic childhood disease - five times more common than asthma.

The daily reality for children with untreated oral disease is often persistent pain, inability to eat comfortably, damaged teeth, and distraction from play and learning—all issues that are detrimental to a child's overall health, self-esteem and general well-being.

Parents can take simple but effective steps to set children on the right path. They should make sure that children brush their teeth twice a day and see a dentist every six months. Good oral hygiene techniques and consistent dental care will lead to healthy, happy smiles, boosting confidence and positively impacting overall health.

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SCDW Audition Notice

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is excited to announce auditions for its July performances of Lionel Bart's "Oliver!"

This award-winning musical adaptation of the classic Dickens novel, "Oliver Twist," springs to life with some of the most memorable characters and songs ever to grace the stage.

The streets of Victorian England come to life as Oliver, a malnourished orphan in a workhouse becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker. Oliver escapes to London and finds acceptance amongst a group of petty thieves and pickpockets led by the elderly Fagin. When Oliver is captured for a theft that he did not commit, the benevolent victim, Mr. Brownlow, takes him in. Fearing the safety of his hideout, Fagin employs the sinister Bill Sikes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap him back, threatening Oliver's chances of discovering the true love of a family.

'*Oliver!*' is a musical theatre masterpiece, perfectly showcasing the talents of a large ensemble cast as they bring these classic characters and musical scores to life.

Audition dates & time - February 18 & 19, 1-5pm

Callbacks - February 23, 6-9pm

Location - St. John's Church, St. John St, Monticello

Please be prepared to cold read and sing a song from Oliver.

Looking for males & females ages 10-60+

Performance dates are July 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8 PM and July 16 & 23 at 2PM at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg.

For more information, please contact Director Heather at HeatherSCDW@gmail.com.

Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is Excited to Announce New Changes and Leadership for 2023



The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the appointment of Jack Bodolosky of the Animal Hospital and Companion Memorial in Ferndale, as acting President of the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce. Jack is also the Founder and President of Companion Coffee, a non-profit organization which helps raise money for Veterans and their pets. The Board Members of the Chamber voted unanimously in favor of this appointment on Friday, January 20, 2023. Long standing president, Russell Reeves thanked the Chamber for its

many accomplishments which include twenty-five years of the 4th of July Festival, business grants during Covid to help its business members remain open, and cooperation to establish the Sullivan County Soap Box Derby, just to name a few. Russell Reeves will remain on the Board and along with the other standing Board members, will support Jack who is a long standing chamber member, business owner and Veteran. The Chamber looks forward to assisting him in helping serve the greater Liberty area businesses by continuing the Chamber's goals and activities. Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce meetings will resume in February and will be announced on our website, social media and via email. Jack Bodolosky is super excited and will bring his enthusiasm along with fresh ideas to the table. He has a great deal of business experience including marketing and social media platforms! Jack will be a great asset to the Chamber and to the businesses and residents of Liberty. The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is a 100% Volunteer Organization and is funded entirely through its own fundraising efforts. Please call for more information on this or other upcoming Liberty Chamber events, as well as to join, or to volunteer. Contact the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce by phone at 845-292-9797 or email libertynychamber@gmail.com. Information can also be found on the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Hires Chief Diversity Officer, Elevates Position to Executive Office

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced today that she has hired Attorney and New Paltz Town Board member Esi M. Lewis, Esq., as Ulster County's Chief Diversity Officer, and elevated the position from the Personnel Department to a cabinet-level position in the County Executive's Office.

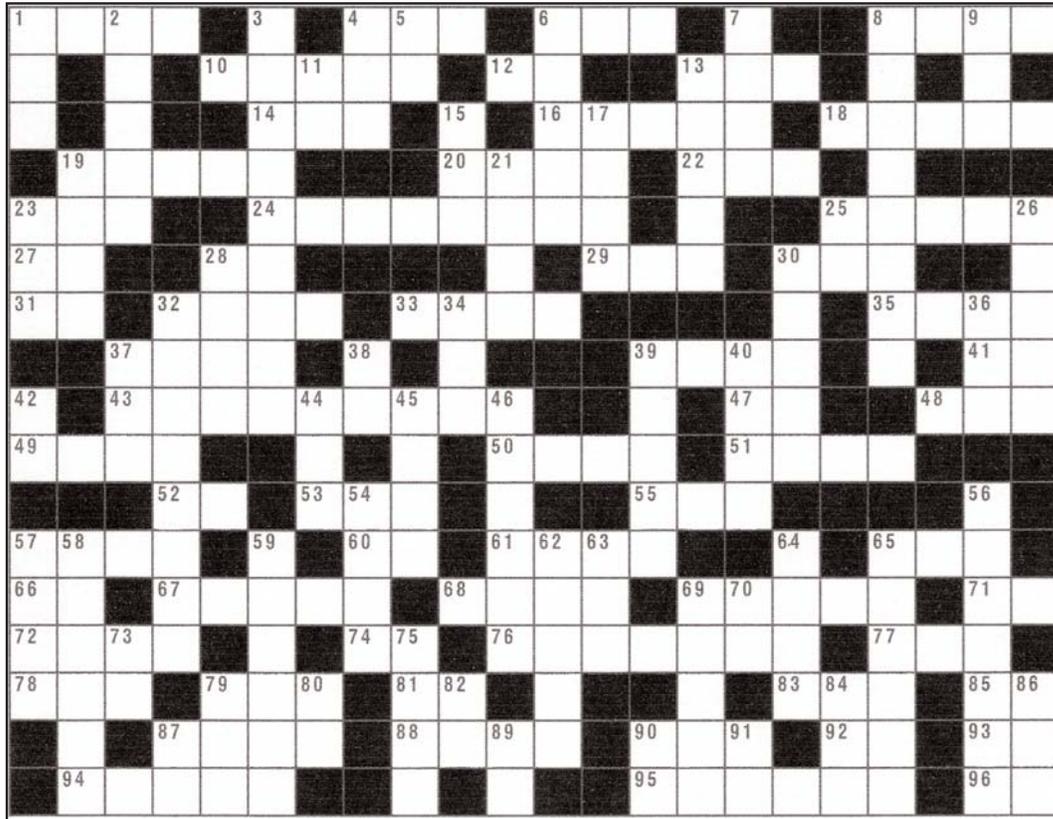
"Esi brings a wealth of experience as an attorney, educator, and advocate to this important position, and I couldn't be more thrilled that she has joined our team," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "As a member of the Executive staff, Esi will work with all departments and help to ensure that equity, diversity, and inclusion are guiding values in how we operate and what we do as a County government."

Lewis has been an active leader in the Ulster County community and was appointed to the New Paltz Police Reform and Reinvention Committee, where she worked collaboratively with fellow volunteers and the New Paltz Police Department to build a model for police reform. Lewis made history in January 2022 when she took office as the first Black member of the New Paltz Town Board. She is an Ulster County native, born and raised in New Paltz by prominent local educators and activists who instilled a strong sense of civic duty in her. Her mother, Dr. Margaret Wade-Lewis, was a pillar of the New Paltz community and pioneer of the Black Studies Department at SUNY New Paltz for more than three decades prior to her passing in 2009. Lewis' father, David Lewis, is a lifelong educator and former member of the New Paltz Town Board.

"I am honored to be able to serve our County as Chief Diversity Officer, and to join the incredible team that County Executive Jen Metzger has put together," said Ulster County Chief Diversity Officer Esi Lewis. "I have hit the ground running working to bring equity to the forefront of the County's decision-making and helping to expand programming and services to historically under-represented populations. I am ready and eager for this new challenge."

Lewis spent a decade working as an attorney in New York City, where she served as an Assistant District Attorney working in the Sex Crimes Bureau of the Kings County District Attorney's Office, and subsequently at HSBC Bank in the Financial Intelligence Unit. In 2016, Lewis decided to return to her hometown to raise her daughter and began following in her parents' footsteps working as an educator at SUNY New Paltz and Ulster County BOCES as well as working with survivors of domestic violence as a Staff Attorney at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. In 2022, Lewis founded in her mother's memory the Dr. Margaret Wade-Lewis Black History and Cultural Center at the Ann Oliver House in New Paltz, where she continues to serve as Executive Director.

Love Conquers All - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 1 Remain alive
- 4 A part of
- 6 Can
- 8 Ran away
- 10 Sweet treat
- 12 Ancient Sumerian city
- 13 Mountain peak
- 14 Was in charge of
- 16 My mother's brother
- 18 Concerning
- 19 One deciding the results in a competition
- 20 In addition
- 22 Strange
- 23 Old time actress "___ West"
- 24 One of the first American card companies
- 25 God of Love
- 27 Advertisement
- 28 Old Testament
- 29 To a small extent
- 30 Hot brewed beverage
- 31 Archaic plural form of thou
- 32 Grasp tightly

- 33 Not confined
- 35 Commotion
- 37 Previously Persia
- 39 Tatted trim
- 41 Personal Computer
- 43 Memorialize
- 47 Before noon
- 48 Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
- 49 Woody perennial plant
- 50 Made musical sounds with the voice
- 51 Ability to look at words and comprehend
- 52 Infinite marker expressing a cause
- 53 Bundle
- 55 Keep out of sight
- 57 Scandinavian god of light
- 60 Language
- 61 Abrupt stop
- 65 Attribute of color
- 66 Chemical element Iridium
- 67 Necessary items
- 68 16th century

- small square defensive tower
 - 69 Piece of publicity
 - 71 To a great extent
 - 72 Boast
 - 74 A preposition
 - 76 Prescribed ceremonial actions
 - 77 Short sleep
 - 78 Long period of time
 - 79 Chimpanzee
 - 81 Near
 - 83 First woman
 - 85 Half an em
 - 87 Scottish man's pleated skirt
 - 88 Yield
 - 90 Writing instrument
 - 92 In the manner of
 - 93 Colorado
 - 94 Supermarket
 - 95 A performer
 - 96 Tennessee (abbrev)
- DOWN
- 1 A system of rules
 - 2 Worth
 - 3 Feb 14th Love note
 - 4 Append
 - 5 New York

- 6 Buttress
- 7 Source
- 8 Second month
- 9 Large flightless bird
- 11 Northeast
- 13 Vital fluid
- 15 For each
- 17 Shelter
- 19 A green stone
- 21 Intense feeling of affection
- 23 Lusty month of Spring
- 25 Common Era
- 26 Relating to the Netherlands
- 28 By word of mouth
- 30 Pervading idea
- 32 Expression of good will
- 34 Scoundrel
- 36 German grandfather
- 37 Frozen water
- 38 Man's title before surname
- 39 Illumination
- 40 Paper greeting
- 42 Thing previously mentioned
- 44 Tied knot with two loops
- 45 Assistant
- 46 She mass produced first USA

- Valentines
- 54 Too
- 56 Deep admiration for someone
- 57 Person's emotional state
- 58 Shot from a bow
- 59 Human beings
- 62 Living

- 63 Allow
- 64 A favorite Valentine flower
- 65 Sincere
- 69 Material made from fibrous pulp
- 70 Rugby League (Abbrev)
- 73 Indefinite article
- 75 Truth
- 79 Give expression
- 80 Extraterrestrial
- 82 Chem symbol Tellurium
- 84 Vessel or duct
- 86 Prefix denoting not
- 87 Knock Out
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Chocolate-Covered Strawberries

- 1 pound fresh strawberries with leaves intact
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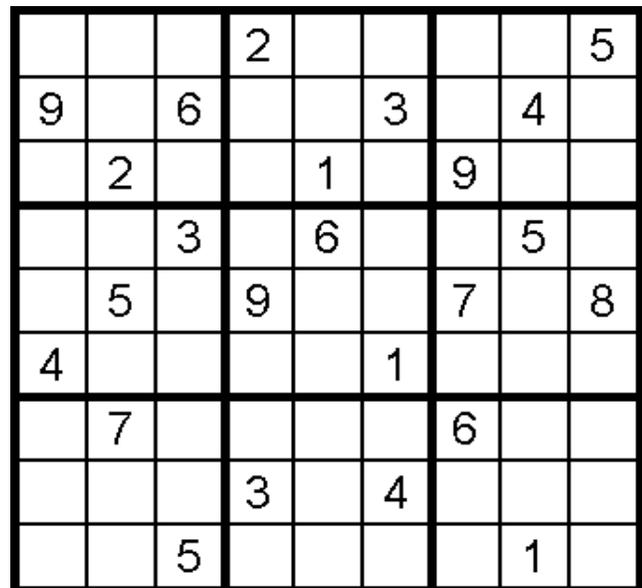
Rinse berries under cold water and dry thoroughly, even the leaves. Set the washed and dried berries on a perfectly dry towel and let them get to room temperature while you prep the baking sheet and the chocolate.

Line a baking sheet with parchment or waxed paper. Use a large enough pan to allow an inch or two of space between the strawberries.

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler. The key is to go low and slow for a smoother melt. Do not let any water come into contact with the chocolate.

Working one at a time, dip the strawberries in the warm chocolate. Dip into the chocolate, bottom first, to about 1/4 of the way up. Gently rotate the strawberry as you pull it out of the chocolate, so the excess drips back into the bowl and the last drip rolls onto the strawberry. Let chocolate cool and set.

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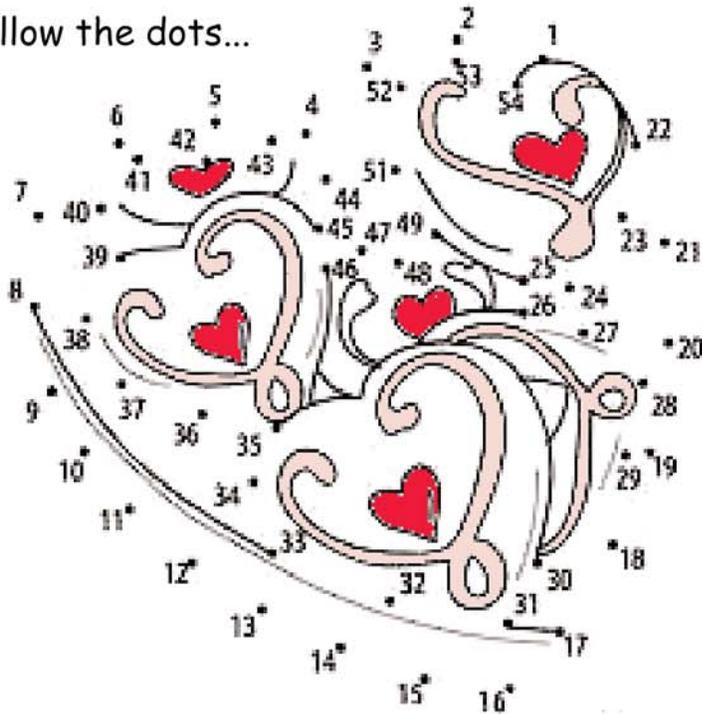
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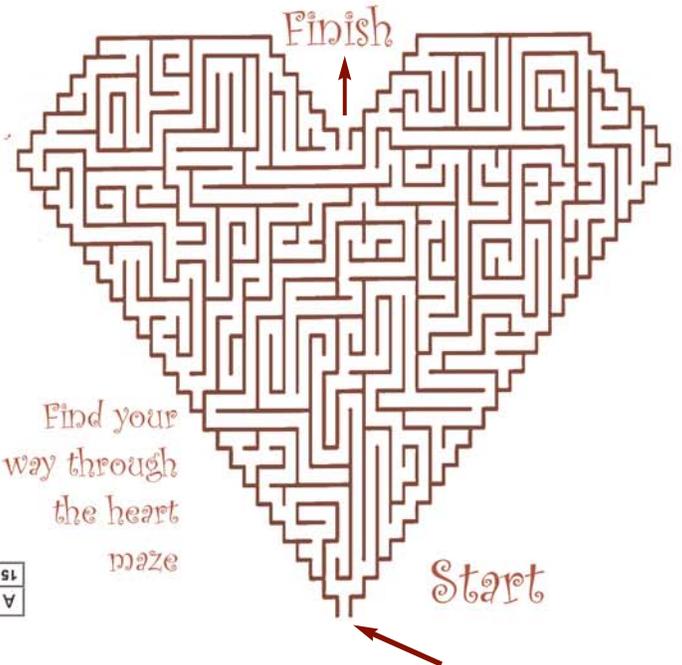


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This Week's News from Representative Pat Ryan

As we wrap up the first week of February, I wanted to give you an update on all that I've been doing down in DC on behalf of the Hudson Valley!

HOLDING CENTRAL HUDSON ACCOUNTABLE

This past Wednesday, I delivered my first speech of this year on the House floor. The message was simple:

Central Hudson's CEO has failed to deliver, failed to take accountability, and must resign.

Because you deserve better.

Congressman Pat Ryan Calls on Central Hudson CEO to Resign

Ryan: "For too long, Central Hudson has doubled down on its deflection, denial, and deception - it's time they finally do the right thing and bring in a new leader who will improve service, fix these systemic problems, and start the critical work to rebuild trust."

WASHINGTON, DC -Today, in a speech on the House floor, Congressman Pat Ryan called on Central Hudson President and CEO Charles A. Freni, Jr. to resign. He released the following statement:

Since my calls for an investigation into Central Hudson's disastrous billing practices almost a year ago, we've received more than 11,000 formal complaints. A New York State Department of Public Service report revealed that Central Hudson's billing system was riddled with hundreds of programming errors. This led to nearly 5,000 customers not receiving their bills, 8,000 customers being overcharged, and more than 30,000 customers whose autopay was billed incorrectly, costing them over \$16 million.

In response to this devastating report, Central Hudson doubled down on their deflection, denial, and deception. Rather than taking ownership of their failures, they claimed that no customers were overcharged and that nobody lost money.

Because of these failures and Central Hudson's continued unwillingness to take accountability, today I am calling on Central Hudson's CEO Mr. Charles Freni to do the right thing, and resign. We need a new leader who will improve service, finally fix these systemic problems, and start the critical work to rebuild trust. That is what the people of the Hudson Valley deserve.

The entirety of Representative Ryan's floor speech can be seen on YouTube:

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I'm looking forward to many more productive conversations to come!

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

This week marked the beginning of Black History Month.

While we come together to honor the contributions and achievements of Black Americans, we must vigorously recommit to the values of equality, justice, and opportunity.

May they be fully recognized.

This week, I want to spotlight Lieutenant Henry Ossian Flipper. Born into slavery, Lt. Flipper was the first African American to graduate from West Point in 1877.

In recent years, West Point created the Black History Project to uplift the legacies of African American cadets. Join me in remembering their service and watch the video series, linked on this webpage **DELIVERING FOR THE HUDSON VALLEY**

Last year, we passed the largest infrastructure bill since the Eisenhower administration, including \$1 billion in funding for the Low or No Emission Grant Program. The Low-No Program provides funding to roll out zero-emission and low-emission transit buses and related facilities.

I'm dedicated to bringing this funding back home to make the Hudson Valley a greener and more accessible community.

Find out more about this funding opportunity here and learn about more Federal Transit Administration funding opportunities here .

BRINGING JOBS TO THE HUDSON VALLEY

The CHIPS Act that passed last year is a landmark \$39 billion investment in America's manufacturing industry.

It should also be a landmark investment in union jobs.

That's why I joined colleagues in writing a letter to the Secretary of Commerce, asking her to prioritize CHIPS funding for projects that pursue strong labor standards. I'm committed to bringing those quality jobs back here to the Hudson Valley.

VALENTINES FOR VETS

Keep sending your handwritten notes and cards to our veterans and their caregivers through our Valentines for Vets Program .

Please join us in showing these heroes just how much the Hudson Valley is moved by their sacrifices and love for our country by mailing your cards to our Kingston Office by February 8th at:

256 Clinton Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401

MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU THIS TAX SEASON

The Inflation Reduction Act created new credits and resources to guide you through your tax filing. As new expansions of the Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Tax Credits and Incentives roll out, you can stay updated on them here .

With these new resources, it's now easier than ever for hard-working Americans to receive the credit they are due. Check here to see if you are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit and other credits.

GRANTS CORNER –NEW Grant opportunities:

Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Due March 31.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive Grants Program will support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production. Due March 27.

REMINDER! Grant applications are currently open for:

Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations.

The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Program will provide \$30 million in funding directly to community-based nonprofit organizations. Due April 10.

The Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program will provide \$70 million in funding to state and local governments to partner with community-based nonprofit organizations. Due April 10.

Contact our district office for assistance applying for these grants and learning more about other funding opportunities.

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.

Anticipated Openings Tri-Valley Central School

Teacher Aides

High School Diploma or Equivalent Required

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application
(located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by **Feb 15th**

To: tri-valley-recruitment@scbooces.org

Attn: Teacher Aide Search EOE 2/2;2/9

Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Meeting will be advertised, conducted,
streamed live on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI224vKQ8nAWWhR6NVao24w/live>



STATE OF THE TOWN OF OLIVE

with Supervisor Jim Sofranko &
Deputy Supervisor Drew Boggess

Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Olive Free Library

The Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor will
offer an update on current projects
happening in the Town of Olive.
All are welcome! Refreshments to follow!

Please Take Notice: Covid-19 Home Test Kits

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Town of Denning Town Hall
1567 Denning Road
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8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

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NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of a resolution granting a partial real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §466-a for the primary residence of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers will be held in and for the Neversink Fire District on February 23, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Neversink Firehouse located at 7486 State Rt. 55 Neversink, NY 12765.

The proposed Resolution for consideration is abstracted as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Neversink District, hereby authorizes the Fire District to adopt RPTL §466-a volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker partial tax exemption for enrolled members of an incorporated fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as determined by the authority having jurisdiction in the amount of 10% of the assessed value of a primary residence and upon a minimum service requirement of two years based upon the Fire District's determination as the governing body, subject to all other statutory requirements.

The Resolution setting the Public Hearing may be viewed in its entirety and the Fire District's office during normal business hours.

Dated February 6, 2023

Nicole Congelosi, Commissioner

2/9; 2/16; 2/23

FREE Program Offering: Funding for Safe Routes

VIRTUAL - Top to bottom, governmental agencies are acknowledging that to keep drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, wheelers, and individuals of all ages and abilities safe, a change in streets and road design is in order. To do that, funding is needed and is available to eligible entities. But without road safety knowledge, applications are likely to be denied.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County invites municipal and community-based organizations to attend a FREE, virtual convening on available program and funding resources for road safety on Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Presenters include America Walks, Cornell University, the Federal Highway Administration Resource Center Office of Innovation Implementation,

Physical Activity and Nutrition Center of Excellence, Sullivan 180, and the Sullivan County Department of Planning. Topics will include Active Friendly Routes to Everyday Destinations, the Rural Local Roads Safety Plan, updates on Complete Streets designs, current projects in Sullivan County connecting safe routes to health and physical activity, and federal, state, and local funding sources and eligibility.

This offering is FREE with required pre-registration. To register, visit <http://sullivancece.org/events>. Those with questions can email sullivan@cornell.edu or call 845-292-6180.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

Ulster County Clerk's Office Celebrates Black History Month with Newest Display in Historical Profiles Series Featuring Clayton "Peg Leg" Bates

Kingston, NY - In celebration of Black History Month, Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce the newest display in the Historical Profiles series featuring entertainer and community patron Clayton "Peg Leg" Bates. The exhibit panel will be on display for the month of February on the 1st floor of the Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston.

Celebrated dancer and resort-owner Clayton "Peg Leg" Bates was a beloved member of his community, both in Kerhonkson and his childhood home of Fountain Inn, South Carolina. He loved entertaining and often used his talents to raise funds for the less fortunate. Peg Leg was a firm believer that everyone deserved happiness, regardless of race or their condition in life. He spoke to youth groups, taught at dance schools and performed regularly right up to the night before he passed. He was a joyful man whose main goal was to inspire others to rise above their situations and make the most out of life.

"Peg Leg Bates was a pillar of the Ulster County community," stated County Clerk Nina Postupack. "We are proud to be able to present this look into his life and history. He was a true inspiration to everyone who met him, and we hope his story continues to inspire for many years to come."



On Wednesday, February 1st, the Peg Leg Bates Historical Profile will be at two Black History Month kick-off events. From 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, the panel will be displayed at the Kingston City Hall, 420 Broadway, for the Black History Month Kingston Breakfast Mixer, where attendees can learn about all of the many events and activities planned for this year. Next, at 5:00 pm, the panel will be displayed at the Ulster County Black History Month kick-off event on the front lawn of the Ulster County Office Building at 244 Fair Street. After these events, the display will be available in the lobby of the County Office Building for the remainder of the month.

For further information about this or other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us or visit the archives online at ulster-countyny.gov/archives.



A Champion for NY's Dairy Farmers, Senator Gillibrand Announces Dairy Priorities for 2023 Farm Bill Churning Out Dairy Reform Is Gillibrand's Bread and Butter; New York Dairy Industry Supports Tens of Thousands of Jobs and Generates Nearly \$3 Billion in Revenue Annually

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is announcing her dairy priorities for the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill negotiations. A leading champion for New York's dairy farmers, Gillibrand is announcing the reintroduction of her bipartisan Dairy Pricing Opportunity Act, which would empower dairy farmers to be key players in reviewing proposals that could change Class I milk pricing by requiring the United States Department of Agriculture to hold national hearings to review Federal Milk Marketing Orders (FMMO). The current milk pricing system is one of the most complicated and out-of-date economic systems in our nation, leaving many of New York's dairy producers facing the risk of inadequate pay due to volatile milk pricing. Senator Gillibrand is also announcing her recent letter to U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Ambassador Tai with Senator Schumer pushing the agency to ensure that Canada upholds its dairy trade obligations as part of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Unfair Canadian trade policies have kept America's dairy producers from benefiting from fair trade to the Canadian market for their products.

"As we prepare for the 2023 Farm Bill, it is one of my top priorities to ensure our dairy industry stays competitive in the global economy and to meet the growing needs of New York's dairy farmers. Dairy is New York's primary agricultural product, but our outdated milk pricing system is doing substantial harm to the industry and our dairy farmers are struggling. We have the unique opportunity with the upcoming Farm Bill to modernize our milk pricing system and let dairy farmers be key players in guiding this critical reform," said Senator Gillibrand. "I will also continue to push Canada to uphold its side of the bargain under the USMCA and protect American dairy farmers from harmful trading practices. Fair market access for American dairy farmers was a key pillar of the USMCA, intended to expand market opportunities for America's dairy industry and create an equitable playing field for producers across the country. These principles must be upheld."

Senator Gillibrand first introduced the Dairy Pricing Opportunity Act in 2021 with Senators Leahy (D-VT) and Collins (R-ME). The introduction of this bill was a direct result of Senator Gillibrand's 2021 Senate Agriculture Subcommittee hearing on modernizing milk pricing and the FMMO system, and has paved the way for critical discussions surrounding FMMO reform in not just Class I pricing, but potentially other areas of need. New York is the fifth largest dairy-producing state in the nation and home to nearly 3,500 dairy farms. Senator Gillibrand is a longstanding advocate for these farmers and has consistently worked to reform the FMMO system, which forces American dairy farmers to contend with potentially volatile milk prices and poor pay. These challenges, in addition to rising costs and intensifying competition, have forced many small dairy farmers to leave the industry. The U.S. has lost nearly 60% of its licensed dairy operations since 2003, and in New York the number of dairy farms declined from 4,190 to 3,430 between 2018 and 2021 - a loss of approximately 18%.

Prior to the 2018 Farm Bill, Class I milk was calculated using the "higher of" Class III or Class IV price plus the applicable Class I differential. This was changed in the most recent Farm Bill to an averaging method of Class III and Class IV plus \$0.74. This change, compounded by government intervention in cheese markets as a result of the pandemic, has resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in lost income for dairy farmers from May 2019 through April 2021. This combination of factors demonstrates that when there is a wide discrepancy between the Class III and Class IV price, the current mover will cause significant loss of Class I skim milk revenue relative to the previous Class I mover and what was intended by Congress in the 2018 Farm Bill change. This has led to increased calls from producers and industry for USDA to hold national FMMO hearings to resolve this issue with the Class I mover.

During the 117th Congress, the Dairy Pricing Opportunity Act was endorsed by the American Farm Bureau Federation, New York Farm Bureau, American Dairy Coalition, the Maine Dairy Industry Association, and the Northeast Dairy Producers Association.

Gillibrand has consistently pushed to enforce key provisions of the USMCA for dairy farmers and Canadian dairy exports. In a 2020 letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue and USTR Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, Gillibrand and more than 20 Senate colleagues pushed the administration to hold Canadian and Mexican trade partners accountable to their commitments. The outlined provisions are crucial to creating a level playing field for dairy farmers in New York and across the country.

For Gillibrand's 2023 letter to USTR, please click here. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/012523-Letter-to-USTR-Supporting-Second-Dispute-Settlement-Consultation.pdf>

Gillibrand Statement on 30th Anniversary of FMLA

WASHINGTON, DC - On the 30th anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Senator Gillibrand released the following statement on the need for universal paid leave:

"No one should ever have to decide between caring for a loved one and earning a paycheck. Yet every day, too many Americans are forced to make that impossible choice. On the 30th anniversary of the FMLA, it's more clear than ever that we need a comprehensive national paid leave program. Paid family and medical leave lets workers take the time they need to recover from a serious illness or care for a sick child or loved one - all without the risk of losing their jobs. It strengthens our economy and our families and makes our country more competitive on the global stage. This is a commonsense program that is long overdue. I've been fighting for universal paid leave for a decade in Congress and I'm more committed than ever to seeing it through and making paid leave available to every American."

The FMLA has helped employees balance their work and family responsibilities by allowing them to take reasonable unpaid leave for certain family and medical reasons.

While the program has been greatly successful, there are still barriers to access and more must be done to cater to the current reality of working Americans, and a paid program must be created. Senator Gillibrand (D-NY) and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) are the authors of the FAMILY Act, their signature legislation to establish America's first national paid family and medical leave program. (Contd. Pg. 21)

Gillibrand Statement on 30th Anniversary of FMLA

(From Pg. 20) The FAMILY Act would ensure that every worker, no matter the size of their employer or if they are self-employed or part-time, has access to paid leave for every serious medical event, every time it is needed.

Last week, Senator Gillibrand and Congresswoman DeLauro, along with Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Tina Smith (D-MN) and U.S. Representatives Richie Neal (D-MA), Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-VA), Sean Casten (D-IL), and Lauren Underwood (D-IL) held a press conference ahead of the anniversary to announce a legislative package to establish a paid family and medical leave program and expand and modernize the FMLA.

Video recording of the event can be viewed at:

<http://twitter.com/gillibrandny/status/1620838172316897281?s=20&t=sjWCmJ9o-dZ308d7eeNULg>

Governor Hochul Announces Department of Motor Vehicles Recovered \$7.3 Million in Stolen Vehicles and Parts for New Yorkers

- NY Nation Seeing Increase in Vehicle Thefts
- DMV Also Fighting Fraud, Raising Catalytic Converter Theft Awareness

Governor Kathy Hochul announced today that the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles helped New Yorkers recover 231 stolen vehicles valued at more than \$7.3 million in 2022. In addition, DMV recovered 81 stolen vehicle parts, worth \$67,223.

"Since the day I took office, the safety of New Yorkers has been my number one priority," Governor Hochul said. "My administration is committed to tracking down and recovering stolen vehicles and bringing justice to the innocent New Yorkers who are victimized by these crimes."

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder said, "Our investigators work hard to protect New Yorkers-not only their property but also their identities. Recovering stolen vehicles and parts is just part of the critical work they do day in and day out. In addition to being vigilant once you own a vehicle, we always advise consumers to be wise when purchasing a salvage vehicle or one that may have been stolen or subjected to flooding."

By comparison, in 2021, DMV recovered 194 vehicles and 77 parts for a total value of \$5.2 million.

Breakdown of the vehicles recovered in 2022 and their value:

Brand	Number of vehicles	Value
Acura	8	\$185,125
Alfa Romeo	1	\$25,000
Audi	3	\$105,238
Big Tex trailer	1	\$13,000
BMW	8	\$417,095
Buick	1	\$26,975
Cadillac	4	\$116,245
Can-Am ATV	1	\$4,120
Chevrolet	5	\$149,470
Chrysler	2	\$21,500
Dodge	15	\$631,897
Ford	8	\$110,400
GMC	6	\$231,800
Hino	1	\$35,600

Brand	Number of vehicles	Value
Honda	76	\$2,009,264
Hyundai	5	\$71,520
Infiniti	6	\$220,025
Jaguar	1	\$61,200
Jeep	23	\$1,034,058
Kawasaki	2	\$10,340
Kia	2	\$55,500
KTM	1	\$9,250
Land Rover	3	\$139,038
Lexus	1	\$20,000
Lincoln	2	\$19,600
Mercedes Benz	4	\$192,825
Nissan	10	\$151,041
Polaris	1	\$4,060
Pontiac	1	\$4,000
Porsche	2	\$113,000
Ram	8	\$695,800
RPS	1	\$1,300
Toyota	15	\$413,250
Yamaha	2	\$10,500
Utility Trailer	1	\$250
TOTAL	231	\$7,309,286

There has been a national increase in stolen vehicles. Drivers should remember to lock their vehicle when they park and take the key or key fob with them. For additional security, vehicle owners can use visible or audible devices such as alarms, brake or wheel locks, or install a vehicle immobilizer like fuse cut-offs or ignition and fuel disablers.

If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police and your auto insurance company as soon as possible. The police will enter the information into national and state auto theft computer records. The theft will be noted on your vehicle title record to help prevent someone from selling the vehicle or applying for a title.

The DMV offers additional guidance on stolen and recovered vehicles on its website, and the agency also provides a link that lets customers determine if a car was flooded or stolen. By typing in the Vehicle Identification Number, a customer can learn if a vehicle has flood damage that is not readily visible.

Consumers should also be careful when purchasing a vehicle where the deal seems too good to be true. They should be wary if the seller is insisting on cash only and should check to be sure the vehicle description on the title matches the vehicle they are receiving. For example, the plates and inspection stickers should match the jurisdiction listed on the title.

Auto theft recovery is just one of the many functions of DMV's Division of Field Investigations. Last year, DMV investigators made 1,126 arrests related to fraud, identity theft and using false identifications to purchase alcohol.

At the Governor's direction, the DMV has also worked with members of law enforcement, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and state and regional automobile dealers' associations to combat catalytic converter thefts. DMV helped supply dealers with a new process that allows auto dealers to etch a unique, traceable serial number onto the catalytic converter that can be clearly seen and linked back to the vehicle from which it was stolen.

In October, the Governor signed legislation requiring auto dealers to stock and use those etching kits on new vehicles. The legislation also amended Vehicle and Traffic Law to add catalytic converters as a major component vehicle part, which will require vehicle dismantlers to maintain records of them. Every 60 days, those businesses must report the number of catalytic converters received during that period. Failing to maintain or produce those records upon request is a Class A misdemeanor and could include monetary penalties of up to double the amount made in taking in allegedly stolen converter components.

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm

March 4, 2023
Tables with Yard Sale items will be available during the supper

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion
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Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team looks forward to returning in the Spring of 2023



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

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

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

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Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



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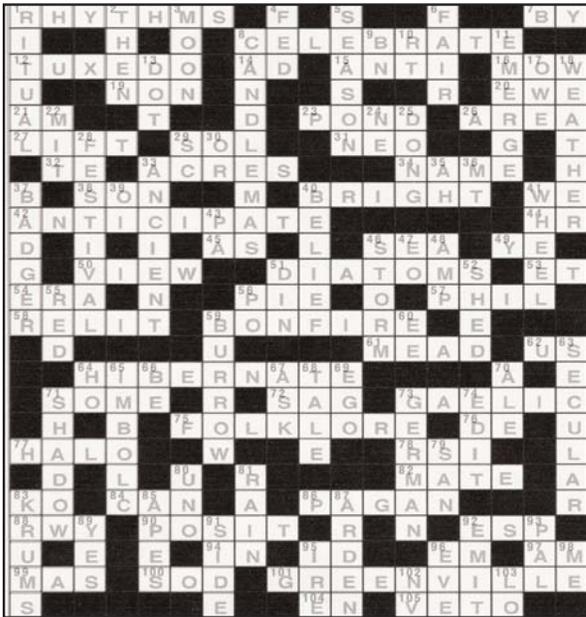
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Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



**GRAHAMSVILLE
UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

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

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

**Sundown
United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall**

Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale

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

**Bingo at the
Monticello Elks Lodge**

**Every Tuesday at 7 PM
46 North Street in Monticello.**

The Monticello Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats and gloves to elementary school children.

For information, contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell at (845) 701-0695.

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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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Spread the word, please!

Action Toward Independence and Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County will be offering Suicide Prevention Training on Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Woodbourne Firehouse, 355 Route 52 in Woodbourne, for service members, veterans and their families. Registration is required. Call 845-794-4228, ask for a Veteran Peer Advocate.

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/14/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/16/23	Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/16/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
2/19/23	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
2/21/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
3/1/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
3/4/23	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
3/7/23	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
3/8/23	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

Save the Date!

May 6, 2023 **Tri-Valley Lions' Journey For Sight Walk** at 8:30 am at Grahamsville First Aid Squad Bldg and Fairgrounds. Call Lion Esta Jacob for more information at 845-866-1579.

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week of February 6 - February 10, 2023

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

Monday, February 6

- o **5:00 PM - Community Services Board Executive Committee Meeting**, at 713 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Traffic Safety Board**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, February 7

- o **5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Democrats**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Wednesday, February 8

- o **5:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, February 9

- o **5:00 PM - Charter Revision Commission**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, at 1250 Penbrook Club Dr., Venice, FL, and by videoconferencing, Zoom Meeting ID: 840 4292 4344
- o **6:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:30 PM (or immediately following the Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - Caucus: Republicans**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Friday, February 10

- o No Meetings

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Rep. Molinaro Announces Over \$200K in Federal Funds for Cancer Research at Cornell University

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced Cornell University has received \$233,883 in federal funding for cancer research.

This funding is available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services's (HHS) National Cancer Institute. It will be used to support the development of therapies to treat lymphatic cancers.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Cornell University is on the cutting edge of cancer research. I am glad to announce they will be receiving over \$200,000 in federal funds to advance this critical work. With Cornell leading the way, we can and will discover therapies that help people in our community and around the world beat cancer."

"We have developed unique imaging tools to visualize the cellular dynamics of living tissues and organs. With this new funding, we will team with clinical researchers at Weill Cornell Medicine to use these tools to observe the interactions between cells in lymphomas. Our goal is to understand why certain lymphoma patients respond to state-of-the-art immune therapies while others are resistant," said Dr. Chris Xu, IBM Professor and Director of the School of Applied and Engineering Physics and the Mong Family Foundation Director of Cornell Neurotech at Cornell University. "We thank Congressman Molinaro for his strong support for biomedical research, which will push our technology forward and improve the effectiveness of immunotherapies."

Rep. Molinaro Announces Opening of Five Offices in New York's 19th Congressional District

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced the opening of offices in Binghamton, Leeds, Liberty, Hancock, and Oneonta.

These offices will allow residents in New York's 19th Congressional District to access Rep. Molinaro's constituent service team who will be available to assist with federal issues like navigating a Social Security claim, tracking the status of a tax refund with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), or obtaining earned benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Rep. Molinaro said, "I am excited to announce the openings of five District Offices. Constituent services and accessibility is our top priority. These offices will provide Upstate New Yorkers with an important access point to our constituent service team who can help with a variety of federal issues. I encourage Upstate New Yorkers to use our office as a resource. We are here to help!"

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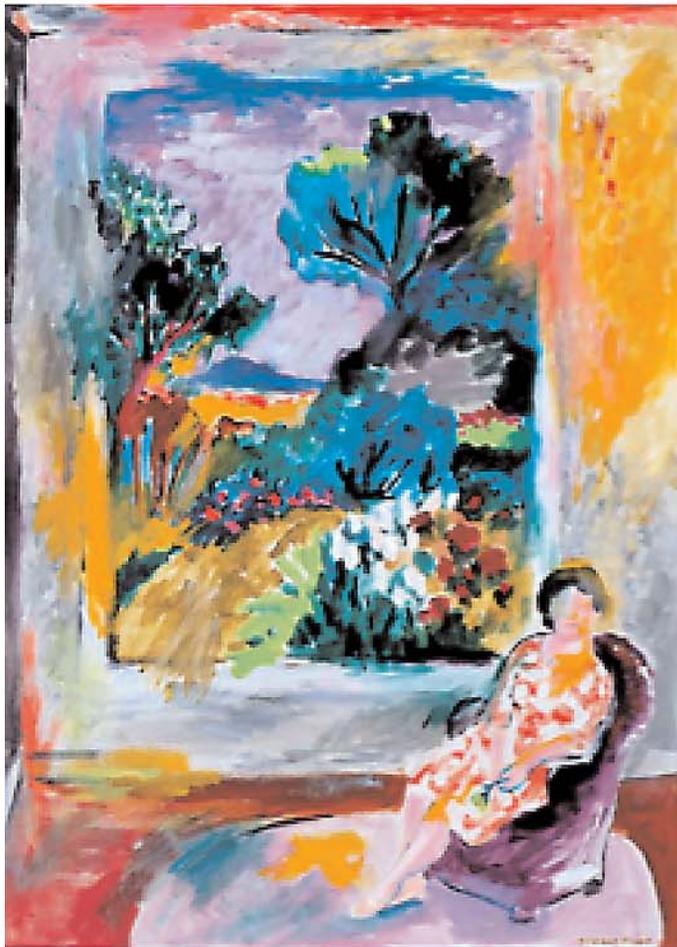
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Delaware County District Office
661 West Main Street
Hancock, NY 13783
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Otsego County District Office
41 South Main Street
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By Appointment

The Binghamton and Leeds offices will be open from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. The offices in Liberty, Hancock, and Oneonta will be accessible by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling (607) 242-0200 or contacting the office online at: <https://molinaro.house.gov/contact/>



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DEC Reminds Visitors to State Lands to Love Our New York Lands and Leave No Trace™

Enjoy Winter Recreation Safely and Responsibly

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today reminded visitors to the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserves and all State lands to recreate safely and responsibly and practice Leave No Trace™ this winter. Everyone who recreates on New York's State lands has a responsibility to adequately prepare themselves and protect natural resources for future generations. Following the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace™, set forth by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, is one way visitors are encouraged to Love Our New York Lands. This weekend, temperatures are expected to drop to -45 degrees Fahrenheit in the Adirondack High Peaks. DEC encourages anyone with plans to venture outdoors to consider changing those plans. In dangerously cold weather, as forecast for this weekend, frostbite only takes 10 minutes to take effect.

"In the Northeast, we are no strangers to the cold, but this weekend's weather is different and we need to take precautions when outdoors," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "With wind chills reaching -50, there is a risk of rapid onset of hypothermia and frostbite. While DEC's Forest Rangers are prepared to rescue anyone in need, outdoor adventurers are advised not to put themselves or first responders in unnecessary danger. The Adirondacks, Catskills, and our many forests, wildlife management areas, and other State Lands will still be there to enjoy and share when temperatures rise."

When weather conditions are more suitable than the cold weather this week, there are steps visitors can take to help protect themselves and the places they visit, however, they choose to recreate. The Leave No Trace™ Seven Principles provide helpful guidance for reducing impacts on the environment and keeping everyone safe.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Proper planning is vital to a safe winter adventure. Know personal limits, set realistic goals, and choose an experience appropriate for everyone in the group. Research trails and routes before setting out and contact DEC or other knowledgeable parties with questions.

Winter weather can change rapidly. Prepare for every occasion by bringing the 10 Hike Smart NY essentials, including food, water, navigation, warm layers, snowshoes and traction devices, a headlamp, first-aid kit, emergency kit, emergency shelter, and matches or a lighter. Stay up to date with current weather reports leading up to a trip. If the forecast calls for harsh conditions, consider rescheduling.

Make a timeline, including a turnaround time, and stick to it. Always leave trip plans with someone who will call for help if you don't return on time. For more tips on preparing for a safe outdoor winter experience, visit DEC's winter hiking safety page.

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Stick to designated trails and campsites as much as possible. Skis or snowshoes are recommended whenever there is significant snowpack and are required in the Eastern High Peaks when snow depths reach eight inches. Snowshoes make walking in deep snow easier and help prevent postholing, the act of creating deep holes in the snow with bare boots.

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

Sundays @ 10AM

Wednesdays @ 5PM

Details:

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

Remember that snow will likely be deeper at higher elevations. Use traction devices, such as crampons or microspikes, to travel safely on icy trails.

Dispose of Waste Properly

Pack out garbage, food scraps, broken gear, and pet waste. Dispose of trash in a designated can at the trailhead or at home. 'Go before you go' and use toilets or outhouses whenever possible. While the ground is frozen, making cat holes hard to dig, be prepared to pack out poop where toilets aren't available.

Leave What You Find

Leave trail signs and markers so others can find their way. Leave historic artifacts and natural features for others to enjoy. Last but not least, don't carve or graffiti rocks, trees, or backcountry structures.

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Confirm that fires are permitted before you build one. Use designated fireplaces whenever possible and only burn dead and downed wood. When you're done with the fire, extinguish it completely. Never leave a fire unattended or have a fire inside a structure such as a lean-to or tent.

Respect Wildlife

Appreciate wildlife from a distance. Don't follow, approach, or feed them. Human food can harm wildlife and feeding animals can create bad habits that lead to dangerous human interactions, unnatural habituation, and unsustainable dependency.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Help all visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience by following winter trail etiquette. Wear snowshoes or skis on snowy trails to avoid post-holing and separate ski and snowshoe tracks when possible. Yield to downhill skiers, keep to the right side of the trail, and use the left to pass. Snowmobile riders are reminded to respect posted signage and slow down when passing pedestrians or traveling through densely populated areas. For more information about snowmobile safety, go to the NYS Parks website.

To learn more about safe, responsible recreation in all seasons, visit the Love Our New York Lands page on DEC's website. For more helpful tips on preparing for your next adventure, check out the Outdoor Recreation playlist on DEC's Youtube channel.

AG James Secures \$410,000 from Tech Companies for Illegally Promoting Spyware and Violating New Yorkers' Privacy

Multiple Companies Owned by Patrick Hinchy Sold Software Products that Allowed Individuals to Spy on their Partners without Their Consent

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today secured \$410,000 from Patrick Hinchy and 16 of his companies for illegally promoting spyware that allowed individuals to monitor another person's device without their awareness. The software products sold by Hinchy's companies allowed users to secretly monitor activity on another device, including call logs, text messages, photos and videos, location, Gmail activity, WhatsApp and Skype messages, social media activity, and browsing history. The companies' advertisements and promotions led customers to believe that using their products for spying was legal, however, installing and using stalkerware to monitor another adult's mobile device without their consent violates numerous state and federal laws. As a result of this agreement, Hinchy's companies must pay \$410,000 in penalties and modify their apps to alert device owners that their devices are being monitored.

"Snooping on a partner and tracking their cell phone without their knowledge isn't just a sign of an unhealthy relationship, it is against the law," said Attorney General James. "These apps and products put New Yorkers at risk of stalking and domestic abuse, and were aggressively promoted by Patrick Hinchy through 16 different companies. Today's agreement will block these companies from allowing New Yorkers to be monitored without their awareness, and will continue our ongoing fight to protect New Yorkers' rights, safety, and privacy."

A consortium of companies owned by Hinchy promoted several apps as tools to spy on spouses or intimate partners without their awareness or consent. An investigation by the

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Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that Hinchy and his companies also misrepresented their refund and data security policies, failed to disclose the potential harm to a device caused by the installation of their products, and created sham review sites to lure customers into purchasing and using the stalkerware products.

The investigation revealed that Hinchy created numerous websites that purported to provide independent technology advice, but in reality, solely promoted the stalkerware products sold by Hinchy's companies. Hinchy's stalkerware companies also failed to disclose the need to perform an invasive procedure, known as rooting for Android devices or jailbreaking on Apple devices, and the risks associated with such procedures. Customers were also misled by confusing refund policies and false claims regarding the data security of information obtained by the stalkerware products.

Today's agreement requires Hinchy and his companies to pay \$410,000 in penalties, disgorgement, and costs. In addition, Hinchy's companies must modify the apps and software so that the owner of the device being monitored is notified and informed of the types of information collected by the app or software and made available for viewing by the user of the product. The agreement further requires Hinchy and his companies to make accurate disclosures regarding endorsements, rooting and jailbreaking requirements, refund policies, and data security.

Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State. In 2022, Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators across the state responded to more than 25,600 calls and worked on cases that resulted in nearly 13,800 tickets or arrests for violations ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and excessive emissions violations.

"DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers and Investigators work hard each day to serve their communities, protect our precious natural resources, and safeguard public health, while ensuring those who break the state's stringent Environmental Conservation Laws are held accountable," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "In partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement, DEC looks forward to continuing to support the work our ECOs perform in every corner of New York."

Bald Eagle Rescue - Dutchess County



On Jan. 6, ECO Franz received a call reporting an injured bald eagle in the woods next to a stream in the town of Amenia. Officer Franz arrived at the location and discovered the bald eagle was unable to fly. The ECO climbed down the stream bed and used a towel to safely subdue the bird. Once secured, ECO Franz transferred the eagle to a wildlife rehabilitation center, which determined it was suffering from lead poisoning. A fragment of lead the size of a grain of rice is

lethal to eagles and even small exposure can cause severe neurological problems. The injured eagle received one round of therapy at the wildlife rehab center and is responding well. Lead exposures are often the result of lead ammunition fragments and lead fishing tackle left behind by hunters and anglers in the field.

Valentine's Day, President's Day, Groundhog Day, Black History Month, Super Bowl Sunday and, of course, TRIVIA!!!

That's right campers! This is your monthly trivia update:

The next Trivia Night at The Sullivan House is a week from tonight. Wednesday, February 8th! 7pm, as usual, at The Sullivan House Bar and Grill. 544 Wurtsboro Mountain Road, Wurtsboro, NY (see attached flyer) <https://sullivan-house-bar-grill.business.site/>

This one's Character Trivia, so it's a game and a bit of a show.

The next Trivia Night at The Tango Cafe will be the usual third Thursday, i.e., Thursday, February 16th! 7pm go time. Seating begins at 6:30pm. Pre-registration is highly recommended to ensure your team gets a table. Reservations can be made at tangocafe@hacny.org or 845-520-5453 (see, also, attached flyers - these will give you some hints as to the evening's themes)

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

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

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Governor Hochul Announces \$5.25 Million to Support Addiction Prevention Services in High-need Communities

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$5.25 million in awards to establish six substance use and prevention coalitions across New York State. Administered by the State Office of Addiction Services and Supports, the funding will enable recipients to focus prevention efforts on priority populations; including Black, Indigenous and people of color; veterans; older adults, individuals with disabilities, and youth with a history of incarceration or other contact with the criminal-legal system.

"Addiction impacts New Yorkers from all walks of life, and my administration remains committed to using every tool at our disposal to help struggling individuals receive the supportive services they need," Governor Hochul said. "This expansion of prevention services will allow us to reach more people in need and ensure we are taking all necessary steps to provide a full continuum of addiction care across New York State."

Prevention coalitions are designed to better engage vulnerable and isolated communities and populations in developing and implementing environmental change prevention strategies. This funding will help these six new coalitions - two in the New York City area and four in the rest of state - to develop culturally appropriate and tailored prevention initiatives for the specific communities and populations they serve.

Senator Chuck Schumer said, "New York is on the frontlines of the opioid epidemic, and that is why I fought so hard to make sure the federal COVID relief bills included historic increases to bolster treatment, prevention, and recovery services. This \$5+ million federal boost will give addiction-services providers from Long Island to Lewis County the resources they need to keep saving lives and help underserved communities get the support they need."

Funding for the expansion was provided to New York State through collaboration with The Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc. and SAMHSA's Partnership for Success Grant 2022. Each recipient will receive \$175,000 per year for five years, for a total of \$875,000.

Central New York

- o Access To Independence of Cortland County, Inc.

- o Partnership for Ontario (Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Ontario County)

Long Island

- o Family & Children's Association

New York City

- o Research Foundation of CUNY on behalf of Lehman College (The Lehman Prevention Collaborative)

- o Riseboro Community Partnership (RiseBoro Partnership for Success Prevention Coalition)

North Country

- o Mountain View Prevention Services, Inc. (United Prevention "UP!" Coalition of Lewis County)

New York State has instituted an aggressive, multi-pronged approach to addressing the overdose epidemic, and created a nation-leading continuum of addiction care with full prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services. This includes expanding access to traditional services, including crisis services; inpatient, outpatient, and res-

idential treatment programs; medication to treat addiction; and mobile treatment and transportation services.

Governor Hochul was a member of the New York State Heroin and Opioid Task Force, which made recommendations for new, non-traditional services in 2016. These services include recovery centers, youth clubhouses, expanded peer services, and open access centers, which provide immediate assessments and referrals to care, and have since been established in numerous communities around the state to help people in need access care closer to where they live.

New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, can find help and hope by calling the state's toll-free, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or by texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369).

Available addiction treatment including crisis/detox, inpatient, residential, or outpatient care can be found using the NYS OASAS Treatment Availability Dashboard at FindAddictionTreatment.ny.gov or through the New York State OASAS website.

If you, or a loved one, have experienced insurance obstacles related to treatment or need help filing an appeal for a denied claim, contact the CHAMP helpline by phone at 888-614-5400 or email at ombuds@oasas.ny.gov.



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Governor Hochul Announces Details of \$1 Billion Plan to Overhaul New York State's Continuum of Mental Health Care

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced details of her comprehensive \$1 billion multi-year plan to overhaul the continuum of mental health care and drastically reduce the number of individuals with unmet mental health needs throughout the state. First outlined during the 2023 State of the State last month, the plan aims to dramatically expand access to mental health care, reduce wait times and ensure appropriate levels of care to correct a mental health care system that has suffered from chronic underinvestment.

"New York State's mental health care system was strained and suffering from years of underinvestment even before the global pandemic exacerbated the problem and made things worse," Governor Hochul said. "New Yorkers who struggle with mental illness deserve a system that is suited for and responsive to their needs. From creating transitional and supportive housing to expanding our comprehensive network of outpatient services, this bold plan is aimed at providing the funding and resources needed to ensure everyone in our state can access high-quality mental health care."

The plan includes \$890 million in capital and \$120 million in operating funding to establish and operate 3,500 new residential units for New Yorkers with mental illness. These units include 500 community residence-single room occupancy units, which provide housing and intensive services to individuals with serious mental illness who are at the highest risk of homelessness; 900 transitional step-down units; 600 licensed apartment units serving individuals who require an intermediate level of services.

Also funded through this allocation are 1,500 supportive housing units, which serve individuals with a serious mental illness who have less acute needs but still require support to live in the community. In addition, the plan includes \$25 million in capital and \$7.3 million in operating costs for 60 community step-down housing units in New York City to serve formerly unhoused individuals who are transitioning from inpatient care.

Governor Hochul is proposing to invest \$60 million in capital and \$121.6 million operating funding to dramatically expand outpatient services. This includes establishing 12 new comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs providing hospital-level crisis care; tripling the number of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in New York, from 13 to 39, that offer walk-in, immediate integrated mental health and substance use disorder services for New Yorkers of all ages and insurance status; creating 42 additional Assertive Community Treatment teams to provide mobile, high intensity services to the most at-risk New Yorkers and eight additional Safe Options Support teams - five in New York City and three in the rest of state - to provide outreach and connection to services for homeless populations with mental illness and substance use disorders; and expanding capacity at 20 Article 31 clinics that provide core mental health services serving the most vulnerable New Yorkers.

The plan also includes requirements that hospitals responsibly admit and discharge patients, with new, comprehensive standards for evaluation and increased state-level oversight to ensure that new protocols are being used effectively. To ensure the success of these new requirements for discharge planning, a \$28 million investment will create 50 new Critical Time Intervention care coordination teams to help provide wrap-around services for discharged patients - from housing to job supports.

Additionally, an investment of \$2.8 million will expand the Intensive and Sustained Engagement Treatment program to offer peer-based outreach and engagement for adults with serious mental illness. The plan invests \$3.3 million in the Individual Placement and Supports program will ensure that the Office of Mental Health expands the use of this evidence-based model of supported employment for adults with mental illness.

Governor Hochul will advance legislation to close gaps in insurance coverage for behavioral health services and prohibit carriers from deny-

ing access to medically necessary, high-need, acute and crisis mental health services for both adults and children, including medications for substance use disorder. In addition, Governor Hochul will introduce legislation requiring commercial insurance providers to pay for school-based services at a level equal to the higher paying Medicaid rate, to ensure timely access for all children.

Additionally, Governor Hochul is proposing to adopt appointment availability and geographic accessibility standards for behavioral health services. This will require payment parity for behavioral health telehealth services and mandate the use of OMH-designated medical necessity criteria and tools and authorize lawsuits by insureds for state law parity violations.

Governor Hochul is also proposing a \$20 million expansion of mental health services in schools by increasing Medicaid payment rates for school-based satellite clinics and a \$10 million investment to expand school-based wraparound services, including an annual investment to provide the start-up funding necessary to get new and expanded school services in operation quickly. The plan also includes an additional \$12 million to expand the HealthySteps program and home-based crisis intervention teams, and \$10 million in grants to suicide prevention programs targeting high-risk youth.

New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "Governor Hochul's Executive Budget includes proposals and resources that will expand, strengthen, and revitalize the state's behavioral healthcare system in ways that were not possible in previous years. It provides us with new policies and programs that will increase access to housing and to outpatient and inpatient services and gives us the tools we need to expand school-based mental health clinics, reduce racial inequities in healthcare and close gaps in insurance coverage for mental health services. I applaud Governor Hochul for her historic commitment to strengthening the continuum of mental healthcare for all New Yorkers."

Governor Hochul discussed her plan to fix New York State's continuum of mental health care during a visit to Montefiore Medical Center's Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The Montefiore Health System is one of only a few hospital systems throughout the state that kept operating all of its psychiatric beds during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

New York State allowed these hospitals to make operational decisions during the public health emergency that resulted in many of them taking inpatient psychiatric beds offline in order to manage the demand for medical/surgical beds. Roughly 850 of these beds, including 450 in New York City, remain offline today, despite the expiration of the state's public health emergency in 2021 and the growing demand for inpatient psychiatric services.

New legislation will allow the state Office of Mental Health to fine Article 28 community hospitals up to \$2,000 per violation per day for failing to comply with the number of psychiatric beds outlined in their operating certificate. Governor Hochul's plan also provides \$18 million capital and \$30 million operating funding to expand inpatient psychiatric beds, including opening 150 new adult beds in state-operated psychiatric hospitals, representing the largest expansion at these facilities in decades.

Governor Hochul's plan provides an additional \$60 million to support the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline - an increase of \$25 million from the prior budget. To support the workforce, the plan provides \$5 million for the Office of Mental Health's Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program, expanding the eligibility for the program to include licensed mental health professionals and building on the \$9 million included for psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners when the program was launched in 2023.

The Governor will introduce legislation to create a Qualified Mental Health Associate credential, which will provide a career ladder and additional training for mental health paraprofessionals, allowing them to work more independently and improve quality and access to care in OMH funded and licensed settings. In addition, Governor Hochul has proposed 2.5 percent cost of living adjustment, marking the second year she has included a COLA in her budget and demonstrating her commitment to increase support for these critical programs and workers.



Celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day

This week, to celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day, we reintroduced the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act. This legislation is anti-woke and pro-science. It ensures equal opportunity for women and girls to compete fairly and succeed in athletics, just as I did when I was growing up.

President Joe Biden's Department of Education and state agencies across the nation are allowing - even encouraging - biological men to participate in women's sports. This is fundamentally unfair. It deprives women and girls of what so many of us fought for decades to achieve: equal opportunity to train, compete, and excel in athletics. The Republican majority has pledged to protect women's sports, and today we're delivering on that promise.

WATCH MORE: Watch my remarks below highlighting this legislation's importance to me and girls across our communities at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kELmqnX9-c&feature=youtu.be>

Rep Tenney Speaks on House Floor on the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act Introduced Legislation to Hold China Accountable

Yesterday in response to China's latest aggression, I introduced three bills to hold the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) accountable. America's sovereignty is under attack at the border and now in the sky. Joe Biden should have taken clear action to bring down the Chinese spy drone before it was over American airspace. Our adversaries are stronger because of Joe Biden's weak and failed leadership. It won't stop until we stand up to defend our nation and its values.

We must never forget President Reagan's powerful principle of peace through strength! The House Republican majority is taking China's threat seriously. The bills I introduced this week are critical steps in combatting the malign influence of the CCP in our economy and their exploitation of U.S. public and private investment funds. Click here to learn more about these bills. <https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/congresswoman-tenney-leads-legislation-combat-chinese-communist-party>

Voted to End the Pandemic State of Emergency and Lift the Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Workers

This week, I voted in favor of H.R. 497, the Freedom for Health Care Workers Act, a bill I cosponsored to end the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services vaccine mandate for healthcare workers. I also voted for H.R. 382, the Pandemic is Over Act, which officially ends the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the Department of Health and Human Services in 2020.

The president has said it himself: the pandemic is over.

As New York families and small businesses have returned to normal, it is finally time for the government to do the same by ending the permanent state of emergency and lifting its overreaching and unconstitutional mandates. I was honored to support these critical pieces of legislation, which make good on the Republican

commitment to restore our fundamental freedoms and ensure the government is accountable to the people.

Reintroduced the Susan Muffley Act

This week I joined with Congressman Mike Turner (OH-10), Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-8), and Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI-4) to reintroduce the Susan Muffley Act to restore the pensions of the Delphi Salaried Retirees.

This bill restores the full pension benefits of the Delphi Salaried Retirees, righting a terrible wrong that has had a devastating impact on New York families.

I was honored to have joined with Representatives Kildee and Turner to demand the Susan Muffley Act be included last year in any year-end legislative package and we will continue our fight together this year as we reintroduce this legislation in the 118th Congress. As a compassionate and tenacious voice for our region, I am committed to reversing the Obama administration's unjust termination decision, which directly harmed nearly 2,300 Western and Central New Yorkers.

READ MORE: Delphi pension restoration bill introduced again at: https://www.lockportjournal.com/news/local_news/delphi-pension-restoration-bill-introduced-again/article_dc1da7b8-a426-11ed-8d04-17961670c8f8.html

My Votes Explained

Transparency and a well-informed public are vital components of our self-governing Constitutional Republic! I'm committed to restoring transparency to government, which is why I explain every vote I take on the House floor.

While we may not always agree, you will always know where I stand on the issues and exactly how I vote in Congress.

Some of the key bills we considered this week are explained below. To read more about these votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House of Representatives, please click here.

I voted "Yes" on H. Res. 76, Removing a certain Member from a certain standing committee of the House. Since being elected to Congress in 2018, Representative Ilhan Omar (MN) has used her position as a member of Congress to peddle dangerous anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, including the despicable notion that members of Congress only support Israel for money. She has also minimized the horror of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and compared the U.S. and Israel to Hamas and the Taliban. I was disappointed that not a single Democrat voted for this resolution despite Representative Omar's complete lack of genuine remorse for her prior statements. The rhetoric espoused by Representative Omar calls into question her ability to be trusted to effectively address issues vital to America's national security as a member of the important House Foreign Affairs Committee. As a previous member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, I understand the important role this committee plays in advancing America's national security priorities. Someone who compares the U.S. to Hamas and espouses openly anti-Semitic rhetoric should not serve on this committee, which represents our nation and the people's House to the world. This resolution passed by a vote of 218-211, with 1 member voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H. Con. Res. 9, Denouncing the horrors of socialism. Over the last few years, we have seen a concerning rise in support for socialism and dangerous socialist ideologies. According to Pew Research Center, 36% of Americans have a favorable view of socialism. More concerning, this number rises among the youth to almost 45%. However, the history is clear: time and again socialist dictators such as Mao Zedong, Joseph Stalin, and Kim Jong Un end up killing tens of millions of their own people - through starvation and mass murder. Socialism is a failed ideology that is antithetical to our American values of individual liberty and freedom. I was honored to be an original cosponsor of the resolution, and I was disappointed to see 86 of my colleagues vote against this simple resolution denouncing the horrors that socialism has brought to this world. This resolution passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 328-86, with 14 members voting present.

Two-Part Virtual Mini-Series
 for teachers, parents, and those working with children
"Choose Love" & Supporting the Well-Being of BIPOC Children

This mini-series focuses on supporting social and emotional development and well-being post-COVID. It intends to uplift conscious parenting and teaching practices that recognize the impact of systemic oppression, historical trauma, trauma from racism, and other forms of discrimination that lead to marginalization and disempowerment, particularly for Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC).

February 1, 2023
 9:30AM - 12:30PM EST

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March 1, 2023
 9:30AM - 12:30PM EST



Choose Love Founder Scarlett Lewis will provide an overview of the science and framework that informs the Choose Love movement, which has been adopted worldwide and has reached over 3 million children.

Yolanda Williams, Positive Discipline Coach, racial justice educator, and founder of Parenting Decolonized, will share practices that holistically restore identities and well-being by merging positive discipline with healing-centered engagement.



This session is hosted by Chloé Vital, Director and founder of Mid-Hudson Chocolate Milk.



Julia Richter, Director of Choose Love Cares, will focus on implementing the Choose Love formula in the classroom and other forms of practice.



Leslie Priscilla, founder of Latinx Parenting, will speak about individual and collective practices of nonviolence and reparenting, intergenerational and ancestral healing, cultural sustenance, and the active decolonization of oppressive practices in families.



This session is hosted by Inaudy Gil, Executive Director of the Orange County Human Rights Commission.

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Saturday, March 4, 2023

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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Join in the fun at "Trivia for a Cause" on Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 1:00 to 3:30 P.M. at Casa Mia Restaurant, 205 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Enjoy an afternoon of trivia, laughter, delicious finger foods, desserts, and beverages. Sponsored by the Kiwanis of Woodridge, proceeds will go to help children and their families throughout the Fallsburg Central School District. **Seating is limited!** Advanced Reservations Required! \$25.00 per person includes food, dessert, non-alcoholic beverages, and entry for a amazing Door Prize. Raffles and 50/50 tickets extra. Checks must be received no later than February 24, 2023, made payable to Kiwanis of Woodridge, and mailed to: PO Box 722, Woodridge, NY 12789. Please include your phone number and email address with your check. For questions or further info please contact Deb Jacobsen at 845-798-8795 or Diane Garritt at 845-866-3204.

DEC Seeks Public Input on Draft Forest Preserve Work Plan Policy –Deadline for Public Comments is Feb. 27

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is seeking public input on a newly developed policy to guide how DEC evaluates and reviews work plans for projects in the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve. The draft Commissioner Policy (PDF) is available for public comment until Feb. 27.

"DEC is seeking public input on how best to evaluate proposed projects in the Forest Preserve," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The Adirondacks and Catskills are much-loved destinations for recreation and experience significant visitor use in some areas. DEC's goal is to protect these natural resources, provide outdoor recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike, and ensure the Forest Preserve continues to be an asset to future generations. This new policy will serve as a guide for newly proposed projects and the evaluation of their site-specific impacts to the environment and character of the Forest Preserve."

DEC drafted the Forest Preserve Work Plan Policy with the Trail Stewardship Working Group's input and in collaboration with partners at the Adirondack Park Agency (APA). The Trail Stewardship Working Group includes members from local government, environmental groups, recreation groups, trail builders, and APA staff.

After the public comment period closes, DEC will review the comments and make necessary revisions before approving and adopting the policy. Once adopted, the policy will establish administrative procedures for assessing the impacts of construction and maintenance activities and for drafting site-specific work plans on the Forest Preserve permissible within the parameters established by Article XIV of the New York State Constitution, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan, the Catskill Park State Land Master Plan, Environmental Conservation Law, and DEC rules, regulations, and policies.

Public comments will be accepted on the draft Forest Preserve Work Plan Policy until Feb. 27, 2023. A copy of the draft Forest Preserve Work Plan Policy is available at DEC's website.

Comments can be submitted to:

Peter Frank, NYS DEC - Division of Lands and Forests
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4254

Maher Advocating for Paid Family Leave to Cover Parents Who Experience Stillbirths



Assemblyman Brian Maher (R,C-Walden) joined a group of bipartisan legislators and advocates calling for the inclusion of stillbirth as a qualifying event for paid family leave in the state. The assemblyman is signing on as a sponsor of Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar's bill so parents who experience the roughly 1,500 stillbirths that occur in New York each year will have time to grieve and physically recover (A.2880). "Every year, thousands of parents experience the loss of a child through stillbirth and there is no time allotted for them for healing and recovery in New York's paid family leave. I am proud to join my colleague from across the aisle, Assemblywoman Rajkumar, to sponsor legislation to extend paid family leave to these parents," said Maher, who is a member of the Committee on Children and Families. "It is the right thing to do for these families who need support and care during their time of bereavement."

A stillbirth is a loss of pregnancy after 20 weeks of gestation. Stillbirths are traumatic and require a course of medical treatment similar to a live birth. Often parents are at high risk for depression, anxiety, and post traumatic syndrome disorder (PTSD).

Local, State and National Groups Oppose Misguided Plan to Expand Route 17 for 50 Miles Through Orange County and the Catskills

Transportation officials need to go back to square one and develop a plan that fits the needs of the communities, addresses climate, environmental and justice concerns, and tackles the real infrastructure needs in the Route 17 corridor

Hurleyville, NY - A diverse coalition of civic and environmental groups oppose a billion dollar plan to expand New York State Route 17 for 50 miles, making the road into a six lane superhighway. Advancing this massive highway widening project would not only fail to reduce traffic congestion, but would also run afoul of New York climate requirements to slash greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

The state's plan, a relic of a bygone era, would also accelerate unsustainable rural sprawl, divert resources away from critical mass transit needs, threaten nationally significant park lands and other natural areas, and may disproportionately impact low income communities and communities of color. Widening Route 17 is also inconsistent with federal transportation policies and the use of federal highway monies. Contd. Pg. 42)

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(From Pg. 41) In an effort to bring awareness to the poorly-conceived plan, twenty local, regional, statewide, and national organizations representing tens of thousands of New Yorkers released a letter calling on Governor Hochul to develop an alternative transportation plan focused on moving people and goods without additional additional lanes to Route 17.

Signatories include: organizations in the highway corridor, such as Orange Environment; regional organizations including the Catskill Center, Catskill Mountainkeeper, and Hudson Riverkeeper; regional planning and transportation organizations including the Regional Planning Association and Tri-State Transportation Campaign; statewide climate justice coalition NY Renews; and national organizations such as the Natural Resources Defense Council and Earthjustice.

"Our organizations are speaking with one voice, calling on Governor Hochul and state transportation officials to reconsider the Route 17 widening plan and to develop a new plan that truly meets the needs of our communities, addresses the climate crisis, and deals head-on with the real infrastructure needs in the Route 17 corridor," said Ramsay Adams, Catskill Mountainkeeper's Executive Director. "We look forward to working with the Administration to develop a blueprint for the Route 17 corridor that becomes a model for the rest of the state and the nation on how to improve and upgrade critical infrastructure that addresses the real environmental, climate and social impacts of such large projects."

Transportation case studies from across the country have documented that while adding additional lanes might bring some short-term relief, it very often increases long-term traffic congestion due to "induced demand."

"The irony of widening Route 17 is that studies of road projects over the past 40 years demonstrate that whatever gains in flow occur in the short term after road completion are undone by increased traffic volume within a few years," said Michael Edelstein, President Emeritus, Orange Environment, Inc. "Even the short-term gains may not make up for the congestion caused by years of road construction making the cure worse than the disease."

Adding third lanes in both directions on Route 17 would induce hundreds of millions of vehicle miles traveled per year with a total increase of as much as 2 million tons of greenhouse gas pollution through 2050. These increases are particularly troubling given that New York's transportation sector is one of the state's largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions (as much as 36% of statewide emissions). Expanding Route 17 runs directly counter to New York's obligations to meet the greenhouse gas emissions limits in the state's landmark 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

The organizations are committed to working with the Governor and her Administration to find an alternative plan by focusing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions (and other pollution through increased mass transit, zero-emissions goods movement, enhanced ride-sharing and teleworking options, electrified public and private fleets, reduced use of single-occupancy cars, and the creation of more walkable and bikeable communities. Any alternative plan should also ensure - consistent with the CLCPA - that disadvantaged communities receive an equitable share of resources, that these communities do not bear a disproportionate burden of adverse impacts, and that there is fairness in mobility and accessibility for all community members.

Michael Edelstein of Orange Environment concluded: "Route 17 is the main street of southern Orange County, but increasingly it serves as a conduit for thru- traffic. The expenditure of 1 billion dollars on adding a third lane to Route 17 represents a lost opportunity for improving the lives for Orange County residents. We can use this money in much better ways to enhance our transportation and mobility needs and in ways that could address any traffic flow issues on Route 17 itself."

Governor Hochul Announces Ribbon Cutting of Long Island University's \$26 Million College of Veterinary Medicine Learning Center

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the ribbon cutting of Long Island University's College of Veterinary Medicine Learning Center at its Long Island University Post campus in Brookville, Nassau County. Long Island University invested \$53 million to establish the College of Veterinary Medicine, which includes today's announcement of the new \$26 million Veterinary Learning Center. This state-of-the-art, 33,100-square-foot facility serves as the anchor of the College of Veterinary Medicine and will prepare students enrolled in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program with a comprehensive education and real-world skills through a four-year program. Supported by New York State funding of \$12.75 million, the College of Veterinary Medicine is the only veterinary program recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education in the New York metropolitan area and one of only four veterinary schools in the Northeast United States.

"New York State's investment in Long Island University College of Veterinary Medicine underscores our commitment to meeting the growing demand for state-of-the-art veterinary services and ensuring New Yorkers have access to education and training for the career path of their choice," Governor Hochul said. "These new facilities, equipped with the latest technology and staffed by experienced educators, will provide students with the hands-on experience they need to become competent and compassionate veterinary professionals who can safeguard animal health and preserve the environment."

The education and training provided in veterinary programs is the cornerstone of producing highly-skilled professionals in the field of animal care and public health. The Learning Center offers hands-on learning experiences through clinical rotations and internships, allowing students to gain practical skills and knowledge in a variety of settings. The facility features state-of-the-art student-faculty research laboratory spaces comprising large lecture theaters, classrooms, clinical skills laboratories, seminar rooms, and a small animal simulation suite including examination rooms, surgical suites, and a medical imaging center. Students will gain real-world experience in surgery, diagnostic support, intensive care, and other areas critical for successful veterinary practice through external partnerships with more than 75 affiliates, including primary care and specialty clinics, zoos, research laboratories, shelters, veterinary industry leaders, and other universities.

Veterinary professionals play a vital role in the agricultural sector, which is a major contributor to the economy. The presence of Long Island University's (LIU) veterinary program will attract skilled professionals, bringing new job opportunities and economic growth. New York State's investment in this program also supports the growth of veterinary professionals to meet the growing demand in this field. Graduates of the program will be well-prepared to enter the workforce as practice-ready veterinarians or to pursue an advanced specialization in their chosen field. The facility's state-of-the-art technologies, along with the experienced faculty and hands-on experiences, prepare the students for real-world veterinary medicine, which is a constantly evolving field that requires the latest technology and knowledge. The program is currently in its third year and has enrolled approximately 300 students to date with the anticipation of growing to approximately 450 veterinary and graduate students in the 2023-24 academic year.

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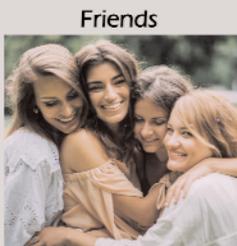


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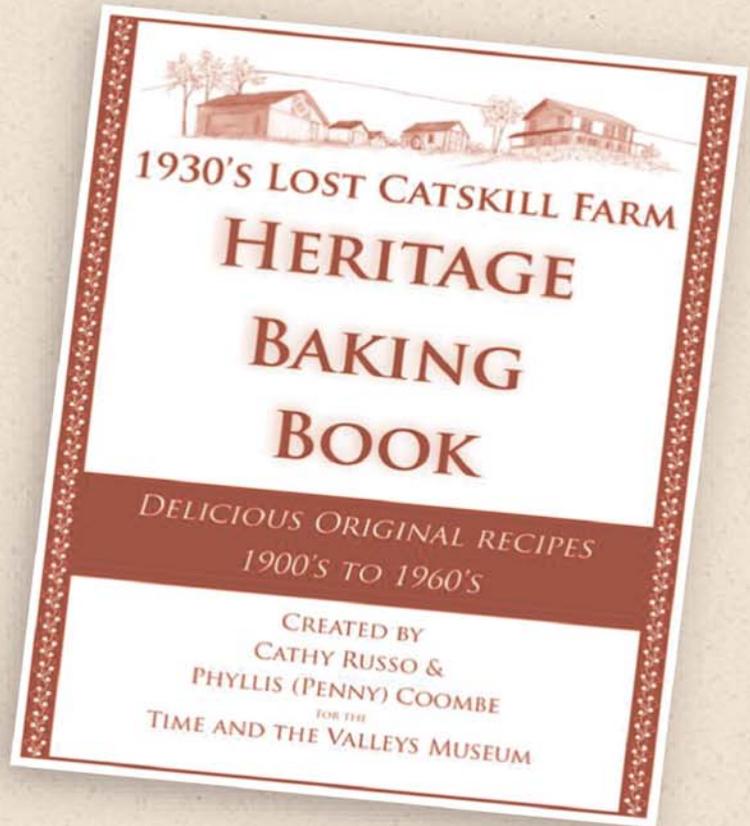
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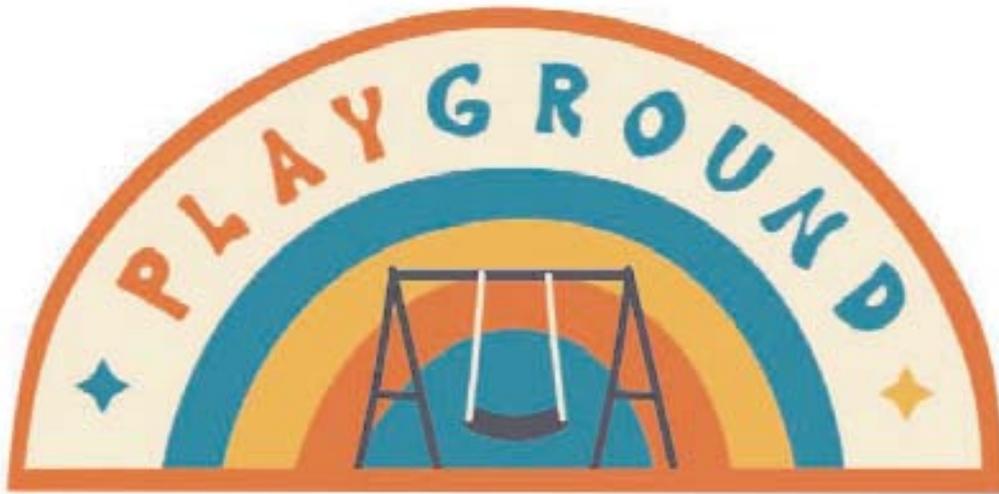
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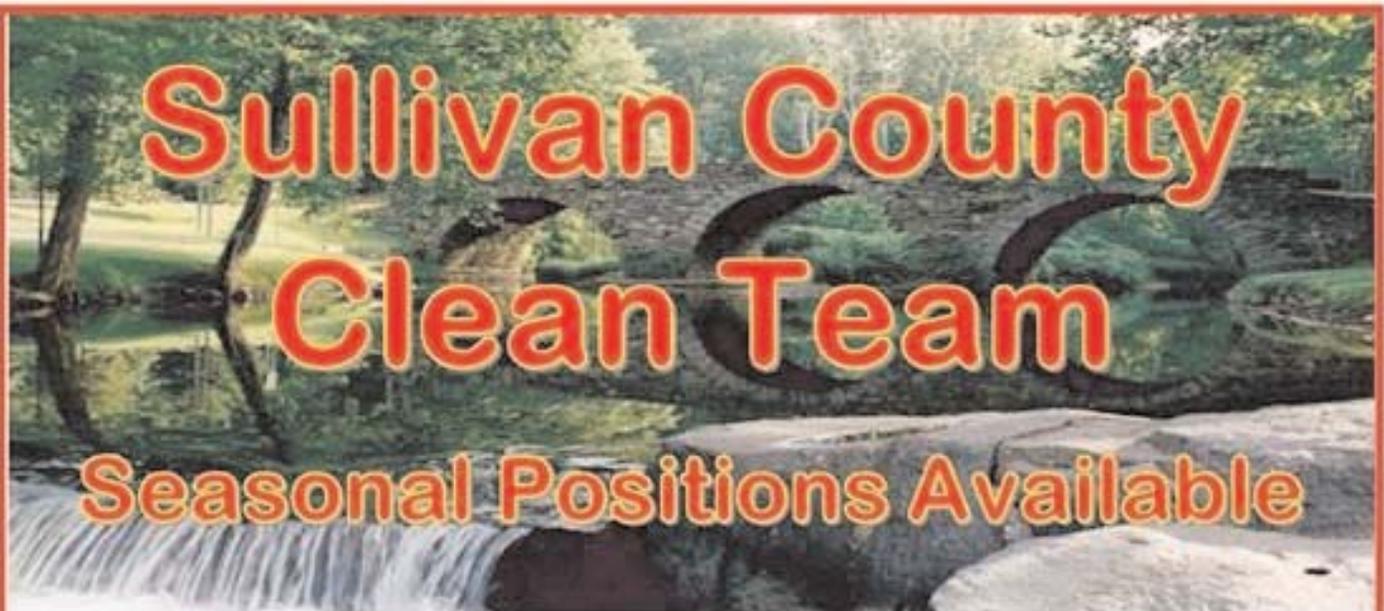
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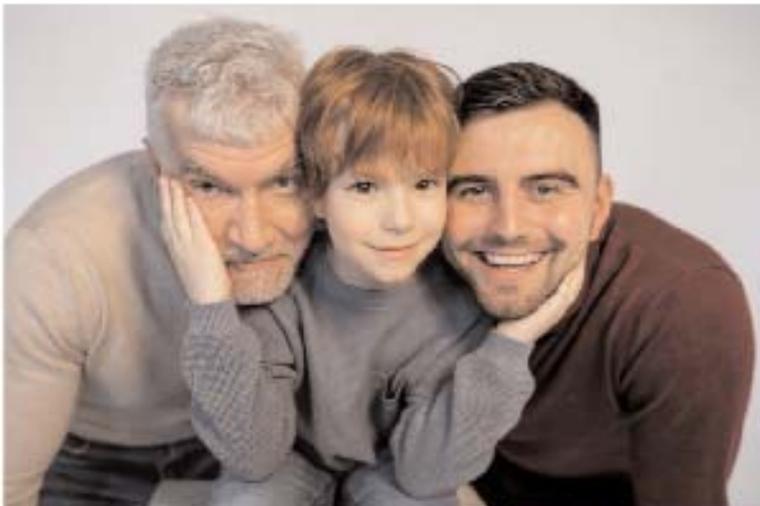
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UC Executive Jen Metzger Appoints Deputy Planning Director Amanda LaValle to New Deputy County Executive Role, Water Quality Board

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced today that she has appointed Amanda LaValle, currently the County's Deputy Director of Planning, to fill the vacant Deputy County Executive role—a position Metzger restructured to focus on the Green Economy, Workforce Development, and Climate Resilience. This announcement comes one week after the County Executive announced an Executive Order that took historic steps to advance the County's climate agenda. Deputy County Executive LaValle will be tasked with overseeing many of the directives of the Executive Order.



Courtesy photo of Deputy County Executive LaValle

“I had posted the position to cast a wide net for candidates for this important office, and after reviewing many resumes and interviewing qualified candidates, I can say without hesitation that I’ve chosen the best candidate for the job,” said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. “She will truly hit the ground running in this new position. She is experienced, smart, capable, and a delight to work with, and her background and professional focus align perfectly with our goals for this office.”

LaValle is a veteran of Ulster County government, having served in two key leadership roles over the last 15 years. LaValle began her service to the County in 2008 as the very first Department of Environment Coordinator where she developed the newly formed department that was created to coordinate environmental efforts across County departments. In that capacity, as well as in her most recent position as Deputy Director of Planning, LaValle has worked with all of the departments she will be supervising, and has also built strong relationships with County Legislators.

“I am beyond honored to join the County Executive's team and work to implement her vision for climate action in Ulster County. In my fifteen years time with the County, I have worked across departments to implement forward looking environmental initiatives,” said Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle. “As the County Executive acknowledged in her first Executive Order, our climate crisis requires us to do more; and do it sooner. I'm honored to be leading this critical work to implement her vision for climate action here in Ulster County.”

As part of the announcement made on Monday, Deputy County Executive LaValle will also serve as Ulster County's representative to the Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council, colloquially referred to as “The Hudson 7.” The Hudson 7 is a collaboration of the Mid-Hudson municipalities that draw drinking water from the Hudson River: Town of Esopus, Town of Hyde Park, Town of Lloyd, Town and City of Poughkeepsie, Town and Village of Rhinebeck. The Hudson 7 was created in 2018 via an Inter-Municipal Agreement to join

forces to protect the collective water supply through planning, advocacy, and action.

“Preserving, protecting, and improving water quality is a crucial issue to our communities,” said Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle. “The Hudson Seven is an important forum for addressing this issue head on, particularly as it relates to drinking water. I look forward to representing the County in this critical collaborative organization.”

LaValle joined County service in 2008, as the first appointed head of the newly created Ulster County Department of the Environment. In that position, LaValle worked across County departments to plan and help implement environmental initiatives including building energy efficiency improvements, electrifying the vehicle fleet, and green procurement. She authored and oversaw development of Ulster County's first ever Environmental Plan, Core Habitat maps, Energy Policy, Greenhouse Gas Inventory and 2019 Climate Action Plan. During her time as Director of Environment, Ulster County became the first Silver Certified Climate Smart Community as well as the first NYSERDA Clean Energy Community in New York. Additionally, Ulster County was awarded the 2017 Environmental Excellence awards for environmental initiatives; a 2016 EPA Green Power Partnership Partner award for renewable energy commitment; and was prominently featured in National Geographic Magazine for environmental initiatives. LaValle also serves as a board member on the New York State Climate Impacts Assessment-Water Resources Advisory Group and the New York State Association of Counties-Climate Action Committee. LaValle is originally from Woodstock, but now lives in Kingston, and holds an AA degree from SUNY Ulster, BS from Cornell University, MA from SUNY Empire, and a graduate certificate in Climate Resilience from Antioch University.

Integrated Pest Management in the Home Garden

VIRTUAL - By applying Integrated Pest Management (IPM) methods in a home garden, growers can yield cheaper, healthier, and more environmentally friendly results in their plants and produce. To help community members foster their own gardens to flourish, Horticulture Program Coordinator Katie Gasior will be hosting an educational program through Zoom on the advantages of Integrated Pest Management in the Home Garden. The program will take place on Thursday, February 23rd from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Within this zoom session, participants will learn how implementing IPM to their gardens can yield more produce as well as save them time and money. Topics to be covered include prevention and managing pests and disease in their home garden by biological, physical and cultural methods. Additionally, participants will receive tips and strategies in cultivating a resilient biodiverse garden that yields nutritious non-toxic food. A question-and-answer session on the topics covered will follow immediately afterwards.

There is no fee, but preregistration is required to participate. To register, participants can register online at https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_utLE4yG8ROeZx5PHDdTQmQ. The program can be joined by computer or phone. More information can be found at <http://sullivancee.org/events>. Those with related questions can email sullivan@cornell.edu or call 845-292-6180.

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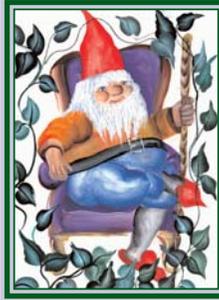


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**“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I
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MGM PRESENTS W.S.VAN DYKES
PRODUCTION OF
“Eskimo”**

PRODUCED BY HUNT STROMBERG

This film, viewed by me on Turner Classic Movies/ TCM. **Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer** has done humanity a great service by producing an epic film preserving the traditions of the indigenous culture of the Eskimo's. Translated by John Lee Mahin, from the books, “Der Eskimo,” and “Die Flucht ins Weisse Land, by Peter Freuchen, Published by Horace Liveright, Inc.

There are no actors in this film “Eskimo,” with the exception of the characters from the Royal Canadian Police. The entire story is told by primitive Eskimos in native tongue, and in native custom, with titles and narration.



This expedition to the arctic began in april 1932, and in november of 1933 this record was completed.

The books by Peter Freuchen were notable for their “Frank” discussion of the moral code of the Eskimos. This record attempts to present that code of a strange to some of us, lifestyle that was the primeval lifestyle, and Creed belonging to the indigenous peace loving Eskimos. They are tall on integrity, and are highly respectful of all life and people from the farthest wilderness of the endless North. Strongly enough this moral code is still alive today and practiced by hundreds of millions of people around the world. Cose to two-million continue practicing this moral code in north America alone, without the data of the hundreds of millions of the millinal population of today. A good example is the film “Fluidity,” which has a similar moral code.

Look for “Eskimo” on TCM, Netflix, Amazon Prime, Imob, or your preferred viewing choice...enjoy...

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AL CAPONE
(Crime / Biography / 1959 / 1hr 44min)

This is a chronicle of the rise and fall of Chicago crime boss Al Capone during the Prohibition Era. In this unusually accurate biography, small-time hood Al Capone comes to Chicago at the dawn of Prohibition to be the bodyguard of racketeer Johnny Torrio. Capone's rise in Chicago gangdom is followed through murder, extortion, and political fraud.



Al Capone is a 1959 biographical crime drama film directed by Richard Wilson, written by Malvin Wald and Henry F. Greenberg, and released by Allied Artists. It stars Rod Steiger as Al Capone .

This 1959 picture is yet another cinematic retelling of the life of mobster Al Capone. Rod Steiger as Big Al is at his very best that I have ever seen. Steiger was born for this part. The superb performance of this fine actor of many varied fine productions is once again putting us in an entertaining state that is almost hypnotic by his superb convincing presentation.

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The St. Valentine's Day Massacre
(Film, Drama / 99 mins /)

Directed by Roger Corman, screen play by Howard Browne. Starring Jack Nicholson, Jason Robards, Clint Ritchie, Jean Hale, Kurt Kreuger, George Segal, Bruce Dern, John Agar, David



Canary, Frank Silvera, Joseph Campanella, and Ralph Meeker.

Time Out says "One of Corman's best films, far superior to Richard Wilson's *Al Capone* as a study of Capone's Chicago. The film revels in the mythology of the genre, both paying homage to it and reinterpreting. It was one of the few films up to that time, for example, to stress the purely Sicilian nature

of the Mafia and its relations with non-Sicilians like Capone. The elaborate intrigue of the gang warfare is treated in a hard, almost documentary style, with newsreel-type commentary. It also remains unmarried by spurious moralizing: morality, in fact, is suspended in favour of mythology."

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