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Tri-Valley Student Kaeli Goodman 2022 New York State winner of the national Bonnie Plants' 3rd Grade Cabbage Program!



In 1996 Bonnie Plants initiated the 3rd Grade Cabbage Program in and around headquarters in Union Springs, Alabama, with a mission to inspire a love of vegetable gardening in young people, teach kids where their food comes from, and grow our next generation of gardeners.

By 2002 the program grew to become a national endeavor, including the 48 contiguous states.

While still a 3rd grader at Tri-Valley, Kaeli Goodman brought home a seedling in June and planted it in a raised bed where she nurtured it all summer, then harvested it in September. Her cabbage weighed 5 pounds 5 ounces and was 18 inches wide!

Now a 4th grader, Kaeli's challenge has reaped another reward. Not only was Kaeli's cabbage spectacular but she was the winner of the 2022 New York State National Bonnie Plants' 3rd Grade Cabbage Program. Kaeli has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Tri-Valley Lions Honored at Dinner Meeting



The Tri-Valley Lions had a superb dinner meeting organized by Lion Maryann Cosentino at Casa Mia on Monday, January 9, 2023. It was our honor to be joined by Lion District 20-O Governor, Judy Sheppard, who updated the group on the upcoming Lions Convention to be held at The United Nations in March. District Governor Judy also presented several of our Tri-Valley Lion group members with service longevity pins. Lion Hugh Delaney received his 40 year service pin, Lion Bill Brenner received his 45 year service pin. Bill is a charter member of the Tri-Valley Lions and was the first Secretary when the group formed in 1977. Tom Manell was also awarded his 45 year pin and is also a charter member. Lion Lauree Novogrodsky, is the current Secretary and received her 15 year service pin.

For more information on The Tri-Valley Lions or to become a member, contact Lion President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com or Lion Stu Wizwer at 845-434-2152 or swizwer@hvc.rr.com.

Back row, Lion President Stephen Miller, Lion 1st VP Hugh Delaney, Lion Tom Manell, front row Lion Secretary Lauree Novogrodsky, Lion 2nd VP Bill Brenner, District Governor Judy Sheppard.

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On the Front Burner: If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. I Corinthians 13:

OBITUARY

Connie Vurckio, wife of William Vurckio of Sundown, NY has passed away in Florida at the age of 93 years on November 2, 2022.

Connie and her husband raised three children, Donna, Billy and Jimmy on Staten Island, NY.

She has been living in Florida with her daughter Donna and her husband Robert for the last three years.

Connie's priority was her husband, Willie and their family all her life.

She joined Sundown Methodist Church Group and was a tremendous help for many years. She is known for her handmade double-sided decorative towels as well.

Connie and Willie enjoyed so many friends that they met while living here. They had great times going out to eat with them. Connie always had a lovely smile on her face to match a lovely and happy expression of genuine love to each person she met in her life.

She is surely missed.

Georganna "Red" Roudis, dedicated Aunt and friend of many, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home in Ellenville, NY on January 6, 2023 at the age of 80.

Red was born on November 24, 1942 in Ellenville, NY to the late Jean Austin. She was the oldest of four children; predeceased by George Rose, Colleen Davis and Lance Rose Sr. Red was also predeceased by her ex-husband Frank Roudis and her fond canine companions Harley, Piddles and Puddles.

After retiring from James' General Store and 209 Sand and Gravel in Ellenville, NY, Red enjoyed spending time with her loved ones every second that she could. Red really enjoyed being at home with her dog Shorty and her birds Cloud and Zucchini. Red was the consummate Auntie to generations of nieces and nephews, always sharing in life's successes and joys. Throughout the years she enjoyed volunteering with the Blueberry Festival, supporting the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce and

playing Scrabble.

Red leaves to cherish her loving memory, her nieces, Michelle Rose-Levine, Barbara Rose-Youmans, Kelly Rose, Meredith Rose-Gavars, Kaitlyn Rose, Nicole Rose-Awe and her nephews, Lance Rose Jr, Michael Contestato, Shaun Rose, Travis Rose Sr, ten great nieces and nephews, 12 stepbrothers and stepsisters, many cousins, and many friends.

As per Red's wishes there will be no services.

Donations can be made in Red's name to Rockys Refuge in Roscoe NY. For additional information please go to www.rockysrefuge.org

Days of Yore... Today's History

February 4, 1953

Last week at Walkkill, three members of the local Future Farmers received the Chapter Farmer degree. Those receiving the degree were Frank Carlsen, Chris Holmes and Bill Schulte. This degree brings them one step closer to Empire Farmer, the highest degree in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lange of Stapleton, Staten Island, have announced the engagement of their niece, Miss Eileen Lynch, to Mr. Milton Van Keuren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Keuren of Grahamsville. Miss Lynch is employed by the Guaranty Trust Co., N.Y.C. and Mr. Van Keuren is employed by Walsh-Perini Construction Co. The wedding is planned for March.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Kane of East Englewood, New Jersey, are the parents of a boy, Franklin, born Saturday, January 31st at Teaneck, New Jersey, weighing 6 lbs. Franklin is the seventh grandchild of the Herbert Georges and the eighth great-grandchild of the Andrew Georges.

February 6, 1963

Mrs. Alfreda Kristoff of East Mountain and Mr. Ronald Newman of Livingston Manor were united in marriage in Livingston Manor on Sunday, January 27th. They will make their home for the present with Mrs. Newman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sheeley. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Days of Yore...

Today's History (From Pg. 2)

February 6, 1963 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shafer of Southampton, Pa. are the parents of a son, Matthew Keith, born January 30th at Abington Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pomeroy of Neversink are the maternal grandparents.

Mr. John Pope has joined the staff at Tri Valley. Mr. Pope, a graduate of Cortland State Teachers College, joined the science department to complete the school year in place of Mr. Cerato, who is on leave of absence.

January 31, 1973

Earl Hamilton, 70, who formerly operated a grocery store and gas station in Kerhonkson, died Friday in Las Vegas, Nevada after a long illness. A resident of Las Vegas for two and a half years, Mr. Hamilton lived in Kerhonkson for many years. Born Dec. 16, 1902 in Willowemoc, he was the son of Charles and Addie Hamilton. He married Mary Weil on Dec. 5, 1959 in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. Survivors include his widow; two sons, Ronald and Dennis of Las Vegas; a brother, Ransie Hamilton of Grahamsville; and three grandchildren.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gorton of Grahamsville on the birth of their son, Keith Alan, on January 10th.

On Sunday evening, Virginia and Sam Anderson had a buffet dinner for the family to celebrate the 75th birthday of Mae TerBush.

February 3, 1983

Mae Whittaker Armstrong of Church St., Woodbourne, a lifetime area resident, died Tuesday in Liberty after a long illness. She was 97. The daughter of the late George and Catherine Gabel Eltz, she was born Aug. 13, 1885 in Rochester. She was the widow of both William Whittaker and Arch Armstrong. She was a member of the Reformed Church in Woodbourne. Survivors include two sons: John G. and Albert W. Whittaker; a daughter, Ardella Terwilliger of Woodbourne; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

(From the pen of Tom Higgins) According to the findings of a Peruvian doctor, kissing is good for your health and will make you live longer. Dr. Salazar found that kissing stimulates the heart which gives more oxygen to the body's cells, keeping the cells "young" and "vibrant". Salazar also found that kissing produces antibodies in the human body that in the long run can protect the body against certain infections. (Okay America - Pucker up!)

Household Hint:

Want to Keep that Pretty Boquet Bright and Alive a Bit Longer?

Whether you were gifted with a bouquet of flowers or bought them on your visit to the supermarket, you can prolong the life of flowers in a vase. Add 2 tablespoons of vinegar plus three tablespoons of sugar per quart of warm water. Stems should be in three to four inches of water. Enjoy your flowers!

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.

Even the Daffodils Don't Believe it is Winter

This past weekend undoubtedly felt like Spring! The daffodils are poking their heads up from their underground winter abode

But...it is only the middle of January!

With this unseasonably warm weather should our daffodils be sending up green leaves that are poking out of the ground? Should we be concerned.

According to an article recently written by Art Wolk, two-time Grand Sweepstakes bulb forcing champion at the Philadelphia Flower Show and author of *Bulb Forcing for Beginners and the Seriously Smitten* "...we shouldn't worry." To quote Art, "It's all good news, First, there's a lot of antifreeze in these plants, so they can survive just fine with their leaves above ground over winter. And, more importantly, flower stem development occurs independently of the leaves."

If your daffodils are sending up some green leaves, don't worry.

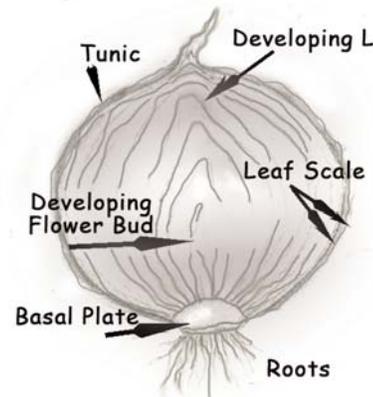
The underground world of bulbs is quite interesting. To understand why spring bulbs can tolerate a little premature growth, it helps to take a peek underground.

The term "bulb" is used by most people to refer to plants that have underground, fleshy storage structures. Botanically speaking, only some of the plants commonly called bulbs actually are bulbs. The definition of a bulb is any plant that stores its complete life cycle in an underground storage structure. The primary function of these underground storage structures is to store nutrient reserves to ensure the plants' survival.

True bulbs grow in layers, much like an onion. At the absolute center of the bulb is a miniature version of the flower itself. It is composed of a shortened stem covered with modified leaves called scales. Helping the bulb to stay together is something called a basal plate, which is a round, flat area that is the beginnings of the roots on the bottom of the bulb.

During the winter months, roots emerge from this modified stem to penetrate the soil. As they develop, the roots absorb water and other nutrients that they store in the scale leaves. In some bulbs, a thin papery covering called the tunic keeps the scales from damage or drying out. In addition to providing food storage, the scales also protect the flowering shoot. This vital part of the bulb contains all of the future leaves and flowers. During the winter months, the shoot slowly grows upwards within the bulb, eventually developing into a stem. At a pre-determined time the leaves will break through the soil. That is what we are seeing now in some of our gardens. Then approximately one month or so later, the flowering shoot will begin to appear. So the answer to the question as to whether or not we will have beautiful spring blossoms, the key thing to remember is this: the flowers develop independently of the leaves which means that even if your bulbs (specifically, leaves) come up early, the flowering shoots still need time (between 5 and 7 weeks) to develop. A cold snap may cause the leaves to yellow and die back, but the bulb will wait things out and send up new growth once temperatures warm up again.

While we may have to wait until it is officially Spring officially arrives, hope everyone enjoyed the warm spell –but don't put your winter coats away yet!



Tri-Valley Student Kaeli Goodman 2022 NYS winner of the National Bonnie Plants' 3rd Grade Cabbage Program!

(From Pg. 1)

Recently Kaeli Goodman received the following letter:



December 14, 2022

Congratulations Kaeli:

I am so pleased to inform you that you have been selected as the 2022 New York State winner of the national Bonnie Plants' 3rd Grade Cabbage Program!

As the New York State winner, you will receive statewide recognition for your efforts in growing your winning cabbage as well as a \$1,000 scholarship.

Thank you for participating in the Bonnie Plants' 3rd Grade Cabbage Program. Your cabbage was quite impressive! Here, at Bonnie Plants, we know it takes commitment and attention to plant, care for and to grow a cabbage to the size and quality you were able to achieve. Kaeli, you did a great job!

I will send a separate letter directly to your parents, outlining all the details regarding the receipt of your \$1,000 scholarship award. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, at (334)339-8708 or email: savannah.burgess@bonnieplants.com.

Congratulations again and Keep Growing!!

Savannah Burgess
Bonnie Plants
3rd Grade Cabbage Program

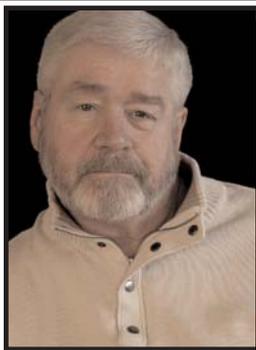


Congratulations Kaeli!

Tri-Valley Lions Makes Donation to Daniel Pierce Library



On Friday, January 13, Lion Esta Jacob of The Tri-Valley Lions presented Daniel Pierce Library Interim Director, Mikki Greene, with a donation check in the amount of \$600. This donation has been an ongoing donation by the Tri-Valley Lions to the Library, and is a portion of the receipts the Lions earn at the Giant Pumpkin Party held in October at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The Library uses these donations for Special Projects including Childrens Hour at the Library. This donation by the Tri-Valley Lions is just one more example of how The Tri-Valley Lions support our community. Other community-minded donations include \$500 each to 5 local church food pantries, donations to The Heart-A-Thon, vision screenings at Tri-Valley School for young children, Service Awards to Tri-Valley High School students, annual donation to R4/Trevor Loughlin Fund for Leukemia and Lymphoma, and so much more. (Contd. Pg. 8)



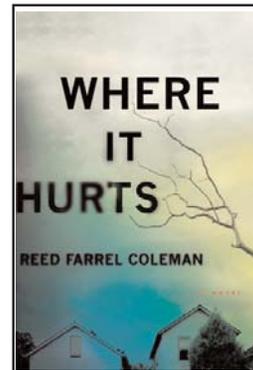
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by John Dwaine McKenna



If you're a fan of hard-boiled noir –as I am –you're gonna love Gus Murphy. He's the beat-down, used up, cynical, angry, divorced, grieving, cuckolded, bitter and weary ex-cop who's tough as a ten-year-old steel-toed boot, but still as altruistic at heart as the first day he pinned on a policeman's badge. He's the newly-minted character from the three-time Edgar nominated pen of the man who's been called the Poet Laureat of noir . . . Reed Farrel Coleman.

Where it Hurts, (Putnam/Penguin Random House, \$27.00, 353 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-17303-5) is the first of what we can only hope will be a long series featuring the sardonic retired policeman whose entire life has been shattered by the untimely death of his son . . . the eldest of his two children . . . and the only boy. As the novel begins, it's been two years since John Jr. died, and Gus –short for John Augustus –Murphy is still grieving hard. He just hasn't been able to move on. Now divorced, he's driving a courtesy van for a seen-better-days motel that guarantees only a few things . . . clean rooms, cheap prices and close proximity to the airport and the Long Island Railroad in Suffolk County, NY. It's where Gus was a uniformed officer for the Suffolk County Police Department, until the tragedy and his marriage breakup. That's when Gus put in his papers and retired after twenty-some years of service. Now, he drives a van three nights a week in exchange for tips and a motel room. The rest of the time he fills in as a bouncer at the motel bar and, on occasion he's the house detective too. It's not a difficult life, and it allows Gus plenty of time to mourn, feel sorry for himself . . . and drink. His only friends are Felix, a Filipino who runs the front desk, Slava, a mysterious east European man with some very serious, very specialized skills, and Aziza, a young Pakistani woman who works in the coffee shop. It's the nihilistic, bleak existence of a man who's given up on life. Then Tommy Delcamino comes to see him. Delcamino's a low-rent thug, a petty criminal and a dumb one at that, whom Murphy's arrested many times in the past. He wants to hire Gus to look into his son TJ's murder. Four months earlier, TJ Delcamino's body was found, tossed in a trash-strewn vacant lot like so much garbage. He'd been tortured. Died hard. Agonizingly. Tommy D, as he's known, tells Gus that he gave the Suffolk County Police all the information in a file, but the SCPD is ignoring the case. He wants Murphy to look into it because, "I know I'm a skell, a low-life and a mutt, but TJ deserves justice and you was the most standup cop I ever knew." The covert comparison to his own dead son enrages Murphy. He kicks Tommy D out in the rudest possible manner. Less than a week later . . . and before he can offer up an apology . . . Delcamino is murdered and Murphy's been shot; all in the first fifty pages, as Murphy tries to unravel a string of murders that simultaneously take him deeper into the ooze of crime and higher up the chain of command as he fights his way from Long Island's Gold Coast to its Ghettos, solving a crime no one wants to know about.

Coleman has sprinkled his novel with a cast of characters that embody the noir genre and rival *The Maltese Falcon* in originality. Gus Murphy himself is the most complex, authentic and fully-developed character to come along in crime-fiction since Harry Bosch and I hope he has just as long a romp through the pages of literature. He's conceived by a master wordsmith who sets a standard other writers can only hope to achieve.

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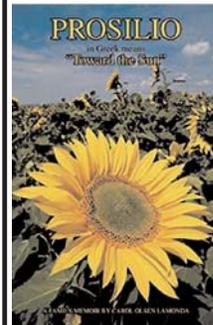
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The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... 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



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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda



After last week's column, I got lots of personal hints from readers. These are worth sharing:

Put a post it note over the camera hole on the top of your computer screen.

Have a public and a private email address.

Float a fabric softener square in a pan with badly burnt, stuck food. Leave overnight.

Another cure for burnt on or stick food is to add a bit of water and sprinkle powdered cleanser like Comet or Ajax. Leave overnight.

Lemon and salt or catsup work to polish copper.

Treat funky toenails with Vaporub ointment.

Use petroleum jelly on heels in winter to prevent dry, cracked skin.

Keep cut flowers fresher with an aspirin in the water. They also like a citric soda shot.

You can get rid of "gardening" dirty hands by adding a teaspoon of sugar to your hand soap.

Mayonnaise is a natural hair conditioner. Leave and wrap head with plastic wrap. Be sure to use

it before shampooing.

Don't bother to buy sympathy cards. Send a handwritten, personal note on a note card. Be sure to include a fond memory.

Never return an empty plate.

Peel bananas from the bottom up.

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FCSD Seeks Fallsburg Hall of Fame Nominations

Are you a Fallsburg resident? Did you attend Fallsburg schools? Was there a teacher or member of the Fallsburg School Community that made a difference in your life and the lives of fellow students? Perhaps, you know of alumni from Fallsburg High School that went on to make a significant contribution for the betterment of society in some special way through their education, career or voluntary efforts?

Fallsburg Central School District established a Hall of Fame several years ago to honor such noteworthy people.

Former teachers, alumni, and staff are enshrined in the Hall of Fame Display in the main lobby of the High School.

Superintendent of Fallsburg Central School District Dr. Ivan Katz is reminding the community that nominations for the FCSD Hall of Fame are due in his office by February 13, 2023. A copy of the Hall of Fame application is online at https://www.fallsburgcsd.net/district/hall_of_fame. Contact the Superintendent's office if you have any questions at (845) 434-6800, ext. 1215.

Please take a moment and consider nominating an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the Fallsburg school community. The FCSD Hall of Fame honors the contributions and accomplishments of individuals who are worthy of district-wide recognition.

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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

Tri-Valley Lions Makes Donation to Daniel Pierce Library

(From Pg. 4) We can only do this with the help of our community folks who continue to support The Tri-Valley Lions at our Soda Booth at the Fairgrounds during multiple summer events, our Journey For Sight Walk & Tag Day, which will be held on May 6, 2023 at the First Aid Squad Building and Fairgrounds in Grahamsville, our Chocolate Easter Bunny Sales, and occasional raffle.

We are always looking for new members who are community-minded and love to help others. We meet the first Monday of each month at Casa Mia in Hurleyville. If you would like to consider becoming a member or joining us for one of our monthly meetings to get a better understanding of who we are and what we do, please contact any Lion member or Lion President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com or Lion Stu Wizwer at 845-434-2152 or swizwer@hvc.rr.com.

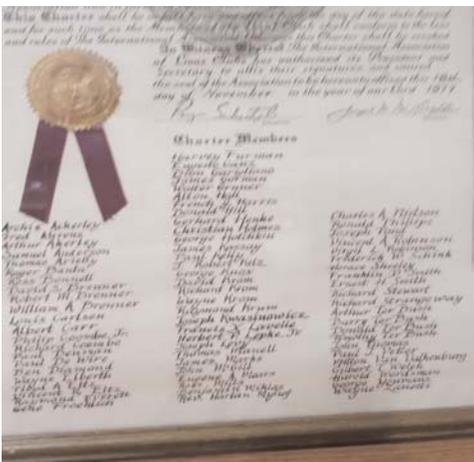
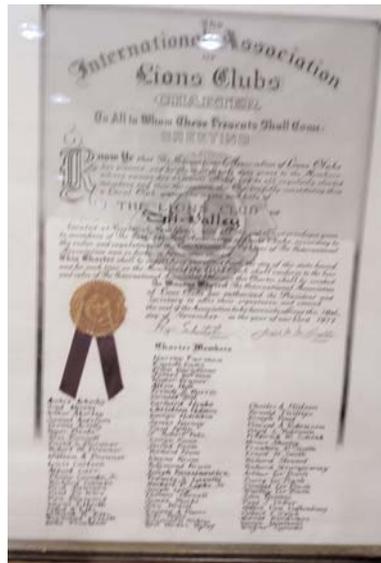
Tri-Valley Lions Original Charter Documents at Daniel Pierce Library

While presenting The Daniel Pierce Library with a donation check on January 13, Lion Esta Jacob asked Interim Librarian Interim Director, Mikki Greene to see the storage closet in the Library that contained the original charter documents for the Tri-Valley Lions and Tri-Valley Lioness Clubs. Mikki directed Esta to the beautiful upstairs conference room where the Lions held their Board Meetings for years. To Esta's surprise, the Lions and Lioness Charters are in process of being hung on the walls of the Conference Room.

The collection includes original Tri-Valley Lions and Tri-Valley Lioness Charter documents and the listings of charter members for both clubs. Esta told Mikki, "When you look at the documents and Charter Member names, it brings back so many memories. The Tri-Valley Lions held their 25th Anniversary at Kings in Livingston Manor on Sept 21, 2002. We celebrated our 30th Anniversary on October 21, 2007. The Tri-Valley Lions are coming up on our 46th Anniversary. That is how long we have been serving our community. We look forward to many, many more years of Service to our Community."

For more information on The Tri-Valley Lions or to become a member, contact Lion President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com or Lion Stu Wizwer at 845-434-2152 or swizwer@hvc.rr.com.

Wishing you all a happy and HEALTHY 2023. Stay warm and safe.




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Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Celebrates National Bagel Day and Announces The Bagel Festival for 2023!

Monticello, New York January 13, 2023 - Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce celebrated National Bagel Day on January 15, 2023. The Chamber also opened up vendor registration for this year's Bagel Festival at last year's prices (Prices will increase March 15th, 2023).

If you are interested in becoming a vendor for this year's Bagel Festival, you can sign up on line at <http://www.the-bagelfestival.org> or call the office at 845-791-4200. This year promises to be bigger and better along with all the great 'bagel fun', games, scavenger hunt, and Bold Gold Music Festival!

Have a bagel at every meal

Take this day as an opportunity to appreciate the versatility of the bagel, and feel free to use it as an excuse to try as many flavors as you would like!

Share the bagel love

What office, classroom, or group of friends doesn't love bagels? Scope out your local bagel shops for exclusive National Bagel Day deals and spring for a dozen delicious bagels to share.

And, don't forget to sign up for your vendor spot for this year's **Bagel Festival August 13, 2023 by March 15th, 2023** – at last year's prices!!!!

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:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/120094.html>

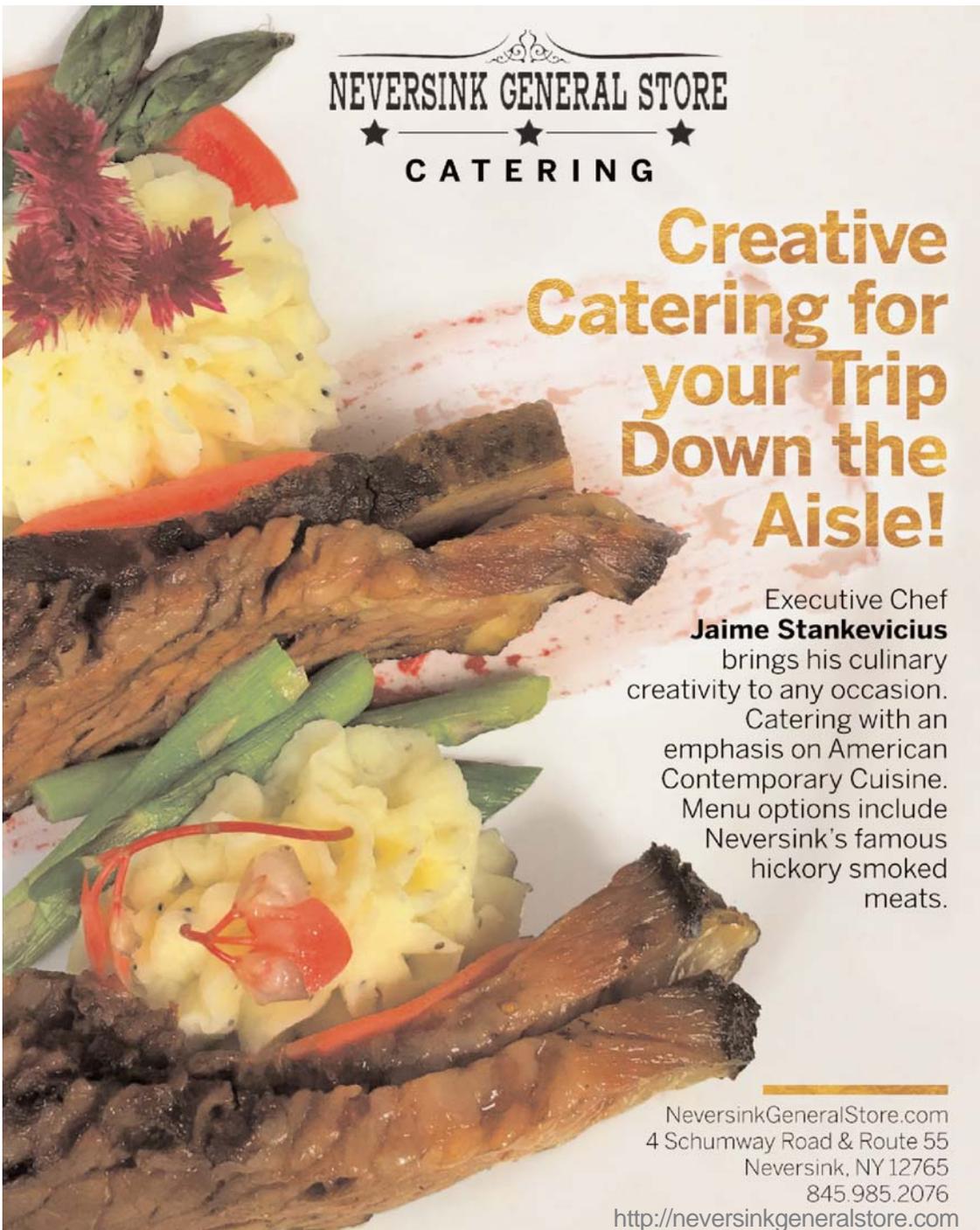
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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

No column this week. Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

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An Evening with Lee B. Karasik, Understanding Disability in a Judgement Free Zone

Born with a mild form of Cerebral Palsy (CP) and raised in Sullivan County, NY, Lee Brian Karasik, a musician, photographer, EMT, disability educator, self-proclaimed foodie and all around nice guy is on a mission to clear up the misconceptions that are floating around out there regarding what it's like to live every day with a varying ability.

Join us for an educational discussion, followed by an open Q & A forum. Community members of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6 p.m. *
 in the
Robert D. Norris Community Room
 * Snow Date: Thursday January 26th

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**And That's the Way it Is:
 A Look Back at 70 Years of TV News**

Television news has undergone remarkable transformations in the last seven decades. In this presentation, film lecturer Brian Rose will look at these sweeping changes and examine the history and the impact, both good and bad of television journalism.

Monday, January 30th at 7 PM on ZOOM

To register, visit
<https://bit.ly/3vDtvx3>
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This program is brought to you by Warner Library, Florida Public Library, Chester Public Library & Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

The Black Library Monthly Meeting

The Black Library's (TBL) Monthly Meetings are held at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello. Stay up to date with the project. Let Douglas Shindler & Michael Davis, TBL founders, know what you would like to see happening in the community, or discuss anything else you have on your mind.

See you there!

**Tuesday, January 31st
 5-7PM**

in the Robert D. Norris Community Room
 at The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library
 479 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701

FCSD Receives Sportsmanship Certificate

At the FCSD Board of Education meeting on January 4, 2023, President Mike Weiner received a Sportsmanship Promotion Banner and Plaque from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) for “developing proactive approaches in keeping sportsmanship in the forefront with their students, coaches, spectators, and communities.”



BOE President Mike Weiner and Interim Director of Athletics and Physical Education Ms. Amanda Stevens

Attention all Trivia Lovers!!!

January 19th is Trivia Night at The Tango Cafe. 7pm. Tables are starting to fill up. Pre-register at tangocafe@hacny.org or call (845) 520-545

For Trivia fun every Third Thursdays at 7:00 pm head out to the Tango Cafe at Hurleyville Performing Arts Center, Hurleyville, NY

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2023 GALLERY SHOWS & Winter Exhibition Announcement

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) is excited to announce the schedule for the 2023 Gallery Exhibitions. We have a fabulous selection of local and regional artists who bring fresh ideas, unique perspectives, and extraordinary talent to our galleries in Narrowsburg. DVAA invites audiences to explore and experience the thriving art scene in the Sullivan Catskills. The year's full exhibition schedule is listed below.

The 2023 Gallery Season opens February 11th with two shows that ask us to confront the natural world and consider our role in it. Robyn Almquist's exhibition, "The Space Between You and Me," in the Alliance Gallery, and Allison Maletz' "Abundance" in the Loft Gallery.

There will be an opening reception for both exhibitions at DVAA, located at 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY, on Saturday, February 11th, 2022, from 4-6 PM. The shows will be on view through Sunday, March 26th. DVAA's galleries are free and open to the public; masks are recommended.

Robyn Almquist | The Space Between You and Me On View Feb 11th - Mar 26th Opening Reception: February 11th, 4-6 PM Artist Talk scheduled for February 25th, please see website for details.

Robyn Almquist combines painting, collage, and printmaking to confront the intractable subjects of environmental destruction, gun violence, wealth disparity, political polarization, and power. According to the artist, "despite new technology and creative thinking, the current power structure ensures that solutions to these problems will not be found." She states, "The solution is love and compassion- not money and power. Our society has reached the tipping point, and love and compassion seem to be losing." Almquist attempts to make a difference by creating a dialogue between those who value love and community and those who admire power and greed.

Robyn Almquist is a multi-faceted artist, publisher, and curator living and working in Livingston Manor. She is the founder and creative director of ArtKill Catskill magazine. Almquist is deeply involved with Catskill Art Space (CAS), through her work on the board, teaching CAS Kids, and as Interim Executive Director. She received her BA in Studio Art from Colorado College. Almquist's work regularly appears in group shows at DVAA and throughout the Sullivan Catskills.

Allison Maletz Abundance On View Feb 11th - Mar 26th Opening Reception: February 11th, 4-6 PM Artist talk scheduled for March 18th, please see website for details.

Allison Maletz presents a series of watercolor paintings celebrating the thriving wild ecosystem in Sullivan County. These life-size watercolors depict the plethora of native flora and fauna, along with its pests and invasive species, which complete our gardens, public spaces, and conversations.

Maletz' style teeters on the edge of botanical observations while embracing all the nuances and possibilities of her medium: watercolor. These paintings are her effort to convey gratitude - to the land, the creatures, this place - through all its complexities.

Allison Maletz is a contemporary mixed-media artist living and working between Barryville and New York City. She received her BFA from the RISD and her MFA at the Slade School of Fine Art in London. Maletz is a Professor of Drawing at Marymount Manhattan College and teaches watercolor and drawing classes online through 92nd St Y, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and Lessonface. Her first New York City solo show, "Together," was at the Christopher Henry Gallery in 2013.

Other notable exhibitions include the Liverpool Biennial, Zoo Art Italy, The Royal Watercolor Society in London, Brooklyn Botanical Garden, the National Arts Club, the Denny Gallery, Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Fresh Window, and the Florence Griswold Museum.

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance 2023 Gallery Exhibition Schedule

Please see our website for artist talks and opening reception details.

Feb 11th - Mar 26th Robyn Almquist, Livingston Manor, NY, Printmaking/mixed media Allison Maletz, Barryville, NY, Watercolor painting

Apr 1st - May 7th Joni Wehrli, Livingston Manor, NY, Sculpture/painting Desmond Beach, New York, NY, Fiber arts/mixed media

May 13th - Jun 25th Heather Rubinstein, Milanville, PA, Fiber arts/installatio Melissa Zexter, Brooklyn, NY, Photography & embroidery

Jul 1st - Aug 6th Geoffrey Hutchinson, Barryville, NY, Photography Johan Sellenraad, Milanville, PA, Oil painting

Aug 12th - Sept 17th Mary Sweeney, Roscoe, NY, Ceramics/sculpture/drawing Traci Johnson, Brooklyn, NY, Fiber arts

Sept 23rd - Oct 29th Chris Heim, Cuddebackville, NY, Photography Dani Case, Narrowsburg, NY, Photography

Nov 18th - Dec 23rd "19th Annual Art in Sixes" Small Works Group Show

ABOUT DVAA

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Walk-ins are welcome. DVAA's galleries are ADA-accessible. Gallery & shop hours are Thursday - Sunday, 11 AM - 4 PM, and by appointment.

For more information, visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or call (845) 252-7576.

DVAA serves as a home in the Upper Delaware Valley and Sullivan Catskills Region, giving artists platforms to share their voices in our galleries, on our stages, or at our festivals, including Riverfest in July and the Big Eddy Film Festival held every September. DVAA funds Sullivan County creatives and cultural organizations through our role as the county's Arts Council.

SUPPORT

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

UC Repair Cafes

New Paltz Repair Café Saturday, January 21st, 10am - 2pm
New Paltz United Methodist Church 1 Grove Street, New Paltz

Esopus Repair Café Saturday, January 28th, 10am - 2pm
Ascension Church 1585 Route 9W, West Park

A Repair Cafe is a free community event. You bring your broken but beloved items and together with volunteer repair coaches, WE FIX THEM! People bring all kinds of things to a repair cafe: clocks and other mechanical items; chairs, frames, and other wooden items; electrical items and small appliances; digital devices; clothing and textiles; dolls, stuffed animals, and toys, tools in need of sharpening; jewelry and watches; and so much more! Most items get fixed, and even when they don't - we have a good time trying! Questions? Contact hshader@gmail.com or visit www.repaircafehv.org.



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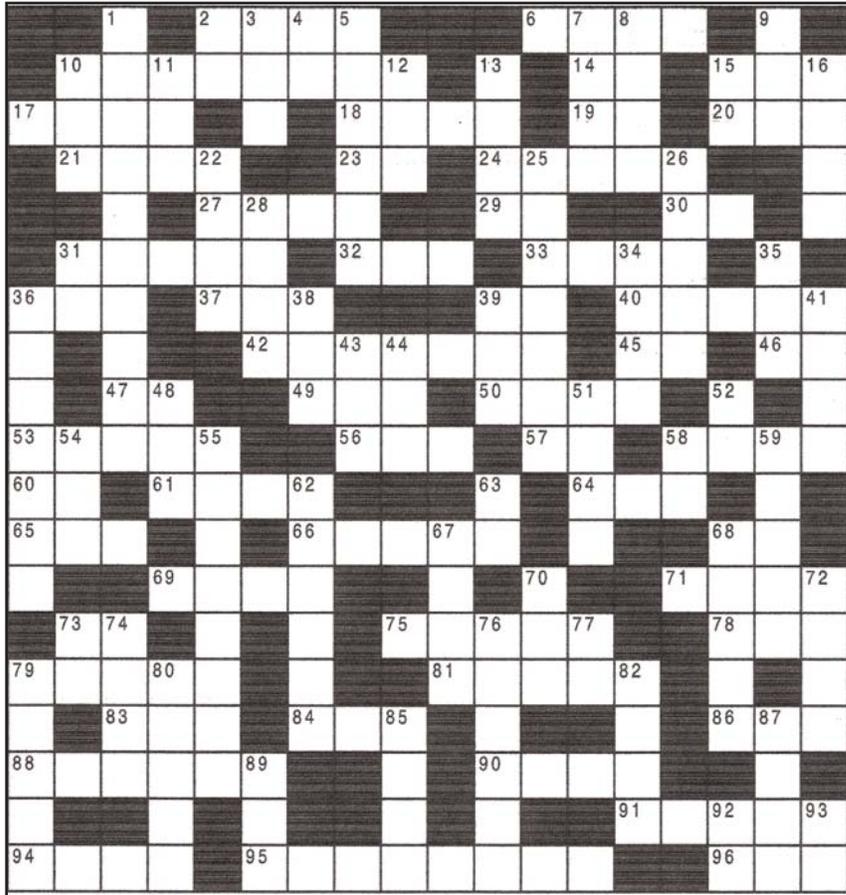


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Lucky Year of the Rabbit - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 2 One of two equal parts
- 6 Close friend
- 10 A celebration
- 14 Used to link alternatives
- 15 Sounds like a dog's bark
- 17 Remain alive
- 18 Spanish surrealist painter
- 19 Postscript
- 20 Referring to a female person
- 21 Watercraft
- 23 Referring to something previously mentioned
- 24 Cereal plant
- 27 Superstar
- 29 To such a great extent
- 30 Bullock
- 31 Symbol of 2023 Chinese New Year
- 32 Referring to the person being addressed
- 33 Portent of good or bad things
- 36 A domestic

- animal
- 37 Non-standard 'yes'
- 39 Sixteenth letter of the Greek alphabet
- 40 Give fresh life to
- 42 Admired
- 45 Indefinite article
- 46 North America
- 47 Preposition
- 49 Job with an uncertain future
- 50 Made a clear resonate sound
- 53 Objects that tapers from a circle to a point
- 56 Period of time
- 57 Archaic form of thou
- 58 Silently invoke a hope
- 60 Advertisement
- 61 Sweet bread rolls
- 64 Perceive with the eyes

- 65 Used to unlock something
- 66 Tranquility
- 68 Chemical element iron
- 69 Extending above
- 71 Carry firearms
- 73 Instant messaging (abbrev)
- 75 Medieval narrative tale
- 78 Bitter brewed beverage
- 79 State of being joined
- 81 Shaped dough cooked in water
- 83 August sun sign
- 84 Fellow
- 86 Highest pint
- 88 Place where bread and cake are sold
- 90 Female child
- 91 Terra
- 94 Annoys
- 95 City that was the first capital of New York State
- 96 Rocky peak

DOWN

- 1 Wide-ranging change
- 2 Height (abbrev)
- 3 Atmosphere
- 4 Leave (abbrev)
- 5 Related group
- 7 Feeling of expectation
- 8 ____ Major, the Great Bear
- 9 What valuable minerals are extracted from
- 10 A lie
- 11 Covers most of the Earth's surface
- 12 Past participle of light
- 13 Weapons used for shooting arrows
- 15 Exclamation
- 16 Tailless amphibian
- 22 Very small
- 25 A day of festivity
- 26 Expression
- 28 Person whose trade is dyeing cloth
- 31 Exist
- 34 Rugged cliff
- 35 Lair
- 36 A thin flat cake
- 38 Dowel
- 39 In accordance with

- 41 Laundry
- 43 By way of
- 44 Ovum
- 48 Second month (abbrev)
- 51 Bird shelter
- 52 Friendly greeting
- 54 Lyric poem
- 55 One of George Washington's careers
- 58 People in general
- 59 Pilfer
- 62 Season after winter
- 63 Maine (abbrev)
- 67 Cultivated plant used for food
- 68 Celebration meal
- 70 Belonging to a thing previously mentioned
- 72 Garner
- 73 Surrounded by
- 74 White liquid filled with fat and protein
- 76 No purpose
- 77 Eastern time
- 79 Characteristic of a city or town
- 80 The years between 13 and 19
- 82 Capable
- 85 According to Chinese philosophy, the male principle of the universe
- 87 Holy Roman Emperor whose life was saved in 982 by the Sicilian Jew Kalonymus
- 89 Domesticated wild ox
- 92 Right
- 93 Hour

Chinese New Year Soup

Broth:

- 3 cups chicken stock/broth
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1/2" ginger piece, cut into 3 slices
- 1 1/2 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tsp sugar

1 1/2 tbsp Chinese cooking wine or dry sherry

Add:

- 6oz fresh egg noodles
- 2 large bok choy
- 1 cup shredded cooked chicken
- 1 scallion, green part only finely sliced

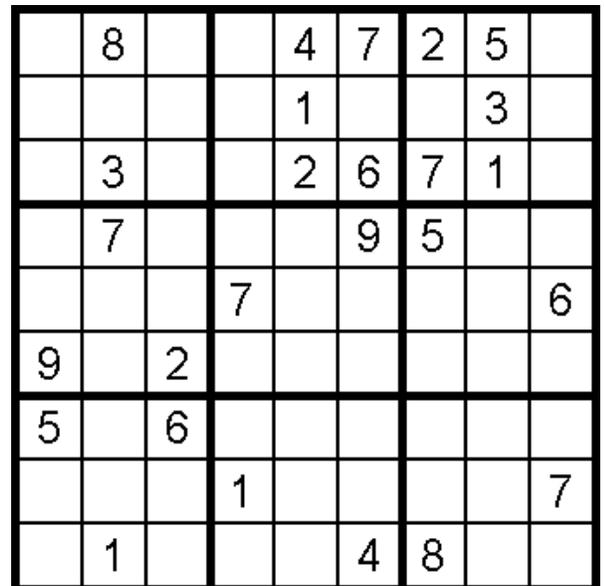
Place Broth ingredients in a saucepan over high heat. Place lid on, bring to simmer then reduce to medium and simmer for 8 - 10 minutes to allow the flavors to infuse.

Meanwhile, cook noodles according to packet directions. Cut bok choy in half (for small / medium) or quarter (for large). Wash thoroughly. Cook the bok choy in the broth for 1 min

Pick garlic and ginger out of soup.

Place noodles in bowls. Top with chicken and bok choy. Cover with broth, then garnish with green onions.

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Answer on page 23 To play SUDOKO online: <https://sudoku.com>

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Chinese New Year

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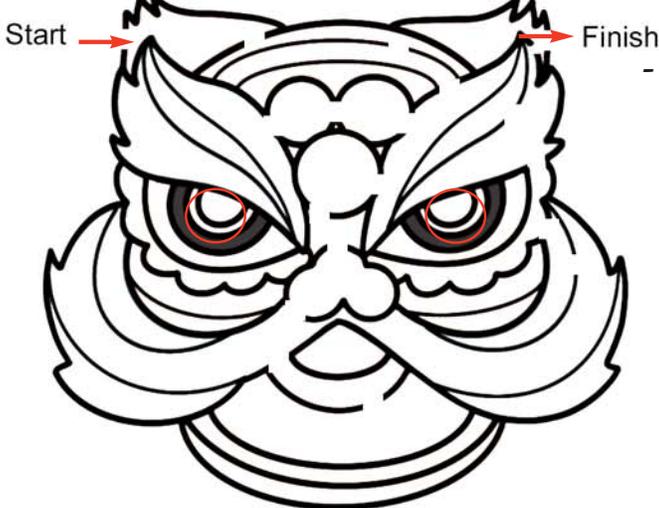


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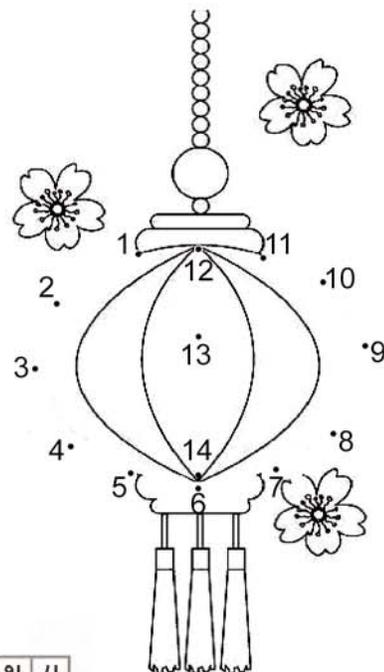
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Kids' Fun Page

Can you find your way through the dragon's head?



Follow the dots to complete the picture.



Cryptogram Key

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Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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Library Upper Level.

Regular Meeting #11
7:00 p.m.

Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Meeting will be advertised, conducted, streamed live on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>.

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Sullivan County employees will chip the trees to incorporate them for use as mulch in County parks, landscaping and beautification projects. Repurposing wood chips helps to conserve natural resources and enhance the appearance of the County.

For additional information about waste reduction strategies, reuse and recycling, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling at 845-807-0290. Check out online Materials Management resources at sullivanny.us/Departments/SolidWasteRecycling

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AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Seeks Volunteers

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity that can put your experience and skills to good use, while helping others in your community? AARP Foundation Tax-Aide are looking for volunteers to become certified tax preparers. Help low and moderate-income individuals, families, and seniors get refunds and credits they may not have known about and efile at no cost.

If you have prepared personal income taxes in the past and are looking for a way to use these skills, consider volunteering. In addition to tax preparers, whom the program will train, Tax-Aide needs people who can provide technical and communications assistance, interpreters, and program leaders. Volunteers come from a variety of industries and range from retirees to university students. All levels and types of experience are welcome. Volunteers get a great deal of satisfaction from helping people prepare their taxes and get the refunds and credits they may not have known about.

Tax sites are open from February 2023 through April 2023 and are located throughout Ulster County. Volunteers must commit to at least four hours once a week at their assigned site during tax season, flexible hours are available.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Steve Weir, at 845-255-4442 or sweir12525@gmail.com

Volunteer Orientation for Ulster County Animal Response Team (UCART)

**Tuesday, January 24th,
7pm On Zoom**

Have you ever wondered what you'd do if you had to leave your home during a disaster?

What about your animals?

Have you ever thought of being part of an Emergency Animal Shelter Team during a disaster?

Join us (Ulster County Animal Response Team) and learn about what we do.

Frost Valley Hosts Annual Women's Wellness Weekend Featuring Wine Tasting and Wellness Classes

Three days of relaxation, connection, and wellness in the Catskills!

CLARYVILLE — Frost Valley YMCA invites women to spend a weekend away in the beautiful Catskill Mountains from March 31 - April 2, 2023 to treat their spirit, mind, and body. Women will gather from near and far to connect with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy a host of classes designed just for women to be mentally, physically, and spiritually rewarding.



Women attending Frost Valley YMCA's Wellness Weekend March 31 - April 2, 2023 will be treated to a variety of movement and wellness classes in the picturesque Catskill Mountains.

The theme for this year's Women's Wellness Weekend is Movement. Classes and workshops from Capoeira and Reiki to glass etching and drum circles, will infuse excitement and energy into this time-honored weekend featuring presenters both new and familiar.

This weekend away in the scenic Catskill Mountains is offered for women who want to treat themselves to better overall wellness. Guests can relax their minds and bodies with massage and yoga. Classes like pottery, watercolor painting, natural dye making, and pottery at Catskill Pottery will ignite the artist within, allowing guests to express themselves in new ways. Finally, a wine tasting and education course will invigorate and entice the senses. They can also participate in invigorating dance classes, take nature hikes to scenic vistas, or meditate before attending the "live your happiest life" workshop.

"It is a gift to see the scenery that surrounds this beautiful setting. But what makes Frost Valley YMCA truly unique is the people who invite you into their lives by giving you a sense of family and a genuine interest in making your stay enjoyable. The greetings from the staff are always accompanied by a smile; their (how can I help you) questions are always from the heart; and the workshops at the Women's Wellness Weekend are always filled with learning and refreshing perspective," said Gracanne Ryan, a former Women's Wellness Weekend participant.

During this all-inclusive getaway, delicious and nutritious wellness cuisine is prepared to accommodate a wide range of nutritional needs and restrictions. A variety of lodging is available from hotel-style lakefront accommodations to rustic cabins, to lodges perfect for large groups.

Lodging options are subject to availability.

Anyone interested in attending this retreat is encouraged to contact Frost Valley as soon as possible since spaces fill up quickly. For more information go to frostvalley.org/womenswellness or call 845-985-2291 ext. 450 to make reservations.

About Frost Valley YMCA: Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, family weekends, school trips, teambuilding and more. Frost Valley, a not-for-profit organization chartered through the YMCA of the USA, is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.



Exploring the Night Sky

Telescopes and More

at the Daniel Pierce Library

Presented by John Kocijanski, Catskills Astronomy Group

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Snow Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023

6:00-7:00 pm

Join us for an informative talk and exploration of different types of telescopes needed to observe the night sky. Weather permitting, we will enjoy a viewing of the Moon, Mars, and Jupiter.

Please note: program will be in the Adult Reading Room as well as the outdoor patio, dress accordingly and check our website for weather related cancellations.

Program open to patrons eleven and up interested in astronomy.

Registration required online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org

To register go to: <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

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Feb. 4, 2023
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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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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

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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

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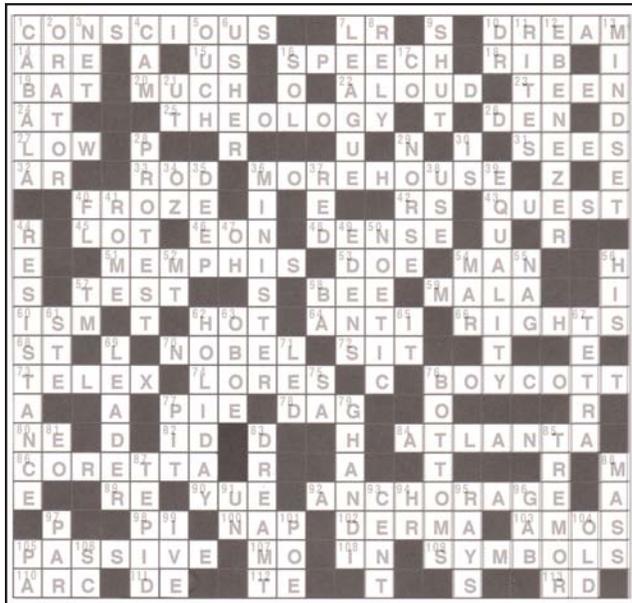
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Ans to last week's Crossword



**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

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2	4	8	1	5	3	9	6	7
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**Sundown
United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, Feb. 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)

Spend Your Holiday Gift Cards

In 2022, \$48 million dollars worth of unused gift card balances were turned over to Comptroller DiNapoli's Office of Unclaimed Funds. In total, DiNapoli's office is currently holding more than \$17.5 billion in unclaimed funds. He urges New Yorkers to visit <https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf> to see if they are owed money and recommends they register any gift cards they may have received this holiday season with the retailer.

Note from Mary Inghrim

I have gotten a number of people, their money anywhere from \$20 to \$1,000 by informing them of unclaimed funds with their name listed.

**Celebrate Take Your Child
to the Library Day**

Join the celebration and "Take Your Child to the Library Day" Saturday, February 4, 2023 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. Take Your Child to the Library Day is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library.

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For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/17/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
1/19/23	Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/1/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
2/4/23	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
2/8/23	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
2/14/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/21/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2023** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events throughout the coming year. You may email them to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or
USPS Mail - The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740

Save the Date!

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week of January 16 - January 20, 2023

Monday, January 16

- o **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday** - County Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 17

- o No Meetings

Wednesday, January 18

- o **8:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Audit Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Annual Meeting**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:15 AM (or immediately following UC IDA Annual Meeting) - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board Meeting**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **10:15 AM (or immediately following UC IDA Board Meeting) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Annual Meeting**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **10:30 AM (or immediately following UC CRC Annual Meeting) - Ulster County Industrial Capital Resources Corporation Board Meeting**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, January 19

- o **8:30 pm Ulster County Youth Bureau** - Youth Bureau Suite 407, Development Court, Kingston

Friday, January 20

- o **12 Noon - Resolution Deadline**

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Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

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Dept. of Motor Vehicles dates for the Neversink Town Hall.

12/8/2022, 1/5, 2/2 & 3/2/2023.



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

Search [sullivancountydmscheduling](#)

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

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- Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Callicoon Town Hall - 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Rockland Town Hall - 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Mamakating Town Hall - 2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Tusten Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Town of Liberty Senior Center - 119 N Main St. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Bloomingburg Town Hall - 13 North Rd. Bloomingburg, NY (rotating schedule)**

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

***** IF YOU ARE LATE OR NOT PREPARED YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RESCHEDULE *****

Please limit the number of people coming to your appointment. Additional people not necessary to the transaction may be asked to wait outside.

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

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

Monticello Rotary - Montigram

The Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023, meeting of the Monticello Rotary was called to order by Bill Tochterman, in place of Brad Rutledge who had a prior commitment.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Four - Way Test, the guest speaker, Josh Deitchman, was introduced.

Josh Deitchman is a "homegrown Monticello fellow," an artist whose commitment to ensuring that the artistic talents of all persons are cultivated and displayed for all to see.



Through initiatives such as Catskills REVIBE, a mural, arts and culture festival, it is the overarching goal of Josh and his fellow artists to help revitalize "downtown Broadway" in Monticello through exhibitions and festivals. A dozen or so buildings on Broadway have already been identified as locations for art

exhibits during the planned event tentatively scheduled for July 8th and 9th, 2023.

The mural project, a "pet" of Josh and his colleagues, is well underway, with a magnificent mural already on display on the side of the Monticello Diner.

"Murals are more than street art," asserted Jose as he shared his involvement in the planning of art festivals in Miami and Colorado.

Through expanded arts programs for aspiring youth artists (Josh was quick to note that although he was not "an academic" he is gifted with a "High IQ" and an artistic talent that has gained him national recognition.

"I always do what my parents tell me NOT to do...I returned to my roots in Monticello," said Josh as he feels that the time is right for this kind of significant art initiative.

It is further anticipated that by 2024 college credit for "art apprenticeships" will be offered to students at SUNY Sullivan.

Local interest is at a high and sponsors are needed to keep this initiative on target.

Following dinner and Happy Dollars, the meeting was adjourned!



SAVE A LIFE - GIVE BLOOD



Blood donations are needed now more than ever. The Rotary Clubs of Monticello, Liberty, and Livingston Manor will be holding a Blood Drive in conjunction with NYBC (New York Blood Center) as part of the 45th Annual WSUL Heart-a-thon on Friday, February 17, 2023 from Noon until 6pm at the Epicenter at Resorts World in Monticello who has graciously sponsored this event. According to Monticello Rotary VP and Blood Drive Chair, "Donating blood is so simple to do and all it costs you is about 25 minutes of your time from paperwork at check-in to snacks post donation. Where inflation has brought costs up across our country, this is the one cost that has not increased. The cost to save a life is still the same. If everyone who can give was to give, the shortage of blood would disappear." To schedule a time, please register by clicking on this link: <https://www.givegab.com/p2p/45th-annual-98-3-wsul-heart-a-thon/lori-orestano-james>. Additional information links are below.

Please help us to help others and sign up today! All COVID protocols will be in place.

Direct sign up link-https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/303543 ; NYBC Phone number to call for appointments - 800-933-2566; NYBC phone number to call for donor eligibility questions- 800-688-0900; Link for eligibility questions - <http://www.nybc.org/eligibility> Donation Facts- <https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/become-donor/donation-faqs/> Additional questions -Call 845 798-1770

You Gotta Have Heart



Monticello Rotary is showing heart in participating in The 45th Annual 98.3 WSUL Heart-a-thon to be held on Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6am - 5pm at the Epicenter at Resorts World Catskills in Monticello. Heart Disease is the number one cause of death in the United States. Sullivan County is ranked 61 out of 62 in NYS for poor health with Heart Disease following the national trend. This year's Heart-a-thon has shifted focus to ensure those concerns are being addressed for our community. This year, the Heart-a-thon will be expanding the beneficiaries to focus on: Prevention, Education, and Treatment of Heart Disease in Sullivan County. This year proceeds will benefit a Treadmill for the Cardiac Rehab and some portable Cardiac Monitors, both for the Garnet Medical Center Catskills Campus; The Warrior Teens Program and an Outdoor Fitness Pad in Monticello with Sullivan 180, A Singe Bite's Real Food School Education Program, and Building Sullivan's Healthcare Workforce Scholarships with Suny Sullivan.

To help us, help others, please consider donating today. Donations can be made online at: <https://www.givegab.com/p2p/45th-annual-98-3-wsul-heart-a-thon/lori-orestano-james> or you can pledge by calling 845 798-1770.

Statement from UC Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith released the following statement today:

“The CDC has now updated Ulster County's COVID-19 community transmission level to high. The increased number of COVID-19 positive cases in Ulster County and the mid-Hudson region is being attributed to the new Omicron variant, XBB 1.5. Therefore, I would like to remind Ulster County residents of the precautions they can take to protect themselves and their families: consider wearing a mask when indoors, maintain good ventilation and airflow in indoor spaces, test as soon as COVID symptoms are suspected, stay home when sick, and follow the CDC's recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Most importantly, stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations, including recommended booster doses. Fully vaccinated persons are less likely to experience severe disease requiring hospitalization. The Ulster County Department of Health conducts COVID vaccination clinics for individuals aged five and above at the former Best Buy site at the Hudson Valley Mall. COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are also widely available for children and adults at many area pharmacies, urgent care centers, and doctor's offices. Find more information at <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/>.”

Watershed Management Plan for the Neversink River Watershed Underway

(Monticello, NY) Sullivan County, in partnership with Friends of the Upper Delaware River and Trout Unlimited, are developing a comprehensive, non-regulatory Neversink Watershed Management Plan (NWMP).

They will hold the first of a series of public meetings on January 18th at 6pm on Zoom. More information and registration details can be found here: FUDR.org/NeversinkWMP

The lead agency for the project is the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management and the effort is supported by a federal grant award from the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program. This program is funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Once completed, the watershed management plan will serve as a non-binding and voluntary blueprint to help ensure the future sustainability of the watershed.

“The Neversink River and its watershed is one of our region's natural resource crown jewels. Developing and implementing a watershed protection plan is the best way to balance the needs of all watershed stakeholders. It is particularly important in the face of increasing threats from climate change and changing development patterns in the watershed,” said Freda Eisenberg, director of the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management.

The planning process includes a number of elements including the development of a project steering committee composed of experienced watershed practitioners and a comprehensive series of public education sessions to maximize the public input and involvement.

“One of the most critical requirements of a meaningful and

successful watershed plan is to make sure the public is fully aware and involved at the beginning of the planning process and their input and perspectives are fully integrated into the final plan. We are hopeful that large audiences will participate in our public meetings and that the feedback we receive from them will form the backbone of the plan.” said Jillian Pagnotti, Friends of the Upper Delaware River's Watershed Program Coordinator. For more information: Molly Oliver, Policy Director, Friends of the Upper Delaware River • 607-206-3217 • molly@fudr.org

It's the 2023 Season Local Auditions!

(Forestburgh, NY) Forestburgh Playhouse, under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Franklin Trapp, presents the Local Auditions for the 2023 Season! Join Forestburgh Playhouse on February 12, 2023 for 2 audition sections from 9:30AM-12PM and 3-6PM at the Seelig Theater Auditorium at SUNY Sullivan (112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759).

It's your time to shine! We are so excited to welcome talented local actors to perform at the Forestburgh Playhouse this summer season! The 2023 Season is full of exciting performance opportunities in our professional mainstage productions and shows for Young Audiences! This year, we are looking for young actors to perform in roles in Matilda the Musical and the Addams Family Musical. We are also seeking talented teens to sing and dance in our production of The Addams Family as ghoulish ancestors from beyond the grave! We are also looking for young actors (6-12) to perform in the ensembles of Dreamworks' Madagascar & Gordon Gets Down, the Playhouse's 2 productions geared for young audiences. So much fun awaits!

WHERE: Seelig Auditorium At SUNY Sullivan - 112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759

WHEN: February 12, 2023 / 9:30AM-12PM & 3-6PM

HOW to sign up:

Email PRODUCTION@FBPLAYHOUSE.ORG. In the subject line, put "Local Auditions/Actor's Name" and in the message, please choose 9:30-12 OR 3-6PM as your audition window.

WHAT TO BRING: Your talent! Auditioners need to bring a 16 bar selection of a song that showcases your talent. Please have your sheet music marked and ready for the accompanist. If you do not have sheet music, you may certainly sing a short selection a cappella!

VISIT: www.fbplayhouse.org/local-actors for more info and for the available roles for each show.

ABOUT THE FORESTBURGH PLAYHOUSE

The Forestburgh Playhouse is the oldest, continuously running, professional summer theatre in New York State. Located in the Sullivan Catskills, the Playhouse was founded in 1947 by John Grahame and Alexander Maissel. FBP's mission is to present high-quality, professional theatre, including musicals, plays, cabarets and theatre for young audiences; to provide arts education programming for local youth; to develop and launch the careers of young artists; and to foster the development of new works through an annual new works festival. FBP attracts over 30,000 patrons each summer and was one of the first venues in the U.S. in 2020 to return to live performance with its Under the Stars concert series featuring notable performers such as Tony Award-winner Alice Ripley, Tony Nominee Kate Baldwin, Nicholas Rodriguez, Morgan James, Kyle Taylor Parker and more. The Playhouse celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 2021. fbplayhouse.org

Follow Forestburgh Playhouse on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube

Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association Donates to Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association

January 13, 2023 - The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) gave a donation to the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association to assist with programs and training for volunteer firefighters in Sullivan County.

SCVA President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood presented the check to Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild at the SCVA office in Liberty, NY.

The SCVA annually hosts a meeting and holiday party featuring a silent auction of items generously donated by SCVA members with the proceeds to be donated to a local charitable cause. This year's auction raised \$4,300, which will directly benefit the Firefighters Association.

"We are so pleased to offer them this donation from our silent auction this year," remarked Byron-Lockwood. "These volunteers do so much for our community, and our hospitality industry could not exist without them. We know we are in safe hands and have so much to thank our volunteer firefighters for."

This year's annual event was held at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival. Eric Frances, Bethel Woods CEO and Chairman

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Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association President/CEO, Roberta Byron-Lockwood, (second from left) and SCVA Chairman and Bethel Woods CEO, Eric Frances, (second from right) presented a check for \$4,300 to Sullivan County Fire Coordinator, John Hauschild, (right) and President of the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association, Terrence Mullen, (left) on Friday, January 13 at the SCVA office in Liberty. The fundraising was made through the SCVA's silent auction, held at its annual meeting in December.

of the SCVA, said, "The Sullivan firefighters selflessly donate their time and talents, while often risking their lives to protect our communities and businesses. We could never thank them enough for their service, but we hope this contribution helps make a difference in their work."

"The fire service of Sullivan County is very grateful to the Visitors Association for this generous and unexpected fundraising effort," said Hauschild. "Through our Join Sullivan Fire Task Force, these funds will increase the programs we can offer and the events we can attend in our ongoing effort to increase the volunteer ranks of our fire departments Countywide."

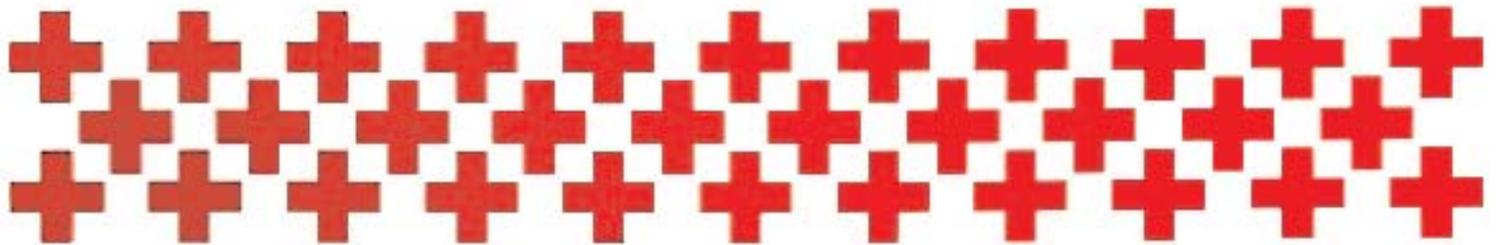
About the SCVA

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Inaugural Cycle the Hudson Valley kicks off July 29

Cyclists on the inaugural Cycle The Hudson Valley bike tour will gather in Troy, N.Y. on July 29, 2023 and wend their way 200 miles south along the Empire State Trail, ending in the Big Apple a week later. This seven-day fully-supported tour is limited to the first 300 cyclists who sign up.

Daily routes average 30-50 miles/day with additional mileage options for riders wanting more. The route is 63% paved and 13% crushed stone dust trail, with 24% on road, and will take bicyclists through the cities, villages, countryside, and parklands of the beautiful Hudson River Valley.

On the second night of Cycle the Hudson Valley, the tour rolls into bustling Hudson, with its many cafes, interesting shops and great people watching. When the British Navy clamped down on early American whaling along the Atlantic, two whalers set sail looking for an alternative location. Surprisingly they found such a perfect place 100 miles from the ocean! With a deep river harbor and plenty of sur-



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rounding land they established a town that would ultimately have everything a whaler desired, and in 1785 it was the very first city chartered in the brand-new United States of America.

Cycle the Hudson Valley will spend two nights in Kingston since there's so much to see and do in this city on the river. Kingston was the first capital of New York State, and George Clinton was sworn in as the first Governor almost 246 years ago to the day that we'll be in town. On our lay-over day cyclists can explore the area by biking an optional loop or strolling through the Kingston Stockade District, (on the National Register of Historic Places) or visiting the Hudson River Maritime Museum.

Day four lands the tour in Poughkeepsie, with a ride over the famous Walkway Over the Hudson, an elevated multi-use park that spans 1.28 miles. Soaring 212 feet above the Hudson it provides amazing views of the river valley. Shuttles will be available to the FDR Home and Library and the renowned Culinary Institute of America.

The next day's countryside ride ends in the cute Hamlet of Carmel.

The last overnight brings the tour close to NYC, as riders get ready to experience the Big Apple by bicycle. Riding along the Hudson River Greenway offers full-on river views most of the way. The tour ends at Battery Park, with a lovely view of the Statue of Liberty. Cyclists can visit the 9/11 Memorial Pools. And, of course, there are so many things and places to see along the way in Manhattan!

Registration opens January 18. Visit Cycle The Hudson Valley for more information, or email HudsonTour@PTNY.org.

If you'd like to explore further, our other fully supported Cycle the Erie Canal features the east-west leg of the Empire State Trail and travels 400 miles from Buffalo to Albany. Cycle the Erie Canal registration is open. To register go to:

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Governor Hochul Announces Economic Innovation Plan to Grow Jobs and Businesses of the Future Across NYS

Targeted Investments Will Develop High-Growth Industries and Strengthen State's Supply Chain

Plan Will Expand Signature Business Attraction Programs to Bring More World-Class Companies to New York State and Spur Job Growth

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced plans to expand economic opportunity and innovation across New York State through targeted investments, business support, and other programming aimed at high-growth industries as part of the 2023 State of the State. The proposal, which focuses on rapidly growing industry sectors like high technology, life sciences, and advanced manufacturing, includes measures to strengthen the State's supply chain and expand well-established business attraction programs already proven to drive growth. These collective efforts will boost New York's innovation economy and encourage business development and job creation throughout the State.

"New York's status as a hub of innovation is more than just a historical legacy, it charts our path to a brighter and more prosperous future," Governor Hochul said. "By focusing on high-growth industries like high technology, life sciences, and advanced manufacturing, we will continue to unlock new opportunities, keep New York's economy one step ahead of the technological curve and remain a leader in creating the jobs of tomorrow."

New York is already leading the way in creating the jobs of the future. Between 2010 and 2021, 113,000 high-wage jobs were created in the tech sector, encompassing everything from scientific research to software development, and New York businesses raised \$53 billion in venture capital in 2021. New York is one of the top states in the nation for life sciences venture capital funding and has welcomed more than 580 new life sciences companies since 2017, adding 9,700 new jobs. Additionally, Micron's historic \$100 billion investment in semiconductor manufacturing in Central New York, which will create up to 50,000 new jobs, has reestablished the State as a hub for advanced manufacturing. The continued development of these and other high-growth sectors is key to advancing New York's economy.

Technology Innovation Matching Program

Governor Hochul has proposed a Technology Innovation Matching Program, which will provide millions of dollars in matching grants for New York companies applying for the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs, two competitive federal programs - known as "America's Seed Fund" - that incentivize small businesses to engage in research and development with the potential for commercialization. Currently, more than half of states in the nation have a matching grant program for their SBIR/STTR applicants. New York does not - placing New York at a competitive disadvantage in attracting and generating innovation investments. This matching investment will support the growth of small businesses and the development of new scientific advancements, while simultaneously creating jobs and keeping New York competitive with other states for these investments.

Investment in Cell and Gene Therapy

Building on New York's position as a leader in the fast-growing life science sector, Governor Hochul proposed the creation of two Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) centers - one upstate and one downstate. CGT treats diseases, like cancer, by manufacturing reprogrammed patient cells to either repair those that cause disease or kill tumors. With one third of all private investment in 2021 going towards CGT, New York is uniquely positioned to help develop this new, high-growth sub-sector of the life sciences industry. The upstate hub will leverage existing institutions that conduct research and development of cell and gene therapies, and the downstate center will provide direct access to CGT for large patient populations. Each center will engage in cutting-edge clinical research as well as co-locate vital CGT infrastructure, technology, and services.

Strengthening New York's Supply Chain

As recent global economic market supply shortages have demonstrated, securing the state's supply chain is not just critical to ensuring the health and welfare of New Yorkers, but also to avoiding disruption of our economy. Governor Hochul announced a new Made in New York initiative to proactively secure supply chains for critical commodities and products by attracting and supporting those industries that provide essential supplies to manufacture in New York. (Contd. Pg. 32)

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Governor Hochul Announces Economic Innovation Plan to Grow Jobs and Businesses of the Future Across NYS

(From PG. 31) State agencies will collaborate on identifying key industries to attract that would enhance the State's economic security and prosperity by providing vital products. ESD will then work with those industries and offer targeted incentives to relocate to New York.

Expanding Signature Business Attraction Programs

Governor Hochul is directing Empire State Development to improve and expand existing business attraction programming to incentivize innovation investments and continue growing the jobs and businesses of the future.

Improved Excelsior Jobs Program

The Excelsior Jobs Program awards performance-based tax credits for job creation, investment, and research-and-development projects to businesses in targeted industries that are relocating to or growing in New York State. To build on this successful program, Governor Hochul will enhance Excelsior to support additional critical State priorities like assisting disadvantaged communities and populations and advancing the green economy.

Through Excelsior, additional support will be awarded to projects with LEED Silver Certification or higher or that are located within disadvantaged communities. These changes will enhance and expand New York State's efforts to attract businesses and create jobs, while promoting sustainability and making New York a more equitable place to live and work. Excelsior will better reflect the State's priorities surrounding sustainability and generating investments in disadvantaged communities.

Extended Prosperity and Innovation Campuses (EPIC)

ESD will launch the Extended Prosperity and Innovation Campuses (EPIC) initiative, to support the growth of new businesses and help form strong partnerships between the private sector and the State's leading educational centers. Technology-related innovations have been strong growth engines for the State, leading to millions of dollars in investments and the creation of high-wage jobs. Governor Hochul knows that with additional support for our existing innovation engines, New York can lead the nation in developing new technologies and reap the benefits of unparalleled economic growth.

EPIC replaces the START-UP NY program, which was hamstrung by its design. Critically, EPIC will: have the same requirements, benefits, and eligibility criteria upstate and downstate; support a wider range of innovation businesses; be streamlined to remove barriers; and increase the amount of space in the State dedicated to growing innovation and creating jobs.

improve their cybersecurity posture, creating a safer and more secure Empire State."

This \$35.2 million increase builds upon Governor Hochul's historic, \$61.9 million cybersecurity investment in the FY 2023 Budget. New York's leadership in finance, energy, transportation, health care, semiconductors, and other critical fields makes the state a target for cyberattacks and other cyber threats, and the frequency, magnitude, and impact of these events continue to increase. Ransomware attacks, in which hackers hold data and systems hostage, rose 13 percent nationwide in 2021, and since 2017, more than 3,600 state, local, and tribal governments across the country have been attacked.

The DHSES' Office of Counterterrorism will create the industrial control systems (ICS) assessment team to better protect residents from cyberattacks and their effects. Working alongside the agency's physical security and cybersecurity assessment programs, the team will help energy, transportation, manufacturing and other critical infrastructure systems to improve their overall security posture and make their industrial control systems more resilient to cyberattacks.

New York State Chief Cyber Officer Colin Ahern said, "As the threats to our digital infrastructure continue to evolve and grow in sophistication, it is more important than ever that we invest in the resources to protect New Yorkers from cyber threats. Governor Hochul's continued leadership will help ensure that New York's critical infrastructure grows more resilient against these threats."

The proposed funding will also support the provision of cybersecurity services to county and local governments in FY 2024 and beyond, building upon Governor Hochul's creation of the first New York State Joint Security Operations Center. These shared services help county and local governments assess and remedy gaps in their cyber defenses. The shared services complement the State's ongoing efforts to build a common picture of cyber threats shared by cybersecurity teams from federal, state, city and county governments, publicly and privately owned critical infrastructure, and State agencies including the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Information Technology Services, New York State Police, among others.

Governor Hochul Announces Expansion of States Manor Investments in Cybersecurity Initiatives

Governor Kathy Hochul announced \$35.2 million in new funding as part of the 2023 State of the State to support cybersecurity enhancements statewide, including the expansion of shared services to local governments that help identify security gaps that could be exploited by an adversary. Building upon nation-leading legislation to protect against cyberthreats to the State's energy grid recently signed by the Governor, the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will establish a first-ever in specialized industrial control system assessment team to help protect critical infrastructure and manufacturing systems across the state and make those systems more resilient to cyberattacks.

"The frequency, magnitude, and impact of cyber-attacks have increased, but we will continue to take bold measures to secure and protect New York's critical infrastructure," Governor Hochul said. "The Industrial Control Systems assessment team, coupled with record investments, will support physical security and cybersecurity assessment programs to help facilities

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Governor Hochul Announces Nation-Leading Proposal to Offer Fully-Paid Parental Leave for New York State Employees

- *Provides 12 Weeks of Fully Paid Parental Leave for Unrepresented New York State Employees*
- *Will Engage State Unions on Extending Benefit Through Collective Bargaining Process*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a nation-leading proposal to offer fully paid parental leave benefits to New York State employees as part of the 2023 State of the State. Under the initiative, unrepresented State workers will receive 12 weeks of fully paid leave to use for bonding with a newborn, fostered, or adopted child. The Governor will also direct the Office of Employee Relations to engage State unions on extending this benefit to their employees through collective bargaining.

"In those precious early days of a baby's life, parents should not have to choose between a paycheck and caring for their newborn child," Governor Hochul said. "By offering fully paid parental leave benefits to New York State employees, New York will continue to lead by example and provide a critical line of support for hardworking families."

Despite the well-documented positive benefits of paid parental leave to maternal and infant health, as well as family economic security and workforce retention, the United States is the only developed country in the world without a national paid parental leave policy. New parents and caregivers depend on a patchwork of various federal, state, and local leave policies, in addition to any employer-sponsored benefits.

New York has long led on leave, enacting the statewide Paid Family Leave (PFL) law in 2016. New York's PFL program provides most private sector employees with job-protected, paid time off to bond with a newly born, adopted or fostered child, care for a family member with a serious health condition, or assist loved ones when a member of the family is deployed abroad on active military service. Eligible workers may take up to 12 weeks off at 67 percent of their pay (up to a cap) in times of need.

In 2021, Governor Hochul signed leg-

islation expanding the law to include caring for a seriously ill sibling.

Paid Family Leave is a critical benefit for many New Yorkers. However, the law does not extend the coverage requirement to public sector employees, and the majority of the State workforce is not currently covered.

Governor Hochul will lead by example and offer State employees 12 weeks of fully paid parental leave to use for bonding with a newborn, fostered, or adopted child. The Governor will direct the Office of Employee Relations to institute this policy for all unrepresented employees as soon as possible, and will engage state unions to make progress toward this goal through collective bargaining.

Office of Employee Relations Director Michael Volforte said, "Paid parental leave will make a significant difference to working families. It will help caregivers provide for their families while remaining gainfully employed. Under Governor Hochul's leadership, I look forward to working with our union partners to extend fully paid parental leave to the New York State workforce."



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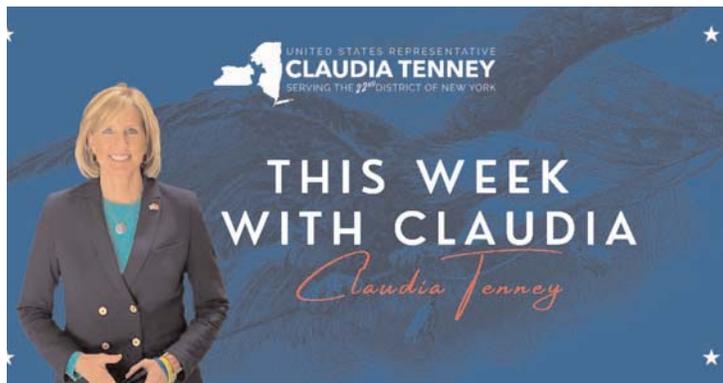
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Honored to be Named to the Powerful House Ways and Means Committee

I am grateful to the members of the Republican Steering Committee, especially Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith, Speaker Kevin McCarthy, Majority Leader Steve Scalise, Conference Chair Elise Stefanik, and New York Representative Andrew Garbarino, for selecting me to serve on the prestigious House Ways and Means Committee. As a tax and business attorney and small manufacturing firm owner, I understand the struggles faced by seniors, small businesses, and family farms. I will serve as a strong voice for hardworking New Yorkers and a tenacious and compassionate advocate for our region.

The Ways and Means Committee under the leadership of Chairman Jason Smith will play a critical role in restoring our nation's economic prosperity. We will focus on re-shoring America's lost manufacturing jobs and securing our domestic supply chains. We will fight for small businesses and working families to ensure we have a tax code that is fairer and simpler. We will prioritize America's family farms and advocate for trade policies that put our nation first. We will hold the IRS accountable to the taxpayers and put an end to the weaponization of the federal bureaucracy. We will protect Social Security and Medicare while strengthening these programs for future generations. We will also fight to make permanent the vital tax relief and support for families and small businesses under the historic Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Ways and Means: Rep. Claudia Tenney lands powerful House committee post go to:

https://auburnpub.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/ways-and-means-rep-claudia-tenney-lands-powerful-house-committee-post/article_96e6f286-a565-5d56-bd58-77f38e13d393.html

Introduced Legislation to Audit All COVID Government Spending

This week, I reintroduced H.R. 348, the Transparency in COVID-19 Expenditures Act. This bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to audit the funding provided by the COVID-19 relief bills Congress passed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the GAO must audit and report on the use of funding provided by: the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020

- the Families First Coronavirus Response Act
- the CARES Act
- the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act
- Divisions M and N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and
- the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The United States has spent over \$4 trillion in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, much of which was spent without proper oversight. In fact, the New York State Comptroller reported that over \$11 billion in fraudulent unemployment insurance payments were made during the first year of the pandemic alone. We need a full accounting of how every dollar of taxpayer money was spent! To read more about this legislation and its cosponsors, click here.

Rep. Claudia Tenney wants audit of federal COVID-19 spending go to: https://auburnpub.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/rep-claudia-tenney-wants-audit-of-federal-covid-19-spending/article_854359a7-9ad6-50bb-b0b2-be83dad327da.html

Standing Up for the Unborn & Condemning Attacks on Pro-Life Groups and Pregnancy Centers

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This week, the House passed H.R. 26, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, and H. Con. Res. 3, condemning the recent attacks on pro-life facilities, groups, and churches. The right to life is among the most basic and fundamental rights of our self-governing Constitutional Republic. Children born alive from a botched late-term abortion deserve the same medical care as all other newborns, and if someone takes their life, it should be considered murder.

This commonsense bill should have passed in a strong bipartisan manner, but instead, Democrats are doubling down on their radical abortion-on-demand agenda, including now by denying living, breathing newborns the right to live. All life is sacred, and I will always advocate for compassionate pro-life policies.

Joe Biden's Classified Documents Scandal Must be Investigated

I fully support Attorney General Merrick Garland's decision to appoint a Special Counsel to investigate Joe Biden's reckless handling of classified documents. It is deeply troubling that President Biden chose to store classified documents at two separate locations, including his think tank at the Penn Biden Center, which has received more than \$30 Million from Chinese Donors.

The Vice President, under no circumstances, can remove documents from the White House. Only the President has the power to declassify documents.

We are also concerned about the conduct of the Department of Justice's handling of this investigation. According to reports, the DOJ was aware of these documents as early as November 5, but the public was not told about the classified documents until this week. House Republicans are fully committed to investigating President Biden for his mishandling of classified documents and the DOJ for its role in hiding this information from the public for over two months.

I Joined Mornings with Maria to Discuss the Latest from Washington This Week.

As I mentioned above, we need a special prosecutor to look into the collusion surrounding the Biden Crime Family. It's time to hold them accountable for their actions. Now that there are classified documents involved, things are even more serious. Hunter's laptop was just the beginning. You can watch the full video of my interview above or by clicking here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQooCG-ZWHc>

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—
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This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 35) I voted "Yes" on H.R. 22, the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act. In April 2022, the Biden Administration sold nearly one million barrels of oil worth \$98 million from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to Unipac America, a subsidiary of Sinopec, a company owned by the Chinese Communist Party. While the SPR was created to assure U.S. national and economic security, the Biden Administration has been using it to alter the price of oil for political purposes. The Biden administration has also refused to take the needed actions to boost domestic production of oil and natural gas, the only way for our nation to stabilize energy prices in the long run. This legislation will finally fix one of these blunders, preventing the Department of Energy from selling oil from the SPR to any entity under the ownership, control, or influence of the CCP. We should never use public resources to benefit our foreign adversaries at taxpayer expense. That is why I was happy to be a cosponsor of this important legislation and vote for its passage. This bill passed the House by a vote of 331-97.

I voted "Yes" on H. Res. 11, Establishing the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party. From China's theft of American intellectual property, to unfair trade practices and hiding the true origins of the pandemic, the United States must do more to combat the rise of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Throughout my time in Congress, I have introduced and cosponsored numerous bills including the Stop CCP Infrastructure Act, the China Watchers Act, the No Chinese Communist SURPRISE Parties Act and the Turn OFF THE TAP Act to combat the CCP's malign influence. This new Select Committee will lead the charge to restore our supply chains, end our economic dependence on China, and work to promote democracy and counter China's dictatorial repression. It will also build on the House Republican's China Task Force, which conducted great work last Congress. I am optimistic that this long overdue committee will bring all Americans together to finally take the China threat seriously and combat the rise of China and its techno-authoritarian model. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 365-65.

I voted "Yes" on H. Res. 12, Establishing a Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government as a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary. For years, members of the federal bureaucracy have weaponized the federal government's powers against private citizens in an unprecedented manner. From the FBI investigating parents raising concerns about their children's education, to the Department of Homeland Security encouraging Twitter to suppress conservatives, it is clear that the federal government has been prejudicially targeting Americans with different ideological viewpoints. Even in light of this mounting evidence, last congress Democrats systematically refused to hold the Biden administration accountable for these clear attacks on the rights of private citizens. This select subcommittee is not only important, it is vitally necessary to preserve the freedoms we hold dear in our self-governing Constitutional Republic. I look forward to monitoring this subcommittee's work closely and working with its members to ensure accountability is restored to Washington. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 221-211.

Go Bills!

Rep Tenney honors Denny Kellington for his heroic actions by saving the life of Damar Hamlin. Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ge5S3KkYq-4&feature=youtu.be>

I spoke on the House floor to honor and thank Buffalo Bills assistant athletic trainer Denny Kellington, for his heroic actions saving the life of Bills safety Damar Hamlin during the Bill's January 2nd matchup against the Cincinnati Bengals. Kellington graduated from Oklahoma State in 2000 and spent time working for the Denver Broncos, Ohio State, and even working for Upstate New York's very own Syracuse University!

After Hamlin collapsed, Kellington jumped into action and began performing CPR, continuing this lifesaving treatment for 9 minutes, saving Hamlin's life and opening the door for his speedy recovery. Denny Kellington is a hero.

All of New York's 24th District, Bills Mafia, and America are forever grateful for his heroism and leadership during a truly terrifying moment. Due to his valiant actions, I support calls for the National Football League to make Denny Kellington the first athletic trainer to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Following District Feedback, Molinaro Calls on FCC to Extend Challenge Period on New National Broadband Maps

Molinaro: Map Guides Federal Rural Broadband Investments. It's Imperative Upstate New York Has Its Voice Heard

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today called on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to extend its challenge period on the new National Broadband Map. This map is used to guide rural broadband improvement and expansion investments through the FCC's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

On November 18, 2022, the FCC released its new National Broadband Map. The release triggered an eight-week challenge period, which ends on January 13, 2023. During the challenge period, the FCC collects feedback and challenges from across the country, which will guide the development of its final map and investments.

However, during this time, local leaders and residents in New York's 19th Congressional District have raised concerns that the FCC's challenge period, which included the 2022 holiday season, has provided insufficient time to thoroughly review the map, collect data, and prepare challenges. As a result, the final map may be inaccurate or have existing coverage gaps. In a letter to the FCC, Rep. Molinaro joined Rep. John Joyce (PA-13) and 24 other Members of Congress in calling on the FCC to extend the challenge period deadline to ensure interested communities have their voices heard.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Far too many families and businesses in Upstate New York still lack reliable access to the internet. These coverage gaps are unacceptable and limit our community's potential. There are federal funds available for rural broadband and we have to make sure our communities get their fair share. By extending the deadline for the FCC's new National Broadband Map, we can make sure rural communities in Upstate New York have time to make their voices heard."

Rep. Molinaro represents New York's 19th Congressional District. The District includes Broome, Chenango, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, Tioga, and Tompkins counties as well as part of Otsego County and Ulster County.

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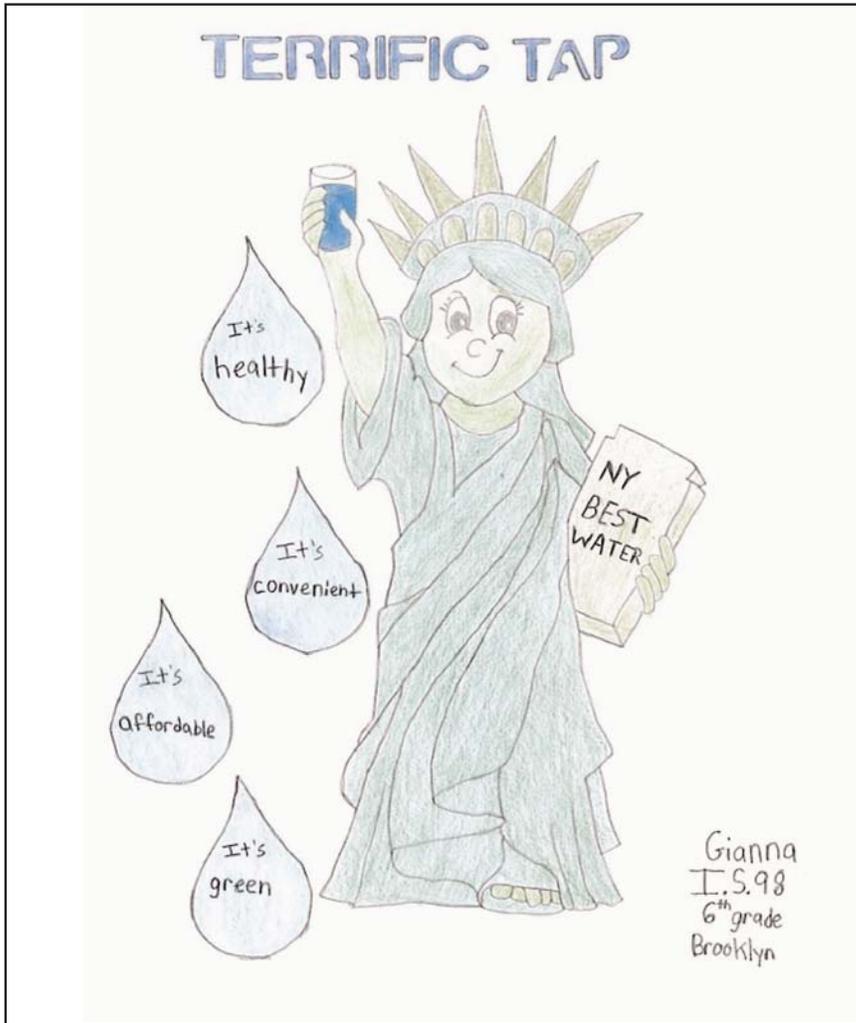
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Art & Poetry Contest Encourages Young Environmentalists to Use Artistic Expression to Learn About New York's Shared Water Resources

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The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the launch of the 37th Annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. All New York City and Hudson watershed students in grades 2-12 are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects an appreciation for New York's shared water resources. Visit the contest page to view the guidelines and resource materials, submit entries online, see past winners, and learn more about New York City water. Submissions are due by March 3, 2023 and winners will be announced during a celebration in the spring.



Students from New York City and the upstate watersheds are invited to submit original works of art and poetry by March 3; View past Art and Poetry Water Champions on DEP's Flickr Page

interpreting one or more of the contest themes, accuracy of information, originality, and skill. An impartial panel of judges will review the entries and select art and poetry winners from each category (grades 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, and 10-12). Please submit additional requests for information to artandpoetry@dep.nyc.gov.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing approximately 1 billion gallons of high-quality drinking water each day to nearly 10 million residents, including 8.8 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP also protects the health and safety of New Yorkers by enforcing the Air and Noise Codes and asbestos rules. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.

Last year, more than 1,500 students representing more than 90 schools submitted original poems and artwork about New York's shared water resources. Contest winners were honored during a virtual celebration hosted by DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala, DEP staff, and the 2022 NYC Youth Poet Laureate, Elizabeth Shvarts.

DEP's Water Resources Art and Poetry program helps raise awareness about the importance of clean, high-quality drinking water, and what it takes to maintain New York City's water supply and wastewater treatment systems. Students can create poems and artwork including paintings, collages, three-dimensional models, photography, animation and videos of dance performances, public service announcements and songs. The 2023 contest will focus on five central themes that incorporate STEM and humanities disciplines:

- o Water, A Precious Resource: To recognize the importance of a clean and plentiful supply of water.
- o New York City Water Supply System: To explore the history of the New York City Water Supply System and its present-day source, operation, delivery, protection and maintenance.
- o New York City Wastewater Treatment System: To understand our sewer infrastructure; the purpose of, and process for, cleaning wastewater in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson Watersheds.
- o Harbor Water Quality and Healthy Marine Ecosystems: To discover the richness of our marine life, and opportunities for recreation and commerce on local waterbodies; to understand the work that is being done to monitor and ensure healthy water quality.
- o Water Stewardship and Climate Change: To consider our influence on the environment and how we can address and take action on environmental issues that influence our neighborhoods, our city, and beyond.

Entries will be judged based on creativity in

Just One Week After Swearing-In, Congressman Pat Ryan Announces Critical Federal Funding for City of Newburgh

Over \$5M coming to City of Newburgh for workforce development at SUNY Orange, construction of Newburgh Landing Pier

NEWBURGH, NY - Just one week after his swearing-in, Congressman Pat Ryan announced over \$5M in federal funding coming to the City of Newburgh.

"The people of Orange County elected me to deliver, and I am getting right to work," said Representative Pat Ryan. "The establishment of the FoodTEC program at SUNY Orange means more good-paying, middle-class jobs coming to the Hudson Valley, and the construction of the Newburgh Landing Pier is exactly the kind of economic development this region needs. I look forward to working with Mayor Harvey, SUNY Orange, and the Orange County Chamber of Commerce as we continue to create new opportunities for growth in Newburgh."

"This critical funding will play a vital role in bringing jobs and economic opportunity to the people of Newburgh and Orange County," said Orange County Chamber of Commerce President Heather Bell. "I want to thank Congressman Pat Ryan for hitting the ground running and delivering for Orange County."

Governor Hochul Announces Climate Programs and Initiatives in State of the State Address

On Tuesday, January 10th, Governor Hochul announced in the 2023 State of the State address that New York will continue to undertake an ambitious and economy-wide effort to address the threat of climate change.

It is truly encouraging to see New York's climate and clean energy work represented in the Governor's 2023 agenda, including important plans for a new Cap-and-Invest Program and significant investments in energy affordability, clean and efficient buildings, clean air, and clean water.

New York is once again leading the way with the following climate and clean energy proposals.

Cap-and-Invest Program: The Governor proposed

advancing an ambitious Cap-and-Invest Program that will establish a declining cap on greenhouse gas emissions, invest proceeds in programs to reduce pollution, limit potential costs to New Yorkers, and maintain the competitiveness of New York industries. The Cap-and-Invest Program will be shaped by five core principles: affordability, climate leadership, creating jobs and preserving competitiveness, investing in Disadvantaged Communities, and funding a sustainable future. The Program will be developed in a public and transparent process to ensure stakeholders' voices are heard and it will prioritize Disadvantaged Communities that have suffered from environmental injustice with at least 35%, and a goal of 40%, of investments directly benefitting these communities and ensuring pollution burdens are reduced in frontline communities. For more information on the Program, please read the press release and New York's Climate Act website.

Clean and Efficient Buildings: As part of the State's comprehensive efforts to decarbonize its building stock, Governor Hochul announced a package of policy initiatives including zero-emission new construction (with no on-site fossil fuel combustion by 2025 for smaller buildings, and by 2028 for larger buildings) and to prohibit the sale of new fossil fuel heating equipment (by 2030 for smaller buildings and 2035 for larger buildings). These will be advanced alongside a grading system for larger buildings statewide based on their energy usage to help building managers make informed choices to cut electricity bills and emissions. These proposals are significant as New York's building sector was responsible for 32% of emissions, the largest source of emissions in the state.

Energy Affordability: To address high energy prices, Governor Hochul is proposing investments to insulate our most vulnerable households from rising energy prices while advancing the transition to lower emissions. These actions:

Providing \$200 million in relief for high electric bills. New York State will provide a credit to the more than 800,000 New York households that make under \$75,000 annually to help pay burdensome electric bills.

Pairing affordability support with modernizing low-income homes through EmPower Plus. The creation of the Energy Affordability Guarantee, the first-in-the-nation pilot program will ensure low-income New Yorkers who participate in the EmPower Plus Program and fully electrify their homes will never pay more than six percent of their incomes on electricity.

A copy of the Governor's speech, as well as the full State of the State book language (PDF) with other details on initiatives for electric vehicle infrastructure, waste reduction, ensuring a just transition, and many more energy and environmental highlights are at: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2023-01/2023SOTSBook.pdf>

As you can see from these proposals, 2023 is off to a strong start! Our ongoing climate actions will include robust stakeholder and public outreach and we look forward to hearing from you and continuing our work together to achieve our shared climate and clean energy goals.

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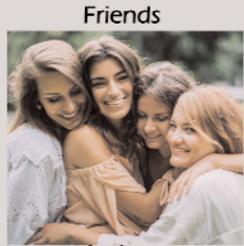
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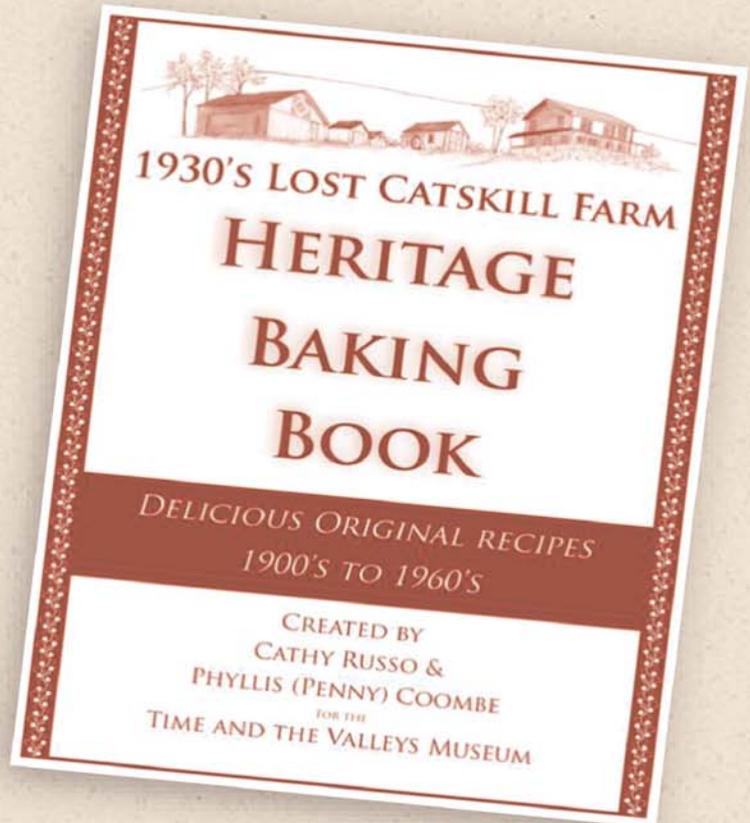
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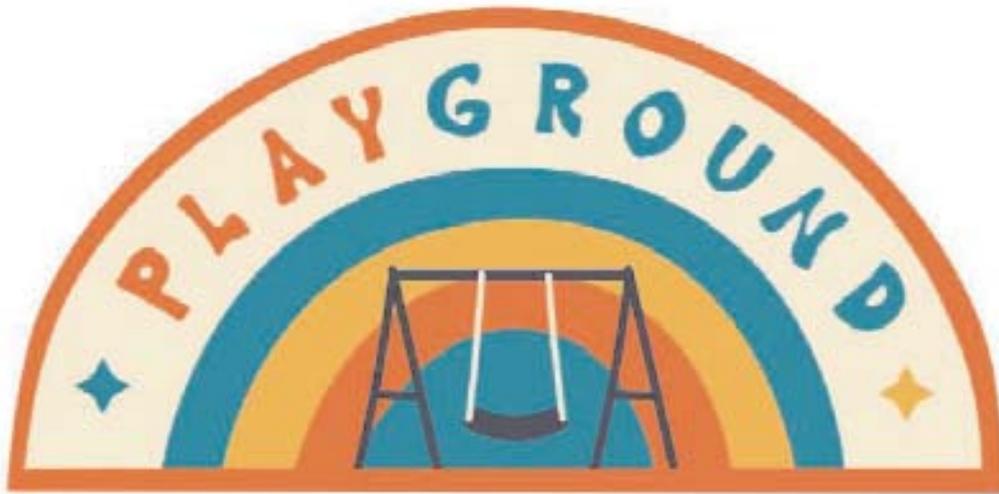
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Olive Free Library Upcoming Events

Zentangles- Adult Craft

Saturday, January 21 10:30 a.m.

“Zentangles” are abstract drawings created using a series of repeated patterns. We will learn some basic patterns or “tangles” and then use these and perhaps some we invent ourselves to make beautiful art. The workshop will be facilitated by artist and educator, Mira Fink. All materials will be provided. Sign up in advance at 845-657-2482. Snowdate is 1/28.

Sew on & Sew Forth

Saturday, January 28 11 a.m.

Welcome to Sewists of all abilities!

Each month, on the 4th Saturday, except for June, we have a project designed to help grow our skills... don't worry, Chrissy is always here to help!

If you are a more advanced Sewist, please feel free to use our Saturday class as free Studio time. Bring your own sewing machine, if you have one.

Please sign up in advance, 845-657-2482!

January's project is speedy pillowcases!

Family Yoga and Gong Soundscapes with Hari Prakaash

Saturday, January 28 11 a.m.

Come and Experience the vibrational healing of the Symphonic Gong. Experience this meditative journey into your consciousness and the depth of sound and vibration. Expect breath work before relaxing to the sounds of Gong. All ages & abilities welcome! No experience needed! Please dress in comfortable layers and bring a blanket or yoga mat to sit/lay on. Please sign up in advance! Snowdate February 25th 11 a.m.

Senior Art Show: Ageless

Saturday, February 4th at 2 p.m.

Join us February 4th for the Grand Opening of our Senior Art Show!

Dance Fusion with Nandini

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 12:30 p.m.

This is a four class series. Space is limited and you must be pre-registered.

This is a fun, well balanced, 45 minute class that weaves together dance, yoga and flowing tai-chi and will conclude with a short meditation. Suitable for those who enjoy a vigorous workout. This class has a fee of \$25/ four classes. Sign up at 845-657-2482.

Mushroom Tinctures with Catskill Fungi

Saturday, February 11 at 11 a.m.

Our mushroom tincture class is now FULL. You can still be added to the waitlist if you'd like.

Birds of Prey

Monday, February 20 at 11 a.m.

Bill Robinson will be here with a few of his fantastic birds of prey and will teach us about the lives they lead. Be prepared to experience firsthand the magic of these misunderstood birds. No need to sign up!

Reiki Crystal Healing with Kathy

Tuesdays at 5-6:30 p.m., February 21, 28 & March 7, 14, 21

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There is a \$90 fee for this 5 class series, Your own crystals included. Must sign up in advance!

The State of the Town of Olive

Thursday, February 23 at 7 p.m.

The Supervisor, Jim Sofranko and Deputy Supervisor, Drew Boggess, will be here, at the Olive Free Library, to offer and update on current projects happening in the Town of Olive. All are welcome and refreshments to follow!

Notan- Adult Craft

Saturday, February 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Come try your hand at Notan. This is the Japanese art of paper cutting that explores positive and negative space, usually using black and white paper. They are created by folding and cutting the paper into shapes, fitting the cut pieces back like a jigsaw puzzle and then flipping them out to create a reflection. Free, please sign up in advance, space is limited.

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February's project is a lined drawstring bag!



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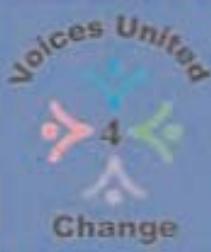
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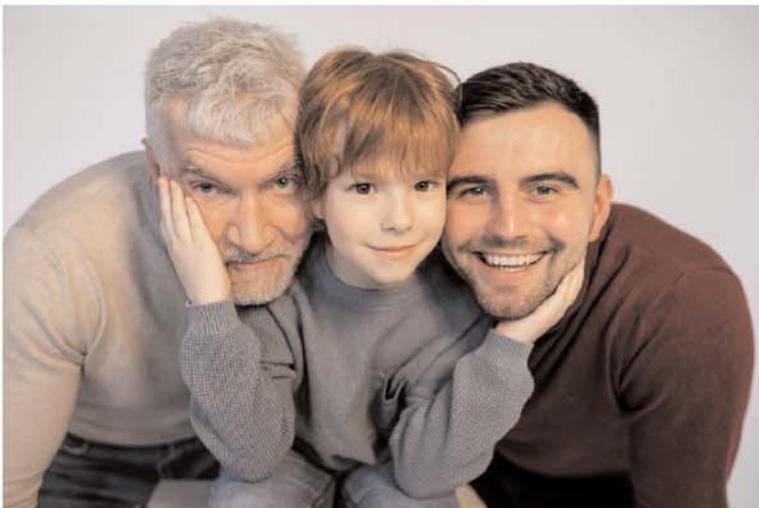
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DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

In 2022, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 359 search and rescue missions, extinguished 162 wildfires covering more than 1,300 acres, participated in 53 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate nearly 900 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in hundreds of tickets and arrests.

"With more people visiting State lands and enjoying New York's myriad, world-class outdoor recreational opportunities, DEC's Forest Rangers are on the front lines to help visitors get outside responsibly and get home safely," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Each day, these highly trained first responders are protecting irreplaceable natural resources and utilizing their expert knowledge of wildland fire suppression, wilderness first aid, land navigation, law enforcement, and technical rescue techniques to successfully execute critical missions, for DEC and our countless local, state, and national partners."

Hamlet of Claryville -Ulster County



On Jan. 5 and 6, Forest Ranger Lieutenant LaPierre, a Wilderness Medical Associates instructor, led a Wilderness First

Responder training course at Frost Valley YMCA for Rangers from DEC regions one, three, four, and seven, which cover the Long Island, Hudson Valley, and Central NY regions.



Rangers take the course annually to refresh wilderness first responder skills including assessing vital signs, providing emergency care in the wilderness, and making crucial evacuation decisions.

DEC Announces Summer Camps Registration Opens April 2, 2023 *Families Encouraged to Register Early*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that online registration for the 2023 Summer Camps program will open Sunday, April 2, 2023, at 1 p.m. Applications should be submitted through the online registration program available through a link from the Summer Camps website. Parents and guardians are also advised to monitor this site to complete registration forms and encouraged to register early since spaces fill up quickly.

"DEC's Summer Camps program has a long tradition of introducing youth to the outdoors through fun, hands-on, minds-on activities that create life-long connections to nature," Commissioner Seggos said. "Our camps provide increasingly rare opportunities for children to unplug and immerse themselves in the natural world. Kids at DEC Summer Camps are guided by highly qualified staff in hiking, canoeing, and overnight camping adventures each week."

Now in its 76th year, the Summer Camps program offers week-long adventures in conservation education for children ages 11-17. DEC operates four residential camps for children: Camp Colby in Saranac Lake (Franklin County); Camp DeBruce in Livingston Manor (Sullivan County); Camp Rushford in Caneadea (Allegany County), and Camp Pack Forest in Warrensburg (Warren County). Opening specific camps is dependent on staff availability.

Camp capacities will be reduced again this next year to provide the safest experience possible. New and returning individual campers will be limited to one week of camp. If spaces remain available after May 26, campers will be allowed to sign up for multiple weeks. Eligible campers who were unable to enjoy camp in 2022 due to camp closures will receive priority registering in 2023. (Contd. Pg. 56)

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(From Pg. 55) Camps Colby, DeBruce, and Rushford will offer two weeks of programming for children ages 14-17. Camp Colby and Rushford will offer five weeks for ages 11-13, and Camp DeBruce will offer four weeks. Camp Pack Forest will host children ages 14-17 for five weeks and ages 11-13 for two weeks. The complete schedule of camp opportunities for different age groups is available on the Summer Camps website.

Campers will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of outdoor adventures and are encouraged to try new things. Activities may include fishing, bird watching, fly-tying, archery, canoeing, hiking, camping, orienteering, and hunter safety education. One hunter education program of gun, bow, or trapping is offered at each camp during four of the weeks. Class size is limited for hunter education programs and campers must sign up for it during registration and complete the homework in advance.

Along with adventure experiences, DEC campers engage in fun, hands-on activities and outdoor exploration focused on field, forest, stream, and pond ecological principles. Campers may collect insects in a field, use nets in a stream, investigate soil composition, measure tree sizes, or practice taking field notes and writing in journals. Trips to nearby State lands might include kettle bogs, State Parks, fish hatcheries, or nature museums.

Camp Pack Forest will offer "Outdoor Adventure Week" during Week 4 (July 23-28). DEC encourages teens aged 14-17 who love being outdoors to sign up for this popular program that will help deepen their enjoyment and widen their horizons at Camp Pack Forest. During this week, campers will develop hands-on outdoor skills that go above and beyond the traditional camp week. In addition to our typical camp activities, campers may be engaged in team and trust-building activities, forestry, citizen science, conservation science, and more. Guest DEC and natural resource professionals will introduce campers to a variety of career options.

All four camps offer at least six one-week sessions (Sunday to Friday) beginning July 2, 2023; Camp Colby, Rushford, and Pack Forest will operate for seven weeks. One week of camp remains \$350 per child for 2023, and includes meals, trips, and a camp t-shirt.

In addition to inviting parents to register their children to participate in the DEC environmental education Summer Camps program, sporting clubs, civic groups, and environmental organizations are encouraged to sponsor one or more children for a week at camp. Information about becoming a sponsor and managing sponsor accounts is available on DEC's website.

For more information, please visit the DEC's website, email EducationCamps@dec.ny.gov, visit "NYS DEC Summer Camps" on Facebook or write to: DEC Camps, 3rd Floor, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-5256

Gillibrand Announces Over \$130 Million in Federal Funding to Help Assist and Revitalize NY's Overburdened Health Care System

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to announce over \$130 million in

federal funding she secured to help assist and revitalize New York's overburdened health care system. The spread of the COVID-19 XBB.1.5 sub-variant has fueled new challenges as public health workers continue building back from the pandemic and a difficult flu and RSV season. Gillibrand's funding includes vital resources to support medical staff, maternal mental health programs, pandemic preparedness, research for Lyme and tick-borne diseases, and more.

"New York is currently facing a significant health care worker shortage and strain on our public health infrastructure that is burdening workers and patients alike. The \$130 million I fought for will play a fundamental role in easing this burden and building the capacity of our health care workforce across the state," said Senator Gillibrand. "This significant funding also invests in key medical priorities, like research for Lyme and tick-borne diseases and the addressing the rising rate of maternal deaths in the United States. These programs will help ensure all New York patients receive the care they deserve and will promote positive health outcomes for populations in medically underserved communities. New York's health care system and our health care providers have been under historic levels of stress and these federal dollars will help get us back on track and build a more resilient future."

1. \$42.3 million appropriated for maternal health: This funding will support maternal health care services and address the maternal mortality and postpartum depression (PPD) crises facing the nation. It also funds a Maternal Mental Health Hotline to provide a 24-hour emergency contact for struggling mothers and families in need of immediate support. In addition, \$34 million was authorized for the Into the Light for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Act, which expands grants for states to create programs to address maternal mental health and substance use disorders.

2. \$50 million authorized for bolstering the community health care workforce: This funding will support public health jobs and infrastructure in New York and across the country. This funding builds on Senator Gillibrand's Health Force legislation to recruit, train and employ hundreds of thousands of Americans to build public health capacity in underserved communities.

3. \$9.2 million for Academic Centers for Public Health Preparedness: This funding will support academic institutions with Centers for Public Health Preparedness. Academic medical centers have been at the forefront of our nation's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and have historically been used to establish infrastructure for advancing life-saving medical discoveries. This forward-thinking federal investment will provide direct support and fortify our nation's emergency response preparedness by supporting cutting-edge research, education, patient care, and community outreach.

4. \$47 million for Area Health Education Centers (AHEC): This funding will help support AHECs across the country, including the 9 across New York State. More than 6 million New Yorkers live in primary care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs); this figure exceeds the primary care HPSA populations of 46 other states. Local New York AHECs help address workforce shortages by introducing high school students to careers in health care and working with local nursing, medical, and physician assistant schools to provide students an opportunity to understand the social and cultural factors that influence an individual's overall health and access to quality care. New York AHEC locations include: (Contd. Pg. 57)

Gillibrand Announces Over \$130 Million in Federal Funding to Help Assist and Revitalize NY's Overburdened Health Care System

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1. Bronx Westchester AHEC in the Bronx
 2. Brooklyn-Queens-Long Island AHEC in Brooklyn
 3. Manhattan-Staten Island AHEC in New York City
 4. Central New York AHEC in Cortland
 5. Catskill Hudson AHEC in Highland
 6. Hudson Mohawk AHEC in Latham
 7. Northern AHEC in Canton
 8. Western New York Rural AHEC in Warsaw
 9. Erie Niagara AHEC in Buffalo
5. \$33 million for Lyme and tick-borne diseases: This funding will support research, surveillance, and prevention for Lyme and tick-borne diseases. New York State has seen over 90,000 reported cases of Lyme in the last two decades, and incidence of Lyme nationally has nearly doubled since the early 1990s. Despite the high number of vector-borne diseases in New York and across the country, the federal investment in research and prevention for these diseases has remained low, with just a few hundred dollars spent per case of Lyme disease.

Governor Hochul Announces Agenda to Provide High-Quality Education and Recover from Pandemic Learning Loss

Governor Kathy Hochul announced a comprehensive agenda to give every child in New York the tools to succeed through a high-quality education as part of the 2023 State of the State. For the first time since its inception, Governor Hochul is fully funding Foundation Aid—an unprecedented achievement—for all school districts across the State. Foundation Aid takes districts' unique needs into account when allocating funding to address inequities and ensure schools in need receive the funding they deserve. Additionally, the administration is investing \$125 million to expand high-quality, full-day prekindergarten and dedicating \$250 million to establish high-impact tutoring programs in districts across the State to address student learning lost during the pandemic. Governor Hochul also announced that high school students will be eligible to earn college credits to get a head start on college, reduce student debt, and prepare for their careers.

"All of New York's students deserve access to a high-quality education, from prekindergarten through their college graduation," Governor Hochul said. "By making historic investments in public schools, expanding universal prekindergarten and tutoring programs, and expanding the opportunity to earn college credits in high school, we are carving out a path for students to build a brighter future for themselves and for New York."

This slate of education policies and programs will help New York gain back the ground lost during the pandemic and put students back on track for a brighter future.

Historic New Investments in Public Education

Governor Hochul is fulfilling her commitment to fully fund Foundation Aid, the State's primary education operating aid formula, which allocates State funds to school districts based on

need, community wealth, and regional cost differences. She is investing an additional \$2.7 billion, an increase of 13 percent, to a total aid amount of over \$24 billion, focusing on students with the greatest needs. New York's education system will provide the highest level of funding per-student of any state in the nation. This historic level of financial support for New York public schools will reverberate for generations to come, broadening access to opportunity and enabling New York to build the education system of the future.

Invest in Full-Day Prekindergarten

Governor Hochul is doubling down on the State's investments in early childhood education in order to move New York closer to truly universal prekindergarten. This year, she will add another \$125 million to expand high quality, full-day prekindergarten, benefitting approximately 17,500 additional 4-year-old children and their families and bringing the State's total annual investment in high-quality prekindergarten to \$1.2 billion. With this funding, the State will be roughly 95 percent phased-in in terms of full universal prekindergarten coverage for 4-year-old children.

Establish Statewide High-Impact Tutoring Programs to Address Pandemic Learning Loss

Governor Hochul is determined to get our students back on track to address the instruction time lost to the pandemic. The administration will dedicate \$250 million of the historic increase in Foundation Aid to establish high-impact tutoring programs in districts across the state. The programs will be established by school districts, either in-house or in partnership with external providers, and focus on assisting students in reading and math in grades 3-8.

The effects of the pandemic on student learning were particularly acute in New York. According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), the percentage of fourth-grade students in New York performing at or above basic proficiency levels dropped 10 percentage points in math (from 76 percent to 66 percent) and 8 percentage points in reading (from 66 percent to 58 percent), a larger drop than the national average.

"High-impact tutoring" is one of the interventions that has been shown to be consistently effective in helping students get back on track and meaningfully increase academic achievement. Each student served will receive additional instructional time customized to their individual needs. Effective programs will include multiple sessions per week and will result in meaningful relationships between tutors and students. A meta-analysis of studies found that, on average, tutoring increased achievement by the equivalent of 3 to 15 months of additional regular learning.

Create Programs to Provide College Credits to High School Students

Governor Hochul will invest an additional \$20 million to support the establishment of new early college high school and P-TECH programs that allow students to earn college credits in high school. College-level courses provided in high schools allow students to get a head start on college, reduce their student debt, and prepare for a career. To encourage the growth of these programs across the State, new funding will be targeted to school districts working in collaboration with institutions of higher education and industry partners to inform the design of their programs. With an eye toward the technology jobs of the present and future—including the tens of thousands of jobs that will be created in Central New York as a result of the Micron project—programs focused on computer science and computer and software engineering pathways will be prioritized, as will programs serving students in high-need school districts.

Governor Hochul Announces Initiatives to Help Older New Yorkers Age in Communities of Their Choice

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced investments and initiatives aimed at helping older New Yorkers live healthy, fulfilling lives while aging with dignity and independence in the communities of their choice as part of the 2023 State of the State. This plan includes broadening access to aging services, improving quality and transparency in long-term care settings, providing funding for home care teams to serve low-income older adults, and providing respite care for caregivers. Governor Hochul also announced investments to revitalize EMS services statewide to help more New Yorkers access health care and reduce unnecessary hospital visits.

"All New Yorkers should be able to age with dignity and independence in the community of their choosing," Governor Hochul said. "These bold initiatives build on our ongoing efforts to empower older adults, create a Master Plan for Aging and maintain New York's status as an age-friendly state. By investing in aging services and quality long-term care, we can ensure our communities are both healthy and livable, with the resources that can help older adults live and thrive."

Building on New York State's status as the first state in the nation to officially receive the age-friendly designation from the AARP and World Health Organization, the initiatives outlined by Governor Hochul are aimed at establishing healthy, livable communities that offer opportunities for older adults, while also improving EMS services and other forms of medical transportation for all New Yorkers. These initiatives include:

Ensuring Access to Aging Services and High-Quality Long-term Care

To address deficiencies in New York State's long-term care system, Governor Hochul proposes expanding access to aging services, high-quality long-term care, and the ability for older New Yorkers and their caregivers to make informed choices on where to seek care.

This includes:

- o Investing in holistic teams to provide care for low-income adults in their home, helping ensure New Yorkers can age in place.
- o Providing respite care for high-need family caregivers, granting relief for those who oversee care of their loved ones.
- o Establishing quality reporting and accreditation for assisted living residences and implementing quality improvement initiatives in nursing homes to promote transparency and make it easier for New Yorkers to make informed choices.

Revitalizing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Medical Transportation

Governor Hochul proposes broadening the availability of medical transportation options and increasing the number of emergency medical technicians, specifically in rural areas, where access can be limited. This will help broaden access to health care and help reduce unnecessary hospital visits. These proposed initiatives will:

- o Ensure emergency transportation providers are appropriately reimbursed for trips, increasing payment for more complex patients.
- o Establish a working group to recommend ways to expand access to non-emergency medical transportation.
- o Establish nine regional EMS organizations that can better coordinate all the EMS agencies and providers operating within their region and a statewide EMS disaster response system that can rapidly deploy personnel and equipment when and where it

is needed during an emergency.

- o Allow EMS providers to perform expanded clinical care in the community.
 - o Permit EMTs to treat patients in place or take patients to urgent care clinics without sacrificing payment for the trip, decreasing the number of unnecessary emergency room visits.
- Acting New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "Under Governor Hochul's leadership, and as the nation's first age-friendly state, New York continues to take steps to make sure that our health care system is responsive to the needs of our State's aging population. These proposals will give us the additional resources we need to build upon the creation of our Master Plan for Aging to ensure aging New Yorkers have access to high-quality long-term care and remain active members of the community."

New York State Department of Health Deputy Commissioner for Aging and Long-Term Care Adam Herbst said, "Governor Hochul continues to demonstrate her commitment to implementing evidence-based policies for addressing some of the biggest challenges for aging New Yorkers. We are grateful for her continued partnership in keeping New York at the forefront of best practices for helping people live longer, happier, and healthier lives."

New York State Office for the Aging Acting Director Greg Olsen said, "The Governor's plan addresses fundamental needs of older adults to age with dignity and choice as the State works to advance a Master Plan for Aging to provide opportunities and support for all New Yorkers as they age. I applaud the Governor for these State of the State proposals to expand community-based care options, improve institutional long term care for those who need a higher level of care, and enhance emergency medical transportation. Just as important is the Governor's focus on helping unpaid family caregivers, 70 percent of whom reported at least one adverse mental health symptom during the pandemic due to the stresses of their role."

New York has the fourth-largest population of older adults in the United States, with 3.2 million individuals - about 16 percent of the population - over 65. The state's population of those over the age of 60 is projected to grow to 5.3 million by 2030 with those over 80 years of age exceeding 1.2 million.

Last fall, Governor Hochul signed an Executive Order creating the State's first-ever Master Plan for Aging, a first step toward building a comprehensive roadmap for meeting the socioeconomic needs of all generations of New Yorkers as they age. When completed, the Master Plan for Aging will help to coordinate existing and new State policy and programs for older adults and their families, while also addressing challenges related to communication, coordination, caregiving, long-term care financing, and innovative care models with the overarching aim of furthering the ability for more to age with dignity and independence.

Catskill Visitors' Center on CNN!

Catch us on CNN. A crew was at our Catskills Visitor Center (CVC) recently filming a piece on the Catskills for their "Off the Beaten Path" series. Our Executive Director Jeff Senterman talked about the region, the CVC, and Fire Towers. The segment also included our friends at Last Chance Antiques & Cheese Cafe and Getaway, and we saw Camp Catskill, a Catskill Center business member, in the shots of Tannersville.

To see the video go to:

https://www.cnn.com/videos/tv/2023/01/09/the-new-york-catskills-otbp.cnn?mc_cid=121434a5fc&mc_eid=741885eb1c



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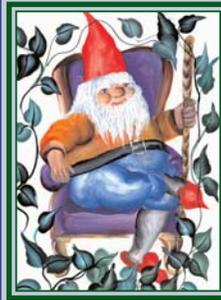
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(Year 2020 Runtime, 116 minutes, Language, English, Spanish, Italian, French (with English subtitles) Country USA, Italy, Czech Republic, Rating NR,)

With Pope Francis as our guide, FRANCESCO takes an unsparing look at the most pressing issues of the 21st Century —Economic disparity, race and gender inequality, the climate crisis, COVID-19, immigration, peace and religious tolerance —shining a light on the challenges and consequences that have led us to this moment in time. As we embark on this journey, we discover a leader who demonstrates humility, wisdom and generosity towards all, and whose ideals can help us build a bridge to a better future and thrive as a global community. As a result, the film portrays Pope Francis as a leader who provides hope and inspiration during one of the most unprecedented moments in our lives.

Directed by Evgeny Afineevsky. Produced by Evgeny Afineevsky, Den Tolmor, Eric Esrailian, Teri Schwartz. Executive Producers Ted Hope, Colleen Camp, Mark Monroe, Bonnie Abaunza, Toma Srovnal, Michelle Bertr-n Neve, Svetlana Chistyakova, Elba Luis Lugo, Bohdan Batruch, and Robert Fyvolent. Filmmaker Evgeny Afineevsky. Cast: **His Holiness Pope Francis, His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Jose’ Ignacio Bergoglio, Juan Carlos Cruz, Mark Kennedy Shriver, Rabbi Abraham Skorka, Sheikh Omar Abboud, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, Sister Norma Pimentel, Cinematographer Evgeny Afineevsky, Teodora Totoiu, Editor Dan Swietlik, ACE and Composer Adam Peters.**

Evgeny Afineevsky is an Oscar and Emmy-nominated director, whose documentary, *CRIES FROM SYRIA*, was an Official Selection at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. Afineevsky won Best Director and earned nomination for Best Documentary from the Critics’ Choice Documentary Awards. He and his film earned IPA Satellite Awards nominations for Best Documentary and Best Song in a Documentary for *PRAYERS FOR THIS WORLD*, performed by Cher. The Awards Circuit Community Awards nominated his movie as Best Documentary Feature for 2017. He won International Documentary Association’s Courage Under Fire Award, earned a PGA Award nomination, won a Humanitas Prize and Cinema for Peace Awards as Most Valuable Documentary of the Year, won 32nd Fort Lauderdale Film Festival, Documentaries Without Borders Film Festival and 51st Houston WorldFest Film Festival, as well as the Overseas Press Club’s Peter Jennings Award. Recently Afineevsky and his movie *CRIES FROM SYRIA* earned 4 Emmy nominations. Evgeny was last at FLIFF in 2017 when his film won Best Documentary. We are thrilled to welcome him back with this magnificent film. co-sponsored by Sharon Kersten & Kersten Communications, and Estelle Fineberg & Estelle Fineberg Counseling

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JUDGMENT AT
NUREMBERG**

(3h 10m | Drama | TV-14 / (1961))



An aging American judge presides over the trial of Nazi war criminals.

Directed by Stanley Kramer. Starring, Spencer Tracy, Marlene Dietrich and Burt Lancaster. Superb telling of the post WWII trials of crimes against humanity. It seems no one knew of the atrocities against human beings, the torture and needless killing based on a mental deficient meaning to exterminate all who disagree with the supposed *supermen*—evidently not so super, or to be considered as men.

**Knarf's Classic Movie's
ON AMAZON, NETFLIX, IMOB,
Paths of Glory**

(1h 26m | Drama | TV-PG / (1958))

A military lawyer comes to question the status quo when he defends three men accused of conspiracy.



Directed by Stanley Kubrick. Starring, Kirk Douglas, George Macready and Adolphe Menjou

Paths of Glory is a 1957 American anti-war film co-written and directed by Stanley Kubrick, based on the novel of the same name by Humphrey Cobb.

Set during World War I, the film stars Kirk Douglas as Colonel Dax, the commanding officer of French soldiers who refuse to continue a suicidal attack, after which Dax attempts to defend them against charges of cowardice in a court-martial.

The 1992, the film was deemed "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant" by the Library of congress.

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