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## Author Talk: *Neversink Chronicles* Stories by John Dwaine McKenna (Virtual Only) Sunday, February 5, 2 p.m. Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A virtual author talk on the fiction book, *The Neversink Chronicles*, will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2 p.m. sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.

John Dwaine McKenna, author, reviewer and writer of the *Mysterious Book Report*, will give a talk about writing his first book, *The Neversink Chronicles*. The book links together seventeen fictional stories (set from 1937 to 2003) tied together by real life events of residents in the Rondout and Neversink

Valleys who were displaced by NYC for the building of the Delaware water system, needed to bring fresh drinking water from the Catskills to NYC. Building on the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs, the tunnels that connect them and the Catskill Aqueduct (which transports the water to NYC) began in the 1930s and finished in the 1950s. The five communities of Montela, Eureka, Lackawack, Neversink and Bittersweet were removed to create the reservoirs, permanently altering the lives of over 1,500 people.

Mr. McKenna will answer questions about writing, as well as discussing his newest work entitled *The Skin Ripper*. Bring your curiosity and an open-mind! The Book *The Neversink Chronicles* is available for sale on the Museum's:

website: [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/shop](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/shop).

Admission to this VIRTUAL ONLY program is FREE for Museum Members and \$5 for non-members.

To join the program, please register by email at [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) and put Neversink Chronicles in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. A link will be sent to you. Non-members will be asked to please first make a donation on the Museum's website: [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). For more information on the program go to [timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment only. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

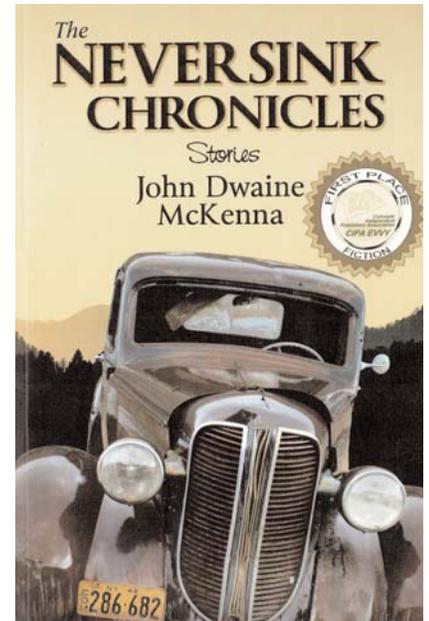
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

- o New Exhibition opening June 4th: Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds!

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**On the Front Burner:** For one believes with the heart and so it is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

Romans 10:8-13

## OBITUARY

**Kathryn "Kat" Jones**, of



Woodbourne, NY, passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at Garnet Health Medical Center, Middletown, NY after her

courageous battle with cancer. She was 21.

She was the daughter of Mary Magneto, born on March 1, 2001 in Plainview, NY.

Kathryn was a proud graduate of Tri-Valley Schools and SUNY Sullivan, where she earned her Associate's degree. During her school years, she enjoyed playing sports. In her free time she enjoyed being outdoors, hiking and swimming, playing video games and attending concerts with friends. She attended Frost Valley and then moved into a junior counselor position. Kathryn was also seen volunteering with her mom's business, Chestnut Creek Baked Goods, at the local farmers markets. She was known for her quick-wit, sass, candor and was protective of her family and close friends.

She was a loving daughter, sister, fiancé and friend. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her mother, Mary; siblings: Melissa Johnson and her husband Travis, and Dylan Jones; as well as her fiancé Kelsey Meyer; and her canine companions Fred and Tex.

A memorial service will be held at Grahamsville United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made in Kathryn's name to Ride 2 Survive Sullivan County, Inc. which is an organization Kathryn received support from during her cancer treatments. <https://ride2survivesullivancounty.org/>

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**Betty Ann (Roberts) Ter Bush**, 87, of Grahamsville, entered into eternal rest on January 21, 2023.

Betty Ann was born in Charlottesville, Virginia on September 16, 1935. She grew up just off famous Route 1 in Fairfax Virginia. The eldest of five children, Betty was born to parents Charlie and Josephine Roberts. She was raised just outside our nation's capitol, and spent much of her adolescence frequenting Schuyler, Virginia. The popular 70's TV series, *The Walton's*, was based on Walton's Mountain, her mother's family home town. The general store featured in the show was actually her grandfather's.



Betty Ann was an active teenager, belonging to several dance clubs at her High School, Groveton High. It was common for her to go to area dances both on Friday and Saturday night. She competed in one beauty pageant in her younger years, which she won. After high school Betty Ann worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) in Washington D.C.. Betty enjoyed her work, and simultaneously aided in the care of her youngest sister, Sandra, who was mentally disabled. It gave her great joy to buy very nice outfits for her sister and see her smile.

Betty Ann met Arthur (Art) Ter Bush through a chance encounter. He was visiting Virginia on a trip from New York, accompanied by her aunt and uncle. After a brief courtship, Betty Ann and Arthur married in 1957.

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## OBITUARY

(From Pg. 2) **Betty Ann TerBush** –

To build a life with her soulmate, Betty Ann gave up the city life, Virginia, and the F.B.I. for little Grahamsville, New York. Betty Ann transformed into a housewife, raising two sons, Thomas (deceased) and Gary. Betty Ann and Art enjoyed getting together with family and friends, and growing a giant vegetable garden each year. Betty Ann had the nickname “Rebel” by some of her friends because of her southern accent. She was a devoted member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, and greatly involved in the many activities that furthered its support. Betty Ann's life was not without tragedy. Her eldest son Thomas was run over by a drunk driver in front of his wife and two small children at the age of 27. Later in life, while on vacation with four family relatives from Virginia, her soulmate Arthur died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 63. Betty Ann never remarried and never left Grahamsville.

The last eight years of her life she lived with her son Gary, his wife Maribel and their three children. Betty Ann enjoyed being right in the middle of her family and going on numerous vacations with them. She also traveled to many destinations in Europe and Hawaii on her own.

Betty Ann is survived by her youngest son Gary, his wife Maribel and their three children Tyler, Maria and Diana. Betty Ann is also survived by brothers Thomas, Charlie, and sister Clara, all of Virginia, along with several nieces and nephews.

There was a private family service at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church and burial in Grahamsville next to her devoted husband Art.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Betty Ann's name to the Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club C/O 8155 State Route 55 Grahamsville NY. 12740 or the Grahamsville United Methodist Church P.O. Box 86 Grahamsville, N.Y. 12740.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY. For additional information, contact the funeral home at 845-434-7363 or visit the website at [www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

## Days of Yore...

### Today's History

#### February 11, 1953

A group of interested citizens met Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Many to discuss the possibility of getting a doctor for this community, to make plans for a meeting to mobilize public support for that purpose and to consider what inducements the community could offer a doctor to settle here. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Household Hint:

### Unset old stains

Older, set-in stains will often come out in the wash after being pretreated with a solution of 3 tablespoons white vinegar and 2 tablespoons liquid detergent in 1 quart warm water. Rub the solution into the stain, then blot it dry before washing.

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

## A Couple of Blue Jays

Because of all the rain, we haven't had too much activity at the bird feeder. However the local Blue Jays don't seem to mind wet feathers. Their only competition this past week at the feeder were a few squirrels. Blue Jays are notorious for gathering food and then storing it to eat at a later date. They will hide seeds, acorns and other nuts and then come back to retrieve the food at a later time. Because they like to bury acorns, Blue Jays are actually credited with helping expand the number of oak trees growing in North America.



The Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) is a passerine bird in the family Corvidae, native to North America and are related to crows! Blue Jays reside throughout most of eastern and central United States and southern Canada. It is predominately blue with a white chest and underparts, and a blue crest. It has a black U-shaped collar around its neck and a black border behind the crest. Females and males are similar in size and plumage, and their plumage does not vary throughout the year.

Blue Jay nests are typically formed into a cup shape and are a little bulky. Made from grass, moss, twigs, leaves, roots and bark, these nests are often held together by mud. It's just another example of Blue Jay ingenuity. Blue Jays begin breeding in late spring or early summer. The clutch can contain two to seven eggs, which are blueish or light brown with brown spots. The ‘couple’ work together to keep their nest safe and their eggs secure. After the nestlings hatch, the male provides food for them as well. He's very busy feeding the extra 4-5 mouths for up to 2 weeks, but eventually the pair both gathers food for the growing brood. About three weeks after they are born, the baby birds are ready to fly. Even after they leave the nest, the family stays together for weeks, with parents helping the young birds as they become more independent. The family may even help raise a second brood later in the season.

After breeding season ends, Blue Jays will often join larger flocks, but unlike geese and other migratory birds, Blue Jays tend to stay in one area. and not migrate south each year like so many other birds do.

They are popular with birdwatchers due to their striking appearance and high activity level. They are fun to watch. When a Blue Jay eats a nut, it holds the nut with its foot and cracks it open with its bill.

The most fascinating fact about Blue Jays is their ability to mimic just about anything they are exposed to.

The bird's name derives from its noisy, garrulous nature that can be beneficial to other bird species, as it may chase predatory birds, such as hawks and owls, and will scream if it sees a predator within its territory. It has also been known to sound an alarm call when hawks or other dangers are near, and smaller birds often recognize this call and hide themselves away accordingly.

Usually Blue Jays are considered as loud and aggressive, however some cultures see them as lucky and a portent of good things to come.

They live longer compared to other birds. The oldest recorded Blue Jay was 26 years and 11 months. The typical life span in the wild is 7 to 20 years.

One final fact about our feathered friends, the blue jays - as we will celebrate National Spouse Day on January 26th it is interesting to note that Blue Jays are monogamous!!

## Days of Yore....

### Today's History (From Pg. 3)

#### February 11, 1953

Miss Ruth Wallace, a student at New Paltz Teachers' College, is at Tri Valley School doing her practice teaching for the next ten weeks. She is teaching 5th grade under Miss Ruth Anna Ackerley. She is living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fuller.

George Dexheimer is spending a few days with his wife, the former Carol Nielsen, at her parents' home in Neversink. Mrs. Dexheimer has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen, while her husband is in the Service in Greenland.

#### February 13, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ackerley of Grahamsville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane Louise, to Irving Eugene Buley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buley of Grahamsville. Miss Ackerley attends Tri Valley Central School and is employed by the New York Telephone Co. Her fiancé attended Onteora High School and is employed by The Town of Neversink. No date has been set for the wedding.

The 3382 MD School Squadron at the Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. of which Robert Smith of Neversink is a member, recently won the honor of being chosen "Squadron of the Year". The Squadron was presented with a plaque by General LeMay. Robert, because of his exceptionally high rating, has been selected to become an instructor in electronics at Keesler Air Force Base.

#### February 7, 1973

Daniel Parks Akerley, 86, a lifelong resident of Sullivan County, died Wednesday in Liberty Community General Hospital. Among his survivors are 85 grandchildren, and 123 great-grandchildren. Mr. Akerley was born July 28, 1886 in Parksville to Charles and Minnie Parks Akerley. He married Beatrice Davis on Nov. 2, 1924 in Liberty.

Robert Lehrer, who resides in Grahamsville, has been accepted for membership in the United States Collegiate Wind Band, a select musical organization which will make a concert tour of seven of the world's important cultural capitals this July and August. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lehrer. Bob plays first clarinet in the Tri-Valley Central School band conducted by Mr. Lawrence Ballestra.

#### February 10, 1983

Attorney Joseph Pond recently opened a new office in Ellenville at 28 North Main St. for the general practice of law. Good Luck, Joe!

If you think prices at your local butcher shop are high, try shopping in Nome, Alaska. Meat markets are selling muk-tuk (whale blubber with a strip of skin attached) for \$7.38 a pound for bowhead whale and \$5.89 for beluga whale. Reindeer is going for \$2.59 a pound; oog-ruk (bearded seal) is \$7.40 a pound and seal oil is \$9.37 a quart. Can't you just picture a guy on his snowmobile

pulling up to the take-out window of a Nome fast food emporium and yelling, "Two beluga burgers, one oog-ruk sandwich with beard to go and a pint of seal oil for my snowmobile."

Staff sergeant Joseph Richards, now stationed with the Air Force and Grand Fords, North Dakota, will be moved to a new assignment in Turkey in the near future. Joe is the son of Edward and Catherine Richards of Hastings Drive. (Above news is from the pen of Tom Higgins).

## National Spouses Day

National Spouses Day is celebrated on January 26. While similar to Valentine's Day, this holiday is mainly dedicated to married couples and lifelong partners. It is an opportunity for couples to spoil and show their appreciation for each other even after being together for years. Sometimes couples get caught in the busyness of life, jobs, and families, so this day reminds them to stop and take some time for each other, go on a date, talk, and be romantic.

While the exact origins of National Spouses Day are unknown, it was probably inspired by the creation of Military Spouses Day in 1984. The day has since gradually grown in popularity, especially during the last few years, as couples recognize the importance of spending time together more.

The purpose of National Spouses Day is not to shower your spouse with gifts (although a box of chocolates is always appreciated), but rather to spend quality alone time with them, talking about your life and relationship, going on trips down memory lane, and just generally showing how much you still love each other. Studies show that couples who regularly cuddle, hug, and hold hands, stay together for much longer than those who don't, because physical touch releases hormones that make you happier, release stress, and make you feel closer, opening up the channels of communication. National Spouses Day reminds us all of the importance of doing that in a long-term relationship.

As years go by, couples can get swamped by children, more demanding jobs, and chores, so sometimes their relationship takes a backseat. This day is an opportunity to slow down, revitalize relationships, and go back to the good old times.

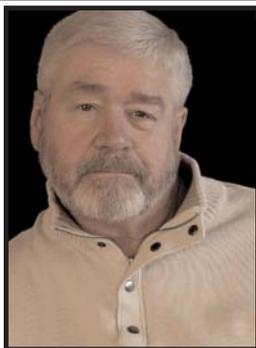
Fun fact, apparently the happiest year of marriage for most couples is the third year. If you've been together for longer than that, and this fact rings true to you, think back to that year of your relationship to see what you were doing right, and talk to your partner about how to get that spark back.

The best and most obvious way to commemorate this day is by spending time with your partner and show them some love.

You can go on a date to the first place you met, or where you had your first date, or even to where you got engaged. It will give you a chance to think about the beginning of your relationship, and how far you have come since you first met each other. This date can include a romantic candle-lit dinner or even a picnic with food prepared by the two of you.

If you and your partner are homebodies, stay at home for the night (if you have kids, remember to leave them with family first) cook a nice and fancy meal together, listen to some music, watch your favorite movie. The important thing is to spend some time alone, enjoying each other.

This day is all about celebrating the bond of love and trust you share with your spouse.



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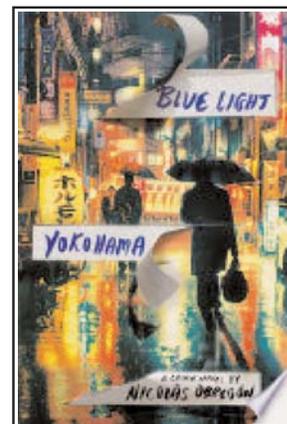
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# Blue Light Yokohama

## Mysterious Book Report No. 285

by John Dwaine McKenna



Every now and then, a forthcoming book generates so much pre-publication interest that the MBR wants to get a look at it at the earliest possible date. If an ARC, or Advance Readers (i.e. Reviewers) Copy isn't readily available, we can sometimes spend some extra money and get a true first edition from the British, who are often the leaders of the publishing world. Such is the case this week with MBR 285 . . . a debut author of awesome talent with a mind-bending first novel that has folks on both sides of the Atlantic sitting up and taking notice. And, we're happy to report that it's just been brought out in an American edition, which is referenced here. If you're a fan of intense, complex and convoluted novels that require concentration and focus, you don't want to miss this one. It's gonna be a monster!

*Blue Light Yokohama*, (Minotaur Books, \$25.99, 417 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-11048-0) by Nicolas Obregon, takes place in Tokyo, Japan. It's where we meet Inspector Kosuke Iwata. He's a man who's hauling around a boatload of grief. After a mysterious, unexplained and lengthy leave of absence, the brilliant detective with a dark past is transferred into Division One: the Tokyo Homicide Department. There, he's met with open hostility from the rank-and file cops and given a partner –Assistant Inspector Sakai, whose beauty and refusal to be broken by the constant harassment from her male counterparts mark her as an outcast and troublemaker –then tasked with a second-hand serial murder case so disturbing that the first detective on it committed suicide. It starts with the discovery of the ritualistic slaying of an entire family; mother, two small children and the father are murdered by a vicious killer who stabs the victims, removes the man's heart, then dawdles at the scene: eating ice cream and surfing the internet for hours on the family's computer before painting a mysterious black sun symbol on the ceiling and nonchalantly leaving the house in broad daylight. The only clues at the scene are the drawing and the faint scent of a rare incense. As Iwata and Sakai begin re-examining

the case however, a second and third of the gruesome ritualistic murders are carried out . . . on apparently unrelated victims. Faced with ever-increasing resistance from fellow officers and mounting pressure from the police brass, Iwata suspects corruption within the department and collusion with the Yakuza . . . Japanese organized crime. As the plot unfolds, the press gets involved, clamoring for answers to the rumors of cults and fetishism, serial killers and incompetent detectives. It appears as if Iwata will be hounded out of his job at the same time as his personal demons catch up and drive him out of his mind.

Kosuke Iwata is without a doubt one of the most complex, interesting and fascinating literary detectives to come along since Sherlock Holmes. We can only hope he'll have just as long a romp through the pages of crime fiction in the twenty-first century as Sherlock did in the twentieth. Mr. Obregon's Inspector Iwata is destined to be a colossus! He's more than lived up to his pre-launch publicity, and you'll be proud to have him on your bookshelf . . .

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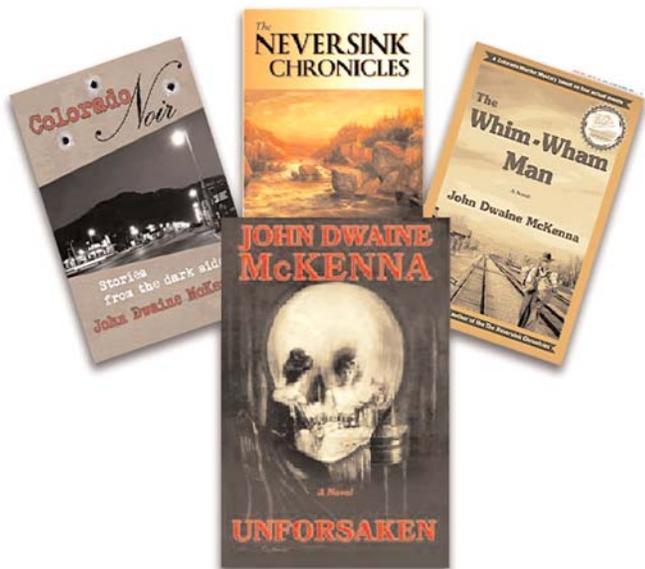
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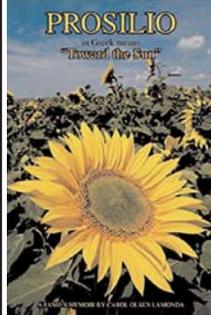
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## The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda



### Predictions

- I'm no Nostradamus, but I have some predictions for the next year or so. The word "predict" means "to say before" something happens. Here are a few of the predictions, or guesses really, that have been tossing around in my brain.
- Our Vice-President will become the first woman President through resignation.
- The Giants will not play in the Super Bowl.

other people's phones.

- The charges for mobile phone service will decrease as companies compete for customers.
- An experiment using implanted stem cells will halt the progression of Dementia.
- There will be a Universal Health Care proposed (similar to Medicare) with optional ad-ons offered by private insurance companies. It would be sort of like a menu. After all, not everyone needs Maternity coverage.
- There will be solar rebates and incentives to discourage fossil fuel dependence. Contractors will be building new homes with solar roofs on new construction.
- Buses, taxis, and trains will have solar panels on their roofs.
- A scientist studying cell communication will discover a way to keep cancer cells from spreading. (Hoping it happens tomorrow)

Amazon offers a small chip tracking device for luggage. Parents will want their children "chipped" for safety.

Assault weapons will be banned.

There will be a design for a major irrigation network to help flooded areas of the country send water to drought stricken lands. After all, the Romans did it.

Someone will design a hybrid car that uses water and steam as power.

- There will be a major breakdown of our infrastructure (perhaps through hacking) that interrupts travel, power, or communication.
- Trains will be reconsidered and upgraded as a major means of travel. I believe there will be a fast train, a bullet train, that will go from New York City to Albany.
- People will rediscover cooking with cast iron pots and pans.
- The fashion color this year will be green.
- "Hot pants" and boots will be back in vogue. Men's ties will be obsolescing.
- Towns will provide WiFi for parks and public centers fostering a sense of community and fellowship.
- People will discover that they can use "blue tooth" to listen in on

As I look at my Apple Watch as I am typing, I am chucking as a recall Dick Tracy comics. Technology is galloping as time marches forward.

It seems like yesterday I had to recognize two rings on my party line and reach for the receiver phone that was attached by a six foot coiled wire to the wall. Well, not yesterday, but it seems not too long ago. I remember the excitement of battery phones that I could misplace and search for as they rang. I remember busy signals and separate answering machines. Then came beepers and CB players, and bag phones. Now we all have a small device in our pocket and purse. What is next?





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## SCDW Audition Notice

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

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

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

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## SC Fraud Task Force Announces Arrests

Liberty, NY - The Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has made the following arrests:

Marek Domarecki

o Marek Domarecki, 44, of Brooklyn was arrested for Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor. It is alleged that Domarecki stole \$527 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to report income and cash deposits into his personal bank account in the amount of \$9,000 per day on multiple dates over a two-year period. Domarecki was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



Rivkah Mosesson

o Rivkah Mosesson, 53, of Monroe was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, and the Class D Felony of Welfare Fraud in the 3rd Degree. It is alleged that Mosesson received \$8,903.88 in Public Assistance funds and SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services while collecting unemployment insurance. Mosesson was processed and arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and released on her own recognizance pending a future court date. (Contd. PG. 12)



## A Tuneful Celebration of Black History

Coming to the Sullivan County Museum Feb. 11

Learn How a Hit Motown Song Was Created in Sullivan County



Barbara Hillary c.2007

Hurleyville, NY - Several years ago, local singer Mickey Barnett told an incredible story to folks from the Sullivan County Museum & Cultural Center about how one of America's most famous and iconic soul songs came to be written in Bethel, New York.

That song, recorded in 1970 by Marvin Gaye, was "Let's Get it On." It became the biggest Motown hit of the time, selling over two million copies within the first six weeks of its release.

The story will be part of a February 11 concert by Mickey Barnett, performing classic renditions of the music of Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis,

Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins and others. Following his performance, Mickey will share how songwriter Ed Townsend wrote "Let's Get it On" at Mickey's "Little Giant" recording studio in Bethel.

Along with the 2 p.m. concert that day and in celebration of Black History Month, the Frederick Cook Society will present an exhibition highlighting the accomplishments of two of the greatest black explorers in America's history: Matthew Henson and Barbara Hillary.

Henson (1866-1955) was the descendant of African American slaves. He traveled with Admiral Robert Peary as a member of an expedition to the North Pole in 1909. Henson's dog-handling skills, fluent Inuit and all-round resourcefulness were key to the expedition's success.

The following quotes, from Henson's diary, offer insight into his extraordinary journey: "I have a steady job carpentering, also interpreting, barbering, tailoring, dog-training." Of the Inuits, he wrote: "I have come to love these people ... They are my friends and regard me as theirs."

Henson grew up in Washington, DC and Baltimore, then was orphaned and left school at 12 to become a cabin boy. When he was 22, a chance encounter with naval engineer Robert Peary resulted in a lifelong working relationship, including 18 years of Arctic exploration.

Barbara Hillary (1931-2019) was an American nurse, publisher, adventurer, Arctic explorer, and inspirational speaker. Born in New York City, she attended the New School University, from which she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in gerontology.

In 2007 at the age of 75, Hillary became the first known black woman to reach the North Pole. She trekked to the South Pole in January 2011 at the age of 79, thus becoming the first African American woman on record to reach both poles. She was also a friend of the Frederick Cook Society and in 2009 came to Hurleyville and presented a talk about her arctic adventures.

This memorable afternoon will conclude with a 3 p.m. performance by Little Sparrow, featuring special guests Cecil Allan and Van Manakas.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For information, please call 845-434-8044, or visit [www.facebook.com/littlesparrowny](http://www.facebook.com/littlesparrowny).



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Ed Townsend, left, and Mickey Barnett, c.1970

## Dashing Through the Snow

As we dash through the snow this week, we embrace winter in our Sullivan Catskills. There's plenty of winter fun just waiting for you. Pack your bags and visit. We have warm, cozy places to stay—full-service resorts, boutique inns with dining, B&Bs, or vacation rentals. Have a look at our winter special offers and make your plan.

Mother Nature has just begun to throw down her winter white blanket. You can always find some man-made snow perfect for some downhill runs at Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center or Holiday Mountain. Bring the kiddos and send them for a lesson or two. Better yet, grab a tube and do some snow tubing. For a different kind of exercise, head out on our trails. We have dozens of them to get your heart pumping in the winter air. And no trip here would be complete without a tour of our Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail. It's our tribute to the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair.

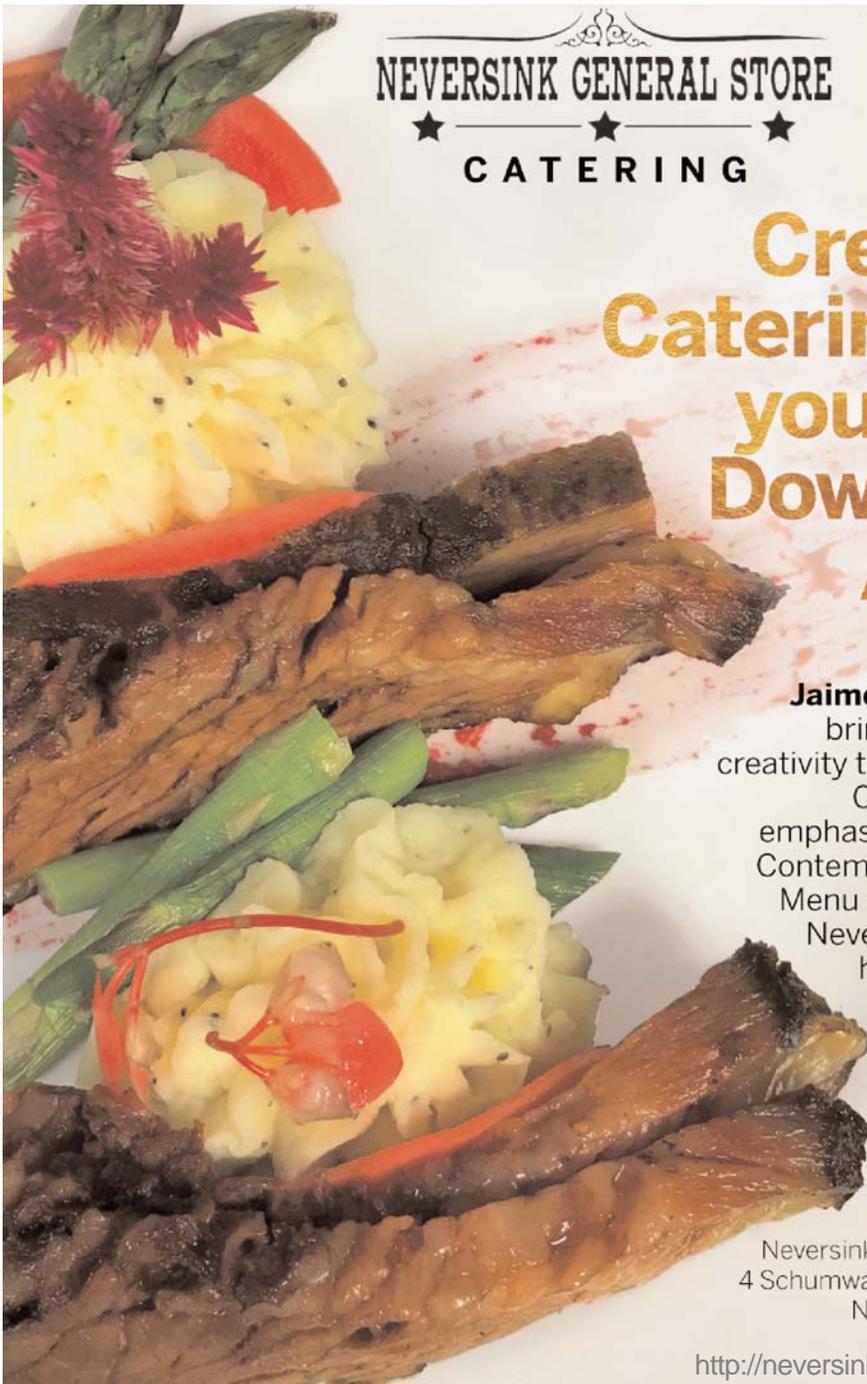
A visit here would only be complete if you experienced our natural beauty outdoors. Try a hike on one of our trails. Trailkeeper.org is a great resource for finding a trail.

### Plan Ahead

- The Mamakating Environmental Education Center is starting a 6-week Nature Tots program for kids 2-4 years old starting on January 27 at 10 am.
- Get ready for the 8th Annual Winter Fest at Roscoe Beer Company on January 28.
- Enjoy a winter Saturday night with pub food, cocktails, and the River Ramblers at Rafters Tavern in Callicoon on January 28 from 7 - 9 pm.
- On Sunday, January 29, wear yer Tartan, bring yer bagpipes, and head to Callicoon Brewing Company at 5 pm for a Robert Burns (Scotland's favorite son) Buffet Dinner featuring Neeps and Tatties, Hassis, Brisket, and more. Scottish Dom and Roman will perform Burns poems, songs, and other Scottish tunes

The Town of Neversink hosts its 2nd Annual Winterfest on February 4 with live entertainment, food, craft vendors, ice skating, sledding, and more. Snow date February 11.

• Our friends at Cabernet Franks keep the music going. On February 10, see Sky Creature, and February 11, see Empire of the Light. Both shows start at 7:30 pm.



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## Welcome to the Catskills

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

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

For Sundown Wild Forest go to: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/75346.html>

Hike Smart NY <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28708.html>

National Weather Service <https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=42.0842&lon=-74.3166#.YrXXCm4pAWq>

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## The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

It's Sunday and as I sit here waiting for the snow, I can't think of anything I'd rather do than reconnect with you, dear reader!

Last week Wednesday was the first class in the course on painting with water based paints offered by CAROL SMITH at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM in Hurleyville. This is particularly exciting because it gave me further insight into a person I have known for a few years now but didn't know about her art background. Not only is CAROL an engaging musician, performing with her husband ALDO TROIANI as LITTLE SPARROW, but is an accomplished artist prior to. I was unable to enroll in this (more about that later) so I truly hope she offers it again. I hope to contact her this week to find out more.

I did manage to get to FIBER ON MAIN, also in Hurleyville, as RACHEL CORRIGAN (I apologize for not knowing her official title) has settled enough into her new location at 250 Main Street to reopen the Wednesday night OPEN STUDIO from 4-7pm. This is open to any kind of crafter, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and many others, beginners and experienced, all are welcome. I'd forgotten how much fun these gatherings are! Not only did I reconnect with friends RACHEL (of course), MARIE SPODEK and OLGA R. PRICE, but met a whole host of new (to me) crafters. There were several that were there with 'mending' which can be elevated to a craft within itself. One was working on what can only be described as reweaving to repair the holes in a purchased sweater with a fine gauge. Another was working on a top with an ivory and black zig zag pattern. This was no 'pinch and stitch' mending! The principle behind them doing this was two fold. One, it doesn't end up in a landfill and two, they really LIKED the garment with the first being more important for the greater good of the Earth. These two had been part of a class at FIBER ON MAIN on mending. I hope this is offered again as well. After seeing the meticulous detail with which they worked and a hint at what the finished mend would look like, yes, I would like to learn this too. But that's part of the fun of these Open Studios, we talk, we laugh, we exchange ideas...and we learn things from each other.

This was our group Wednesday evening and yes, masks are required. (Right to left) Alyce Barr, Polly Giragosian, Rachel Corrigan, Marie Spodek, Brian Zumbo (he had knit a scarf and was finishing it), Lisa Kutschera Zumbo, Olga R. Price, Jenny Foster and that empty space with that colorful 'thing' on the table...that's me.



(Right to left) Alyce Barr, Polly Giragosian, Rachel Corrigan, Marie Spodek, Brian Zumbo, Lisa Kutschera Zumbo, Olga R. Price,

FIBER ON MAIN should also be your first stop for hand spun hand dyed local yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks and all manner of accessories.

Another exciting thing I heard about was THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS was asked to come back to sing at CARNEGIE HALL in New York City on April 3. This is the second time they have been asked

to perform here and the members of the chorus and conductor KEVIN J GIROUX are to be commended.

The piece they will be performing is JUBILATE DEO by DAN FORREST. This particular piece is interesting for many reasons just some of which are that the composer was born in New York State (Breesport), that the piece was written in 2016 and that in classical

piece he wrote not only the choral but the orchestration as well. Now maybe you are not an aficionado of 'classical music', and that's ok. I'm not really either, but it was what I cut my teeth on when I was learning to play the piano in my teens and I have a healthy respect for the genre. I did listen to this and I have to say it is absolutely awe inspiring. The piece enjoins seven different languages within, expressing the traditional Psalm 100 "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands". I have heard our chorus and I have no doubt they will do it justice!

Composer DAN FORREST will be on hand for the CARNEGIE HALL performance. When I first heard this, I pictured a white haired man of about eighty. WRONG! Mr FORREST is in his mid 40s which makes this work even more incredible. The chorus performing this amazing JUBILATE DEO, Carnegie Hall and hoping to catch a glimpse of this incredible composer are in my book for April 3.

I wish I could tell you all about my fantastic vacation but the truth is I had a miserable head cold over Christmas, tested positive New Years Eve Day for CoVid, then an upper respiratory infection that finally went away. I am grateful to have come through it all and now it time to shore up my immunity.

Stay safe, stay well and for heaven's sake keep a mask handy!

Until next time.....

# SC Fraud Task Force Announces Arrests

(From Pg. 7)  
Alyssa Edelglass

o Alyssa M. Edelglass, 25, of Liberty was arrested for the Class E Felony of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree. It is alleged that Edelglass stole \$1,295 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to report income from employment at a local business establishment. Edelglass was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



Mayer Z. Grundwald  
o Mayer Z. Grundwald, 35, of Monticello was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, and the Class E Felony of Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree. It is alleged that Grundwald stole \$1,660 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to disclose that he was in receipt of Unemployment Benefits from December 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Grundwald was released on an appearance ticket pending a future court date in the Town of Liberty Court.



Olivia L. Goggins  
o Olivia L. Goggins, 42, of Loch Sheldrake was arrested for the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing and the Class A Misdemeanor of Welfare Fraud in the 5th Degree. It is alleged that Goggins stole \$987 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to disclose income. Goggins was processed and released on an appearance ticket pending a future appearance in the Town of Liberty Court.



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## FCSD Wellness Committee January Meeting

During the monthly meeting of the Fallsburg Central School District on January 11, 2023, the Wellness Committee continued its



*Seated are FCSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, and Ms. SueAnn Boyd of Cornell Cooperative Extension; standing left to right are Jr/Sr High School teacher Ms. Amanda Scully, FCSD Head of Food Services Mr. Anthony Rollins, FCSD Interim Director of Athletics Ms. Amanda Stevens, Sullivan 180 Ms. Christy Ter Bush, community member Ms. Ilene Wizwer, and BCES teacher Ms. Stacy Strassburg*

participation in planning the Family Extravaganza scheduled for Saturday, January 21 at the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School. Added items for the multi-cultural food tasting at the event are curried chicken and rice and black beans.

Food was a big part of the meeting, and members of the committee from the elementary and junior/senior high schools were very excited to announce the success of providing healthy snacks of fruits and vegetables. Served on carts in both buildings, the fresh snacks were well received by the students especially towards the end of the school day and in the after-school programs. Interim Athletic Director Amanda Stevens announced that all sports teams will be getting fresh fruit and vegetables in the late afternoon before their games and practices. This will provide healthy nourishment during the long period of lunch time and the late hour when games are concluded. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz complimented the Committee for this program, and Head of Food Services Anthony Rollins was pleased to be part of the implementation and sustenance of the healthy snacks.

Also on the agenda were the new walking classroom program at BCES and yoga exercise programs after school in both buildings. Sullivan 180's Christy Ter Bush is partnering in this effort as part of Healthy Generations Program.

At the close of the eventful meeting, Dr. Katz was happy to announce the ceremony to open the High School swimming pool on January 24, 2023.

## FCSD Honors Coach Feldman and Coach Marsden

Mel Feldman and Paul Marsden received the highest honor that Fallsburg Athletic Coaches can attain when they were inducted into the FCSD Wall of Coaching Distinction on January 18, 2023, at the Board of Education meeting. Unfortunately, Mel was under the weather and he was well represented by his family. Paul Marsden came up from his home in Florida with his wife Jill and two of his children.



*FCSD Board of Education Member Regina McKenny-Snead, BOE President Mike Weiner, Inductee Paul Marsden, Stefan Feldman and Marci Ronik, son and daughter of Inductee Mel Feldman, FCSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, and Mel's son Mark Feldman.*

He carried this guidance with him as a long-time coach at Fallsburg Central High School.

Coach Marsden began his acceptance speech by acknowledging how much he learned about coaching at Fallsburg from Mel Feldman. He was an exemplary coach and totally appreciated by his student athletes. Coach Marsden was humbled to receive this honor and acknowledged how special the thirty plus years of coaching at Fallsburg were for him. He thanked the student athletes he worked with, several that were present, and those who nominated him. He was most grateful for his wife Jill, who took care of their young children as he was busy preparing his teams for practice and games, including trips to sectionals and state tournaments. He closed his speech with a special thank you to Coach Jack Halchak for mentoring him and teaching him so much about coaching and about life. (Contd. Pg. 14)

Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz welcomed the two families and detailed the impact that the two coaches had on their student athletes, on the school district and on the Fallsburg community. Their accomplishments are truly worthy of the prominent recognition of a Wall of Coaching Distinction Plaque. Letters of support for the two men extolled their virtues as teachers of the different sports they coached, as mentors to the young women and men they taught, and as role models that instilled in them a sense of humility, good sportsmanship, and prepared them for successful lives after high school.

Dr. Katz added that as recently as the night before the event, he received emails from retired coach Donna Rae Robataille and current FCSD staff member Lisa McAdoo praising the two coaches as role models to their athletes as well as the adults and fellow coaches. BOE President Mike Weiner also thanked Mel Feldman and Paul Marsden for teaching him to remember the responsibility of a coach is to be a teacher of young men and women.

## FCSD Honors Coach Feldman and Coach Marsden

(From Pg. 13) Standing next to his sister Marci Ronik and brother Stefan Feldman, Coach Feldman's son, Mark, read a hand-written letter from his dad. He thanked the people that nominated him for the award, and he thanked all those students that played for his teams over the more than thirty years at Fallsburg High School. Without them, he would not have received this honor. His dad was so happy to have this special recognition for his many years as a coach and physical education teacher in the school district. The family was honored for their dad, and they were so pleased to see several of the athletes that his dad coached in the audience, Lisa McAdoo, Theresa Trujillo, and Maribel Pomales. Mark informed this writer that when he gave Mel the plaque, his spirits rose, and he was feeling much better.

At the end of the presentation, BOE member and FCSD Alumna Regina McKenny-Snead presented a special treasure for each coach—a specially wrapped piece of the old gymnasium wood floor that had been replaced two years ago.

## Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association Announces New Travel Guide for 2023

January 23, 2023 - The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) is pleased to announce that the 2023 Travel Guide is printed and ready for distribution.

The 2023 Sullivan Catskills Travel Guide highlights where to go, what to see, where to eat, and more in the region. The well-designed print edition is perfect for travelers on the go, and allows users to easily find what they are looking for.

“Our Travel Guide is the preeminent guide for the Catskills, affording our residents and visitors up-to-date and valuable information,” remarked SCVA President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood. “Not only is it useful, but it is beautifully designed and thoughtfully crafted telling our story as a place to stay, explore, and have fun.”

The printed Travel Guide is displayed at major hubs such as rest areas on highways, the metro New York region, neighboring states, and Stewart Airport as well as businesses throughout the Sullivan Catskills. Additionally, it is distributed at trade and travel shows including international and domestic consumer, trade, motor coach and corporate shows, golf shows, and the Outdoor Adventure Show. It is the official response tool for marketing and advertising efforts.

“We print 100,000 copies of the award-winning Travel Guide annually and they fly out the door,” stated Byron-Lockwood. “In this digital world, people still love to hold something in their hands.”

New this year, the Travel Guide features more images and an editorial feel, with the intention of driving readers to the Sullivan Catskills website and Sullivan Catskills Go! app where they can find more information in planning their itinerary.

The Travel Guide is also available in full digitally on the Sullivan Catskills website,

[www.sullivancatskills.com/brochures](http://www.sullivancatskills.com/brochures).

Featured on this year's cover is a stunning photo from The Farmhouse Project's Terrain and Table dinner series at Seminary Hill Cidery in Callicoon, NY, taken by Studio Brinson. With the tagline “Go!” it represents where today's travelers want to go and explore-somewhere unique with beautiful natural scenery.

Travel Guides are available to be picked up at the SCVA office at 15 Sullivan Ave., Liberty, NY 12754.

For more information, please visit [www.sullivancatskills.com](http://www.sullivancatskills.com) or call 845-747-4449.

## Free Tax Prep Available!

Monticello, NY - Volunteers trained as tax counselors can prepare and file Federal and State tax returns at no cost to individuals and families through the AARP Tax-Aide program, part of the AARP Foundation.

“Although focused on taxpayers over 50 who would otherwise struggle to afford tax preparation, we welcome anyone of any age who is low- to middle-income,” explained Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) Americorps Program Coordinator Martha Tully, whose volunteers are involved. “However, complex returns and higher incomes (including businesses) are beyond the scope of the program.”

Preparation of tax returns will be offered at these locations on these dates (appointments are required):

- o Mondays and Wednesdays, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Liberty, 845-292-6180
- o Tuesdays and Thursdays, Crawford Public Library, Monticello, 845-794-4660
- o February 6 and 9, Liberty Public Library, 845-292-6070
- o March 2, 4 and 7, Mamakating Library, Wurtsboro, 845-888-8004
- o March 6 and 20, Sunshine Hall Free Library, Eldred, 845-557-6258

This service is sponsored by AARP and the IRS, with help from the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service of Sullivan County, Sullivan County RSVP, and the participating libraries

## Annual Virtual Catskill Park Day is Just Around

Our annual virtual Catskill Park Day is just around the corner on February 2nd, and Mountainkeeper along with our partners at the Catskill Center are hosting two great webinars to celebrate the Park and plan for 2023. Please mark your calendar for the 2nd, and read on for more information on these two free events, including how to register to participate.

At noon, join us for a 45-minute 'lunch & learn' webinar all about winter hiking in the Catskills and cold-weather preparedness.

Register Now at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6716739894885/WN\\_fCMY3YhwQdisN1DslWt\\_7A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6716739894885/WN_fCMY3YhwQdisN1DslWt_7A)

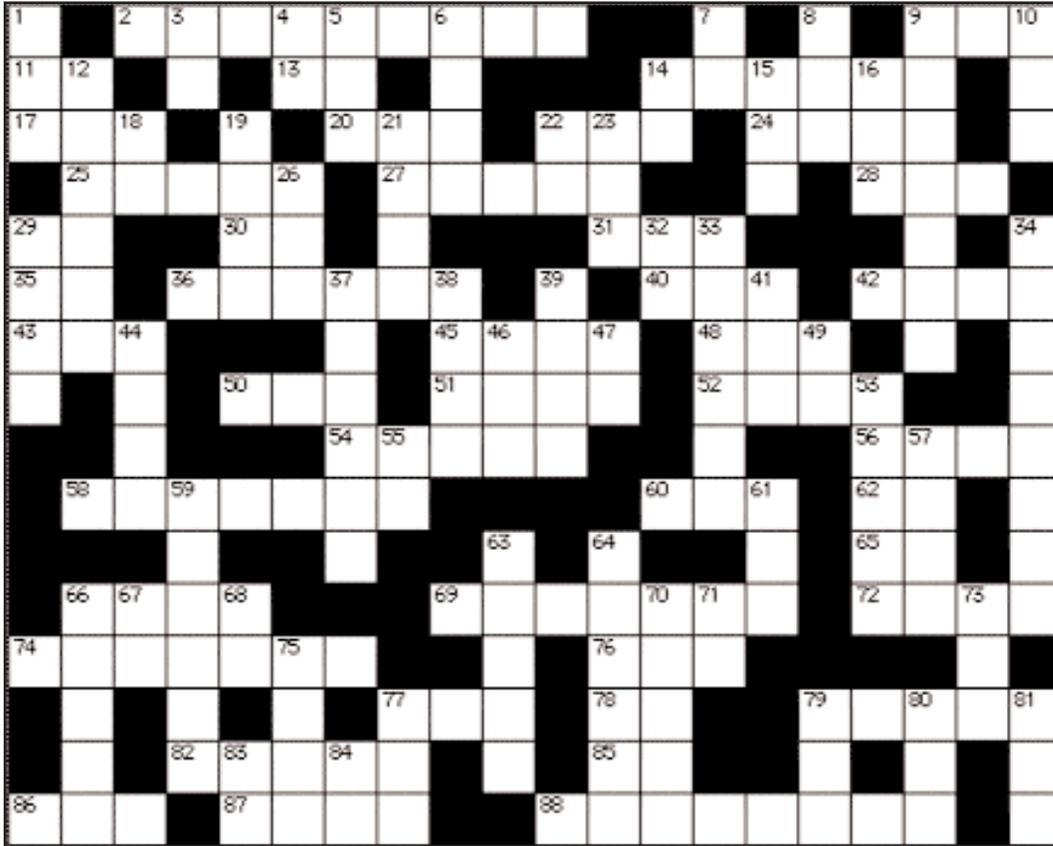
We'll hear from expert hikers David Hans of the Catskill Center and Stash Rusin-former Vice President of the 3500 Club and producer of the 'Inside the Line' podcast-as they share their knowledge and tales from the trail. Whether you're planning a winter backpacking trip or a casual walk through the woods, this webinar will provide important information that every hiker should have to stay safe and comfortable in the cold. Register now.

Then, at 7 pm hop back online to hear from key New York State decision makers about the challenges and opportunities facing the Catskill Park and broader region in 2023. This will be a moderated conversation featuring questions from the audience-so please come ready with your best questions! This will be a great opportunity to hear directly from key decision makers and Mountainkeeper allies about how best to tackle pressing environmental challenges in the Catskills, and work together on ways to protect this special part of the world.

Register for our Legislative Round Table at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9016741459568/WN\\_bXb7CSL1TTu2fNscD9d2xA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9016741459568/WN_bXb7CSL1TTu2fNscD9d2xA)

Both webinars are free and will be closed captioned for greater accessibility, but you must register to attend.

Winter in the Catskills - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 2 Appalachian system NY mountain range
- 9 Used to color something
- 11 Regarding
- 13 Used to attract one's attention in an angry way
- 14 Greek mythological daughter of Uranus and Gaia
- 17 Trench
- 20 Rocky hill
- 22 Auto
- 24 Deep place in a river
- 25 Magnificent
- 27 Cut off
- 28 Machine for separating seeds from cotton
- 29 An exclamation
- 30 Long Island
- 31 It is
- 35 Denoting a high performance car
- 36 Material object representing something abstract
- 40 Pat
- 42 Spiced East Indian tea
- 43 Visual organ
- 45 Fiery gemstone
- 48 Substance used for road-making
- 50 A variety of Lignite
- 51 Blood vessel
- 52 Color part of the eye
- 54 Try to heal
- 56 Corona
- 58 Popular trend
- 60 Moist
- 62 Chem. element
- 65 Private Investigator
- 66 Manage without something that one was accustomed to
- 69 Important person
- 72 13th century Icelandic book
- 74 An actor's clothes
- 76 Soil
- 77 Biography
- 78 A Brit's way of saying 'thank you'
- 79 Cheeky
- 82 Scorch
- 85 Expressing hesita-

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- 1 French painter-sculptor and co-founder of the Dada movement
- 3 Indefinite article used before words beginning with a vowel sound
- 4 To such a great extent
- 5 Tools of the trade
- 6 Allure
- 7 Antigen occurring in red blood cells
- 8 Chief Executive Officer
- 9 Please greatly
- 10 Night
- 12 Age one becomes an octogenarian
- 14 Public Relations
- 15 German grandfather
- 16 Marsh
- 18 Treasure (abbrev)
- 19 Exclusively
- 21 Capital of Norway
- 22 Common Era
- 23 Expression of human creative skill
- 26 Muted
- 29 The African Queen
- 32 Part of the human mind
- 33 Sarcasm
- 34 Queen married to Prince Albert
- 37 Substructure
- 38 Intense feeling of affection
- 39 Trap
- 41 Long metal rod
- 44 Island where Napoleon lived in exile
- 46 Edible legume
- 47 Natural logarithm
- 49 Rhode Island
- 53 Specific form of something
- 55 Registered Nurse
- 57 Dry
- 59 Social standing of someone
- 61 Adjective denoting something already mentioned
- 63 Used to separate hours from minutes
- 64 Join securely
- 66 A small forest
- 67 Einsteinium

- (chem)
- 68 Thirteenth letter of the Greek alphabet
- 70 Group who makes decisions
- 71 Learning Disabled
- 73 Speak in a disrespectful way
- 75 Care
- 77 Wager
- 79 Past tense of sit
- 80 One who secretly collects information
- 81 Affirmative
- 83 Indo-European
- 84 Private soldier of the US Army

Spinach and Feta Stuffed Chicken

- 8 ounces fresh spinach (about 10 cups)
- 1-1/2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1/2 teaspoon chicken seasoning
- 3 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3/4 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon butter

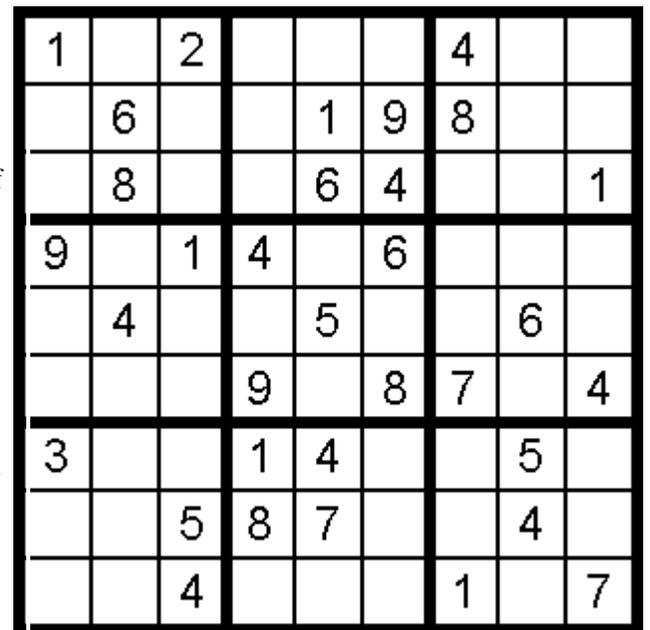
Preheat oven to 375°. In a large skillet, cook and stir spinach over medium-high heat until wilted. Stir in vinegar, sugar and pepper; cool slightly.

Pound chicken thighs with a meat mallet to flatten slightly; sprinkle with chicken seasoning. Top chicken with spinach mixture and cheese. Roll up chicken from a long side; tie securely with kitchen string.

In an ovenproof skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat; add chicken and brown on all sides. Transfer to oven; roast until a thermometer inserted in chicken reads 170°, 13-15 minutes.

Remove chicken from pan; keep warm. On stovetop, add broth and butter to skillet; bring to a boil, stirring to loosen browned bits from pan. Cook until slightly thickened, 3-5 minutes. Serve with chicken.

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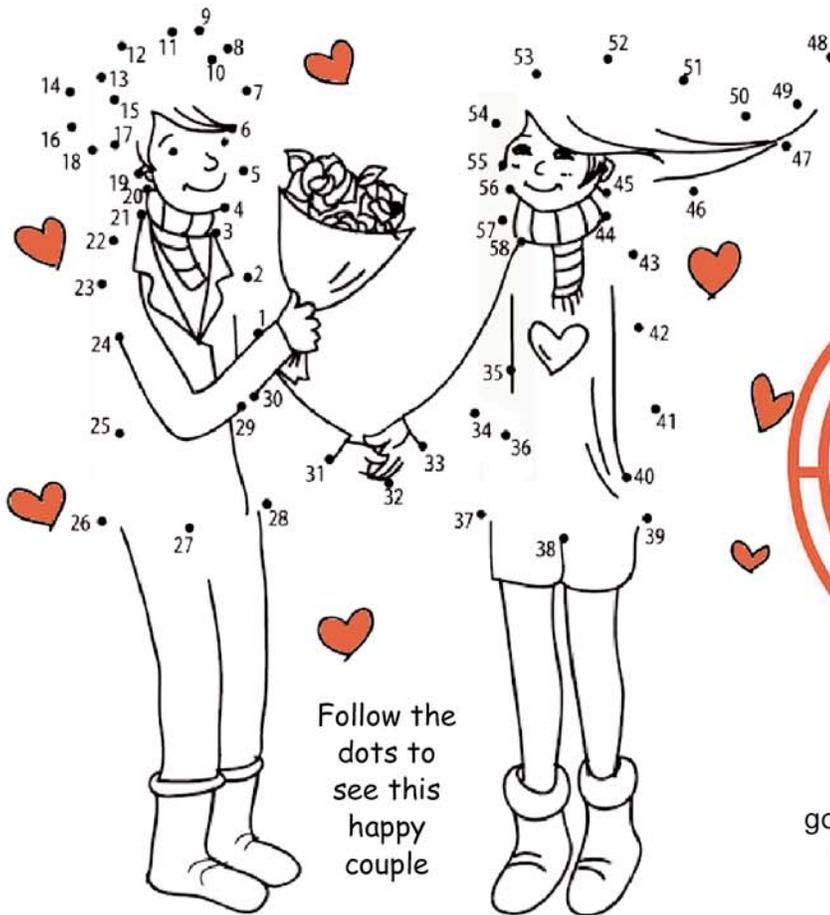
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- LOVE



Follow the dots to see this happy couple



Join the hearts by going through the maze

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Spouses' Fun Page

- L. Comando



# Daniel Pierce Library

## Mardi Gras Donuts

Same delicious Pumpkin Party Donuts!



Tuesday, February 21st

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Donuts available:  
Cinnamon Sugar and Plain  
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Orders must be received by February 14, 2023.  
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## Anticipated Opening Tri-Valley Central School

### School Security Supervisor

This position is subject to civil service exam process with min. qualifications of an Associate's Degree and three (3) yrs. of exp. in the security, safety or law enforcement field, with one (1) yr. of which in a supervisory capacity; or HS or high school equivalency diploma and five (5) yrs. of exp. with one (1) yr. in a supervisory capacity.

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application (located at [www.trivalleycsd.org](http://www.trivalleycsd.org)) by Jan 31st  
To: [tri-valley-recruitment@scbooces.org](mailto:tri-valley-recruitment@scbooces.org)  
Attn: Security Supervisor Search EOE

1/19; 1/26

## \$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money

Every day New York State returns \$1.5 million to those who file claims here. Is any yours? To find out, go to:

<https://osc.state.ny.us/ouf>  
or  
<https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf>

Many have checked, and sure enough after following the directions and filing a claim, have received a check from the NYS Comptroller's Office. It only takes a few minutes to find out if you have a claim.



### STATE OF THE TOWN OF OLIVE

with Supervisor Jim Sofranko &  
Deputy Supervisor Drew Boggess

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

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

## Please Take Notice: Covid-19 Home Test Kits

are available at

Town of Denning Town Hall  
1567 Denning Road  
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**Mondays through Thursdays**  
**8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**until they are gone.**

Call (845) 985-2411 for more information.

**Full Time Residents Only**  
**Proof of Denning**  
**residency required**  
**ONE kit per household**  
**(2 tests)**  
**Signature required**

## Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meeting

**Thursday, January 19, 2023**  
**Cancelled** due to  
inclement weather  
and will be rescheduled

Meeting will be advertised, conducted, streamed live on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>.

TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
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# 2nd Annual

# WINTER

# FEST

FEBRUARY 4TH, 2023

11 am - 4 pm

*Grahamsville Fairgrounds*



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SNOWMAN BUILDING CONTEST  | ICE SKATING  | ARTS & CRAFTS 

 Snow Date February 11th 

## DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review

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."

### City of Kingston Ulster County

**Wilderness Rescue:** On Jan. 11 at 4:45 p.m., Forest Rangers Franceschina and Horn responded to Bluestone Wild Forest for a report of a mountain biker with an upper leg injury. When Rangers arrived, Ruby Fire, Sawkill Volunteer Fire, and paramedics were already at the scene. The 68-year-old from Kingston had suffered a broken femur after falling from his bike approximately one mile from the Jockey Hill Wintergreen trailhead. Rescue crews transported the patient via fire department ATV back to the trailhead. He was then taken to Kingston Hospital. Resources were clear at 6:30 p.m.

### Village of Red Hook Dutchess County

**Vehicle Found:** On Jan. 9, Forest Rangers Russo and Sweeney found a vehicle stuck in Tivoli Bays Wildlife Management Area. The owner, suspected of illegally off-roading, has not been located. DEC arranged for the vehicle to be towed from the trail and the investigation is ongoing.

### Village of Pomona Rockland County

**Training:** On Jan. 10 and 14, Forest Rangers Franke, Jahn, Pries, and Schweider conducted a Basic Wildland Fire Suppression Course. Rangers taught 20 volunteer firefighters from Hillcrest, Stoney Point, and Thiells fire departments. The Rangers covered multiple topics including communication and tools used during wildland fires and various methods of constructing a fire line.

### Town of Shandaken Ulster County

**Wilderness Rescue:** On Jan. 15 at 12:05 p.m., Ulster County 911 requested Forest Ranger assistance with the rescue of a hiker with a lower leg injury at Giant Ledge in the Slide Mountain Wilderness Area. Rangers Franke, Quinones, Schweider, and Stratton reached the 70-year-old and splinted her lower leg. Rangers then packaged the hiker from Pennsylvania into a litter. Big Indian, Claryville, and Pine Hill fire departments assisted with the half-mile carry out. At approximately 4:30 p.m., the hiker was taken to the hospital by Shandaken EMS. During the incident, Rangers Franke and Schweider were rerouted to respond to another injured hiker from the same hiking party, but closer to the trailhead. The 71-year-old suffered a head injury from a fall and was airlifted to the hospital. Trail conditions were icy and Rangers needed microspikes during the rescues. Hikers are reminded to be prepared for winter conditions. Tips on how to pack and prepare

for a winter hike are available on DEC's Facebook page.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.

## DEC Encourages Anglers to Safely Enjoy Ice Fishing this Winter Review Ice Safety Guidelines Before Heading Out

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today reminded anglers to be safe when venturing onto the ice this season, especially given recent variations in weather conditions.

"New York State has been experiencing wide-ranging temperatures and weather conditions, from freezing to fairly mild," Commissioner Seggos said. "Given these unpredictable fluctuations in weather, it is critical that winter recreationists exercise extreme caution when doing anything on the ice, including fishing, to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience."

Ice anglers should check the thickness of ice before leaving the shore. Four inches of solid clear ice is usually safe for anglers accessing ice on foot. However, ice thickness can vary between waterbodies and even within the same waterbody, increasing the need to ensure thickness. Anglers should be particularly cautious of areas of moving water and around boat docks and houses where bubblers may be installed to reduce ice from forming. Checking the ice can easily be done with an auger or spud bar at various spots. In addition, fishing with a family member or friend is also encouraged for safety. Local bait and tackle shops are a great source for finding out where there is safe ice and what anglers are catching.

Those interested in trying ice fishing for the first time should mark the weekend of Feb. 18-19 on their calendars. As a designated free freshwater fishing weekend, the need for a freshwater fishing license is waived during these days. This free fishing weekend is also a great opportunity for experienced anglers to introduce someone new to fishing.

For some fish species, ice fishing can be more productive than open-water fishing. Given good ice conditions, anglers normally limited to shore fishing can access an entire waterbody.

Beginning ice anglers can download the Ice Fishing Chapter (PDF) of DEC's I FISH NY Beginners Guide to Freshwater Fishing (PDF) for helpful information on how to get started. For a more interactive option, DEC released a series of six ice fishing videos on the agency's YouTube channel late last season. Visit the playlist to check out the brief instructional videos. Additional information, including a list of waters open to ice fishing, can be found on the DEC ice fishing webpage, and also through the new Tackle Box feature in DEC's HuntFishNY app. Fishing regulations, access information, fish species present, and more can be accessed from a map-based interface, all within the convenience of a smartphone.

The use of bait fish is popular when ice fishing and may be used in most, but not all, waters open to ice fishing. For more information on bait fish regulations visit DEC's website.

To protect New York's waters from invasive species and the spread of fish diseases, anglers are advised to take these critical steps when using baitfish while ice fishing: (Contd. Pg. 26)



# 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](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

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

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**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**  
5:30 pm

Feb. 4, 2023  
*Tables with Yard Sale items will be available during the supper*

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
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**Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion**  
Music by Fred VanWagner

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For information contact:  
**The Reverend Diana Southwick Scheide**  
Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry  
PO Box 296 Callicoon, NY  
vicardcem@gmail.com  
845-887-3201 • 717-870-7874 cell

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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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Mass at 8:30AM.

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator  
(845) 434-7643

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

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

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

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

Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*  
**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
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Worship Service 9:30 am  
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Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

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Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor  
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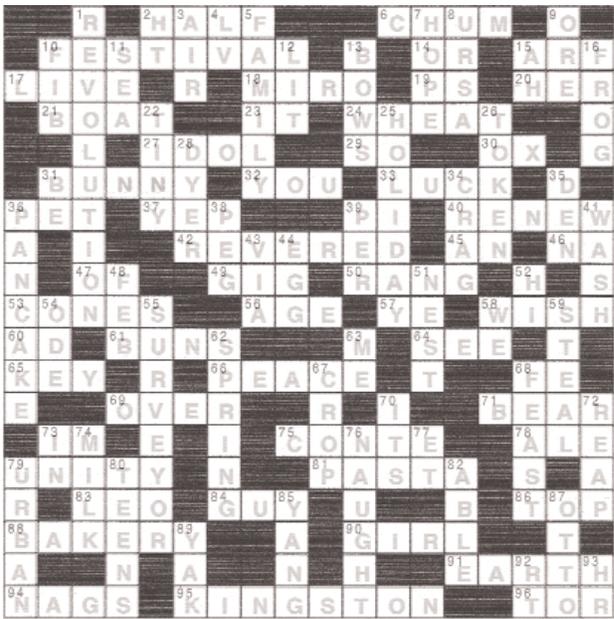
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm  
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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**GRAHAMSVILLE UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

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

**The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team**

**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**  
 Saturday, 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)*

**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
 (Never known to fail)

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

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

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

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

LGCLC

**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**

2/1/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
2/4/23	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
2/7/23	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
2/8/23	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
2/14/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/16/23	Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/16/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
2/21/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

***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 23 - January 27, 2023

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

**Monday, January 23**

- o **7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Tuesday, January 24**

- o No Meetings

**Wednesday, January 25**

- o **9:00 AM - Soil & Water Conservation District Board**, at 5 Park Ln, Highland
- o **3:00 PM- Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board Meeting**, at the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Ave, Cottekill
- o **6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o **7:30 PM - Ulster County Fire Advisory Board**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Thursday, January 26**

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics**, Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building #2 - Veterans Agency Entrance, 100 Development Court, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Annual Organizational Meeting** With Regular Board Meeting Immediately Following, at 999 Flatbush Rd., Kingston

**Friday, January 27**

- o No Meetings

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- \$12.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week  
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- 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

## DEC Encourages Anglers to Safely Enjoy Ice Fishing this Winter

### Review Ice Safety Guidelines Before Heading Out

(From Pg. 20)

Review and follow DEC baitfish regulations; Ensure the use of baitfish is permitted in the waterbody by checking the special 'regulations by county' section of the fishing regulations guide; Use only certified disease-free bait fish purchased from a local tackle store (buyers must retain the receipt provided to them while in possession of the baitfish); Personally collected bait fish may only be used in the same waterbody from which they were caught; and Dump unused baitfish and water in an appropriate location on dry land. DEC reminds anglers to make sure that they have a valid fishing license before heading out on the ice. Fishing licenses are valid for 365 days from the date of purchase.

## Infrastructure Upgrades in Fallsburg

The town Of Fallsburg announces significant infrastructure upgrades for 2023. According to Supervisor Rappaport, "these upgrades are needed for the town and are long overdue. We definitely have much more to accomplish. These places are great to start in."

The Town of Fallsburg is currently soliciting bids for a water drainage project to address the flooding issues on Laurel Avenue Next to the famous Rivoli theater. The Town Board approved a plan to install a new drainage system that will run under the sidewalks. The new drainage system will replace the old system, which is estimated to be over 30 years old.

County legislator Joe Perrello who represents Fallsburg, says, "Improvements like this help businesses in the South Fallsburg area, which is what Kathy and the Town board is all about." Additionally, the town has approved and awarded bids for the replacement and upgrade of two water towers. The upgrade will increase the two towers water capacity by a combined 60%.

The town is also using the newly amended property maintenance law and are grading the roadway to drain into the collection system. The ungraded roadway has been an issue for years which has saturated homeowners in that area with water.

Finally, Verizon has activated a new cell phone tower in the Woodridge area. The tower should help alleviate and improve cell phone coverage issues in the Woodridge, Glenwild, and part of the Davos communities.

## Statement from UC Executive Jen Metzger

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger responded today to Central Hudson's official filing yesterday in the NYS Public Service Commission's proceeding investigating Fortis-Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation's "Development and Deployment of Modifications to its Customer Information and Billing System and Resulting Impacts on Billing Accuracy, Timeliness, and Errors" (Case 22-M-0645). The 92-page reply to the PSC's order to show cause in the case serves as the company's defense of its actions and makes several dubious claims that will be scrutinized by the Commission.

The Central Hudson billing system fiasco has dragged on for a year and a half, and the company's response to the PSC investigation is dishonest in a number of respects, and wholly disrespectful of the stress and hardship the Company has caused its customers. In their response, Central Hudson asserts they have corrected customer bills and ensured each customer has an accurate bill, yet I continue to be contacted by

constituents who have waited months for Central Hudson to resolve billing issues that remain unaddressed, and new problems continue to arise.

I want to commend the PSC for its diligence in investigating Fortis-Central Hudson's billing practices, and for quickly moving towards opening a prudence review and penalty process for the company to recover the \$21 million in rate payer funds that were used to implement the system. It is absolutely inexcusable that Central Hudson has yet to fix the problems with this system or appropriately respond to aggrieved customers, and the company's management should be held to account for these failures.

Furthermore, it has become increasingly clear that the estimated billing algorithm is not able to accurately estimate usage, and the practice should cease immediately. In its filing, Central Hudson has indicated a willingness to move to monthly meter readings; however, the PSC has the authority now to prohibit the practice of estimated billing altogether and require actual meter readings, and I strongly encourage the PSC to use its power to effect this change immediately."

## News from Representative Ryan

### Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Last week, we honored the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We should reflect on the progress we've made, but also remember that we still have so much further to go.

We must recommit ourselves to the fight for freedom and equality for all.

### Delivering for the Hudson Valley

I joined community leaders to announce over \$5M in federal funding for workforce development at SUNY Orange and the construction of the Newburgh Landing Pier.

The people of the Hudson Valley elected me to deliver, and I am getting right to work.

### Standing with Our Armed Forces

While I'm always partial to the black and gold, it was great to meet with Marine Corps officers last week as they presented their seal, which I'm proud to display alongside a seal for each branch of our Armed Forces.

You've had our back, and now it is my job to have yours.

### Happy belated National Milk Day!

I'm proud to support the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act, which will help our kids maintain a healthy diet while supporting our Hudson Valley dairy farmers and processors.

The bill is a win-win.

### Supporting our Officers in Blue

January 9th was also National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Thank you to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day to protect NY-18.

I am committed to ensuring you have the resources and support you deserve.

### Holding Central Hudson Accountable

Do you have an unresolved billing or utility services issue with Central Hudson? My office is here to help!

Visit this page to make sure your voice is heard.

I will not stop fighting until they are held accountable.

### Grants Corner

The application period for the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is now open! The primary goal of AFG is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. (Contd. Pg. 27)

## News from Representative Ryan

(From Pg. 26) My office will be hosting a virtual AFG workshop on Thursday, January 26th at 6:00 PM ET. If you are interested in attending, please contact Natalie Lincoln, our Grants Coordinator, at [natalie.lincoln@mail.house.gov](mailto:natalie.lincoln@mail.house.gov). The application window for EPA Environmental Justice Grant Programs is also now open!

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

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

Applications are due by April 10, 2023. Applicants can visit [epa.gov/ejgrants](http://epa.gov/ejgrants) to learn more about both programs and sign up for pre-application assistance webinars:

The first webinar, focused on EJCPS, will take place on January 24.

The second webinar, focused on EJG2G, will take place on January 26.

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

## News from Mountainkeeper

The NY State Catskill Strategic Planning Advisory Group (CAG)--which Mountainkeeper sits on--recently released recommendations to address issues related to the growing number of visitors to the Park in recent years.

Some of the solutions are right at our fingertips-increasing trail maintenance and parking access, better coordination amongst government entities, and greater public education-but one of the strongest recommendations is a directive to NY State to tackle the knowledge gaps that prevent it from effectively managing the park and adopt a whole-park management plan. The press is paying attention: both the Times Union and Capitol Pressroom have covered our work on this important new roadmap for the Park's future.

One important initiative related to Park protection is Mountainkeeper and the Catskill Center's Seasonal Trail Stewards program, in which we post trail stewards at Park sites that experience high visitor traffic as an effective way to promote responsible outdoor recreation. Read more about this and our priority funding requests for the Park in the Mid Hudson News.

We're also working with our allies at NY Renews to advocate for meaningful climate action. NYS Governor Kathy Hochul has heard our calls, and in her State of the State Address promised to prioritize recommendations made by the Climate Action Council (CAC). Among her priorities for 2023 is a 'cap and invest' policy to support the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) --our state's nation-leading climate law. You can read more about how we're shaping the Governors' priorities for 2023 in an article published this week in City Limits.

Catskill Park Day is coming up on February 2nd, and Mountainkeeper will be hosting two webinars to celebrate our region and explore challenges and opportunities facing the Catskill Park in 2023. At 12pm we're hosting a lunchtime webinar to discuss Winter Hiking and Preparedness in the Catskills. We'll

hear from expert hikers David Hans of the Catskill Center and Stash Rusin-former Vice President of the 3500 Club and producer of the 'Inside the Line' podcast-as they share their knowledge and tales from the trail. Whether you're planning a winter backpacking trip or a casual walk through the woods, this webinar will provide important information that every hiker should have to stay safe and comfortable in the cold.

Later that same day, we'll kick off 2023 with a virtual legislative roundtable from 7-8 pm to connect key NY State decision makers with Mountainkeeper friends and supporters. This online discussion will explore specific obstacles facing our region, possible solutions to pressing problems, and actions we all can take to help enhance life in the Catskills and protect everything that makes this region so special. The webinar will wrap up with a moderated Q&A session with our panelists, so please come ready with your best questions and topics you'd like the group to discuss! Both of these webinars are free and will be closed captioned for greater accessibility. You can register for either or both by clicking the links below!

### Winter Hiking & Preparedness

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On Feb. 4th, Mountainkeeper is hosting our very first Repair Café at our office in Hurleyville! Stop by between 10am-4pm with any broken items you'd like to fix, and our volunteer repair experts will help make all possible repairs free of charge. All items are welcome-electronics, toasters, lamps, hair dryers, clothes, bikes, toys, crockery, guitars, you name it. We are planning a Hurleyville Repair Cafe every other week, so there will be plenty of other opportunities to drop by if you miss our first event.

Mountainkeeper is determined to do what we can in our corner of the world to keep appliances, clothing, and other personal items out of landfills. Pete Marchetto, who is the founder of FieldKit-a data collection system used nationwide by organizations specializing in conservation to monitor environmental quality-has played a huge role in organizing our Hurleyville Repair Cafe. Pete reminds us that "Along with reducing, reusing, and recycling, repairing is another way to give new life to old things, and to create a more sustainable world." We hope you stop by our office located at 220 Main St, Hurleyville NY on February 4th, with any and all of your broken items!

Lace up your boots and get ready for this year's NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Fire Tower Challenge! For nearly a century, observers kept watch over the forests of New York State-including the Catskill and Adirondack forest preserve-from more than 100 fire towers perched atop the highest peaks, searching for the telltale signs of forest fires.

Visitors to the Catskill Park can relive that history and view Catskills forests and mountain ranges from high altitude by visiting the six remaining historic fire towers in our Park. You can also earn a commemorative 2023 Fire Tower Challenge patch from the DEC by keeping a record of each fire tower that you visit. This is a great opportunity to explore our Park's many excellent trails and soak in the lush natural beauty of the Catskills. You can learn more about the Fire Tower Challenge at the DEC's webpage: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/126854.html>

And if you're still reading, thanks! Head over to our Facebook page and let us know what issues matter most to you, or consider making a donation to allow us to keep doing what we do best: protecting the Catskills. Whether it's \$5 or \$50, it all goes right back into our programs.

Remember— get out there and have fun!

## DEC Announces Free Lifeguard Qualifying Procedures to Begin in February

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that its free lifeguard qualifying procedures begin Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023.

Individuals 15 and older interested in lifeguarding positions at DEC facilities this summer are eligible to register. Candidates who qualify will be considered for employment. The qualifying procedure consists of two parts: a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) skills component; and a water skills evaluation. Candidates may attend the qualifying location most convenient to them and the results will be forwarded to their preferred work location.

Seasonal lifeguard positions are available at DEC campgrounds throughout the Adirondack and Catskill parks. The current hourly starting rate for New York State lifeguards is \$20 an hour, and most DEC facilities offer free housing or site accommodations.

### At the time of employment, all DEC lifeguards must:

- Be at least 15 years old;
- Possess a valid certification in Waterfront Skills, Lifeguarding, First Aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer or equivalent;
- Have successfully completed the New York State lifeguard qualifying procedure;
- Submitted a current New York State DEC medical form stating the candidate's physical ability to perform lifeguard duties;
- Meet the vision requirement of 20/70 uncorrected in both eyes and be correctable to the 20/40 standard. Candidates tested at a vision level below 20/40 in either one or both eyes must correct to a minimum of 20/40 with 20/20 preferred;
- Have completed a personal interview with DEC; and
- Have attended a DEC lifeguard orientation.

Below is a list of the 2023 qualifying dates and locations:

### 2023 Lifeguard Qualifying Dates and Locations

Date	Time	Location	Address	City
Saturday, Feb. 4	9 a.m.	Franklin Academy	42 Huskie Lane	Malone
Friday, Feb. 24	4:30 p.m.	Gloversville Middle School	234 Lincoln Street	Gloversville
Saturday, Feb. 25	9 a.m.	Queensbury Elementary School	431 Aviation Road	Queensbury
Friday, March 3	4 p.m.	Catskill Recreation Center	651 County Hwy 38	Arkville
Monday, April 10	9 a.m.	Gloversville Middle School	234 Lincoln Street	Gloversville
Friday, April 14	4:30 p.m.	Gloversville Middle School	234 Lincoln Street	Gloversville
Saturday, April 29	9 a.m.	Moriah Central School	9 Viking Lane	Port Henry
Friday, May 26	4 p.m.	Catskill Recreation Center	651 County Hwy 38	Arkville
Saturday, June 3	9 a.m.	Gloversville Middle School	234 Lincoln Street	Gloversville
Saturday, June 24	9 a.m.	Moriah Central School	39 Viking Lane	Port Henry

Qualifying procedures will begin on time and late arrivals will not be accepted. Candidates must bring photo identification, current certifications (if available), and their own CPR mask and one-way valve. DEC reserves the right to cancel. DEC is an equal opportunity employer.

For more information, updates, or to pre-register, call 518-457-2500 ext. #1, e-mail DEC at [Info.Lifeguard@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Info.Lifeguard@dec.ny.gov), or visit the Employment Opportunities in Summer Recreation webpage on DEC's website.

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## DEC Announces 2023 Exam Dates for Licensed Guides Program

*Online Exams to Become Camping, Fishing, Hiking, Hunting, Whitewater Rafting, Canoeing or Kayaking, and Rock or Ice Climbing Guides*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced exam schedules for individuals seeking to become licensed guides. DEC is offering exams for guiding in camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, whitewater rafting, canoeing or kayaking, and rock or ice climbing.

"Licensed guides play a crucial role in safely introducing New Yorkers to the many natural treasures around them," Commissioner Seggos said. "I encourage outdoor enthusiasts who want to pass on their knowledge to others to take the exam and grow their environmental stewardship."

A guide must be at least 18 years of age. Guides offer services for hire, directing, instructing, or aiding others in a variety of recreational activities. DEC's Special Licenses Unit administers licensing of outdoor guides. Applicants are not required to be New York State residents to receive a license.

To provide enhanced access to examinations, DEC is offering licensed guide examinations online in 2023. Dates and registration details are below:

Feb. 3, 2023 - 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Registration must be received by Feb. 1, 2023;

March 11, 2023 - In-person examinations will be offered at the New York State Outdoor Guides Association winter rendezvous meeting. Registration must be received by March 4, 2023;

March 31, 2023 - 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Registration must be received by March 29, 2023;

May 12, 2023 - 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Registration must be received by May 10, 2023;

June 23, 2023 - 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Registration must be received by June 21, 2023;

July 7, 2023 - 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Registration must be received by July 5, 2023;

Sept. 15, 2023 - 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Registration must be received by Sept. 13, 2023; and

Oct. 13, 2023 - 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Registration must be received by Oct. 11, 2023.

To register, directions are available on DEC's 2023 Licensed Guide Exams Registration website. Applicants will receive an email acknowledging registration and an additional one-time link for use to access the website on the date of the exam. Upon successful completion of the exam(s), applicants will receive information on applying for the appropriate guide license, including an application form. Please do not send applications or fees prior to passing the examination(s).

An outline of exam content, a study guide, and additional information can be found on the DEC Licensed Guide Program website. The Fieldbook, a reference book published by the Boy Scouts of America, is also recommended and can be found at a local library or bookstore. A list of current New York State Licensed Guides is available online.

For questions or assistance, contact the Special Licenses Unit at NYS DEC Special Licenses Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4752; Phone: 518-402-8985, Fax: 518-402-8925; Email: SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov.

## \$500 thousand in Scholarships Available for Class of 2023 through

### Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan

*Students are encouraged to apply for available scholarships by April 14 deadline*

**MONTGOMERY, NY (January 17, 2023)** – A total of 240 scholarships worth more than \$500 thousand will be awarded from 140 funds at the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan (CFOS) this spring. High school seniors and adults returning to college are encouraged to apply now for these scholarships now.

Students can apply online for scholarships at [cfosny.org](https://cfosny.org) until April 14. After filling out a single application, they will be notified of which specific scholarships they are eligible for and whether those scholarships have additional application requirements. This streamlined process makes it easier for students to find the best fit scholarship opportunities for their unique circumstances and abilities.

"Thanks to the generosity of our incredible donors, the Foundation is able to offer a wide range of scholarships annually which make a tremendous difference for local students and their families," said Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan President and CEO Elizabeth Rowley. "A college education gets more costly each year, and we're proud to support deserving young people and other students realize their dreams of higher education or career training."



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

## **Governor Hochul Announces State Cancer Prevention Efforts to Protect Firefighters and Their Families During Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month**

- ***Newly Announced Decontamination Protocols Reduce Firefighters' Exposure to Toxic Contaminants by 85 Percent***
- ***State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Expanding Classes and Trainings to Include Cancer Awareness and Prevention Education***
- ***Sessions to Begin at Local Fire Departments this Week, Distributing Free Decontamination Kits and Educational Materials***
  - ***Educational Video Released to Raise Awareness of the Cancer Risk Facing Firefighters and Detail Decontamination Protocols***

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the State's Office of Fire Prevention and Control will begin new outreach efforts to help protect New York's firefighters and their families from the threat of cancer. State Fire officials initially launched a similar outreach program in early 2020, which was placed on hold due to the pandemic. This new initiative coincides with January's Firefighter Cancer

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Awareness Month, raising awareness among the fire service on how to develop life-saving protocols for cancer prevention, and to support those who've already received a cancer diagnosis within their fire departments.

"The state's firefighters bravely risk their own lives and safety every day to protect their fellow New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "Sadly, cancer is a serious threat to the health and wellbeing of all of our fire service members, and we are committed to ensuring that these heroes have the most up-to-date guidance and information so they can enjoy a long, safe career and live a healthy life."

New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray said, "The brave women and men of New York's fire service protect us from danger every day. However, too many lives of firefighters are being lost to cancer. During Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month we are ramping up efforts to educate the fire service and mitigate their risks of exposure to carcinogens found in smoke. I am proud of our State Fire team for leading the way on this initiative, providing in-person training sessions and distributing decontamination kits to fire departments across the state."

Studies have shown firefighters are at a higher risk of cancer than the general public, largely due to their exposure to an increased level of toxins found in smoke at structure fires. To ensure New York's firefighters are not only aware of this threat but also know how to limit their own risk, State Fire officials developed basic protocols for decontaminating firefighting gear following a response call and will be traveling throughout the state to promote their use by firefighters. Research has shown that fire service members can take simple and inexpensive steps to reduce their exposure, as well as protect their families, to toxins and other carcinogens by up to 85 percent.

State Fire officials have begun working with counties across the state to schedule Firefighter Contamination Reduction and Cancer Prevention classes. At these meetings, State Fire will distribute firefighter decontamination kits to attendees. These kits contain information on decontamination immediately after incident response and items, such as a five-gallon bucket, post-fire wipes, hose, detergent, brush, and spray bottle.

New York State Fire Administrator Jim Cable said, "We are thrilled to continue our program educating members of the State Fire Service on immediate steps they can take to protect themselves following an incident response. Sadly, cancer is now the leading cause of firefighter deaths in the nation. Our goal is to reduce occupational illness by educating our brothers and sisters in the fire service on specific measures they can take to reduce exposure to contaminants and lower their health risks."

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## Governor Hochul Announces State Cancer Prevention Efforts to Protect Firefighters and Their Families During Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month

(From Pg. 30) If firefighting turnout gear is not decontaminated properly after a fire, firefighters risk exposing harmful chemicals to their firehouses and homes, potentially harming co-workers and family members. According to two studies conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), firefighters are currently being diagnosed with cancer at a nearly 10 percent higher rate than the general public and experiencing cancer-related deaths at a nearly 15 percent higher rate.

To combat these trends, DHSES and OFPC have established basic, inexpensive protocols which will go a long way in limiting firefighters' exposure to harmful chemicals often found in smoke.

If exposed during a response, firefighters should:

- o Perform on scene gross decontamination, stop the exposure, and stop the spread of contaminants to the apparatus and station.
- o While on scene, use post-fire wipes to reduce exposures.
- o Shower as soon as possible and put on clean clothes.
- o Wash tools, equipment, and apparatus after fires.
- o Transport gear in non-porous containers such as a clear garbage bag.
- o Wear only clean gear, including hood.

Starting this month, State experts will travel across New York State to bring these protocols directly to firefighters via in-person educational sessions at local fire departments. At each session, firefighters will view a live demonstration of the new decontamination protocols, a new educational video that details the protocols and the risks facing firefighters and have an opportunity for a Q&A with OFPC personnel involved in developing the protocols. Additionally, OFPC is expanding its entire roster of firefighting classes and trainings to include a section on cancer awareness and prevention education.

New sessions are being scheduled on a rolling basis. Firefighters looking to attend or host an educational session can view the State Office of Fire Prevention and Control's training calendar, or contact their county's fire coordinator.

### About the State Office of Fire Prevention and Control

The Office of Fire Prevention and Control delivers a wide breadth of essential services to firefighters, emergency responders, state and local government agencies, public and private colleges, and the citizens of New York to help ensure the safety of all stakeholders. OFPC advances public safety through firefighter training, education, fire prevention, investigative, special operations, and technical rescue programs.

### About the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

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## This Is Why I'll Carry Upstate NY Values With Me Every Day

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) penned an op-ed published in the Press & Sun Bulletin / PressConnects.com detailing how he intends to work across the aisle and within his own party to raise Upstate New York's voice in Congress and deliver results for the region.

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

Since I was elected late last year to represent New York's 19th Congressional District, I have consistently received variations of the same question: 'What type of representative will you be?'

It's a fair question.

Much attention has been given to the recent intra-party squabbles in Congress and partisan disagreements and gridlock that will arise in a divided government. Less attention however has been given to the approach that governing-minded Republicans like myself intend to take to build consensus and deliver for the communities they represent.

Serving in local government, I have had a front row seat to many struggles that Upstate New Yorkers face and how to develop meaningful solutions.

Farmers, working families, and our rural communities are struggling - especially as inflation and gas prices continue to run wild. Deteriorating infrastructure plagues our region, while families and businesses regularly travel on crumbling roads and are hampered by unreliable and unaffordable internet and cell service. Mental healthcare, the opioid epidemic, and support for individuals with disabilities are rarely prioritized and our neighbors are unfairly paying the price.

Upstate New Yorkers are rightfully concerned local issues like these have been overlooked and ignored by Washington.

This is unacceptable.

As a Mayor and County Executive, I learned that the decisions we make in government have a real impact on real people. I also learned to confront our challenges, we must accept our differences and build on common concerns.

Too often, Washington forgets these lessons.

That's why, in Congress I vow to carry Upstate New York's voice with me every day and work to find common ground - no matter how elusive.

Representing New York's 19th Congressional District is the highest honor of my life and more than likely - my greatest challenge to date. But I have never shied away from a fight, and I am ready to get to work on behalf of our community.

## Rep. Molinaro Announces Committee Assignments for the 118th Congress

*Assignments Allow Molinaro to Deliver Results on Upstate NY Priorities*

Washington, DC -- U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced he has been selected to serve on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure for the 118th Congress.

The House Committee on Agriculture has jurisdiction over issues related to agriculture and conducts oversight over the Department of Agriculture. Notably this year, the Committee will be tasked with writing the 2023 Farm Bill. This measure determines policy and funding levels for the next five to ten years on agriculture and food assistance programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure has jurisdiction

over aviation, maritime transportation, highways, bridges, mass transit, and railroads as well as aspects of clean water management, wastewater management, and flood damage reduction. It also has broad oversight over many federal agencies including the Department of Transportation (DoT), Amtrak, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Army Corps of Engineers. Importantly, the Committee will also be tasked with overseeing the rollout of the 2022 bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which authorized historic federal investments for modernizing the nation's infrastructure systems.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I am proud to serve on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure. These assignments allow me to work on issues that matter to our community, and importantly, give Upstate New York a seat at the table as Congress deliberates over the next Farm Bill and the rollout of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. I am excited to get to work."

Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture said, "The House Committee on Agriculture will hit the ground running in the 118th Congress to address the many headwinds facing farm families and rural America. Representative Molinaro is a proven leader and I look forward to welcoming him to the committee as we fight for farm families in New York and across the nation."

Rep. Sam Graves, Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure said, "I am excited to welcome Representative Marc Molinaro to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. I am confident he will be a valuable member of our Committee as we work to develop solutions to improve our infrastructure, strengthen transportation programs, and help alleviate ongoing energy and supply chain problems on behalf of the American people."

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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## Governor Hochul Announces Availability of \$7.5 Million for Opioid Treatment Programs

- *Grants to Establish Low Threshold Buprenorphine Services to be the First Awarded Through the State's Opioid Settlement Fund*
- *Funding Supports Comprehensive Approach to Reduce Fatal Overdoses and Address New York's Opioid Crisis*

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the availability of up to \$7.5 million for state-certified providers and other treatment programs to establish low threshold buprenorphine services to address opioid addiction and save lives. Administered by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports, the grants will be the first to tap New York State's Opioid Settlement Fund and will help develop up to 15 programs offering this safe, effective treatment for opioid use disorder.

"Far too many New Yorkers have been lost to the scourge of opioid overdoses and addiction," Governor Hochul said. "This funding, through the Opioid Settlement Fund, will help bring new hope to those struggling with substance use disorder, remove barriers to treatment that saves lives, and turn the tide of the opioid crisis in our state."

The funding will provide up to \$500,000 for 15 programs statewide to offer low threshold buprenorphine services. OASAS-certified treatment providers, clinics by the state Office of Mental Health, hospitals, syringe services programs, and harm reduction programs are eligible to apply for the funding.

While buprenorphine is a safe and effective way to treat opioid use disorder, many providers have rigid requirements for entering and continuing treatment, which ultimately limits the number of individuals who receive this medication. Comprehensive low threshold services will help to address this issue by allowing for same-day, immediate buprenorphine treatment and care management services.

New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham said, "Low threshold services are rooted in harm reduction principles that include same-day treatment, a nonjudgmental approach, flexibility in prescribing medications, and making medication widely available in locations that reach people where they are. This initiative is part of OASAS' ongoing commitment to ensuring populations and communities across the state have equitable access to critical services and supports to treat opioid use disorder."

New York State received more than \$2 billion through various settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers. A portion of these settlements will go directly to municipalities, with the remainder being deposited into a dedicated fund to support prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and education efforts to address the ongoing opioid epidemic.

The same legislation that established the dedicated fund also created the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board, which is tasked with making recommendations on how settlement dollars should be allocated to best serve those in need. Board members issued their first recommendations on November 1, identifying the expansion of harm reduction services as a top priority.

New York continued to grapple with opioid-related deaths in 2021, with fentanyl now involved in most overdose deaths statewide, according to a report released by the state Department

of Health this week. Other key findings include:

- o 4,766 overdose deaths involving opioids, a 14 percent increase over the prior year.
- o 10,430 outpatient emergency department visits due to opioid overdoses, a 12.6 percent increase over the prior year.
- o 19,139 instances of naloxone being administered by Emergency Medical Services, an 11.8 percent increase over the prior year.

OASAS oversees one of the nation's largest substance use disorder systems of care with approximately 1,700 prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery programs serving over 680,000 individuals per year. As the state's opioid treatment authority, OASAS coordinates state-federal relations in addiction services and is also responsible for monitoring the use of settlement funds to ensure that the funds appropriated in the budget are expended for their designated purpose.

Likewise, the Department of Health continues to advance a variety of harm reduction initiatives to reduce the burden of opioid abuse and dependency statewide. This includes New York MATTERS, an electronic referral system for connecting persons with opioid use disorder to local treatment and harm reduction services; the Local Health Department Initiative, providing funding to 24 county health departments with the highest overdose rates outside of New York City to bolster primary care, corrections, harm reduction, emergency departments, public safety; and more than 900 registered opioid overdose prevention programs. (Contd. Pg. 34)

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## Governor Hochul Announces Availability of \$7.5 Million for Opioid Treatment Programs

(From Pg. 33) Acting New York State Health Department Commissioner John McDonald said, "The opioid epidemic continues to affect all of us, as Americans and New Yorkers, and the Department of Health applauds Governor Hochul's State of the State proposed interagency approach to harm reduction to save lives through treatment of opioid addictions. As a result, the Department of Health continues to alert the public to the dangers of opioids through social media messages and other outlets, encouraging New Yorkers to recognize the signs of overdose and to take advantage of the resources available through the Opioid Overdose Prevention Program and the Department's new statewide standing order for naloxone."

Available addiction treatment including crisis/detox, inpatient, residential, or outpatient care can be found using OASAS' Treatment Availability Dashboard or on the agency's website. New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, can find help and hope by calling the state's toll-free, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY

## Governor Hochul Announces Opening of First NY Cannabis Dispensary Owned by a Justice Impacted Individual

**o Major Milestone for New York State's Cannabis Industry with January 24 Opening in Manhattan**

**o Supported by the New York Cannabis Social Equity Investment Fund, Dispensary Provides Opportunity to Fast-Track Sales and Build Initial Capital for Licensee**

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the first Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary license in New York State owned by an entrepreneur previously criminalized by cannabis prohibition and supported by the New York Social Equity Cannabis Investment Fund, will open at 144 Bleeker Street in Manhattan on Tuesday, January 24 at 10:00 AM. This store opening helps advance New York's goals of equity in cannabis licensing, which prioritizes providing licenses to justice-involved individuals, who are people with a cannabis conviction or a close relative of someone with one.

"This dispensary is the latest example of our efforts to build the most equitable and inclusive cannabis industry in the nation," Governor Hochul said. "As we continue to work toward righting wrongs of the past, I look forward to new dispensaries - owned by those most impacted by the over policing of cannabis prohibition - opening soon."

The dispensary, called Smacked LLC, will be owned and operated by Roland Conner with a soft opening as a "Pop-up" through February 20. As with some other initial dispensaries to be supported by the Fund, this will provide licensees the opportunity to open on a short-term basis to fast-track sales and start generating capital for their businesses, after which they will close for final construction and then re-open on a long-term basis.

The Pop-up program is designed to give the operator initial training opportunities before opening full-time, and will benefit all businesses involved in the cannabis supply chain, including farmers who have cannabis ready for distribution, processors who are making cannabis into other types of products, distributors, and retail operators, as well as consumers who are seeking access to safer products they can trust.

Prior to receiving this license, Roland Conner owned and operated property management businesses in New York City for fifteen years. He currently manages a transitional housing facility providing shelter for two dozen men in The Bronx. Mr. Conner is opening Smacked LLC with his son and wife. In applying for his license, Mr. Conner received support from the Bronx Cannabis Hub, which was founded by the Bronx Defenders and the Bronx Community Foundation to support individuals applying for the first round of CAURD licenses.

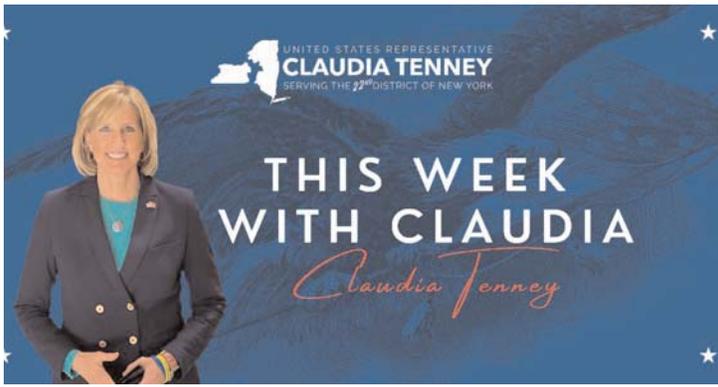
Mr. Roland Conner said, "I am so excited to become a part of history as the first individual to open a legal cannabis dispensary in New York City. Given my experience with cannabis, I never could have imagined that I would be opening a store like this. I'm grateful for the opportunity to open a business with my son and wife at my side and build generational wealth, working together, right here in New York. But this is not just about me and my family. This is about everyone who was harmed by the draconian drug laws of the past. New York's commitment to righting those wrongs through the law is inspiring. I am proof of that commitment because I'm standing here today."

The location is part of the program sponsored by the Fund, which is working with the Social Equity Servicing Corporation, (SESC), a subsidiary of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), to support the acquisition, design, construction, and outfitting of locations for cannabis dispensaries to be operated by CAURD licensees. Authorized by Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature, The Fund is a public-private limited partnership formed to position social equity entrepreneurs to succeed in New York's newly created adult use cannabis industry. Managed by Social Equity Impact Ventures, the Fund will help justice involved individual CAURD licensees meet the costs of establishing adult-use cannabis retail dispensaries, including the identification and leasing of suitable retail locations and design, construction, and fit-out of the spaces. It is supported by up to \$50 million in licensing fees and revenue from the adult-use cannabis industry and up to \$150 million from the private sector that will be raised by the Fund manager.

To date, there are several locations available and ready for initial design and build out for CAURD licensees. The Fund will be making announcements of these locations on a rolling basis

The CAURD license is a central pillar of the New York State Seeding Opportunity Initiative. Through the Initiative, New York's first legal adult-use retail dispensaries will be operated by those most impacted by the enforcement of the prohibition of cannabis or nonprofit organizations whose services include support for the formerly incarcerated. These dispensaries will be making legal adult-use sales with cannabis products grown by New York Farmers.

To be eligible, applicants must either have a cannabis conviction themselves, or be the close family member of someone who does, and owns or has owned a business that had a net profit for at least two years. Nonprofits are eligible for CAURD licenses if they have a history of serving current or formerly incarcerated individuals, including creating vocational opportunities for them; have at least one justice involved board member; at least five full time employees; and have operated a social enterprise that had net assets or profit for at least two years.



## Letter to Governor Hochul Urging her Once Again to Rescind COVID Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Workers

This week, I led a letter with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY-21) to New York Governor Kathy Hochul expressing concern over healthcare staffing shortages in New York due to the vaccine mandate that remains in place. The mandate is one factor driving a staffing crisis in New York, which negatively impacts the ability of New Yorkers to access quality healthcare close to home.

In the letter, my fellow New York lawmakers and I wrote, "that the evidence is clear: the staffing shortage affecting New York's healthcare sector is a crisis and must be addressed. While long-term solutions must also be considered, it is imperative for your administration to drop its COVID-19 vaccine mandate immediately so that healthcare workers can return to serving their friends, loved ones, and neighbors. Decades of healthcare experience are being left on the sidelines or pushed into other states as a result of the mandate. This is even more noteworthy given that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control Director has publicly stated that the vaccine cannot prevent transmission."

Our essential heroes continue to be attacked and demonized by Kathy Hochul and her unconstitutional policies. Countless hospitals in Upstate New York have been forced to close wings or turn away patients due to the vaccine mandate. It's time for Governor Hochul to revoke her disastrous COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers across New York.

The letter was also signed by Congressman Anthony D'Esposito (NY-4), Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11), Congressman George Santos (NY-3), Congressman Mike Lawler (NY-17), Congressman Langworthy (NY-23), Congressman Nick LaLota (NY-1), Congressman Mark Molinaro (NY-19), and Congressman Andrew Garbarino (NY-2). Read the full letter here:

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/01.19.23-ny-delegation-to-hochul-regarding-health-care-vaccine-mandate79-copy.pdf>

NY Republicans demand Gov. Hochul scrap vaccine mandate for health care workers from NY Post: <https://nypost.com/2023/01/20/ny-gop-demands-hochul-scrap-vaccine-mandate-for-healthcare-workers/>

## Pressing the FCC on Concerns with its Recent Broadband Map

I sent a letter to the Chairwoman of the Federal Communications Commission expressing concerns regarding the new national broadband map. This FCC map is essential

in determining eligibility for many federal broadband grants, including the Rural Development Broadband ReConnect Loan and Grant program and the new Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

There are far too many communities in New York's 24th District and across the country that still do not have access to reliable broadband.

When broadband companies exaggerate or misstate their service availability in rural and low-income areas, this has a negative impact on everything from economic activity to educational opportunities. The proposed map put forward by the FCC is concerning for many reasons, including its lack of consideration for the rural communities I am honored to represent. I urge the Chairwoman of the FCC to take a deeper look into this issue and reevaluate this map to ensure it better serves all communities. Read the full letter here:

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/tenney-to-fcc-01.13.23.pdf>

READ MORE: Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Concerned Over FCC's Broadband Map:

<http://fingerlakesdailynews.com/2023/01/18/congresswoman-claudia-tenney-concerned-over-fccs-nys-broadband-map/>

## Continuing to Support our Second Amendment Rights

This week, I reintroduced a resolution Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that New York State's Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) is unconstitutional.

In response to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *NYSR-PA v. Bruen*, which overturned the state's previous unconstitutional concealed carry law, the CCIA was rammed through the state legislature and signed into law by Governor Hochul on July 1, 2022.

Following this, multiple court cases, such as *Antonyuk v. Bruen* and *Antonyuk v. Nigrelli*, were filed challenging the constitutionality of this law. These cases have been working their way through the judicial system, and most recently an emergency motion to vacate was filed with the Supreme Court. While this motion was denied, Justices Alito and Thomas noted that this motion can be refiled if the Second Circuit Court of Appeals does not explain their stay order or expedite consideration of the appeal.

The ability to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right protected by the Constitution. New York State's new concealed carry law is just another way that Kathy Hochul is working to limit New Yorkers' Constitutional rights and attack the Second Amendment. Last June, the Supreme Court repealed New York's overly restrictive concealed carry laws, and instead of respecting the Court's opinion, Governor Hochul chose to enact another unconstitutionally restrictive law.

This resolution, which I was honored to reintroduce with colleagues from New York, affirms our belief that New York's law is unconstitutional and that states should support our Second Amendment rights, not undermine them.

READ MORE: Tenney, Stefanik Reintroduce Resolution Condemning Hochul's Concealed Carry Law As Unconstitutional: <https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/tenney-stefanik-reintroduce-resolution-condemning-hochuls-concealed-carry-law>



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# Rep. Molinaro Takes Congressional Oath of Office During Ceremonies in Binghamton & Saugerties

## Molinaro Pledges to Deliver Real Results for Upstate NY

Binghamton, NY- Standing before residents of New York's 19th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) on Saturday raised his right hand and took his Congressional Oath of Office during swearing-in ceremonies in Broome County and Ulster County.



*The Congressional Oath of Office was administered in Broome County by Sheriff Fred Akshar*

The Congressional Oath of Office was administered in Broome County by Sheriff Fred Akshar and in Ulster County by the Honorable Chris Gibson, former representative for New York's 19th Congressional District. During the ceremonies, Rep. Molinaro also outlined his priorities for Upstate New York, which included supporting the local agricultural community, improving public safety, lowering the cost of living, strengthening infrastructure, expanding access to mental healthcare, addressing the opioid epidemic, empowering individuals with disabilities, and delivering quality constituents services.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Earlier this month, I raised my right hand and took my Oath of Office on the Floor of the House of Representatives. Today, I wanted to take this Oath again - in front of the people of New York's 19th Congressional District. These are the people I will

be representing and the voices I will be raising in Washington. I am so thankful for this great honor and excited to be working on issues that matter to our community."



*The Congressional Oath of Office was administered in Ulster County by the Honorable Chris Gibson, former representative for New York's 19th Congressional District.*

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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## Sullivan Promise Scholarship Recipients Make the Most of Opportunities



After graduating from Tri-Valley High School last year, Reese Shelmandine was planning to go to SUNY Cobleskill to pursue a 4-year degree. The Sullivan Promise Scholarship, which offers free tuition to Sullivan County high school graduates, helped change his mind. Shelmandine is one of 64 Sullivan County high school graduates from the class of 2022 who have taken advantage of the Promise Scholarship, which was established last spring by the Sullivan County Legislature.

“Once I saw that (SUNY Sullivan) had environmental majors, it caught my interest, and then when I qualified for the Sullivan Promise Scholarship, it made me want to come here,” said Shelmandine, who added that the Sullivan Promise Scholarship has allowed him to take advantage of opportunities at SUNY Sullivan, which is closer to home, before he transfers to a 4-year school.

Read more stories about how the Sullivan Promise Scholarship is shaping-and changing-students' lives. <https://sunysullivan.edu/2022/12/local-students-making-most-of-free-tuition-opportunity-provided-by-sullivan-promise-scholarship/>

## Rep. Molinaro Announces Selection to House Small Business Committee, His Third Committee Assignment

**Molinaro: Small Business Committee Post Will Amplify My Impact for Upstate NY As A Freshman Member of Congress**

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced he was selected to serve on the House Committee on Small Business. This is the third House Committee Rep. Molinaro has been selected for, a rarity for a freshman Member of Congress. This week, Rep. Molinaro announced he will serve on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure.

The House Committee on Small Business has jurisdiction over issues related to small businesses and conducts oversight over the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Rep. Molinaro said, “I’m honored to be named to the House Committee on Small Business. Receiving three committee assignments is a high honor for a freshman Member of Congress. It will amplify my impact for Upstate New York and help me deliver results for local small businesses at a crucial time.”

Rep. Molinaro continued, “Right now, small businesses in Upstate New York are bearing the brunt of record-high inflation and desperately need support. On the House Small Business Committee, I will be focused on empowering entrepreneurs and supporting commonsense policy that reduces the burden government places on small businesses.”

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## SUNY Sullivan Offering Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Refresher and Basic Courses this Spring

This spring semester, SUNY Sullivan is offering the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic Original Course, March 1-June 11, and the EMT Refresher Course, beginning February 26. Emergency Medical Technicians are in high demand with substantial projected job growth for the future, so begin your Emergency Medical Services career with SUNY Sullivan today.

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## Psychology Student Mauro David Cortina Wins Award at Biomedical Research Conference



Science majors wondering what research opportunities are available to them at SUNY Sullivan only need to spend a few minutes talking to sophomore psychology major Mauro David Cortina, who received an award last month in Anaheim, California, for his presentation at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS).

Cortina, a Monticello resident, traveled to the ABRCMS to present the results of his research paper, "The Effects of Interracial Interactions on Executive Functioning." The paper was the result of the hands-on research he did this past summer in the Bridges to the baccalaureate Program at SUNY Purchase, an 8-week summer research program funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Read more about Cortina's science research and his experience at the conference. <https://sunysullivan.edu/2022/12/suny-sullivan-psychology-student-mauro-david-cortina-wins-award-at-biomedical-research-conference-in-california/>

## Not Your Grandma's 2-year College

SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance recently spoke with the River Reporter about the benefits and advantages of 2-year colleges. Historically, Quaintance said, the reason students choose a 2-year school isn't because of a lack of ability or poor preparation.

"It's the kind of barriers that affect all aspects of life," said Quaintance. "Think money, think other commitments-perhaps the student has a family, or is caring for elders. Think work-maybe the student is employed full time, or is needed in a family business."

Job training and skill-building are among the many unique advantages and opportunities that 2-year colleges like SUNY Sullivan offer, as well as flexible scheduling options, including hybrid learning, Saturday classes, and evening classes.

Read the full River Reporter article. <https://riverreporter.com/stories/robotics-sustainability-and-better-health,71454>

## SUNY Sullivan Alumna Becomes New Sullivan County Recycling Coordinator



Congratulations to Monticello resident and alumna Kassie Thelman, who was appointed Sullivan County's new Recycling Coordinator last fall and was recently featured in an article in the Sullivan County Democrat.

"I am excited to share the latest information about solid waste and recycling with our community. I feel like I can really make a difference here," said Thelman, who graduated from SUNY Sullivan with honors in 2014, earning an associate's degree in environmental science.

Read more about Kassie Thelman in the Sullivan County Democrat. <https://www.scdemocratonline.com/stories/recycling-has-a-new-face-in-sullivan-county,71975>

## SUNY Sullivan Theater Arts Program to Hold Auditions for Casa Valentina

The Theater Arts program will hold auditions for Casa Valentina by Harvey Fierstein on January 25 and 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a first read through on January 27 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Auditions will take place in SUNY Sullivan's theater.

Casa Valentina, a Drama Desk and Outer Critics Award-winning play, is the contemporary play offering for the Theater Arts program's 2022-2023 Sueñito/Little Dream season. Directed by Theater Arts Professor Nick López, Casa Valentina will perform March 3-4 and 8-11 at 8 p.m.

For more information about auditions or the production, contact Jessica López-Barkl at [jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu](mailto:jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu) or click here to read more. <https://sunysullivan.edu/2023/01/suny-sullivan-theater-arts-program-to-hold-auditions-for-casa-valentina-by-harvey-fierstein/>

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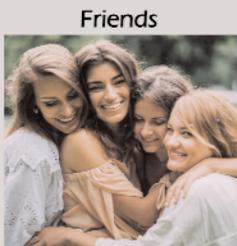


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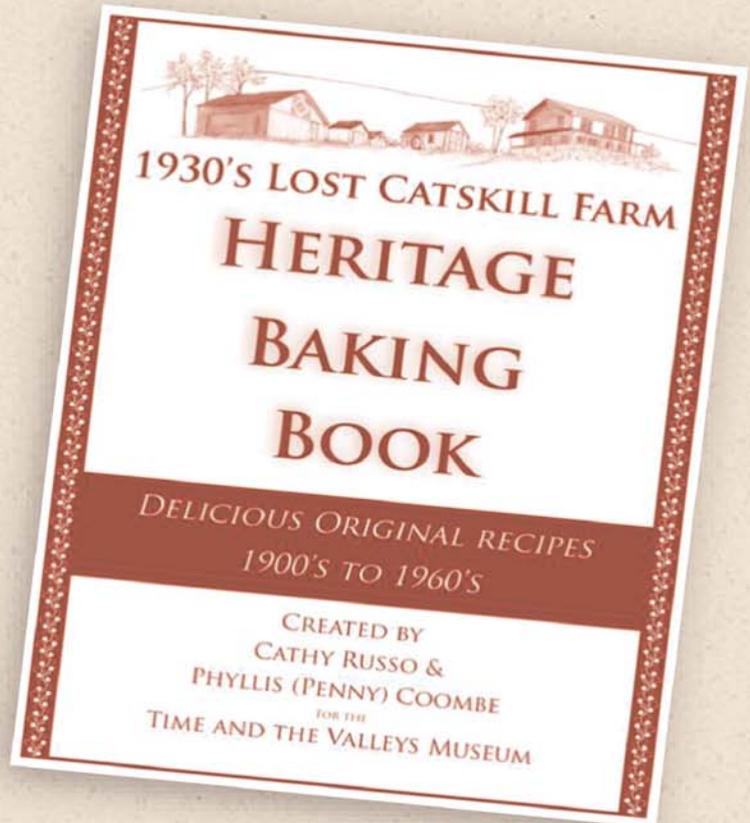
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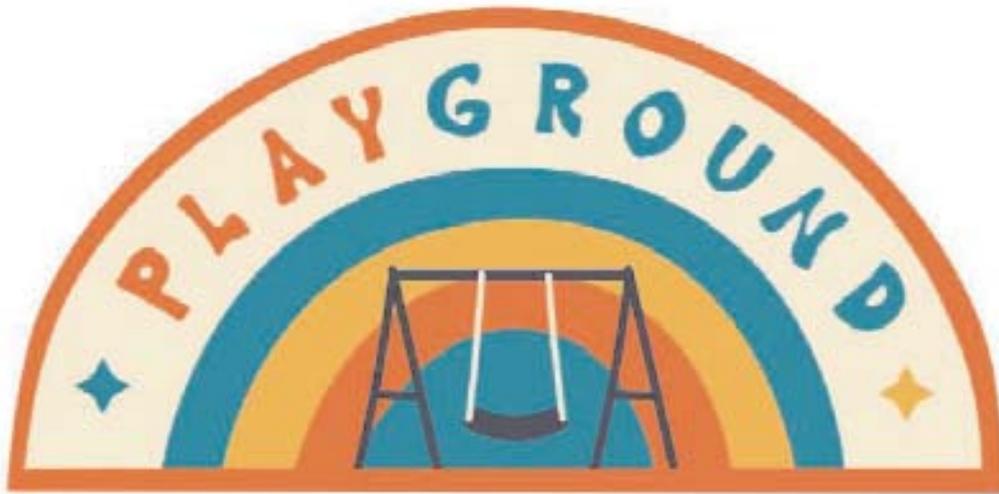
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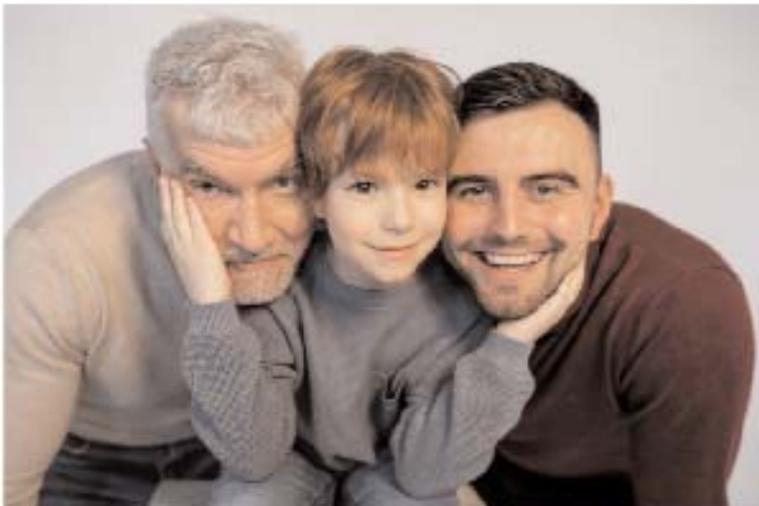
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# New Yorkers Encouraged to Educate and Protect Themselves Against Having their Personal Information Compromised Online During Data Privacy Week

*State's First Chief Privacy Officer Partners with State Agencies to Raise Awareness; Guard Against Personal Data Breaches*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced steps New Yorkers can take to safeguard themselves from having their personal data compromised online. In recognition of Data Privacy Week, the State Office of Information Technology Services has teamed with other state agencies to promote techniques for protecting private data including raising awareness of phishing schemes, using strong passwords, and exhibiting greater caution with information shared on social media.

"All too often, New Yorkers fall victim to online criminals because they don't take basic steps needed to protect their personal data," Governor Hochul said. "During Data Privacy Week, we are raising greater awareness of these schemes and urging all New Yorkers to protect themselves and their personal information to avoid becoming a target of these unscrupulous actors."

Starting on January 22, Data Privacy Week is aimed at spreading awareness about online privacy among individuals and organizations. The goal is to educate the public on how to safely manage their personal information online and to help businesses and other organizations understand the importance of respecting their users' data.

This year, New York State was named a Data Privacy Champion by the National Cybersecurity Alliance, a non-profit organization that promotes cyber security, privacy, education, and awareness. This designation recognizes the state's commitment to supporting the principle that all organizations share the responsibility of being conscientious stewards of personal information.

Governor Hochul also announced an expansion of state investments in cybersecurity initiatives in her State of the State address, which will further secure and protect New York's critical infrastructure.

ITS Chief Information Officer Angelo "Tony" Riddick said, "Under Governor Hochul's leadership, New York State continues to safeguard personal information and educate on steps to minimize cyber risk to prevent New Yorkers from falling prey to data thieves. In an even more connected world as the workforce continues to use remote tools, National Data Privacy Week reminds us of the effective steps we must take to protect our information and remain vigilant against cybercrime."

As part of statewide efforts to guard against potential data breaches, Governor Hochul appointed Michele Jones to serve as the first-ever chief privacy officer at the State Office of Information Technology Services. She is responsible for driving the State's strategy in protecting the personal and confidential data of New Yorkers amid a rise in digital service offerings and new data privacy laws and regulations.

ITS Chief Privacy Officer Michele Jones said, "I'm very excited about the opportunity to lead and coordinate New York's efforts around data privacy as the State deals with new and emerging privacy standards. During Data Privacy Week and every day, I will continue to encourage all New Yorkers to stay vigilant with their personal online security and follow our best

practices and tips."

Online activity generates vast trails of data. Websites, apps, and services collect information on behaviors, interests, and purchases, as well as other sensitive data such as Social Security and driver's license numbers or health information.

Failing to take adequate safeguards can leave this information exposed and raise the likelihood that it will fall into the wrong hands. New Yorkers can keep their sensitive personal information private and secure by:

- o Being wary of unsolicited emails and telephone calls asking for personal information. Never share personal information, such as your Social Security number, in response to an unsolicited email or telephone call. If the email or call claims to be from a company with which you do business, call it first to confirm the contact is legitimate.
- o Keeping devices updated. Enable automatic updates for your devices and applications, including mobile devices. Use security features built into the device, such as a passcode, and programs that encrypt data and remotely eliminate contents if the device is lost or stolen.
- o Being careful with Wi-Fi hotspots. Public wireless hotspots may not be secure and can potentially allow others to monitor online activity, especially if it is unencrypted - ensure your connection to your website is secure, and for extra protection use a virtual private network.
- o Limiting personal data collected by mobile apps. Limit the data you allow to be collected on to the minimum required, such as by limiting location services to "only when using the app" and not allowing personal information such as email to be shared with third parties. Consider the app's privacy policies before downloading.
- o Being cautious about the information shared on social media. Avoid posting birthdates, telephone numbers, home addresses, or images that identify employment or hobbies. This information may often reveal answers to security questions used to reset passwords and can be utilized by scammers looking to access accounts and personal information.
- o Using strong passwords. Create different complex passwords for every account. Consider passphrases made of up multiple short words which are easy to remember but difficult for a computer to guess, like "Correct-Horse-Battery-Staple!". Consider using a password manager which can help generate and securely store passwords.
- o Using hard to guess security question answers. Select security questions with answers that cannot be guessed or found by searching social media or the internet.
- o Using multifactor authentication to access accounts. A password and another factor, such as a code from an app on your phone, make it much harder for your account to be hacked.
- o Being aware of phishing schemes. Don't click on links, download files, or open attachments in emails from unknown senders. Open attachments only when they are expected, and the contents are known.

Acting Commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance Amanda Hiller said, "By using advanced encryption, firewalls, intrusion-detection systems, and other security measures, the New York State Tax Department safeguards confidential data and the integrity of its systems, but it's crucial that all New Yorkers follow the guidance above to help shield their sensitive personal information from cyber criminals."

## About Data Privacy Week

Data Privacy Week began as Data Privacy Day in the U.S. and Canada in January 2008 as an extension of the Data Protection Day celebration in Europe. Data Protection Day commemorates the Jan. 28, 1981, signing of Convention 108, the first legally binding international treaty dealing with privacy and data protection.

## Monticello Rotary - Monti Gram

The Taste of Sullivan Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm preceded the regular meeting.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Brad Rutledge at 6:30 pm.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test the newest member of the Monticello Rotary, Crystal Tweed, was inducted by Brad and sponsor Lori Orestano-James.



The guest speaker, Honorable Danielle Jose Decker, County Court and Surrogate Judge for Sullivan County, provided a comprehensive overview and update of current judicial issues affecting county residents.

Judge Decker, a current Monticello Rotarian and Past President (2010-2011), clarified her role and responsibility while also sharing information as to changes in procedure including the expanded use of dispute resolution, virtual technology in the courtroom, expediting family court proceedings and sharing of evidence among law enforcement and judicial agencies.

Specialty courts, DWI, Sex Offender, Family Treatment, Veterans and Mental Health, were also explained in terms of their roles in ensuring that justice is served in a fair and equitable manner.

Her Honor proudly shared that she is the first woman in the Sullivan County Court of Record and that the recent of election of Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan Galligan to the Supreme Court of the the 3 rd District of the State of New York and Jacqueline Ricciani to the Bench, was another acknowledgement of women jurists.

Due to the diligence, commitment and jurisprudence of law enforcement and the judiciary, Judge Decker shared that there are, at the present time, no backlogs of cases in either Family Court or Criminal Court.

Committee Reports and discussions of New Business followed.

Following the usual excellent dinner, 50-50 and Happy Dollars, the meeting was adjourned.

Brad informed members that Rotary is welcoming refugees from the Ukraine and continues to seek sponsors for families. Rotary Day of Service, scheduled for May 20 th , 2023, is an international Rotary effort coordinated through the region and affiliated clubs. Our Club will be working with Liberty and Livingston Manor Rotary Clubs on the next in our series of Blood Drives at Resorts World.

Brad reported that the next regional meeting is scheduled for January 25 th , 2023, sponsored by the Wallkill East Rotary at the Old Erie Restaurant at 6:00 pm.

Les shared that the Liberty Rotary Senior Citizen Project is an initiative that we, as fellow Rotarians, should be involved with. Additional information and specifics will be sent out members via e-mail

### 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>.

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The Rotary Clubs of Sullivan County (Monticello, Liberty, and Livingston Manor) will be holding a Blood Drive during this event during the hours of Noon - 6pm. Please use the following link to sign register and set an appointment time. [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/303543](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/303543) Any questions, call 845 798-1770

### You Gotta Have Heart

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.

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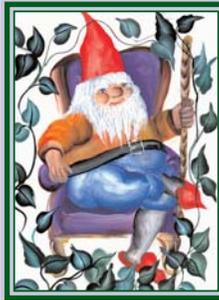
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(1955, 1H 51M | DRAMA | TV-PG)



This is the cult classic teen film that defined our youth through generations. *Rebel Without a Cause* along with *The Last Picture Show*, and *American Graffiti*, defined the youth of the *nineteen fifties*, and their experimentation in love, passion, intellect, and that aspect of the growth of finding yourself as you search for your dream in your selected reality. This film above all defined it for the kids of the 1950's, classic role-modeling, defined by James Dean's character as it set the plane of truth as a virtue in their choices in life.



Expertly Directed by Nicholas Ray. Starring James Dean, (James Byron Dean (February 8, 1931 – September 30, 1955)) an American actor who is remembered as a cultural icon of teenage disillusionment and social estrangement, as expressed in the title of his most celebrated film, *Rebel Without a Cause* (1955). Dean starred as troubled teenager Jim Stark along with Natalie Wood, and Sal Mineo.

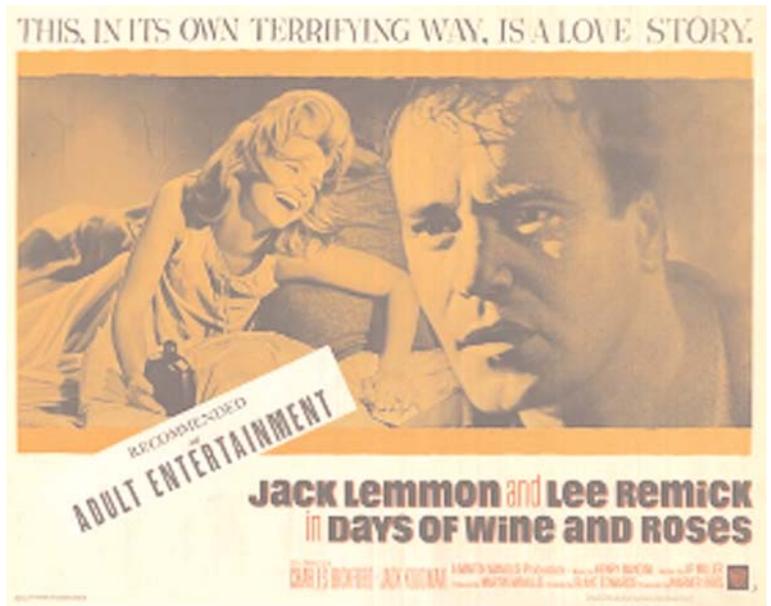
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**Days of Wine and Roses**  
(1962, 1h 57m - Drama - TV-14)

*Days of Wine and Roses* received an Academy Award for a film's music theme, composed Henry Mancini with lyrics by Johnny Mercer.

The film received four other Oscar nominations, including Best Actor–**Jack Lemmon** and Best Actress–**Lee Remick**. In 2018, *Days of Wine and Roses* was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."



The film depicts the downward spiral of two average Americans who succumb to alcoholism and attempt to deal with their problems.

A husband, Jack Lemmon, and wife, Lee Remick, fight to conquer alcoholism.

*Days of Wine and Roses* is a 1962 American drama film directed by Blake Edwards with a screenplay by JP Miller adapted from his own 1958 Playhouse 90 teleplay of the same name. The film was produced by Martin Manulis, with music by Henry Mancini, and featured Jack Lemmon, Lee Remick, Charles Bickford and Jack Klugman.

A Thought –

We live on the thread of the continual present, where the future and the past are just extremities of the mind, dreaming of what we will do tomorrow, remembering yesterday, but the only thing that is really going on, is what happening right now.

– Frank Comando

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