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Sundown Is Safe! Here are some of the stories Jessica Scanna's Story...



A lot can happen in 9 hours. Let me share what happened in the past 9 hours.

I awoke to a message asking if there was anything they could do to assist my community as emergency personnel face the ongoing wild fires at Peekamoose and also checked to ensure that our home was out of harm's way.

I had already planned to go to Sam's Club in Middletown to pick up some quick, portable snacks and supplies to donate, and shared here on Facebook that I'd be happy to accept donations. Boy, am I glad I did that!!! With your support whether it be sending me \$ via Venmo or even if you just shared my post, I collected a whopping \$2,683 in under 6 hours! That's all thanks to you all!

While in Middletown, I got a text from a dear friend who offered to assist me with shopping and use of her SUV. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Joe Comando's Story...

Thank you to Claryville Fire Department for saving my home and making sure the "Comando Family Estate" was safe. Thank you to Joe Sibiga and to my cousin, Adam Hornbeck and his wife Melanie and their son, Kyle for helping us get rid of the leaves near our house that could easily have caught fire.

You guys are all my heroes and the best of humanity.

Also, a big thank you to Grandma Cheryl and Grandpa Jim for watching and taking care of our two little girls through the most trying time.

And thank you to all firefighters from our Grahamsville Fire Department and all the other fire companies who joined them and saved all our homes in Sundown. Also thank you to all the people in our community and neighboring communities who donated the food, snacks and drinks that helped keep the firefighters fed and comfortable.



Members of the Claryville Fire Department were ready to protect our home should the fire jump the road. Thank you.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and ye shall know that I am the Lord, your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. Exodus 6:7

OBITUARIES

Martha Ahrens of Delhi, NY formerly



of Grahamsville and Roscoe, a lifelong area resident, died Friday, November 8, 2024 at the Delhi Rehab and Nursing Center, Delhi, NY. She was 91.

The daughter of the late Joseph

and Katharina Biberacher Stuhlmiller, she was born February 10, 1933 in Hancock, NY.

Martha was a graduate of Roscoe Central School, Albany Business College and Sullivan County Community College. Martha retired as a Branch Manager and VP at the Bank of America in Grahamsville, NY; she was a supporter of the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville; enjoyed working on the Tri-Valley Townsman Newspaper; she was a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church; and a member of the Lion's Club. Martha enjoyed golfing in her younger years, she loved RVing and traveling across the country with Fred. Martha took the time to research her family's genealogy, writing the family history and even traveled to Germany to meet her family members. For many years she loved playing cards with her friends, reading mysteries, collecting Hummels and commemorative coins, flower gardening and cross-country skiing.

Survivors include her children, Kathryn Lake of Delhi, NY; Ralph Lake and his wife Joan of Nassau, NY; grandchildren, Erin Crowe and her husband Andrew, Lisa Reilly and her husband Vincent, Amber Newman, Noelle Lake, Joseph Lake and his wife Ari, Carissa Bohley and her husband William; stepchildren Judy Ahrens and Jane Witthohn; step grandchildren, Casey Witthohn and his wife Rebecca, Nikki Rogers and her husband Roy many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She

was predeceased by her husband, Frederick Ahrens; and one brother, Joseph Stuhlmiller.

Private graveside services and burial will be at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY. Pastor Shelley Eggleton will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, Railroad Ave. Roscoe, NY 607-498-4929 or 845-439-5200 www.Harris-FH.com

Gloria V. Stevens, of Grahamsville,



NY, passed away on November 9, 2024 at home. She was 94.

She was the daughter of the late Charles A. Doetsch and Helen E. Dorrer, born on October 19, 1930 in

Delaware, NY.

Gloria worked as a teacher for the Tri-Valley School District until her retirement in 1992. She was very involved in her church, Grahamsville United Methodist Church, and dedicated to her faith. In her free time, she was an avid Scrabble player.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her son Jerry Stevens and his companion Mary Jayne Norton and her children Hannah and Josphua; her brother David Doetsch; as well as several sister-in-laws, and nieces and nephews. She now joins in Heaven her husband Elmer Stevens, Sr.; and brothers Gerald, Eugene and Warren Doetsch.

Memorial contributions in Gloria's name can be made to Grahamsville United Methodist Church, PO Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

A memorial visitation will be held from 12 to 2pm on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A memorial service will be held at 1:30pm at the funeral home.

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DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

November 24, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith came to their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, November 16th. Mr. Smith had been deer hunting and had gone to bed. Mrs. Smith was about to go to bed when about 45 relatives, neighbors and friends came to surprise them with a celebration for their anniversary. They have three children: Franklin, 19, Wanda, 16 and Beverly, 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Eileen Susan, born at the Hamilton Avenue Hospital on Tuesday, November 16th. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ackerley, all of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton of South Hill are the proud parents of a daughter, Lyn, born at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville on November 17th.

November 4, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenrose of West Nyack and Sundown announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Louise to Irving Buley of Grahamsville. Irving is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buley. The wedding will take place on Thanksgiving at the Sundown Church. The Rev. Harry Myers will officiate.

It was announced last week that one of Liberty's oldest businesses, Clark Krum & Son, dealers of feeds, grains fertilizers etc. would suspend active operations on November 30th. Delivery route service ended on October 31st. The firm has been in operation in Liberty at Lake St. and Ontario Avenue for 45 years.

November 20, 1974

Thomas Marshalek, District Commissioner and a Scout Leader of Grahamsville Troop 187, received the highest award this Hudson-Delaware Council can bestow on an adult scout leader. The coveted "Silver Beaver" was presented to him for "distinguished service to boyhood." Because of his efforts and time, hundreds of our young people have enjoyed scouting and enriched their lives with experiences that will help them throughout their lifetime.

November 29, 1984

Mary Ann Garr and Kenneth James Atkins Jr. were married November 24, 1984 at the United Methodist Church in Parksville. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Garr of Harris, N.Y. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Atkins of Grahamsville. The bride graduated from Monticello High School and is employed by Hillside Greenhouses in Liberty. The groom, a Tri-Valley High School graduate, is employed by Griff Petroleum in So. Fallsburg as a tractor trailer driver.

Elmer and Alta Diehl of Sholam Road, Napanoch, celebrated Thanksgiving and their 58th wedding anniversary together with family and friends.

Household Hint:

Clean store-bought fruits and veggies

Mixed with water, baking soda can remove dirt and that waxy coating that comes on produce from the supermarket.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Bittersweet - Love It or Hate It!

Looking back when I was growing up in Rockland County, it was about this time of the year that my mother began looking for a specific vine with little orange berries - Bittersweet - for our Thanksgiving centerpiece.

There are two vines with yellow and orange berries commonly called "bittersweet." They look very much alike. One, a harmless vine indigenous to North America with smooth stems, is *Celastrus scandens*, also called "American bittersweet" plant or "false bittersweet." The other, an exotic vine that is among North America's most



American bittersweet



Asian bittersweet

invasive plants and whose stem bears blunt thorns, is *Celastrus orbiculatus*, or "oriental bittersweet" vine. Another way to distinguish between American and oriental types is by discerning the location of their berries: the berries of American bittersweet plants appear at the tips of the vines only, while those of the oriental type grow along the vine. In both species the vine can become quite large and reach to 20 feet or

more. Stems will trail if there is no support. The young stems are green and hairless, turning brown and woody with age.

The dark green leaves of bittersweet are stalked, oval, with sharp teeth, smooth on both sides, with a pointed tip, and borne alternately along the stem. They are about twice as long as wide. There is a small stipule at the base of the leaf stalk.

During the late spring and early summer flowers will appear. They are small, about 1/4 inch wide, 5-parted, yellowish-greenish, with a cup-shaped calyx with 5 triangular tips, shorter than the petals which are a greenish-white and spread outward with the tips reflecting backward. Petal edges are wavy-ragged. Male flowers have 5 stamens with white filaments and yellow anthers. In female flowers, the style is yellowish-green and slender rising from an enlarged yellow-green 3-sectioned ovary. There are 5 false stamens (Staminodes). A fertile flower will produce a round green seed capsule which, as it matures, changes color to end up a brownish-orange. The capsule then splits open into 3 sections and reveals a bright red three sectioned berry that contains the seeds, of which there are usually 2 per section of the capsule.

The berries are toxic to humans. The Bittersweet berries are especially enticing to birds who in turn, disperse the seeds after eating the berries. Should germination of a bittersweet seed take place at the base of a tree, the potential of that seed could very quickly destroy the tree. As the young plant makes its way to the top of the tree, the bittersweet vine can reach up to four inches in diameter as it grows around a tree in a process called girdling. It will wrap so tightly that tree will be strangled.

Oriental bittersweet vine is one of the terribly invasive plants considered by many to be an environmental menace as they choke out native plants. Adding to the problem is the fact that, invasive plants or not, Oriental bittersweet's vines are so captivating that they still entice people to propagate them as a landscaping element.

If the power of the beauty of the Oriental bittersweet still lures you into growing it on your property, please take extreme precautions against the spread of this highly invasive plant. Keep it confined to one area of your property and prune it often. And most importantly, do not allow Oriental bittersweet to grow on any tree whose health you value.. You either love bittersweet vines or hate them

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley
Published November 7, 1996

One year when Ella Mae's birthday arrived I faced a real dilemma. I didn't have enough money to buy her the gift that I was hoping to get for her. It was her second birthday and we were living in Lawyersville near Big Flats. Most of our neighbors were out of work and complaining about their bills. My husband was employed as foreman over a small group of men who cut four foot wood boards. During the depression, penny-pinching was a constant challenge and one which quite often gave me a great achievement. However, on this cold November 7th birthday morning, I just didn't know what to do.

I decided to make her a rag doll myself. I had made clothing for the children from odds and ends and from flour sacks so why not a rag doll? I took a pillow case and ripped it apart and placed it on the table. Then I cut it out the same way that I had cut out paper dolls years before only this one was larger. I stitched the two sides together and took the cotton from an old sofa pillow for stuffing. For the final touches, Herbert, our artist, drew eyes, nose and mouth with a pen and black ink. Then I dressed her up in clothing that Ella Mae had worn as a baby.

When I sadly remarked that I didn't have enough money to make her a nice birthday cake, Floyd our four year old asked me why I didn't use daddy's dollar bill. I replied that daddy didn't have a dollar bill and then he said, "Yes he does." He ran to the clothes closet and then brought me a five dollar bill. Back then, during the depression, five dollars was a fortune.

Floyd showed us that he had found the money in an old hunting jacket belonging to his dad. It had been hanging in the closet since before the depression.

I have often wondered if Floyd found the five dollars while playing in the closet or was it some time when he was sent in there as punishment? Either way it helped us to solve one of our problems during the depression and I didn't get to use it for Ella Mae's birthday.

Jessica Scanna's Story...

(From Pg. 1) I gladly accepted Nicole Casamassima's help and together we packed our cars to the brim with \$2,227.36 worth of food and much needed supplies.

Toward the end of our shopping excursion, I spoke with a manager at Sam's Club and explained the situation. They graciously donated a \$100 gift card to go towards our Peekamoose Wild Fire Fight shopping spree!

Thanks to YOU ALL (and you know who are all are!) we purchased a plethora of protein bars, granola bars, jerky, Slim Jims, trail mix, peanut butter crackers, fruit leather, 3 cases of mandarin orange cups, 3 cases of peach cups, 4 cases of water, 9 cases of ready to drink protein shakes, 6 loaves of bread, 20 pounds of cold cuts, bread, 216 hot dogs, hot dog rolls, ketchup, mayo, a case chips, 2 cases of cookies, 6 cases of soda, 4 cases of gatorade, 9 boxes of tuna salad and cracker kits, 5 cases of baby wipes, 45 rolls of paper towels, coffee, hot chocolate, plastic utensils, steam pans, foil sheets, 9 bottles of dry eye relief

drops, antacids, acetaminophen, 105 tubes of chapstick, 12 pounds of bananas, 20 pounds of clementines, 5 dozen chafing fuel canisters, over 400 insulated cups with lids.

With the remaining funds, I reached out to Lance the owner from Paesanos in Liberty to see if he could do something to help our community out. He gave us a great deal on 30 pies, and threw in 2 boxes of drinks to go along with everything. And much to my surprise, somehow word got out about my large order and the Gambino family from Wurtsboro, contacted Lance and donated 100 wings! Thank you to both Paesanos and the Gambino family for your generosity! Please go out and support my family's favorite pizza shop right on Main Street in Liberty!

The best part of it all was being able to not only drop off most of the items with Staci Conjura and the rest of the firehouse crew at the Grahamsville Fire Department but also to be able to bring the 30 pizza pies, 100 wings and the rest of the supplies directly to Sundown, where at least 100 firemen/women and volunteers were gathered to enjoy a hot meal.

In my wildest dreams, I never imagined this would happen in under 9 hours. Thank YOU for putting your trust in me with your donations! Right now, they're all set and have truly appreciated your generosity, love and support! The expressions on everyone's faces when we pulled up with all of these supplies was priceless!

I'm gonna do my best and try to tag most of you all here, but unfortunately I am not friends with you all.

Thank you to Leighanne Russell, Sean Drown, Eric Scanna, Beth Tirrell Conflitti, Kim Martin, Danna Clear, Sarah Holloran, Tracy Travis, Jamie Lippen Shanberg, Heather Cossack, Tonya Ackerley Martin, Lisa Guilfoyle, Judith Clarke, Leanore DiGiovanni Egan, Tracey Magie, Michelle Fancher, Darlene Scanna Kehrley, Lisa Wilsen, Lisa Raymond, Danielle Hartman, Jennifer Mitchell, Terry Delaney, Liz Garber, Cathy Huffman Scheirer, Lyn Ann, Ronda Ottino, Jody Gozza, Kathy Poppo, Kathy's dad, Kirby Thompson, Cathy Diehl, Amanda Martin, Jeanine Elizabeth, Stacey Wizwer, Margaux Michelle Potter, Amy Brockner, Amy Saravia, Suzanne Rada-Yates, Lise Kennedy, Joanne Shaddock, Kami Walter, Colleen Lesczynski, Colleen Keaveney, Robyn Caiazzo, Albi Beluli, Tori Epstein, Philip Rotella, Maxine Fodor, Barbara Conklin, R Coney, Heather Cardone, Rourke Law, Julia Batista, Jennifer Moylan, Nicole Huebsch, Ellen & Walter Noecker, Alissa Wachter, Cheryl Johnstone, Cailín Barber, Nancy Freely Hoover, Candis DeBetta Parsons, Kathy Moran, Sam's Club, Paesanos Pizzeria, the Gambino Family in Wurtsboro and last but certainly not least....

Nicole Casamassima! I could not have gotten this all done on my own. Thank you for reaching out and helping me out with this very special and spontaneous project!

As promised, here are some photos from our shopping adventure! (Contd. Pg. 4a)

Jessica's Story in Pictures!!





.. and that was Jessica and Nicole's Saturday's haul - two vehicles filled to the brim made many hungry firefighters very happy!

Then came Sunday night - the temps were dropping quickly. The firefighters hands and feet were getting cold. The word was out and many dropped off handwarmers and bootwarmers at the Grahamsville Fire House



Update from Jessica Scanna

After I had collected and spent a little over \$2,600 for the food and supplies for our first responders, people continued to donate. That just meant I had more money to spend! Yay! So, I just left Sam's Club and spent nearly \$400 to purchase much needed Hot Hands hand warmers, chafing fuel, foil sheets to wrap on-the-go sandwiches and of course, coffee!

From start to finish, everything totalled \$3,000!!! Again, this could not have been without the support of all of YOU who have contributed your hard earned money to such a great cause! The men and women on the front lines truly appreciate it!

Sherri Reynolds Story in Pictures!

The pictures are the top of the 'hill' - Whitehouse Road.

Heading down the slope at the bottom of the hill is Peekamoose Road.



Top picture on the right is from the Reynold's back yard!
Other pics are down the steep hill between Whitehouse Road and Peekamoose Road.
Not an easy place to access to fight a fire.





Claryville Fire Department were among the neighboring firefighters who were in Sundown fighting the Peekamoose Road fire. Meanwhile back at the Claryville Firehouse, –food, snacks and drinks were available for the firefighters.



Smoke from a distance



(Below) Picture of the fire in the distance, taken by Les Stone from Claryville.



Along Peekamoose Road...



More from Sherri Tuesday Morning after most of the fire had been contained...



5 year old Aurora helped her father and friend Chip put out some hot spots on their hill on Peekamoose Road ...

We all want to thank every firefighter from every Fire Department who helped save our homes and keep us safe:

Grahamsville Fire Department

Liberty- Engine, Tanker, Manpower

White Lake- Mini Pumper, UTV, Manpower

Olive- UTV, Brush Equipment, Manpower

Ellenville- Tanker, UTV, Brush Equipment, Manpower

Accord- Brush Equipment, Manpower

Kerhonkson- Brush Equipment, Manpower

Phoenicia- Tanker Summitville- Brush Equipment, UTV, Manpower

Rock Hill- UTV, Brush Equipment, Manpower

Youngsville- Mini, Brush Equipment, UTV, Manpower

Kauneonga Lake- Tanker, Brush Equipment, UTV, Manpower

Callicoon- Tanker, Brush Equipment, UTV, Manpower



Roscoe- UTV, Brush Equipment, Manpower

Loch Sheldrake- Tanker, Brush Equipment, UTV and Manpower

Napanoch- Tanker, UTV, Brush Equipment

Woodridge- Brush Equipment, UTV, Manpower

Hurleyville- Standby for Loch Sheldrake

Jeffersonville- Pumper/Tanker and manpower to the scene

Hancock- Engine and Manpower to standby in Liberty

Clintondale Fire Department

Aviation Unit for water drops NYS Forest Rangers

If we missed anyone, thank you to all!

And a big THANK YOU to all our family, friends and neighbors who helped; and those who donated food, snacks, drinks, supplies etc. and then came forward again Sunday night when the temperature dropped, with hand warmers and boot warmers.

OBITUARIES

(From Pg. 2)

Patricia Streimer, of Liberty, NY, passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024, at home. She was 81.

She was the daughter of the late James Keegan and Gertrude Bush Daniels, born on July 30, 1943, in Brooklyn, NY.

Pat loved her family and close friends. She lived for their happiness. Especially her son Charlie and her two grandchildren Keegan and Anna. Her face would light up the second they came to see her. She especially loved when Keegan would give her haircuts, and Anna would come and watch TV shows with her. She loved reading and her audio books. She also loved playing online games and face timing her sister Jane. She loved spending time, sitting and talking with the people close to her. That included Charlie's girlfriend, Ruth Ripley, whom she absolutely loved and grew very close within the recent months. Ray Galvin and Diane, who made it a point to visit her monthly and always bring her foods and deserts! Anne (Lifelong friend from the City) who she would face time with weekly. Her two nieces Colleen and Denise who were always willing to do anything for her. She will be deeply missed and always loved by all the people who's lives she touched.

Patricia leaves behind to cherish her memory, her son Charles Streimer and her two Grandchildren Keegan and Anna, along with her sister Jane Horos and several nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. She is predeceased by her husband Martin Streimer.

A memorial visitation and memorial service was held on Wednesday, November 6th at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-44-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

Fire Bureau Urges No Outdoor Burning Conditions Across Sullivan County Are Very Dry

Monticello, NY - With conditions dry enough that Sullivan County is under a Drought Watch, Fire Coordinator John Hauschild is emphasizing the fact that outdoor burning is incredibly dangerous.

"We've had minimal rain over the past few weeks, and vegetation has dried up due to the change in seasons. The smallest spark could easily set trees and brush aflame," he explained. "I'm urging everyone to avoid open burning and the consequences that can come with it: callouts of local fire departments, damage to plants and properties, and injuries - including death."

A Watch is the first of four levels of State drought advisories (Watch, Warning, Emergency and Disaster). There are no Statewide mandatory water use restrictions in place under a Drought Watch, but residents are strongly encouraged to voluntarily conserve water. Local public water suppliers may require conservation measures, depending upon local needs and conditions.

Convicted Felon Back in SC Sheriff Custody

On Thursday November 7, 2024, Detectives from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office extradited Joseph Michael Flood, 42, of Port Jervis from the Morris County Jail in New



Sheriff's detectives with Joseph Flood in custody.

Jersey and returned him to New York. Flood was originally scheduled to appear on December 23, 2023 for sentencing in Sullivan County Court when he skipped town. He was arrested by the New Jersey State Police last week as a Fugitive from Justice. Flood was convicted of felony Reckless Endangerment, Criminal Mischief and Unlawfully fleeing a police officer after striking a Sheriff's detective car and leading

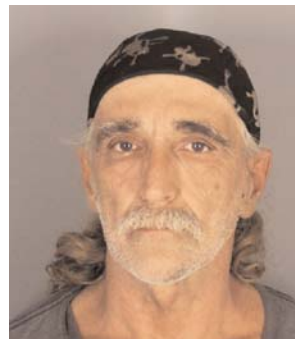
deputies on a 25 mile chase on August 17, 2022. Flood is also currently wanted by the New York State Police in Wurtsboro and the Port Jervis City Police on outstanding warrants. Joseph Flood was arraigned before County Court Judge James Farrell and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail pending sentencing on his original charges. Sheriff Mike Schiff said that Joseph Flood's "crime spree" and lengthy criminal record are good arguments for repealing bail reform.

Two Men Arrested After Report of Theft of Materials from Schmidt's Wholesale

On October 24, 2024, the Sheriff's Patrol was called to investigate a reported theft of materials from Schmidt's Wholesale in Monticello. Deputies learned that on October 17, 2024, two suspects who were working on a septic system project in Lake Kiamesha allegedly obtained construction materials using a forged check that listed the number of a closed bank account. The amount of the check was \$8384.02. After a two week investigation by the Sheriff's Office, the suspects found out that deputies were looking for them and turned themselves in. Anthony Sacadura, age 55, of Kiamesha Lake and Paul Nikola, 35, of Mongaup Valley were charged with Grand Larceny 3rd degree, a felony and the misdemeanor of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument. They were released on their own recognizance to appear in the Village of Monticello Court on November 18



Paul Nikola



Anthony Sacadura

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Kill Chain

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 107

by John Dwaine McKenna

Mysterious Book Report No. 426

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A “Kill Chain” is the military description for combat in three phases: One, determining what's happening, Two, deciding what to do about it, and Three, taking action. It's also a term that's now used by electronic security experts to describe, intercept and prevent intrusion and theft from computer systems of information, money, or both.

Simply put — the kill chain must be broken in order to prevent a successful attack from outside.

In author Dominic Martell's newest thriller — and fourth of the series — entitled *Kill Chain*, (Dunn, \$24.95, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-9519-3804-8), the writer revisits a character named Pascual Rose, a former terrorist who's been living quietly in the Catalonia region of Spain for the past twenty years, regretting his former life, but not quite repenting from it, while eeking out a living translating legal documents.

His quiet, humble life is upended without warning however, when a menacing pair of operatives calling themselves 'Lila' and 'Felix', track Pascual down and offer him a carrot and stick deal he can't refuse. The carrot . . . one million dollars in an untraceable bank account in the Cayman Islands. The stick? “We will kill your wife and son.” All Pascual has to do is travel to various tax havens in Europe and around the Mediterranean and Caribbean Seas, where he'll open bank accounts using his real name, with seed money provided by the pair of thugs. Their plan is to steal an epic amount of funds in a cyber attack. As Pascual travels, he's approached by a tough and beautiful woman named Artemisa Pereda, who turns out to be a lawyer. She alerts Pascual to an international scheme of lies, corruption and murder involving several countries, informing him of dangers he's not likely to survive. And all of a sudden, Pascual is in the clutches of the German Police, the Spanish Police and some evil Russian gangsters . . . as well as the diabolic Lila and Felix . . . while the Kill Chain

gets longer, and the attacks more frequent and deadly in this kinetic, propulsive and electrifying international thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the last page . . . and looking for the next caper from author Dominic Martel and the wily Pascual Rose!

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Matriarchial Advice

My mom gave me good advice. She didn't lecture: she demonstrated and shared through her everyday actions.

Always make your bed.

Wear clean underwear.

Never return an empty plate.

Buy the best you can afford.

If you have enough, share the rest.

You can do anything you set your mind to.

There are always choices.

Have an open mind, a generous heart, and a welcoming kitchen.

Cry alone and laugh with others.

Avoid confrontation, but stand up for your beliefs.

If you have nothing good to say, say nothing at all.

Be kind to animals, people, and nature.

You can always start over.

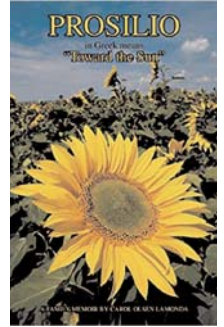
Education is the path to success. Read, learn, and listen.

We can always make room for one more at the table.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*.

This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



To which my father added, "Always carry some emergency cash with you." He gave me a \$2.00 bill and wrote the date on it. It was 1961. I still carry it.

Busy Times at the DPL!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Our second Honey Tasting Event was amazing! This past Friday, November 8, participants joined us and honey expert Donna DeFalco for an evening of learning and explorations into the world of honey. All who attended learned the nuances of local and imported honey. Much like traditional wine tasting, participants experienced the similarities and differences of each honey sample through taste, aroma and texture. Be on the lookout for our summer program exploring the fabulous world of bees!



Thank you to all who were able to join us and honey expert, Donna Defalco from Riverbend Honey, on Friday, November 8. Everyone had an amazing evening exploring the intricacies of honey tasting. During the program, participants were introduced to the art of honey tasting; learning to identify both local and Italian honeys through taste, aroma and texture. It was an incredibly sweet night out with friends!

locally through the Grahamsville United Methodist Church Food Pantry. Our local pantry is frequently used by our community members and is experiencing low inventory. Any (non-expired) donations will be greatly appreciated!

While the clear evenings give us all the opportunity to star gaze, the crisp early nights also give us reason to pause and relax with a good book. Stop in to the library and check out all of our new adult fiction and nonfiction, as well as, children's books that have come in. Whether you're interested in a rom-com, an action and adventure or thriller, we have the books for you!

We've been busy the last couple of weeks, with our Fall Children's Programs, Sportsmen's Bingo and all of our LEGO programs. Looking forward, with the holidays approaching, the library will continue to be busy offering different programs and events. It's always a good idea to check our website for notices of programs and scheduling updates, especially as the inclement weather rolls in.

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November-with its crisp, clear evenings-is the perfect time for some galaxy exploration. Join us, and local astronomy experts John Kocijanski and Irene Pease, on Thursday, November 21 from 6 to 7:30PM to discover Venus and Mercury by watching the PBS Nova documentary, Inner Worlds, together followed by a Q & A session. If you are curious about the planets and our galaxy, this is the program for you! Adults and children ten and up are encourage to attend. Preregistration is required and available through our website.

There is only two more weeks for those interested in participating in our community giveback donation event. Please bring any non-perishable food donations to the library and place in the basket in the lobby. All donations will be distributed

Thanksgiving

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The Scene Too By Jane Harrison NO COLUMN THIS WEEK

Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs Honor Veterans



The Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge joined together to bring some happiness to veterans serviced by the Sullivan County Veterans Department and Action Toward Independence (ATI). Displaying cards and gifts are - from Left - Veterans Dept. Agency staff Joseph Putnam, Sheldon Dillon and Director Stephen Walsh, Woodridge Kiwanian Sue Kasofsky, Monticello Kiwanian Sheila Lashinsky, ATI Director Deborah Worden and ATI staff/veterans Vincent Iannacone and Matt Kleman.

County Veterans Department and Action Toward Independence (ATI). They presented little gifts and Happy Veterans Day cards to Veterans Director Stephen Walsh and ATI Executive Director Deborah Worden. The cards were made by the Kiwanis members as well as hand-made ones compliments of the Kiwanis service leadership clubs consisting of the high school Key Clubs and Aktion Club of Sullivan County, which is sponsored by both Kiwanis Clubs and is comprised of individuals with various degrees of disabilities affiliated with Arc The Greater Hudson Valley, The Center for Discovery and New Hope Community. Amanda Curless' Liberty Middle School class also designed beautiful cards for this project.

The cards and gifts, consisting of personal toiletry items, body lotion, razors, socks, Find the Word, Sudoku and Crossword Puzzles, playing cards and an assortment of candy, will be distributed to local veterans, including homeless individuals and patients at the local nursing homes and hospitals as well as Castle Point and Albany Veterans Hospital.

Directors Walsh and Worden stated that both agencies work together to serve the local veterans and they thanked the Kiwanis Clubs stating that the individuals will love not only the gifts and cards, but especially the idea that someone took the time to remember and thank them for their service and sacrifice to our country. Many of these veterans face multiple challenges and the time spent to convey a thoughtful message goes a long way in helping them through a difficult time.

The Kiwanis Clubs have reached out to many agencies in the past year with the main mission of giving back to the community and to let them know that there are people who care for them.

For more information about Kiwanis activities, visit the Facebook Pages for Monticello, NY Kiwanis Club or Kiwanis of Woodridge, NY Foundation.

Join UCTC and UCAT on November 13th for an Update on the UCAT Route Optimization Plan!

What: On November 13th the project team will be introducing two preliminary scenarios for how transit service could change in Ulster County and collect public comment. The scenarios will be available for public review and comment through November and December 2024.

When: Two Identical Sessions on November 13th at 4:00 and 6:00

Attend remotely or in person.

Learn more at

<https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/ucat-route-plan>

Where: Attend in person at the Restorative Justice Center 733 Broadway Kingston - or register through Participate Ulster to attend remotely on Zoom!

The meeting will be recorded and posted at Participate Ulster if you are unable to attend. In-person Spanish translation will be available!

UC Department of Mental Health and Youth Bureau to Host Free 'Mind, Body & Soul: Youth & Parent Expo' on November 16

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Department of Mental Health, in collaboration with the Ulster County Youth Bureau, invites the public to the 2nd Annual "Mind, Body & Soul: Youth & Parent Expo" on Saturday, November 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Ellenville Elementary School, on 28 Maple Avenue in Ellenville.

This free family-friendly event aims to foster open conversations on mental health and wellness in a fun, supportive environment, with activities and performances for young people and families. Parents and caregivers are especially encouraged to attend and engage in the activities and discussions, not only to learn more about the mental health resources available locally, but also to learn how to discuss mental health with the youth in their lives, connect directly with service providers, and share their insights on how to strengthen support for young people.

Event: 2nd annual Mind, Body & Soul Youth & Parent Expo

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Time: 11 AM - 3 PM

Location: Ellenville Elementary School
28 Maple Avenue, Ellenville

The event will offer a variety of activities across three main areas of the school:

Cafeteria:

Attendees can enjoy food and refreshments, meet representatives from over 20 local agencies, and learn about the variety of services they provide.

Gymnasium:

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the gym will feature hands-on demonstrations and activities, including virtual reality gaming with MyKingstonKids, a free photo booth, and fitness sessions with One Strike Fitness. At 1 p.m., the Brain and Body Coalition will lead a Youth Panel on "Our Culture & Our Children," focusing on the mental health challenges facing youth and families today. Local performer Alessandra Gonzalez, a crowd favorite from last year, will perform at 1:30 p.m.



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Governor Hochul Deploys State Resources to Fight Wildfire Across NY and Provides Update on Air Quality

- *State Has Deployed Resources to Respond to Fires in Ulster, Sullivan and Orange Counties*
- *Prohibition on Residential Brush Burning in Effect to Prevent Wildfires*
- *Air Quality Health Advisory Issued; Could Reach Levels Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups for the NYC Area*

Governor Kathy Hochul provided an update on wildfires burning across New York State and has deployed a multi-agency response to fires in Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange counties in close coordination with local fire departments and first responders. New York State has also issued an Air Quality Health Advisory for smoke-enhanced fine particulate matter that could reach levels that are Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups for the New York City Metro area. New Yorkers should continue to monitor local forecasts and air quality in surrounding impacted areas.

“With recent drought conditions, there have been multiple wildfires ignited across the state, and we have deployed state assets and agencies to coordinate with local first responders in fighting these fires while closely monitoring air quality as a result of them,” Governor Hochul said. “The safety of all New Yorkers is my top priority, and I urge everyone in impacted areas, especially those vulnerable, to stay alert, monitor air quality, and take necessary precautions to stay safe.”

The Catskills, Hudson Valley, and Long Island are currently at high risk for wildfires. Fire danger is determined by weather conditions including heat and humidity levels. The lack of rain and ongoing windy conditions are contributing to the increased level of fire danger. More information about Fire Danger classifications can be found at DEC's Fire Danger Map website. Any outdoor fire can spread quickly, especially if the wind picks up. It is illegal to burn leaves anywhere in New York State. Brush of a certain size may be burned. Several municipalities have burn bans currently in effect and residents are encouraged to check if bans are in place in their local municipalities.

The Whitehouse Fire in Ulster and Sullivan counties is impacting approximately 300 to 400 acres and is expected to increase. Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers are coordinating the response that includes approximately 13 fire departments from Ulster and Sullivan counties contributing 70 personnel. No mandatory evacuations are currently in place. To protect public safety and assist with fire response, DEC's Bengal Hill Trail in the Sundown Wild Forest and Peekamoose Road in the town of Denning will be closed for the duration of the fire response. Additional wildfires in New Jersey are contributing to localized air quality impacts from smoke.

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Conservation is working to contain two fires in Sterling Forest State Park in Orange County.

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sonnel are fighting an estimated 300-acre fire that began near the intersection of the Lake to Lake Trail and the West Valley Trail and extends into New Jersey. A second crew of 1 Park Forest Ranger and 5 park operations personnel are fighting a second fire estimated at 9 acres located near West Mombasha Road and the Appalachian Trail. Trails in the southern area of the park are closed. Park visitors should avoid the area and seek alternate locations for outdoor recreation.

Park Forest Rangers are also in direct communication with DEC Forest Rangers coordinating this response with the Jennings Creek fire on the Sullivan/Ulster county border. This fire is currently approximately 100 acres in size and not impacting any structures.

Additionally, DEC and OPRHP have personnel assigned to fire watch and response duties in Wildwood, Brookhaven and Hallock State Parks and other lands on Long Island due to wildfires in the vicinity.

Agency deployments include:

New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Ten staff including members of the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Office of Emergency Management and Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications are on site in Ulster County. Response includes:

- o Portable radio tower
- o Satellite communications truck with additional equipment
- o An AT&T/FirstNet site on wheels providing cellular services including cellular 911 capability

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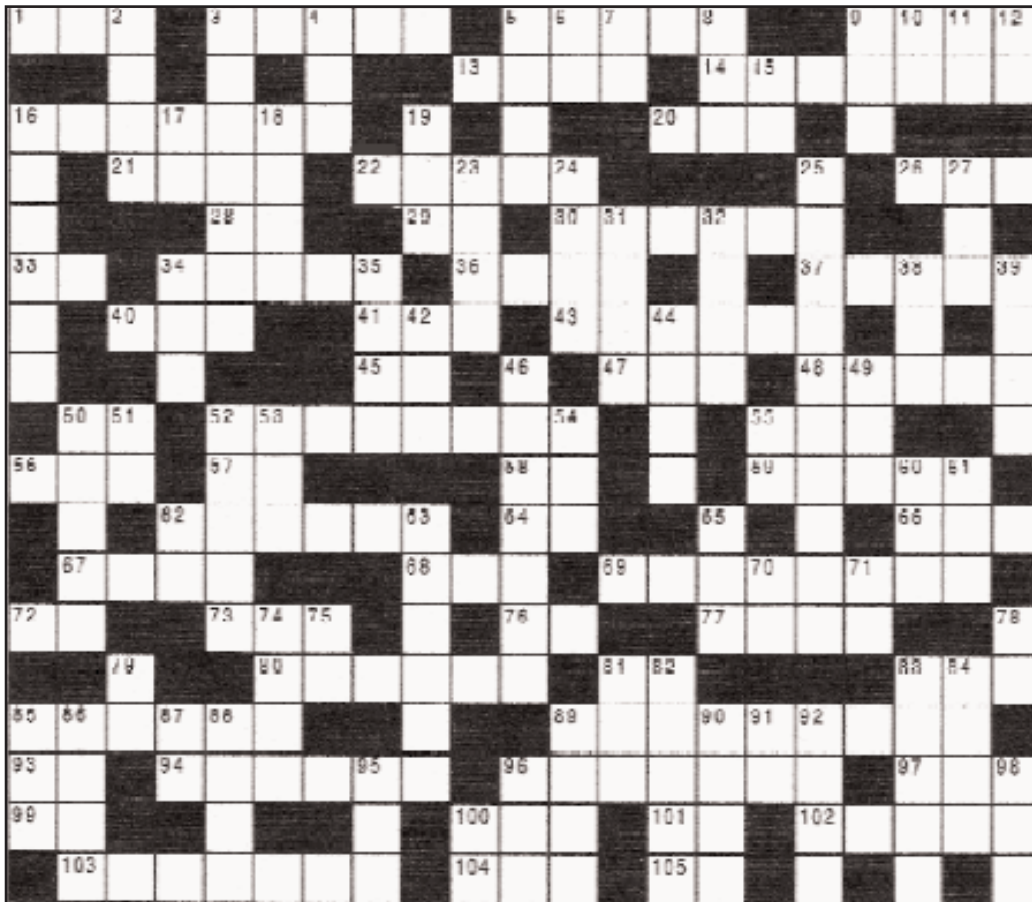
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ACROSS

- 1 Weapon for shooting arrows
- 3 Irregular surface
- 5 Make a fabric on a loom
- 9 Place where you may find a 'quilt block' in Neverson
- 13 Faculty head
- 14 Grant an official pardon
- 16 Continue to exist
- 20 Pigpen
- 21 Product of 3 times 3
- 22 Female author of *The Heat of the Day*
- 26 Frozen water
- 28 Combining form; having two
- 29 Egyptian sun god
- 30 Landward
- 33 One's mother
- 34 Hue
- 36 Flat buoy-
- ant structure
- 37 Have a particular idea
- 40 Pull along with a rope
- 41 Equip
- 43 Historically in England a partly wooded area owned by the sovereign kept for hunting
- 45 Third note of the major scale
- 47 Fastener
- 48 Cloth woven from flax
- 50 Bachelor of Arts
- 52 Medieval military expeditions
- 55 Limb used for standing
- 56 Not new
- 57 Used to draw attention to an amazing event
- 58 Associated Press
- 59 A mental interpretation of an idea

DOWN

- 2 Tattered
- 3 Arch of colors
- 4 Employ
- 5 Past subjunctive of be
- 6 Each
- 7 Indefinite article
- 8 Consume food
- 9 Wager
- 10 Used in comparisons
- 11 Right (abbrev)
- 12 New York
- 62 Material
- 64 Los Angeles
- 66 Writing tool
- 67 Camp beds
- 68 Make a choice
- 69 Characteristic of a colony
- 72 Informal acceptance
- 73 Fasten with stitches
- 76 Hour
- 77 Creative activities
- 80 Deserving respect
- 81 A Brit's way of saying 'thank you'
- 83 An object used for play
- 85 Not complex
- 89 Composed of different elements
- 93 Resting atop
- 94 Motif
- 96 Woven fabric
- 97 Crude metal

- 15 Belonging to the speaker
- 16 Large edible game fish
- 17 Roman 6
- 18 Something used to conceal
- 19 Rocky peak
- 23 Comfortably high temperature
- 24 Brit's expression for lacking taste
- 25 Where people establish a community
- 27 Be able to
- 31 Halt
- 32 Unlatched
- 34 Domestic bovine
- 35 Male sheep
- 38 A guest house
- 39 Group of people with similar characteristics
- 42 Long narrow inlet
- 44 Small circular band
- 46 Rich
- 49 Independent Grocer's

- Association
- 50 Absence of color
- 51 Commercial
- 52 A group of students
- 53 Steal
- 54 Mineral spring
- 55 Long

- Island
- 60 Grade point average
- 61 Snakelike fish
- 62 Foot (abbrev)
- 63 Soft white fibrous substance
- 65 Florida
- 70 Otherwise
- 71 Third person singular of be
- 74 Young female lambs
- 75 Warrant Officer (abbrev)
- 78 Along-side
- 79 A mystical syllable
- 81 A heavy demand
- 82 Loft
- 83 Hobgoblin
- 84 Used in gumbo or to thicken soups
- 85 Male child
- 86 In math, expressing division
- 87 Paid
- 88 Not as much
- 89 Acidic boggy-like soil
- 90 Mention as an example
- 91 Hectoliters (abbrev)
- 92 Destroy by use
- 95 Fitness center
- 96 A decade
- 98 Eastern Standard Time
- 100 South America

Venison Sauerbraten

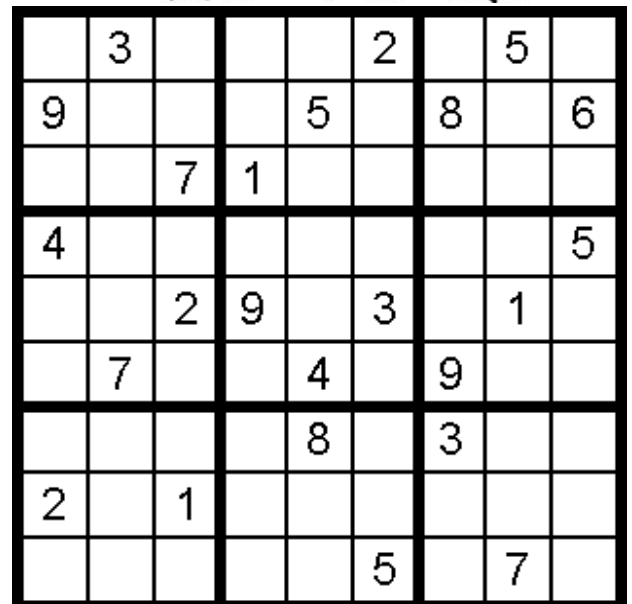
- 4 lbs venison
- 2 c vinegar
- 2 c water
- 1 c sliced onion
- 4 bay leaves
- 3 tsp salt
- 2 tsp peppercorns
- 1/2 c sugar
- 1/4 c oil or fat
- 1/2 c crushed gingersnap

Place meat in an earthen dish or crock. Combine vinegar, water, onion, bay leaves, salt, peppercorns and sugar in a small saucepan; heat to boil. Pour hot mixture over the meat. Cover and store in the refrigerator for at least 3 days and not more than 10. Turn the meat once a day.

Melt the fat in Dutch oven. Add meat and brown well on all sides. Keep the heat down and watch it in the browning process as it tends to burn easily.

Add marinade liquid. Cover tightly and cook over low heat until tender, about 45-50 minutes per pound. Thicken the stock with gingersnaps and serve over the meat. Serve with noodles or potato dumplings.

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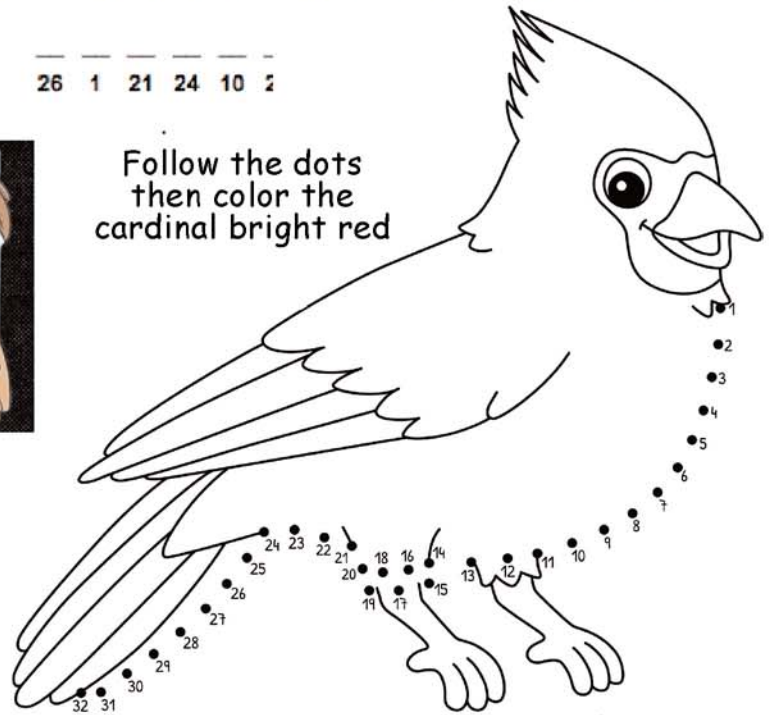
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Can you help the bird find her way back to the nest?



Kids' Fun Page

- L. Comando

Cryptogram Key

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
On December 10, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Claryville Fire District will take place on December 10, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall located at 1500 Denning Rd., Denning, NY for the purpose of electing one Fire Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2029. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections and the Ulster County Board of Elections on or before November 18, 2024, shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Fire District, PO Box 22, Claryville, NY 12725, no later than twenty days before the election November 20, 2024.

Dated November 8, 2024

Anne-Marie Kremer, Secretary

Board of

Fire Commissioners

Claryville Fire District
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Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District Held on December 10th, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 10th between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm at the Neversink Fire House located at 7486 State Route 55, Neversink, New York for the purpose of electing a Commissioner for one, five year term, commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31st, 2029. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before November 18th, 2024 and residing within the Neversink Fire District will be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office will need to have filed their names and the office they are seeking in writing with the Secretary of Neversink Fire District, at the firehouse at Neversink Fire District, PO Box 394, Neversink, New York 12765, no later that 20 days prior to the election with the last day for a Candidate to file their name in writing being November 20th, 2024.

Dana Vogler, Secretary
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Gillibrand Statement on Biden Administration's Nomination of Tali Farhadian Weinstein to United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement on Tali Farhadian Weinstein's nomination to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York:

“Tali Farhadian Weinstein is exceptionally well-qualified to serve on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. From clerking for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court and Judge Merrick Garland on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to serving as a federal prosecutor and counsel to the U.S. attorney general, Farhadian Weinstein has extensive legal experience, an impeccable record and a brilliant legal mind. I am proud that President Biden has nominated her for this judgeship at my recommendation and I look forward to voting for her confirmation in the Senate.”

Tali Farhadian Weinstein has been Of Counsel in the New York office of Hecker Fink LLP since 2022. Earlier, she served as General Counsel of the Office of the District Attorney for Kings County, New York from 2018 to 2020. From 2011 to 2017, Ms. Farhadian Weinstein served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. She joined that office after serving as Counsel to the Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice from 2009 to 2010. She worked as an associate at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in New York from 2006 to 2007. Ms. Farhadian Weinstein has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University School of Law and Columbia Law School. She began her legal career as a law clerk for Judge Merrick B. Garland at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit from 2003 to 2004 and then for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at the U.S. Supreme Court for two consecutive terms, from 2004 to 2006. Ms. Farhadian Weinstein received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2003, her M.Phil from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar in 1999, and her B.A. from Yale University in 1997.

Governor Hochul Deploys State Resources to Fight Wildfire Across NY and Provides Update on Air Quality

(From Pg. 13) Due to the smoke from the fires in New York and New Jersey, DEC and the State Department of Health (DOH) issued an Air Quality Health Advisory for smoke-enhanced fine particulate matter that could reach levels that are Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups for the New York City metro area. At this level, members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected. DEC and DOH issue Air Quality Health Advisories when ozone or fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) are expected to exceed an Air Quality Index (AQI) value of 100. .

The New York State Department of Health is advising precautions as necessary. Steps for individuals to take to reduce risk, include:

- o When AQI is greater than 100 ('Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups'), New Yorkers in vulnerable groups should avoid exertion outdoors and watch for symptoms when exposed to the outdoors. Vulnerable individuals include those with cardiovascular disease (e.g., congestive heart failure, history of prior heart attack) or lung disease (e.g., asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), as well as children under 18, adults 65 and older, and pregnant people.

- o When AQI is greater than 150 ('Unhealthy'), all New Yorkers should avoid strenuous outdoor activities, and those in vulnerable groups should avoid exposure to the outdoors, especially pregnant individuals who may become short of breath more easily. In addition, some employees who are vulnerable should work indoors and camp directors should know their local AQI forecast and alert level and follow AQI guidance.

- o When AQI is greater than 200 ('Very Unhealthy'), vulnerable groups should avoid all physical activity outdoors, and reschedule or move activities indoors. All others should avoid long or intense outdoor activities.

- o When AQI is greater than 300 ('Hazardous'), all New Yorkers should avoid outdoor physical activities.

Winds are expected to continue carrying smoke into the region with potential fluctuations as winds slow into the evening and air settles. Wildfire smoke contains several pollutants, including particulate matter (PM) and carbon monoxide, which can cause eye, nose, and throat irritation, wheezing, coughing, and trouble breathing. Exposure to high concentrations of smoke can aggravate pre-existing health problems, including triggering asthma attacks and exacerbating the effects of many other lung and heart conditions. Young children's lungs are especially susceptible to the harmful effects of inhaling smoke because they are still growing.

Ways to reduce smoke exposure include:

- o Be aware of your air: Before heading out to work, exercise, or to the park with the kids, check the AQI forecast and adjust your outdoor activities if there is poor air quality. Plan ahead by signing up for email air quality alerts.

- o Stay inside: Keep windows and doors closed to keep indoor air clean. If smoke gets inside, buy or make your own portable air cleaner to reduce particles indoors, or use HEPA air filters in your HVAC system.

- o Wear a mask: If you must go out, a properly worn N95 mask can filter out large smoke particles, reducing the amount of PM

you breathe in.

- o Take it easy: Avoid strenuous outdoor activities that may cause you to breathe heavier.

- o Protect the vulnerable: Caretakers of children, the elderly, and those with asthma should be especially careful. When the AQI is elevated, be sure to limit their outdoor activities to keep them safe.

- o Take care of four-legged friends: Keep outdoor trips with your pet brief and low-key to protect them from the same nose, eye, throat, and lung irritation people experience.

For people who spend time outdoors, when air quality is unhealthy, wearing a well-fitting face mask is recommended. A N95 or KN95 will work best. More information about the New York State Air Quality forecast is available here. To check your location's current air quality, go to www.airnow.gov.

Out-of-control wildfires can result in extensive damage to the land, property, and air. Human activities cause 95 percent of wildfires in New York State. There are many steps we can take to lower wildfire risks. Before enjoying an outdoor campfire, check the Fire Danger Map for your area and read up on New York State's open-burning rules. Preventing wildfires in the first place will help keep our air clean and easy to breathe in the future.

UPDATE from Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger on the Whitehouse Fire in the Town of Denning



Photo credit: Ulster County Sheriff's Office Drone Team

“As of nightfall on Monday, firefighters have achieved 95% containment of the Whitehouse Fire, with a calculated burn area of 630 acres. NYS DEC Forest Rangers and volunteer fire departments from Ulster, Sullivan, and Greene counties are continuing their work toward full containment.

Please note that the National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for today (9 am - 6 pm) for the Mid-Hudson Valley, including Ulster County, which means a higher risk of wildfire due to a combination of warmer temperatures, very low humidities, and stronger winds. Burn bans are in effect in every municipality in Ulster County and outdoor burning is prohibited.”

Governor Hochul Provides Update on Wildfire Impacting New York State

Governor Kathy Hochul today provided an update on wildfires burning across New York State and has deployed a multi-agency response to fires in Orange and Ulster counties in close coordination with local fire departments and first responders. Aerial investigation shows the Jennings Creek/Sterling State Park wildfire, which is in both New York and New Jersey, now encompasses 5,000 acres, half of which is in New York, and is 10 percent contained in both states. The fire in the Town of Denning, Ulster County is 95 percent contained within 630 acres. Governor Hochul also announced a statewide burn ban is in effect until November 30th due to an increased fire risk as the State continues to experience drought conditions.

"I'm incredibly grateful to the first responders and those on the frontlines that are working around the clock to stop the spread of these fires to protect their fellow New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "As we experience drought conditions and an increased fire risk across the State, now is not the right time to be burning outdoors, and I urge everyone to heed our warnings as we continue to take the necessary precautions to keep all New Yorkers safe."

Orange County Jennings Creek/Sterling Forest State Park

The main fire co-located in New York and New Jersey is now estimated at 5000 acres, including 2,500 acres on the New York side, and is 10 percent contained. This includes acreage that is actively burning and acreage that has already been burned. Tragically, a New York State Parks employee lost his life responding to this fire. A second 42-acre fire is located near West Mombasha Road and the Appalachian Trail and is contained. New York officials are working in close coordination with New Jersey officials.

On Monday, 277 emergency responders, including firefighters from 44 companies with 230 personnel; six law enforcement agencies with 28 staff members and four EMS crews with 19 personnel, responded to the wildfire. This also includes representatives from Orange County, the New Jersey Fire Service, Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, New York State Police, Department of Transportation and State Parks. Crews worked throughout the night widening and reinforcing existing fire lines between the fire and areas of Wah Ta Wah Park and Sylvan Park.

There are four helicopters responding including two operated by the New York State Police. DMNA is providing two Blackhawk Helicopters to support the response on Monday in addition to the two NYSP helicopters already assisting. The two UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter buckets can carry 660 gallons of water. On Monday, helicopters dropped over 100 buckets of water on the fire.

There have been no mandatory evacuations, however, as a precaution, 12 homes in the Town of Warwick, Orange County voluntarily evacuated. Potable water is available for the public at 18 Church Street at Village of Greenwood Hall.

Whitehouse Fire

The fire in the Town of Denning, Ulster County is 95 percent contained within 630 acres. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers are coordinating the

response. Twelve rangers worked on the fire with the unified command of Sullivan and Ulster County 911 Centers and volunteer fire departments. Twenty fire departments provided over 185 firefighters with apparatus from engines, brush trucks, tankers, bulldozers and UTV's.

NYC DEP aviation and NYS Police aviation provided support with bucket drops and aerial imaging. Two structures burned in Ulster County, an abandoned house and outbuilding.

From 2007 to 2023, New York State had an average of 117 wildfires per year, with an average of 1,400 acres burned per year. The wildfire at Jennings Creek-Sterling Forest State Park in the Town of Warwick, Orange County supersedes the amount of acreage burned in wildfires in 14 of the 17 years of available data per the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in New York State. In 2008, the Overlooks Fire in the Town of Rochester, Ulster County burned a total of 2,855 acres. The largest brush fire to occur in New York State was the Adirondack Fire of 1903, which lasted for six weeks and burned a total area of 600,000 acres.

New York State Agency Response

Department of Environmental Conservation

- o In addition to their direct response to the fires in the Hudson Valley, personnel are assigned to fire watch and response duties on Long Island and other communities across the State

Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

- o 14 staff including members of the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, Office of Emergency Management and Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications are on site in Ulster County.

- o Incident Management Team members in GIS, logistics and finance

- o Communications engineers

- o Portable radio tower

- o Satellite communications truck with additional equipment

- o An AT&T/FirstNet site on wheels providing cellular services including cellular 911 capability

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NYSP

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- o Drones

- o Helping staff command post coordinating of assets

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Governor Hochul Provides Update on Wildfire Impacting New York State

(From Pg. 18)

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

- o 1 bulldozer and operator
- o 5 wildland firefighters
- o 1 Park forest ranger
- o 1 public information officer
- o 2 regional emergency managers
- o 1 park police SGT

DMNA

- o 2 National Guard Blackhawk helicopters and 8 aircrew

DOT

- o 4 Bulldozers in Orange County

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New York State has implemented a statewide burn ban in effect until November 30 due to increased fire risk. This burn ban prohibits the starting of outdoor fires statewide for purposes of brush and debris disposal, as well as uncontained campfires, recreational fires and open fires used for cooking. Backyard fire pits and contained campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed, as are small, con-

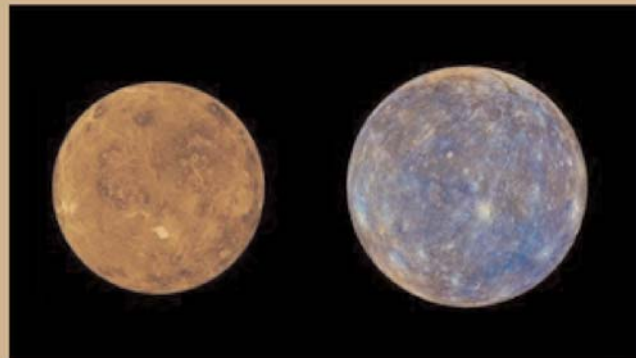
tained cooking fires.

Recent dry conditions are resulting in a "High" fire danger for the Hudson Valley, Catskills, Long Island, Upper Hudson Valley/Champlain and St. Lawrence Fire Danger Rating Areas. A high fire danger means all fine, dead fuels ignite readily and fires start easily from most causes, including unattended brush and campfires. The current fire danger map is available on the DEC website. The northern regions were elevated today due the expected gusty winds and lower relative humidities forecasted during the existing prolonged dry spell. Any notable rainfall from the weekend was not areawide. While the winds are expected to calm down after today, dry conditions are expected to continue until the next weather system is expected to arrive later this week.

Fires may become serious and controlling them difficult unless attacked successfully while still small. While the statewide burn ban is no longer in effect, brush burning is strongly discouraged under current conditions. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round in New York State and several municipalities have burn bans currently in effect. New Yorkers are encouraged to refrain from making fires in these dry areas to help protect communities and first responders and to always check if burn bans are in place in their local municipalities.

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Thrift Sale
Nov 16, 2024
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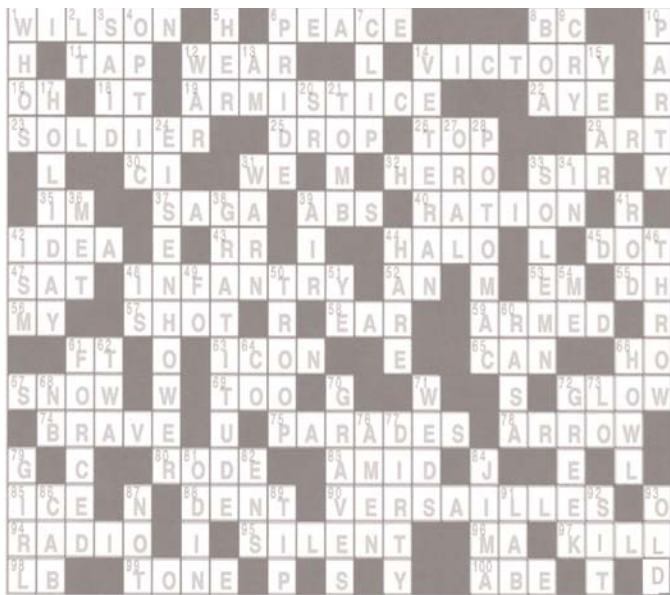
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Nov 18th

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**Sundown
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Covered Dish Supper**

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December 7, 2024 5:30 pm
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11/21/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/3/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
12/4/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
12/7/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
12/10/24	Claryville Fire District Election 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
12/10/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/11/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Save the Date!
Dec. 7, 2024 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Holiday Craft Sale

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

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

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

Weekly Update for The Week of

November 4 - November 8, 2024

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

Monday, November 11

- o Veterans' Day - County Offices Closed

Tuesday, November 12

- o 10:00 AM - Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board, in the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, 232 Plaza Road, Kingston

- o **CANCELLED: Board of Health**

- o 6:00 PM - Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Budget & Proposed 2025-2030 Capital Program, in the Plattekill Public Library, 2047 State Route 32, Modena 12548 & Via Legislature Livestream

- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics, in the Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building 2, Veterans Entrance, 100 Development Court, Kingston

Wednesday, November 13

- o No Meetings

Thursday, November 14

- o 4:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee, in the Mescal Hornbeck Community Center, 56 Rock City Road, Woodstock, 12498 & Via Legislature Livestream

- o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board Meeting, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom Meeting ID: 812 119 09555 Passcode: 807691

- o 5:00 PM (Or Immediately Following Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - Ways & Means Committee, in the Mescal Hornbeck Community Center, 56 Rock City Road, Woodstock, 12498 & Via Legislature Livestream

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Friday, November 15

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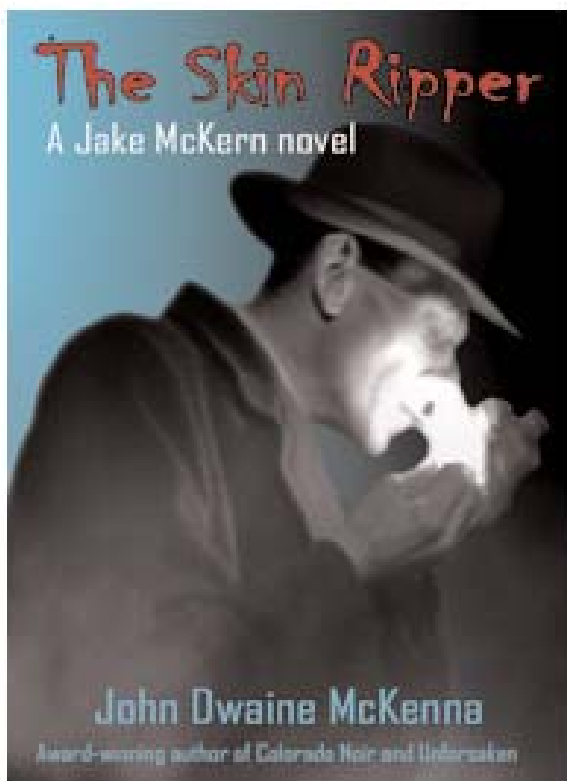


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Lulu and Smokey - Two Beautiful Cats Need a Good Caring Home



Lulu

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Smokey is the gray male tabby cat. He is about 12 years old and a big boy. He just loves to play, be petted, and loves his food.

He too is an indoor outdoor cat, but mostly indoor. I have been taking care of them for a month and have not let them outside, and they are fine with that.

Their owner was my brother who recently passed away and he had both cats for at least 12 years. They have had all of their shots, and will come with a supply of food, kitty litter and pans, bowls for food and water, and toys.



Smokey

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This is the 5th year that Sullivan 180 has partnered with Bethel Woods to encourage walking through the lights as a way of getting out and getting active during the winter months. The campaign is also paired with a benefit for the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless and other community organizations. Walkers who bring a new, unwrapped toy will receive one free admission.

“The holidays can be a financially and emotionally challenging time for families already struggling to make ends meet. The support provided by Sullivan 180 and the community lets them know that people out there really do care,” said Kathy Kreiter, Director at Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless.

To enhance the experience, four themed nights will add excitement and fun:

- o December 2: Schools are encouraged to showcase their creativity and school spirit.
- o December 9: Kick off the Healthiest Fire Department Challenge with First Responder Night.
- o December 16: Healthcare Night for healthcare professionals to take a well-deserved break and enjoy a walk with colleagues.
- o December 23: Participants are invited to wear their favorite festive Holiday attire and donate toys or hygiene products for one free adult admission.

In addition to collecting toys, a monetary donation will be made for each walker up to 600 walkers who participate.

Governor Hochul Announce Boost in Student Enrollment at State University of NY for Second Consecutive Year

Following Governor Hochul's Efforts To Expand Access to Higher Education, SUNY Bucks National Trends and Reports Back-to-Back Increases in Enrollment for First Time in 15 Years

More Students From Low-Income Backgrounds and Students Under-Represented by Race/Ethnicity Have Enrolled

Follows Governor Hochul's Historic Investment in SUNY To Bolster Student Success; Research and Scholarship; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; and Economic Development and Upward Mobility

Governor Kathy Hochul announced overall enroll-

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ment gains for the second year in a row across the State University of New York colleges and universities, including increases in first-year undergraduate enrollment. The results follow the state's ongoing historic investments in SUNY's ambitious agenda and mark the first time in 15 years that all SUNY sectors have seen back-to-back increases in overall enrollment.

“As Governor, I have remained committed to increasing access to our colleges and universities - from removing financial barriers and expanding our tuition assistance program to launching SUNY's first ever direct admissions program,” Governor Hochul said. “Every New Yorker deserves the opportunity to pursue higher education, and I look forward to building on this progress to ensure even more students can enroll at one of our world class institutions.”

Fall 2024 enrollment systemwide was up 2.3 percent, compared with Fall 2023, for a total of 376,155 students across the system. Last year, enrollment was up 1.1 percent, year over year, the first increase in a decade.

OVERALL ENROLLMENT
Percent Change

	Fall 2023 to Fall 2024	Fall 2022 to Fall 2024
SUNY-Wide	+2.3%	+3.4%
State-Operated	+2.7%	+3.3%
Doctoral	+2.2%	+2.4%
Comprehensive	+2.7%	+3.2%
Technology	+5.0%	+7.6%
Community Colleges	+1.9%	+3.7%

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Governor Hochul Announce Boost in Student Enrollment at State University of NY for Second Consecutive Year

(From Pg. 36) In addition, first-year undergraduate enrollment was up at SUNY by 0.9 percent over Fall 2023. In stark contrast, during the same time period, nationwide first-year undergraduate enrollment results declined by 5 percent, according to a recent report from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, amidst significant headwinds created by substantial delays and technical setbacks in the U.S. Education Department's implementation of the updated Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Among incoming first-year undergraduates, SUNY reported increases in the share of Pell recipients (an indicator of students from low-income backgrounds) from 46.7 percent in Fall 2023 to 49.7 percent in Fall 2024, and in students who are under-represented by race/ethnicity from 35.7 percent in Fall 2023 to 36.5 percent in Fall 2024. These trends are particularly important in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2023 ruling on race-conscious college admissions.

SUNY On the Move

SUNY campuses also continue to earn high rankings in national reports, most recently in the U.S. News & World Report 2025 Best Colleges Rankings. All four university centers at Albany (121), Binghamton (73), Buffalo (76), and Stony Brook (58) are among the top national universities, while Farmingdale led for SUNY in the regional colleges (north) category at number 6, followed in the top 20 by SUNY Canton (9), Alfred State (10); SUNY Cobleskill (10), SUNY Geneseo (13), SUNY Delhi (14) and SUNY New Paltz (19).

Governor Hochul and the state legislature have directed significant additional funding to public higher education over the last two years. SUNY's state-operated campuses have received additional ongoing annual investment of \$277 million from the FY24 and 25 Enacted Budgets - which has enabled SUNY to advance on its four priority pillars (student success; research and scholarship; diversity, equity and inclusion; and economic development and upward mobility) and expand opportunities for New Yorkers to gain high quality and affordable education.

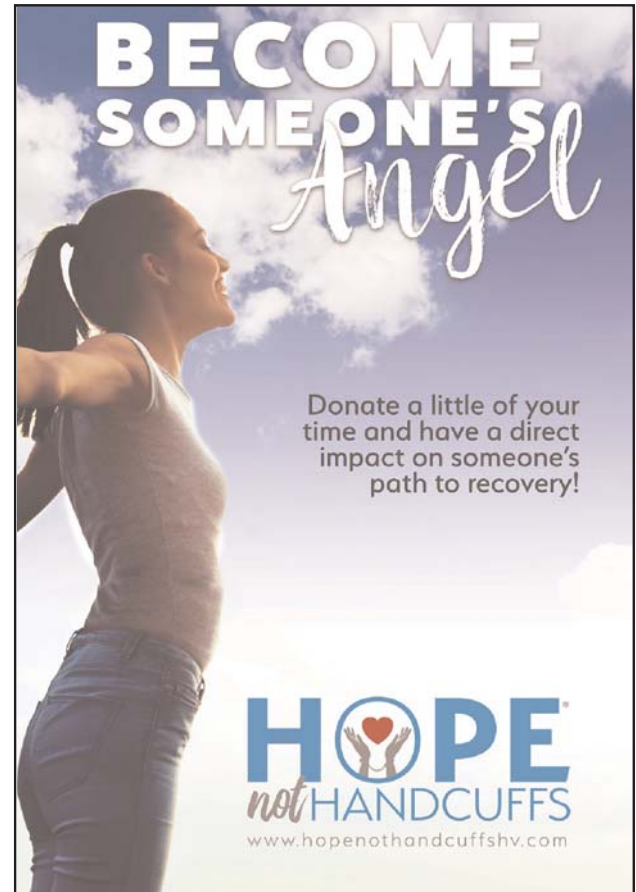
SUNY's 30 Community Colleges also received \$8 million in additional Direct State Tax Support this year, the first increase in such funding in almost ten years. The funding enhanced healthcare programs and provided mental health resources on campuses.

Other major advances include:

- o Launching Governor Hochul's Empire AI research center for the public good, housed at the University at Buffalo and involving SUNY's four university centers as well as a consortium of leading public and independent universities;
- o Cementing New York as America's leading semiconductor R&D hub with the designation of NY CREATES - a partnership between SUNY, Empire State Development and industry - as the location of the CHIPS for America EUV Accelerator, the first national semiconductor technology center facility in the nation;
- o Replicating Advancing Success in Associate Pathways (ASAP) and its baccalaureate counterpart Advancing Completion through Engagement (ACE) for more than 4,200 students at 25 SUNY campuses to help students succeed with financial resources and wraparound supports to increase timely degree completion;
- o Launching the Empire State Service Corps and other paid internship opportunities;
- o Increasing support for students with disabilities; and,
- o Offering resources for child care, mental health and wellness and food security.

In addition, the Governor and the legislature have increased investment in and access to financial aid, including:

- o Increasing direct student aid through the Tuition Assistance Program - doubling TAP's minimum award from \$500 to \$1,000, and increasing the maximum income threshold from \$80,000 to \$125,000 for dependent students this year; and
- o Making completion of the FAFSA universal for high school seniors starting this year in order to help break down barriers to enrollment.



The application for Fall 2025 is open. To learn more about applying to SUNY, click on this link here. Applicants can apply at ApplySUNY or by using the Common App.

SUNY is also making it even easier for New Yorkers to find the right SUNY campus for them, including through Governor Hochul's Top 10% Promise, which uses automatic admission to make higher education more accessible and encourage more high-achieving students to remain in-state.

About The State University of New York

The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive system of higher education in the United States, and more than 95 percent of all New Yorkers live within 30 miles of any one of SUNY's 64 colleges and universities. Across the system, SUNY has four academic health centers, five hospitals, four medical schools, two dental schools, a law school, the country's oldest school of maritime, the state's only college of optometry and manages one US Department of Energy National Laboratory. In total, SUNY serves about 1.4 million students amongst its entire portfolio of credit- and non-credit-bearing courses and programs, continuing education, and community outreach programs. SUNY oversees nearly a quarter of academic research in New York. Research expenditures system-wide are nearly \$1.16 billion in fiscal year 2024, including significant contributions from students and faculty. There are more than three million SUNY alumni worldwide, and one in three New Yorkers with a college degree is a SUNY alum. To learn more about how SUNY creates opportunities, visit www.suny.edu.

More than Thirty Counties in NY are at Risk While Wildfires Blaze

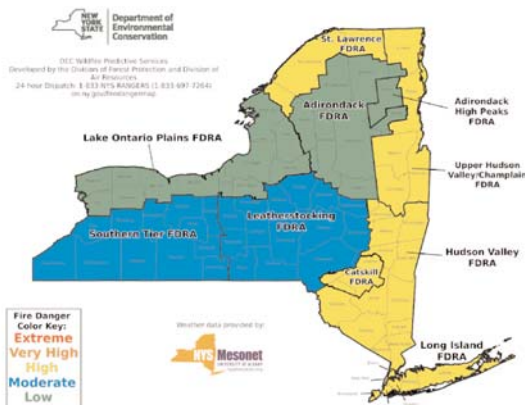


Helicopter crews with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the New York State Police worked together to battle the Whitehouse wildfire in the Catskill Mountains between in the watershed between the Rondout and Ashokan reservoirs in early November 2024. Photo courtesy of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection

Much of New York state is considered at "high risk" of fire danger as firefighters continue to battle wildfires in the Catskills and near the New Jersey border.

The Jennings Creek Wildfire - a 3,500-acre blaze burning in Orange County, New York and Passaic County, New Jersey - was 20% contained on Tuesday morning, according to the New Jersey Forest Fire Service.

The wildfire claimed the life of Dariel Vazquez, an 18-year-old New York Parks employee who was killed while fighting the fire in Greenwood Lake.



A large section of New York stretching from the Adirondacks to Long Island is considered at high risk of fire danger. A red flag warning is in place.

"I want to point out that this is the largest fire in our state since 2008. So, we have not seen anything of this scale," Gov. Kathy Hochul said Sunday. "This is the time for people to be very, very careful about what they're doing so we don't contribute to the challenges that we're dealing with right now trying to stop the spread." The Jennings Creek Wildfire downstate isn't the only big blaze impact-

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The Whitehouse fire burns a mountainside by Peekamoose Road in Denning, New York in the Catskills on Monday, Nov. 11, 2024. Photo courtesy of the Liberty Fire Department

Firefighters are working to put out a wildfire that has burned 630 acres in the Catskills. The Whitehouse fire - which burned mountainous forests between Peekamoose Valley, Sundown, and Rondout and Ashokan reservoirs - was 95% contained as of Tuesday morning, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said in a news release.



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All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, November 17th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13

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\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

Adam (a fire department member) is working on a community service project for his US Government class. He is looking for non-perishable food donations to the local food pantries. Please help support and consider donating items to the box at the entrance.

Thank you!



Montigram Presidents Corner

Lori Orestano-James

Election Season has come and gone. Now it is time to unify and work together for the common good of society. Now, left for stories in the history books, elections and government continue, but the stories about how we got to where we are will last forever. The Honorable Marty Miller shared the importance of the electoral process and gave a great history lesson on how the change in how elections occur continue to shape the future of our democracy.

We are sorry that Marty was unable to be with us in person, but are grateful that he considered this topic so important that he presented to our club via Zoom from a sick bed. We wish Marty a full and speedy recovery and thank him for his dedication.

Our speaker this coming week will be Russell Reeves, Sullivan County Clerk who will give us an update on happenings in the Clerks Office.

Coat Drive Still In Progress Thanks To Monticello Interact

Just a quick reminder that although our Monticello Rotary Portion of the Coat Drive has ended, our Monticello High School Interact Club is continuing to collect coats through the November 15th. Please share to all that any coats for donation, can be dropped off at any of the Monticello Central School District Buildings.

Food Drive Underway

All hands on deck - mark your calendar!!!

Monticello Rotary Supporting Programs at HPAC

So many wonderful programs are taking place at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC), and Les Kristt and I were invited on behalf of Monticello Rotary to see first hand the great opportunities offered to our community. Monticello Rotary has supported projects to help those in the community run by HPAC in the past. It was an evening filled with fun and learning on how we can partner and provide the Arts in Sullivan County. A focus of the work is based on providing opportunities to specifically help with Health and Wellness through the Arts.

We were also glad to spend some time with Jonathan Charles Fox and That Dog Named Gidget. We hope to have Jonathan visit our club soon to catch us up on the wonderful work he is doing in our community.

To learn more about what HPAC has to offer, please visit <https://hpacny.org/>

Sullivan Chamber Honors Bob Ernst

Just a reminder that this Thursday, November 14, 2024, our very own Bob Ernst is being recognized by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. If you have made your reservations through the Chamber and want to be seated at the Rotary table, please contact me by end of business on Tuesday. If you already have confirmed with me, then I have you on the list. If not sure please double check.

Humpback Friday - Coming Home

This Friday is our Humpback Friday Social Gathering and we are "Coming Home" to Albella Restaurant to enjoy each others company. Just a reminder, Monticello Rotary sponsors the appetizers and there is a cash bar. Come join us for a great way to start your weekend.

Lastly, we send our thoughts and positive energy to those battling the brush fires in the Grahamsville area. Our club has

pledge \$250 to the Claryville Fire Department for food supplies needed while they work hard to keep us safe. In addition, we realized \$1500 during our Hurricane Relief Raffle which will be sent to Seven Springs Rotary in Florida for distribution to those in need. Thanks for all your support during these important fundraising efforts.

Dates to Remember can be found below.

Agenda for November 12, 2024

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Secretary Orshii Boldiis
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Guest Speaker - Russell Reeves - SC Clerk
5. Committee Reports:
Food Drive - Cris Spinner
Shop With A Cop - Lori Orestano-James & Les Kristt
Taste of Sullivan - Helen Diehl
Interact - Cris Spinner
Rotary Radio - Rick Stein
Humpback Friday - Friday November 15, 2024 5pm - 7pm
Location Albella Restaurant
6. Regional Updates/District Updates -
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Happy Dollars
10. 50/50 Raffle
11. Adjourn

Link for Zoom Meeting Sign-on

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Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Coat Drive - Monticello Interact Portion - Until November 15th at all Monticello Central School District Buildings.

Humpback Friday, Friday, November 15, 2024 -Location Albella Restaurant

Monticello Rotary Board of Directors Meeting - November 19, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Monticello Rotary Food Drive - Saturday, November 23, 2024 9am - 1pm, Ted Strobel Recreation Center, Monticello New York.

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Monticello Rotary Annual Food Drive - Saturday, November 23, 2024, 9am - 1pm to benefit United Way of Sullivan County and Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. Ted Strobel Recreation Center, Jefferson Street, Monticello

Murph's Toy Drive - December 14, 2024 opens at 5:00pm at the Villa Roma Clubhouse.

Lastly, our meetings are hybrid. We would love to see you at our meetings either in-person or and/or Zoom. For those of you who attend regularly, we thank you for your commitment.

With Rotary Pride,

Lori Orestano-James

President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

Stories

TIME FOR FUN!

Did you know the Rotary Club of Monticello hosts a "Humpback Friday" Social on the third Friday every month! Our next one is Friday November 15th at Albella Restaurant, 50 Jefferson St in Monticello! The social is a happening from 5pm - 7pm. It's a Cash Bar and Appetizers are sponsored by Monticello Rotary. It's open to All Rotarians and Friends to Rotary! Come enjoy time to meet and greet, network, relax, and enjoy! Bring friends, significant others, spouses. (Contd. Pg. 42)

Montigram Presidents Corner

(From Pg. 41)

And remember to circle the 3rd Friday of the month on your calendars for some social time together to enjoy each other's company. (Locations Change Monthly)

Alzheimer's Walk Donations Still Welcome

The Monticello Rotary Club held its annual Alzheimer's walk on the beautiful grounds of Bethel Woods back on Saturday September 28th. Our chair, Barbara Carr led us in a great walk filled with good vibes & wonderful camaraderie while raising awareness and funds to fight this debilitating disease. And it was a SUCCESS! The good news is the donation link is still open! So if you haven't made your tax-deductible donation to this cause yet, please click here: https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=17798&pg=team...

Our link is active until the end of December! A Big Thank You to all who have participated so far!

MURPH'S TOY DRIVE

Murph's Toy Drive will take place at the Villa Roma Clubhouse on Saturday December 14th. Doors open at 4:30 and the party lasts until 12:00 midnight! Tickets are moving very fast and will probably be sold out by Thanksgiving.! So act fast! You can purchase your tickets at murphstoydrive.eventbrite.com. What does the night look like? Well, you get a lot for your \$60 - a wonderful dinner with two hours open bar. And what's a party without great music. Joanna Gass and The Search and Rescue Orchestra will start us off. Next, Brad Rutledge and Far Beyond Gone will test your dancing skills! The more gifts you bring, the more chances you have to win a fabulous door prize. Gifts will be distributed by Julian Dawson and United Way of Sullivan County to young people in every school district in the county. Last year we collected way over 2000 gifts!! Consider taking part in Murph's Toy Drive..the 10th Annual and always a super time!

Monti Rotary Coat Drive A HUGE Success! Coat Drive an Overwhelming Success

The Monticello Rotary Coat Drive was a HUGE success topping last year's total. As of Tuesday morning, November 5, 2024, United Way volunteers were still counting the donated coats and we have totaled 274 coats so far. Please remember the Monticello Interact Students requested to keep their portion of the drive in the Monticello Central School District School Buildings open until the middle of November. So if you have additional coats new or gently used that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the schools or contact Chair Jackie Rutledge, or committee members Cris Spinner, Brad Rutledge, or Lori Orestano-James directly or email RotaryMonti@gmail.com to arrange pick-up or delivery.

Monti Rotary Represents At Ride 2 Survive - Sullivan Annual Gala

Monticello Rotary was out in force to help Ride 2 Survive - Sullivan County raise much needed funds to providing transportation costs to and from life saving treatments and appointments for cancer patients and their caregivers. Ride 2 Survive is a completely volunteer organization meaning every dollar raised goes directly to the cause. With the unforeseen expenses of treating cancer, Ride 2 Survive allows for those going through the most difficult part of their lives, to take a breath away from the concerns that they may have to decide between paying the rent, or the gas to fill their tank to get to their treatments.

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James holds an Annual Birthday and ReBirthday Fundraising Event. Monticello Rotary helped in the cause once again with a donation to the event for \$250 as they have done for numerous years to help Lori meet her goal of at least \$5000 per year. Over the last 7 years, Lori has raised over \$35,000 for Ride 2 Survive and thanks her fellow Rotarians through both Club Donations and individual donations in helping her to show The Magic of Rotary.

Attending the Gala are Monticello Rotary President-Elect Dr. Peter Chester, Bill James, Lori James, Giving Funds Treasurer Les Kristt, JoAnn Chester, and Nancy Nielsen

Hurricane Help Is On The Way

With the weather cycle running wild, our friends in the South East portion of the United States need our help.

We are pleased to announce the Monticello Rotary/Seven Springs Rotary Sister Club Project of the Hurricane Relief Raffle. Monticello Rotary will sell raffle tickets at a minimum donation of \$10 per ticket (yes - that means you can always donate more to the cause.) The raffle is for a \$250 Amazon Gift Card with all proceeds to be sent to the Seven Springs Rotary Club in New Port Richey, Florida, for distribution.

We are happy to be working with our former Rotary Club Member Jeff Siegel who has moved and changed his membership to the Seven Springs Rotary Club. We know the funds raised will be used appropriately for those in need and are happy we have gotten this moving to Make the Magic of Rotary Happen. Below - crews in New Port Richey continue on the on the ground efforts.

MURPH'S 10TH ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

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4th Tuesday of each month

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at the Daniel Pierce Library

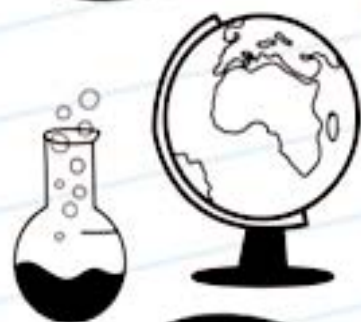
We invite all homeschooling families to join a self-guided group that meets monthly at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Together this group will share lessons, network, set up future field trips, have various guest speakers and programs.

You can also... borrow books, check out DVD's, access the internet, research online databases and utilize library space! (If you have a RCLS library card).

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

**Text or call Dana
for more information:
845 707 – 2489**



**Beginning
September
24th**





Honoring our Nation's Heroes this Veterans Day Weekend

During this Veterans Day Weekend, I want to extend my deepest thanks to all the veterans of New York's 24th District for their brave service and sacrifice to our nation. We not only remember their honorable service but also renew our commitment to the promises our nation has made to them. Veterans Day is more than just a moment of thanks; it's a renewed pledge to support our veterans in every way possible.

As your member of Congress, I am continuously advocating for our veterans. This includes supporting the Major Richard Star Act, which would expand the VA's capacity to assist veterans by enabling combat-disabled uniformed services retirees to receive veterans' disability compensation concurrently with retired pay or combat-related special compensation.

Beyond legislative support, our office is here to assist you directly. If you are facing issues accessing your earned veterans benefits, please call (315) 236-7088 or visit our website tenney.house.gov.

Please join me in honoring the dedication and valor of the men and women who serve and have served in our military. May God bless our veterans, their families, and our great nation.

Protecting New Yorkers By Securing Our Borders

Under the Biden-Harris administration, hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants, many with criminal records, have been released into the United States. As of July 2024, data shows that the Biden-Harris administration has released 425,431 convicted criminals and 222,141 individuals with pending criminal charges into the United States. Among them, 62,231 were convicted of assault; 56,533 of drug-related offenses; 14,301 of burglary; 15,811 of sexual assault; and 13,099 of homicide.

These criminal illegal immigrants are allowed to remain in our country under Kamala Harris' failed border policies. The Biden-Harris administration has failed to remove 99.7% of the illegal immigrants released into the United States, contributing to the rising numbers of criminals in our neighborhoods. Many have committed heinous crimes against American citizens, such as the murders of mother-of-five Rachel Morin, college student Laken Riley, and 12-year-old Jocelyn Nungaray. In New York, an illegal alien who had been apprehended by DHS in 2023 was released and then murdered Joselyn Jhoana Toaquiza on her birthday, later burying her in a public

park. These vicious and heart-wrenching acts could have been prevented with strong border policies and an end to pro-criminal bail reform practices that allow dangerous criminals to be released back into our communities.

House Republicans passed the Laken Riley Act, of which I am an original co-sponsor of, to ensure that illegal aliens charged with a crime remain in police custody until their cases are adjudicated. Our immigration laws must prioritize the safety of American citizens and ensure that criminals are deported.

READ MY FULL OP-ED ON THIS HERE-
<https://orleanshub.com/tenney-says-more-northern-border-protection-needed-from-influx-of-illegal-immigrants/>

Examining the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Misguided Priorities

Governor Hochul and Albany Democrats continue to use our tax dollars to weaponize our own government against us. In Pine City, NY, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) raided the home of a law-abiding citizen, then confiscated and euthanized two of this citizen's pets, Peanut the Squirrel and Fred the Raccoon.

This misguided decision by the DEC to confiscate and euthanize these beloved pets has raised significant concerns about the DEC's priorities, its use of taxpayer resources, and its commitment to due process, mainly when dealing with domesticated animals that pose little to no risk to public safety. Not only does this situation impact those directly involved, but it also sets a dangerous precedent for how the state addresses cases involving wildlife and domesticated animals kept in a safe, regulated environment.

To provide oversight of the DEC, I joined my colleagues in calling for a detailed account of how its resources were used in this case and the decision-making criteria that led to the seizure and euthanasia of Peanut and Fred.

As your representative in Congress, my top priority is championing legislative initiatives that benefit you and your families. Each week, I review numerous bills and letters, engaging in thorough discussions with members of our community to determine which actions to support and address your needs. Below are a few bills I recently cosponsored.

H.R. 9462, the Educational Choice for Children Act: The bill would offer tax incentives for individuals and businesses that make charitable donations to scholarship funds. Incentivizing these donations will bolster scholarship programs that support low-income students by providing financial assistance for various educational expenses, such as tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment

H.R. 5586, the Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act: This bill would prohibit the Treasury Department from making future political attempts to spy on the private information of American taxpayers.



Otsego County DMV Satellite Location Opening!

We are thrilled to announce the much-anticipated opening of Otsego County's DMV satellite location on Tuesday, November 12, 2024!



This project has involved countless steps and processes, starting long ago. The last major hurdle was completed in February 2024 when we ordered the mobile equipment from New York State. As I mentioned previously, we expected a 6-12 month wait for the equipment, but we're delighted to say that we've received everything in record time!

Initially, we had planned to operate on the first floor at 242 Main Street, Oneonta, but an unexpected opportunity arose when

another department offered us the old DMV space. Preparing this space was a significant undertaking, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to:

- Building Services: Tim, Dave, and your team, your hard work made this possible on a very tight timeline!
- IT Department: Brian and staff, your support has been invaluable—thank you!
- My Staff: Thank you for your dedication in fine-tuning and putting the final touches on the space; it looks fantastic!



- Public Safety and Legal Affairs Committee and Full Board: This satellite location will operate Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday serving walk-ins from 9 -11:30 AM and appointments from 12-3:30 PM. Please note that this is not a full-scale office. For detailed information on specific services and transactions, please visit our website.

In addition to DMV services, we are excited to introduce certain County Clerk services at this location. We will be able to provide certified copies and issue Clerk's Certificates, pending computer availability. Notary services will also be available. Clerk's Services will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 3 PM.

We are excited to restore essential services to Otsego County and introduce new offerings for our community.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all of us!



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More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick has been battling with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys. Since then Nick has had multiple surgeries so he could get the proper dialysis preformed. Nick goes in center for 4 hours 3 times a week. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 31 year old should be going through.

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

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

*For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com*

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SCCO Recital Series: Featuring Akiko Hosoi, Violin

(Monticello, NY) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) would like to invite you to a one night only performance of SCCO co-founder Akiko Hosoi in recital. Akiko will be accompanied by pianist Vladimir Rumyantsev in a program that will include César Franck's Sonata for Violin and Piano and Romance by Amy Beach. The performance is November 25th at 5:30 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church, 15 St. John St, Monticello NY, 12701. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$25 and will be available at the door or to reserve online visit: <https://linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts>.

The Franck sonata is a staple in the repertoire of any violinist and is considered one of the finest sonatas for violin and piano ever composed. The composition fuses his rich native harmonic language with classical traditions held together in a cyclic form creating one of the truest sonata forms in the repertoire. The popularity of the work has led to many arrangements including viola, cello, bass, tuba, and organ with choir.



Akiko Hosoi and Vladimir Rumyantsev will perform in Monticello on November 25th.

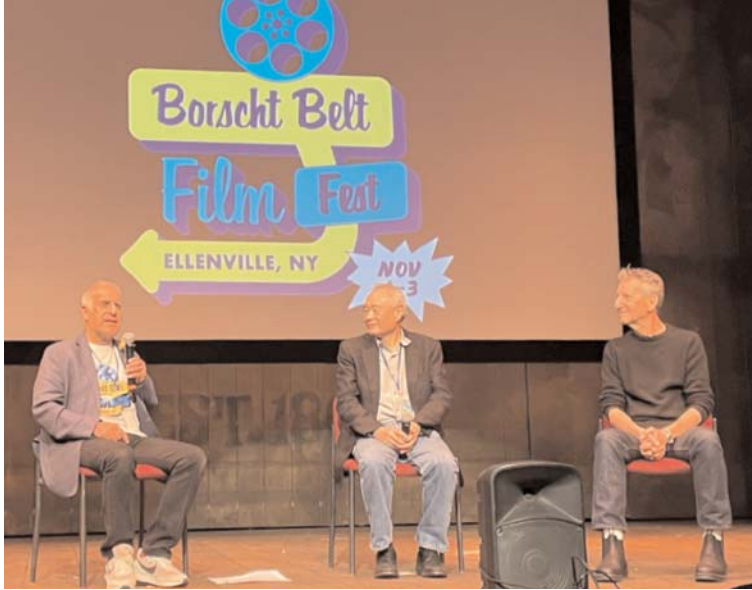
Amy Beach was on the verge of a brilliant career until she married at the age of 18 and for social propriety's sake her husband as a member of Boston's upper-class society, insisted she only performed once per year. Upon his death, Amy embarked on a global career to great success and composed for most genres, forging a path for women in the arts industry in America. Her compositions are the late romantic style like the styles of Brahms and César Frank. The Romance was composed early in Beach's career and was dedicated to Maud Powell, a powerhouse in her own right for breaking barriers in the industry. We hope to see you there!

Please email nesinculturalarts@gmail.com or call (845) 798 - 9006 for further information SCCO is a Nesin Cultural Arts supported project. Programs are made possible in part by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathleen Courtney Hochul and the NY State Legislature, Episcopal Charities, St. John's Episcopal Church, Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation, Laura Jane Musser Fund, Sullivan County Legislature, Sullivan County Youth Bureau, M&T Bank Charitable Foundation, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, NY Life Foundation, Walmart Community Foundation and Stewart's Shops.

Borscht Belt Film Fest A Smashing Success (So much so, we'll do it again next year!)

Thank you to everyone who came to Ellenville last weekend and made the first Borscht Belt Film Fest a major triumph!

From sold-out screenings to the lively post-film shmoozing, it was incredible to see our community come together to celebrate these special stories on the big screen.



We're thrilled by the audiences who joined us to enjoy great films, share laughs, and connect with one another!

The Oscar-winning director watched his film "Taking Woodstock" for the first time in 15 years at our screening! Then he shared his thoughts with the film's production designer David Gropman, moderated by programming director Jay Blotcher before a packed house at Shadowland Stages, our collaborative partner!

Judd Hirsch Entertained & Enlightened!



The award-winning actor captivated the audience during a fascinating Q&A with Jodi Rudoren, editor-in-chief of the Forward, and reflected on his remarkable career and his many

decades as a Catskills resident. The excitement continued at the afterparty hosted by the Borscht Belt Museum, where guests had an opportunity to kibbitz with Judd!

Alan Zweibel Brought Down the House!



Crowds came from near and far to hear the legendary original "Saturday Night Live" writer in conversation with Ferne Pearlstein, director of "The Last Laugh," a documentary that explores the boundaries of humor and the Holocaust.

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'Dance Across Cultures' Series

Natya Anubhava Dance Academy – Dance from India



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Registration Recommended <https://ebcpl.libcal.com/event/13268964>

This program series is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and with the support of the Friends of the Library.

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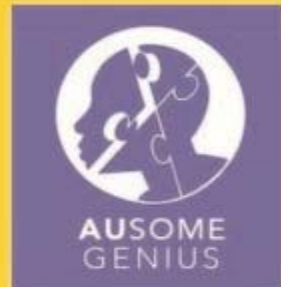
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5pm - 6pm

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects how individuals interact with others, communicate, learn and behave. ASD can cause a range of behaviors that may be challenging for individuals and their families. A child may show aggression, self-harm, destruction, Pica, elopement, tantrums/screaming. It's important to know that treating problem behaviors requires patience. Join Loriel Pinckney, ABA Therapist, MS to discover effective strategies for your child's development in various settings. Remember, every child with autism is wonderfully unique. Understanding the underlying reasons for these behaviors and how to manage them will improve the overall well-being of the child.

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Dr. Bethany England at 845-456-1100 x5129
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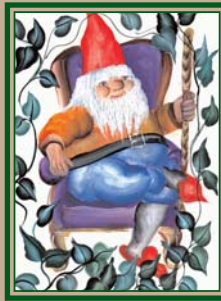
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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I
ON AMAZON, NETFLIX,
IMDb**

The Swarm

(1978 / 1h 56m /
Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-14)



Killer bees that attack without reason descend on Texas. *The Swarm* is a 1978 American natural horror film directed and produced by Irwin Allen, based on Arthur Herzog's 1974 novel of the same name.

A group of soldiers led by Major Baker is ordered to investigate a basement level station which they believed was attacked. After Baker contacts his commander, General Slater, they begin to investigate who drove a civilian van into the base. It is revealed to be owned by a scientist named Dr. Bradford Crane, the only survivor of the attack. Slater orders two helicopters to check, and the story evolves around this mystery.

Directed by Irwin Allen. The film stars an ensemble cast including Michael Caine, Katharine Ross, Richard Widmark, Richard Chamberlain, Olivia de Havilland, Ben Johnson, Lee Grant, José Ferrer, Patty Duke, Slim Pickens, Bradford Dillman, Fred MacMurray. (Contd. Pg. 57)

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Papillon*

This weeks' Trivia question:

Serpico is based on the true story of a good cop.

(From Pg. 56)

“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II ”
ON AMAZON, NETFLIX, IMOB

The Pack

(1977 / 1h 30m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-PG)



A cute little loveable, adorable, puppy evolves into a vicious descendant of pet dogs abandoned in a resort called Seal Island. The dogs have reverted to their primal survival mode. A creepy feeling that will raise goose bumps on your back!!!



Directed by Robert Clouse and starring Richard O'Brien, Rob Narke, and Eric Knight

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III

ON AMAZON, NETFLIX, IMOB

Rattlers

(1976 / 1h 22m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-14)
A herpetologist links a series of deaths from snake



bites to U.S. military testing. Another one of nature's creepy critters stars in this horror film.



Directed by John Mccaule and starring Elizabeth Chauvet, Ron Gold and Dan Priest

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