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## ECO Wood Awarded Sportsman of the Year



*Sportsman of the Year ECO Wood with his K9 partner CJ*

Congratulations to ECO Wood on being awarded Sportsmen's Club of Sullivan County "Sportsman of the Year." Officer Wood received the award in October for outstanding professionalism and dedication to the sporting community of Sullivan County. ECO Wood is a 16-year veteran with DEC's Division of Law Enforcement and was accompanied at the ceremony by his family and his colleagues.

## Welcome Nicole!

We are happy to welcome Nicole Blais to the team as Prevention Coordinator.



Before coming to Sullivan 180, Nicole worked across the education, finance, and marketing industries. She also spends her summer weekends as a Financial Manager for Camp Kennybrook, a summer camp in Monticello, NY, working with children and adults alike to create a fantastic summer experience for kids worldwide! (Contd. Pg 4)

## Congressman Pat Ryan Fights for Hudson Valley Veterans, Introduces Never Forgotten Korean War POW Act Landmark Legislation Rights Historic Wrong in which Korean War POWs did not Receive Their Deserved Combat Pay



*Executive Director of Action Toward Independence Deborah Worden, Congressman Pat Ryan, and Veteran Peer Advocate for Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County Matt Klemen at the November 10 Veterans Breakfast and press conference in Beacon, where Ryan introduced new Veteran legislation. Congressman Pat Ryan, who represents NYS's 18th Congressional District, is a West Point graduate and combat Veteran. He is a member of the House Armed Services Committee.*

BEACON, NY - Today, joined by Korean War veterans and local elected officials, Congressman Pat Ryan introduced the Never Forgotten Korean War POW Act. Korean War POWs are the only veterans who did not receive full combat pay for their time in captivity. This legislation rights that historic wrong, finally providing full combat pay for the men and women who endured starvation, disease, freezing temperatures and witnessed the brutal executions of fellow servicemembers in captivity. (Contd. 4)

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**On the Front Burner:** Withhold not good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.  
Proverbs 3:27

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

#### November 18, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti are the proud parents of a baby boy born Tuesday evening at the Hamilton Ave. Hospital, Monticello. Keith is the Zanetti's fourth child. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Many and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zanetti.

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Roasts that are dandy,  
steaks that are tops,  
Meat for a stew,  
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For meat on the table  
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Come into Krum's,  
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#### November 13, 1963

Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walton Hamilton 11 years on the 15th; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Banta 28 years on the 16th; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Conro 17 years on the 18th.

Dean J. Merrill Knapp, Dean of Princeton University, has announced that Ira Rubenzahl, class of 1962, TVCS, has once again been placed on the Dean's List. Mr. Rubenzahl's record has consistently kept him in the honors group at Princeton.

#### November 14, 1973

Margaret Myers, 77, of Taylor Road, Claryville, died Friday at Liberty Loomis Hospital. She was a lifetime resident of the area. Mrs. Myers was born March 1, 1896 in Red Hill to Rinard and Regina Brust Rudolph. She was a member of the Claryville Reformed Church. Surviving are her sister, Miss Edna

Rudolph and several nieces and nephews.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. George Rashevich on November 18th.

On November 3rd Town Justice Harry Bailey performed a marriage ceremony for Miss Marta Hanacik of Callicoon Center and Mr. Jeffrey Zaries of Liberty in the presence of their families.

A 25th Anniversary celebration was held Sunday afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. Don TerBush. The party was given by their children and held at the First Aid Building.

The Tri-Valley Varsity Girls team has retained its "never been beaten" record - they are the Western Sullivan League champions for the fourth straight year. The girls took the first four spots with Cindy Sauchuk, Missy Stratton, Evi Henke and Val Shader leading the way.

#### November 17th, 1983

Mabel Dymond of Peekamoose Road, Sundown, a 26-year resident, died unexpectedly November 14, 1983 at home. She was 62. The daughter of Sanford and Nellie Ostrom Conklin, she was born Sept. 21, 1921 in Sparrowbush. She was a member of the Sundown Senior Citizens Club. Survivors include her husband, Harold I. Dymond, at home; five brothers and several nieces and nephews.

#### **From the pen of Tom Higgins:**

When I awoke to strange creaking noises about 6 a.m. on Friday, and found our dog Tina snuggled up on the floor at the foot of our bed instead of on her mat near the wood stove, I never realized at the time that we had just gone through a mild earthquake. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, it registered 5.2 on the Richter scale. Could be our tremor was caused by the thousands of Sundown snow snakes wriggling underground while waiting for our first big snow storm to make their appearance. It's possible.

## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published November

"Autumn leaves are falling, t  
he winds are rough and wild  
The birds have ceased their calling,  
but let me tell you child."

Words taken from a poem I learned in school many years ago. Can't recall the author.

I am sitting here writing and drinking a "witch's brew" –there's "no eye of the newt" in this brew – just chocolaty good cinnamon flavor and memories of Halloweens past.

My recipe for "witch's brew":

1/2 cup water  
1/4 cup red cinnamon candies  
6 cups milk  
1/2 cup chocolate milk mix

Bring water and cinnamon candies to a boil; stir until candies melt; add milk, whisk in chocolate milk mix; bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Pour into mugs and serve warm.

Now the Halloween season has come to a close for this year and I see that sportsmen are shining up their deer rifles.

My Uncle Frank was quite the hunter and Aunt Belle loved to cook so I found a couple of good wild game recipes in her cookbook and I would enjoy sharing them with you.

Thanksgiving will soon be coming up and we will be having pilgrims, Indians and wild food on our minds, so here's Aunt Belle's recipe for –

### Roast Wild Duck

Clean inside and outside of duck with a damp cloth. Tuck back the wings and truss. Dust with salt pepper and flour.

If the duck is not fat, cover breast with two thin slices of pork. Place duck in a pan and add 1 cup of water and 1 tbsp. fat.

Roast uncovered and breast down in a moderate oven (350) allowing 20-25 minutes per pound, according to rareness desired. Baste frequently. Turn breast up when half done. Serve with slices of orange and a brown gravy.

Wild ducks are seldom stuffed when roasted and are served rare. Allow one pound per person.

### Household Hint:

#### Remove Bumper Stickers

Election is over and if you want to remove all those bumper stickers. break out the vinegar. Saturate the top and sides of the sticker with undiluted distilled vinegar and wait 10-15 minutes for the vinegar to soak through. Then use an expired credit card to scrape it off. Use more full-strength vinegar to get rid of any remaining gluey residue. Use the same technique to detach those cute decals your kids used to decorate the back windshield.

### Nature Column - L. Comando

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

## Chickadees are Cold Weather Machines

Though any bird that survives winter in the Catskills amazes many of us who depend on furnaces and warm blankets, the black-capped chickadee is one of the most incredible of all winter survivors.

This time of the year you will hear the Chickadees. They are one of our families favorite birds to visit the backyard during winter.

Chickadees do not migrate and are equipped to survive harsh winter weather. Though chickadees are regular visitors to our feeders, over 75% of their winter food supply still comes from natural sources. They store food and remember where they have hidden it!

The black-capped chickadee is easy to recognize with its black cap and throat contrasted by white cheeks. Its wings and back are gray and its sides are buff in color. It is about five inches long and weighs about 1/3 of an ounce, that's less than the weight of two quarters. It has two common and cheerful songs; chick-a-dee-dee-dee and fee-ee-ee with the first note higher. It is much easier to find this bird by its song as your walking through the woods than it is to try and locate it by sight.

Chickadees now have their dense winter coats. They diligently find excellent, well-insulated roosting cavities and most amazingly can perform regulated hypothermia to conserve energy overnight. For years, scientists were intrigued by the ability of these tiny birds to survive and thrive during even the most frigid days. The chickadee's ability to go into regulated hypothermia enables it to actually

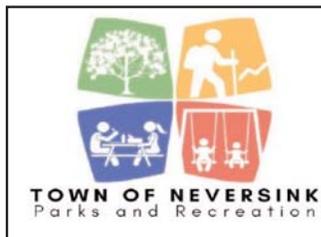


lower its body temperature, in a controlled manner, to about 12 or 15 degrees F below its normal daytime temperature of 108 degrees F. This allows the bird to conserve almost 25 percent of its hourly metabolic expenditure when the outside temperature is at freezing. Scientist now know the lower the outside temperature, the more energy a Chickadee conserves. Chickadees

seem to have never-ending energy.

The Chickadee possesses many other interesting behavioral and survival traits that lend a bit more character to this little bird.

You might want to explore them this winter while you watch the birds at your feeding station. There are several books and websites you can use to expand your knowledge during the remaining cold winter days while you sit inside and watch the cheerful chickadees flutter about and sing their song. The Chickadee's inquisitive nature make these birds fun to watch.



## *News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec*

Well folks it's been a while since our last update from Parks & Rec. Our last update was in September and here it is November already. Where has time gone! We only have 2 months left in 2023. Which gives us just enough time to do our Annual Tree Lighting Celebration and open our Community Ice Rink.

Our Annual Tree Lighting celebration is scheduled for Sunday, December 3 with festivities starting at 5 pm at Bicentennial Park. Once again we will ring in the holiday season with hotdogs & hamburgers; cocoa & cookies (compliments of the Girl Scouts); popcorn & toasted marshmallows; hot cider and coffee. This year, our board member Dana McCarthy and her girlfriend Ami Carrier will be making chocolate covered pretzels for everyone to enjoy! YUMMY! Our Tri-Valley School Band led by Mr. Matthew Weyant will get us in the holiday spirit with their renditions of our favorite carols. And what would the festivities be without a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus. I've called them and they put us on their calendar for that evening if we would once again let them ride on the Fire Truck. So of course we had to comply. After all it's Santa asking! And our local fire departments and EMT's are more than happy to give Santa and Mrs. Claus their very special escort, which will be led by our Tri-Valley Cheerleading squad, the Tri-Valley TESSA team and many of the Tri-Valley staff and organizations. Its going to be a fun-filled evening that will get us all in the holiday spirit. So come join us at Bicentennial Park on December 3 @ 5 pm. And don't forget to dress warmly!

Now on to the next order of business..... THE COMMUNITY ICE RINK! Many of you may have noticed that the rink is up at our Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pavilion. Our Town of Neversink Highway team did an incredible job getting the rink put together and readying it for the ice. The question on everyone's mind is: WHEN WILL IT OPEN? We are anticipating the opening to occur after the Tree Lighting. But before we can open, we need to get volunteers to help us run the rink. This is the Community Ice Rink, and we need the community to help us keep it going. If you are willing to volunteer to help at the rink, please reach out to me at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com). Until I see how many volunteers we have, I cannot even determine what days and times the rink will be open. Please check out our Parks & Rec Facebook page for updates. And please support your ice rink by volunteering to help. We have been asked if we will be open during the holiday break, and my answer has been "We would love to be open during the break BUT we need folks to help run the rink to do that".

For those of you wondering if we will be doing another Winterfest I am sorry to say we will not. Winterfest is 100% dependent on the weather and its impact on the fairgrounds parking. We can't predict the weather, especially lately, so rather than get everyone's hopes up and then cancel (as we had to do last year) we have decided to cancel it. Who knows, in the future maybe we will have more consistent weather so we can once again have this event. It was a great fun-filled event, and we would love to bring it back!

Parks & Rec does have a new event planned for June 2024. We are in the process of planning a "BREW, BARREL & BEYOND FESTIVAL, or BB&B Fest. What is a BB&B Fest? It is a way to highlight businesses in our Catskill Mountain and Hudson Valley areas that use NY Agriculture in their products. It is a way to give these NY businesses the opportunity to share the products they make and advertise their business. It is a festival of NY homemade products, including crafts, furniture and clothing; cheeses and food products; breweries, ciders, wineries and distilleries; maple syrup and honey.... And the list goes on. The caveat is that the businesses MUST utilize NY Agriculture in their products. So what makes our BB&B Fest different from the others we see during the year. Well first off, we anticipate the cost to the business (vendor) will be minimal for a space. And we also anticipate that the cost to attendees will be extremely low. Parks & Rec is not in this to make a profit, but rather to showcase these businesses and let them make a profit, which in turn helps the future of their business. We are still in the planning phase of this event, with the first task being to contact businesses that meet our requirements for use of NY Agriculture to see if they are even interested in attending. Once we get through this phase we will know if we have enough interest to hold the event. So *TOWNSMAN* Readers---if you know of any businesses we need to reach out to, or if you have any questions, please let me know at:

**[cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com)**

We want to make this a successful event for our Town of Neversink!

That's it for this update. I promise not to take so long with the next update! Any questions or suggestions please reach out to me at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com). And don't forget to check our Facebook page for current postings.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Be safe, stay healthy, be happy and don't forget to forget your diets and enjoy the wonderful food that we get through these holidays!

Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)

## Congressman Pat Ryan Fights for Hudson Valley Veterans, Introduces Never Forgotten Korean War POW Act

(From Pg. 1) "Today and everyday, I'm working to deliver for the men and women who risked their lives for this country in uniform. Our Korean War POWs are heroes that deserve full recognition for their honorable service," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "I especially want to thank Ray Mellin and Richard Randazzo for their service to this country, and for their continued advocacy on behalf of their fellow Korean War veterans. Together, we will make sure every veteran gets the benefits they have earned."

"Korean War POWs have been trying for years to rectify legislation passed in 1952 that only provided four months of combat pay for them regardless of how long they were held as POWs. Since 2018 I have been working with Ray Mellin who was a POW for 37 months to see if we could get legislation to address this injustice for our aging heroes," said Richard Randazzo, a Korean War veteran. "Upon hearing this, Congressman Ryan immediately had his staff research and draft the legislation that we are pleased to hear is being announced today."

"Enhancing the dignity and well-being of our brave veterans is a bipartisan issue. I'm honored to stand with Congressman Ryan this Veterans Day and support his important new legislation to compensate Korean War POWs for their service," said State Senator Rob Rollison (39th District). "Though we can never fully repay their sacrifice, we can strive to continue to honor their legacy, together."

This legislation amends the Combat Duty Pay Act of 1952 to require that former members of the uniformed services who were captured or entered a missing-in-action status during the Korean War while serving as a member of a combat unit in Korea receive combat pay for each month spent in a captured or missing-in-action status, rather than just a total of four months.

## Welcome Nicole!

(From Pg. 1) Nicole received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from Binghamton University. During her time at Binghamton, Nicole was a Women in Business mentor and a member of The Binghamton Marketing Collective.

As Prevention Coordinator at Sullivan 180, Nicole will work with schools and community organizations to build partnerships and deliver evidence-based prevention programs to students and youth across Sullivan County.

Connect with Nicole at (845) 295-2684.  
Varsity Cheerleading

## SCCO Presents "Duo Recital" in Monticello

(Monticello, NY) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) invites you to a one-night-only special event featuring Akiko Hosoi (SCCO Co-founder) and Lydia Hong (Principal Violin, New York City Ballet) performing a duo recital. The two violinists will perform solo repertoire by Ysaÿe (Lydia) and Bach (Akiko) with duo repertoire by Gliere, Wieniewski, and the fiendishly virtuosic Prokofiev Duo Sonata in C. You don't want to miss this event! Come beat the fall chill by watching these fiery fiddlers perform an extraordinary concert at St. John's Episcopal Church, 15 St. John Street, Monticello, NY on Monday, November 20th at 5:30 PM.



*Akiko Hosoi*

Adults - \$25. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online by clicking SCCO Mon 11/20 Tickets at <https://linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts> or go to <https://www.facebook.com/sccoplayers> and follow the Give Lively link under the pinned post! For any questions, please call SCCO General

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Manager Marina Lombardi at (845) 798-9006 or email [marina@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:marina@nesinculturalarts.org)

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*Lydia Hong.*

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## Clean Hands

### Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 62 Mysterious Book Report No. 411

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by John Dwaine McKenna

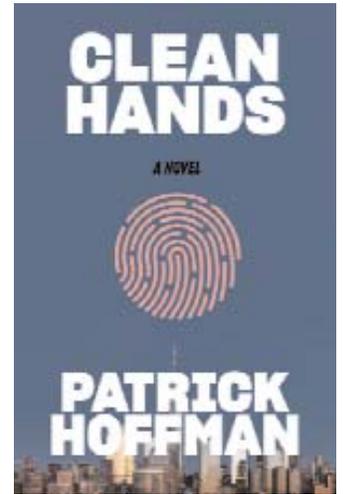
High finance, billion dollar banks and a Wall Street law firm on the brink of disaster . . . combined with a talented fixer, a determined, urbane and experienced warrior woman known for her smooth style, velvet touch and iron fist . . . and you'll have just a few of the elements of a recent thriller entitled: *Clean Hands*, (Grove Atlantic, \$26.00, 277 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2953-6) by Patrick Hoffman.

Big mergers between mega corporations involve billions of dollars in cash, accounts receivable and debt. They're full of big risks, big paydays and big problems, that, once completed successfully, are cause for big celebrations as well as big congratulations. It's when things go wrong, right in the midst of negotiations however, that the crying starts and the heartache begins. It's when the recriminations, finger-pointing, denials and calls go out for "lawyers, guns and money." It's also where the pulse-pounding *Clean Hands* begins.

The mega-merger between two multi-billion dollar banks has collapsed and a lawsuit has been filed, followed by an even larger counter claim. It's the most high-stakes lawsuit the prominent Wall Street law firm has ever filed in its entire history and survival—as well as the personal wealth of the partners—hangs in the balance. A successful outcome is the only possible option. So, when a junior associate loses his cellphone with a significant number of the firm's secret case files on it, panic sets in at the highest levels.

Senior partner Elizabeth Carlyle, the lead lawyer, is under extreme duress to get the phone back . . . or else. The threat of ruination is imminent, should the pilfered iPhone fall into the wrong hands. Ms. Carlyle needs help, and deniability, as fast as she can get it. She calls an ex-CIA officer named Valencia Walker, a "high-priced fixer," whose clients include governments, corporations and millionaire tycoons, all handled with the utmost discretion. She retrieves the phone, but finds that it's been copied, and now the law firm is being blackmailed. Negative stories start to run in the press, a lawyer appears to have killed himself, and rumors begin to swirl about dark, and even darker deeds.

This fast-paced, electrifying thriller has it all: gangsters, hit men, shady lawyers, backstabbers, sneaky government agents, corruption in high places, super-patriots and enough badassery to fill up a ten-wheel dump truck. It'll keep you enthralled all afternoon during these hot August days of COVID-19 induced shut-in and strife. Be well. Stay well. Enjoy this awesome new author and remember . . .



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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## I See RED

Usually when someone says , “ I See Red”, it is followed by things that enrage them. Well, I have some of those too. For instance, I get “red hot” upset when I see a child or

an animal being mistreated. It also bothers me to see dead plants, or plastic flowers, on graves at the cemetery. I can not abide wasting food. I am disgusted by litter thrown by the roadside. It is also the color of bloodshed and danger. It is the color of war and broken hearts.

Red is usually associated with anger or rage. It can be, however, a pleasant attention-getting color like on a stop sign or a gorgeous sunset or sunrise. If you want to be noticed in a crowd, wear red.

What is more pleasant than red roses or carnations, juicy apples and strawberries, savory spaghetti sauce, or a Bloody Mary?

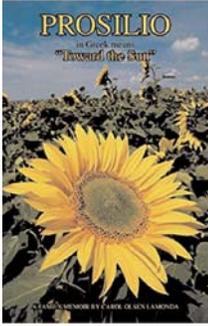
**Red catches our eye.  
It yells,  
“Look at me!”**

Perhaps that is why the next exhibit at the Olive Free Library is called “I See **RED**”. These small works beg to be noticed. I will have a small watercolor painting there of Mohonk with only the tiniest bit a red seen in the house at the foot of the mountain. And yet, your eye goes from the majesty of the ironic mountain view of the tower and cliffs to the small little house in the foreground. Sales benefit the Library.

Come visit us at the opening on Saturday, November 18 from 3-5. There will also be a concert fundraiser by the B2's, a women's vocal group.



**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*




# I See Red

sixth annual small works show & concert fundraiser

November 18, 2023 – January 6, 2024  
 Opening: Saturday, November 18, 3 – 5 pm

ARTISTS in the show:  
 Robin Adler, Jim Allen, Samantha Attzs-Martinez, Beverly Bennett, Linda Champanier, Lucille Colin, Chris Collins, Carey Conaway, Amy Cote, Maxine Davidowitz, Cynthia R Dill, Staats Fasoldt, Sharon Frey, Denise Giardullo, Barbara Gordon, Katherine Gray, Karen Heusel, Janette Kahil, Deborah Kittay-Heffler, Robin Kornstein, Carol LaMonda, Piper Levine, Myra Lobel, Kate Masters, Wilma Miller, Ann Morris, Grey Morris, Sylvia Mueller, Sean Nixon, Sandra Nystrom, Jackie Oster, Suzanne Parker, Bryan Perrin, Susan Phillips, Geraldine Popko, Elaine Ralston, Joe Reilly, John Scribner, Roberta Sickler, Ann Marie Silvani, Janet Siskind, Jan Sosnowitz, Lisa Starger, Cindy Sumerano, Samantha Taylor, David Vorves, Joyce Washor, Roni Wilder-Guidi, Kathy Yacoe

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Curated by Sandra Scheuer and Kathy Yacoe

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**Daniel Pierce Library**

*Between the Bookends*

## Fall Lego Fun at DPL! Last call for food donations and register for our felt program!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Children had a blast at our second fall Lego program Wednesday, November 8. Tri-Valley students in second and third grades were encouraged to register for the "Talking Turkeys" afternoon event, where they built turkeys and other fun fall accompaniments out of the classic building blocks.



*Jamie Grey is hard at work during the November 8 "Talking Turkeys" Lego program at the Daniel Pierce Library. Children were able to enjoy a snack and some chatting time before getting started on their fall building task.*

Their creative pieces will be on display on the children's floor of the library for a limited time, so all are welcome to come and check out the students' hard work. Our last fall after school Lego program will be held Wednesday, November 15, when Tri-Valley students in grades four through six will be asked to put their engineering skills to the test in creating a pumpkin maze.

It's also last call for those who would like to donate to our food drive. All donations need to be brought to the library or the Grahamsville Reformed Church by November 16 so that they can be distributed to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, where our community food pantry is housed. The church is asking for the typical, non-perishable, food items including, but not limited to: peanut butter and jelly, pastas and pasta sauce, soups and canned vegetables and fruits. Unfortunately, the pantry cannot accept expired food products, so please double check the dates! With this being the only food pantry in our community, it's visited frequently and is in need of re-filling, so if you're able, please assist us in this year's library giveback. We would greatly appreciate it, as well as, all of our neighbors.

Our popular holiday adult felting program is up on our website for registration. Come explore the world of wool with us as you felt your own Snow Owl. Join felting expert, Christine Adams, in this workshop on Thursday, December 7th from 6 to 7PM. Felting is an age-old textile art that uses wool fibers and special tools to create a variety of objects. There is a \$5 supply fee required before the event to secure your spot; space is limited to Tri-Valley residents only, so register early on our website.

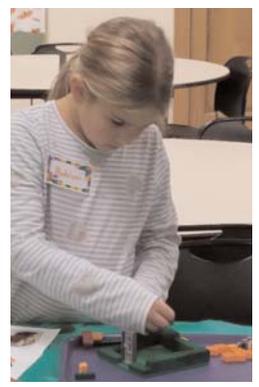
As it gets chiller outside, now is the perfect time to visit the library and check out all of our new books, and your old favorites. We have lots of festive cookbooks and baking books to get anyone in the holiday spirit. If you try a new recipe and it came out especially delicious-share with us, we love trying new recipes too! Our much loved Christmas/holidays fictional book collection is out on display too...and no one is going to say anything if you snag a few with the intentions of curling up in front of a fire with a hot chocolate or glass of wine-that's some of our favorite activities too!



*Children picked out their Lego pieces after being presented with the "Talking Turkeys" Lego task at the November 8 Lego program at the Daniel Pierce Library.*



*Isabella Babcock and Quinn Mills sorting out the "just right" pieces for their "Talking Turkeys" Lego masterpieces, November 8 at the Daniel Pierce Library.*



*Madelynn Sheeley finalizing her "Talking Turkeys" Lego design after looking over a few suggestions left by DPL Children's Program Coordinator, Deirdre McHugh, at the November 8 program.*



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## The Scene Too

— By Jane Harrison

No column this week.

### "Art in Sixes" Small Works Exhibition Dazzling Display of Local Talent at DVAA

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance in Narrowsburg is buzzing with excitement as it gears up for its highly-anticipated annual small works group exhibition, "Art in Sixes." The exhibit opens on Saturday, November 18th, and will run until Saturday, December 23rd.

This year's 'Sixes' promises to be a visual treat, showcasing the creative prowess of 190+ artists of all ages. Boasting a remarkable exhibit of over 550+ pieces, esteemed local artists share the spotlight with community members, turning the DVAA into a vibrant canvas that spans two floors.

<https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/exhibition/19th-annual-art-in-sixes/>

#### SUPPORTING ARTISTS

Each original artwork measures 6 inches or less in any direction and is priced between \$60 and \$600, perfect for unique holiday gifting. You will find diverse artworks, from paintings, photographs, sculptures, and ceramics to woodwork, fiber arts, collage, and more. Your art purchase adds to your collection and directly supports the artists.

#### OPENING RECEPTION

The community is invited to the opening reception on Saturday, November 18th, from 3 pm to 6 pm. The event is known for its lively atmosphere, where art enthusiasts and artists shmooze over wine and food while supporting their local art scene. Attendees can claim their favorite pieces with a distinctive red dot, marking them SOLD.

#### KIDS MAKE SIXES

Be sure to check out the youth corridor displaying artworks by local school kids. DVAA once again invited local students to participate in "Art in Sixes" and hosted several drop-in art-making programs at DVAA led by Catherine Chesters. The program was a resounding success with 70+ student artworks from 60+ students in Sullivan County, NY, and Wayne and Pike Counties, PA.

#### YARNSLINGERS & 'SIXES'

The beloved storytelling group, the Yarnslingers, will perform two programs in conjunction with "Art in Sixes." Sunday, November 19th at 2 pm, audiences are invited to DVAA's Krause Hall (2nd Floor) to hear a program of SIX storytellers on the theme "Small Wonders." The Yarnslingers return to Krause Hall on Saturday, December 9th at 2 pm for SIX more stories themed "Happy Holidays." Both events are \$10 suggested admission and free for kids 12 and under.

#### GALLERY HOURS

"Art in Sixes" will be on view at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, from Saturday, November 18th, through Saturday, December 23rd. Gallery hours are Thursday - Sunday, 11 am - 4 pm. The gallery stays open until 5 pm on Fridays and Saturdays and is closed on Thanksgiving Day.

## DVAA Presents Yarnslingers: Small Wonders

*Six Storytellers Proving That Good Things Come in Small Packages*

Stories, like art, come in all sizes, and Yarnslingers prove that with their program of 'Small Wonders' tales. On Sunday, November 19th, at 2 PM in DVAA's Krause Recital Hall, the Yarnslingers will serve up a six-inch slice of storytelling magic.

Audiences are invited to celebrate the opening weekend of DVAA's annual "Art in Sixes" exhibition (where each artwork is limited to a mere 6 inches) with six storytellers exploring the theme of "Small Wonders." As always, the interpretation of this theme has been left to the writers' discretion.

<https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/performances/>

**Yarns-lingers** (n.) people who tell fantastic stories.

Dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling, Yarnslingers was founded in 2012 by writer/musician Ramona Jan. Jan believes that "everyone has a story...or two". She encourages people from all walks of life to spin their spellbinding tales.

The writers of Yarnslingers have presented their stories in the villages in Upstate New York extending from Narrowsburg to Long Eddy. Venues that have hosted Yarnslingers include the Rock Valley Schoolhouse, the Tusten Theater, Bethel Woods, and the public libraries of Callicoon, Tusten, and Cochection, as well as cafes and taverns in the Upper Delaware River area.

#### Featured Storytellers for this performance include:

**Cass Collins**  
**Nancy Dymond**  
**Bill Fellenberg**  
**Alexander Gardner**  
**Dawn McIntyre**

**And, of course, the founding member, Ramona Jan**

#### TICKETS & LOCATION

Tickets: \$10 Suggested Donation

Kids 12 and under, free.

Tickets may be purchased by calling (845) 252-7576 or online at [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

#### ABOUT DVAA

DVAA is a creative home in the Upper Delaware Valley and Sullivan Catskills Region. We give artists platforms to share their voices in our galleries, on our stages, or at our festivals, including Riverfest in July and the Big Eddy Film Festival held every September. DVAA funds Sullivan County creatives and cultural organizations through our role as the county's Arts Council. We are committed to nurturing the arts community, fostering growth, and cultivating a vibrant regional artistic landscape.

For more information about DVAA's performances, exhibitions, and events, please visit our website at [www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org) or contact us at (845) 252-7576.

#### SUPPORT

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. Additional support comes from the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund, DVAA's members, and our 2023 Business Sponsors. For more information, call 845-252-7576 or visit [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

## Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association to Hold Holiday Market

Liberty, New York - November 3, 2023 - The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association in partnership with the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the inaugural Sullivan Catskills Holiday Market, a spectacular event that will bring together local artisans, vendors, and the community in a celebration of our local small businesses and the holiday season.

The Sullivan Catskills Holiday Market is set to take place on December 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside the Liberty Mall, located at 15 Sullivan Ave., Liberty, NY 12754. This special marketplace will showcase the best of Sullivan County's artisans, crafters, and businesses, offering an array of unique, handcrafted gifts and delicious treats for holiday shoppers.

Visitors can find the perfect holiday gifts and decorations, from handmade products to one-of-a-kind jewelry and artwork. Discover local businesses and their wares, with something to suit every taste and budget. There will also be local food vendors to serve up a variety of options to please your palate.

"We are thrilled to host the first Sullivan Catskills Holiday Market," said Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association. "This event is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the holiday season while supporting local businesses and artisans. We invite everyone to join us for this festive occasion and experience the magic of the Sullivan Catskills during the holidays."

The Sullivan Catskills Holiday Market is set to be an unforgettable event for all ages. Mark your calendars, bring your holiday cheer, and join us for a day of shopping, entertainment, and community togetherness.

A select number of vendor spots are still available; call the SCVA office at 845-747-4449 for more information.

For more information about the holiday market, please visit the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association website at [www.sullivancatskills.com](http://www.sullivancatskills.com) or follow us on social media for updates.

## Music on Market Coffeehouse presents The Arts on the Lake Jazz Ensemble

Join us on live, in-person on Thursday, November 16 at 7:30 pm for Music on Market Coffeehouse presents The Arts on the Lake Jazz Ensemble.

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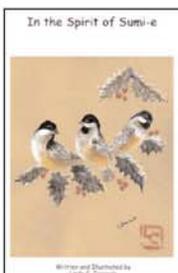


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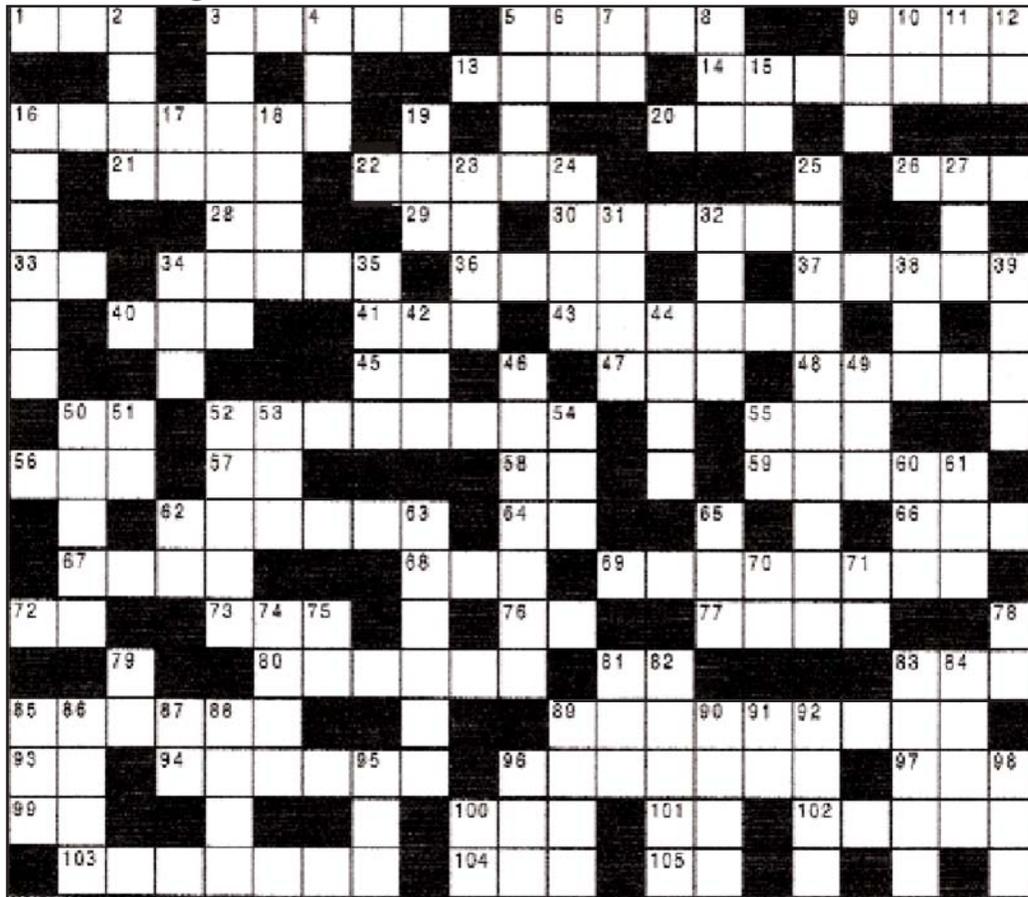
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- 74 Young female lambs
- 75 Warrant Officer (abbrev)
- 78 Along-side
- 79 A mystical syllable
- 81 A heavy demand
- 82 Loft
- 83 Hobgoblin
- 84 Used in gumbo or to thicken soups
- 85 Male child
- 86 In math, expressing division
- 87 Paid
- 88 Not 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

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Bake according to your recipe's directions.

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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 Neversink
- 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 buoyant 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
- 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
- 99 New Testament
- 100 Ocean
- 101 Used to refer to something previously mentioned
- 102 Book of

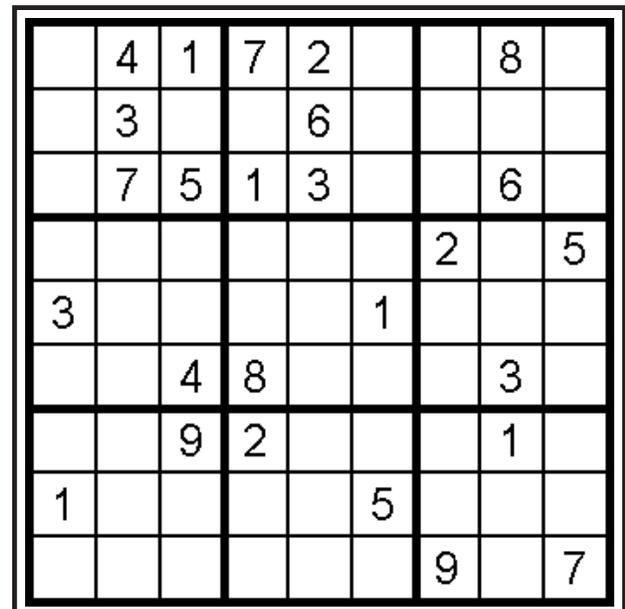
- maps
- 103 American marsupial
- 104 An insect that lives in a complex colony
- 105 Common Era

**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
- 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 Warmhearted
- 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 Snake-like fish
- 62 Foot (abbrev)

- 63 Soft white fibrous substance
- 65 Florida
- 70 Otherwise
- 71 Third person singular of be



Cryptogram

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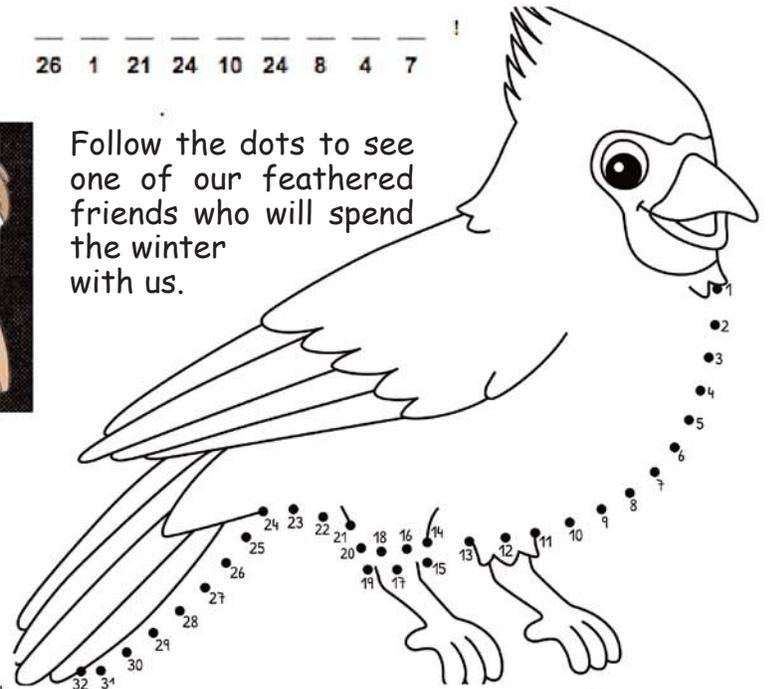
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| CAROLINA WREN | GRACKLE          | RED-HEADED WOODPECKER  |
| CEDAR WAXWING | HAIRY WOODPECKER | REDSTART               |
| CHICKADEE     | HORNED LARK      | SNOWY OWL              |
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*Come Join the Fun and Help your Town ring in the Holiday Season*

*Any questions contact Cher @ [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com)*



**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES****LEGAL NOTICE****ANNUAL ELECTION OF  
THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT****On December 12, 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Claryville Fire District will take place on December 12, 2023, 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, 2024, and ending December 31, 2028. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections and the Ulster County Board of Elections on or before November 20, 2023, 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 22, 2023.

Dated November 10, 2023  
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 12th, 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 12th 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, one year term, commencing January 1st, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2024, and a Commissioner for one, five year term, commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2028. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before November 20th, 2023 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 fire-house at Neversink Fire District, PO Box 394, Neversink, New York 12765, no later than 20 days prior to the election with the last day for a Candidate to file their name in writing being November 22nd, 2023.

Dana Vogler, Secretary  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Neversink Fire District

11/16; 11/23; 11/30; 12/7

**Tri-Valley CSD  
Board Meeting  
Thursday,  
November 16, 2023**

Meeting Opening/Call to Order - 6:30 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Lower Level

Proposed Executive Session - 6:30 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Upper Level

Meeting #10 Resumes - 7:00 p.m.  
Secondary School Library Lower Level

This meeting will be on Tri-Valley's  
YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>



**Medicare 101  
Zoom  
Webinar**

*Live*

Wednesday, November 29, 2023  
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Presented by:  
**James Farnham, MBA, MS**  
Licensed Agent

Will you be turning 65 soon? Are you eligible for Medicare?

Please join us for this live webinar as we learn about Medicare basics including, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplement Plans, and Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs and PPOs). This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means to you!

Advanced online registration required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org). Those who register will receive an email prior to the event with a link and instructions on how to join. This educational program is provided to you at no cost or obligation.



**Daniel Pierce Library**

328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268  
Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233  
[www.danielpiercelibrary.org/](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org/)

<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/Pages/Index/228032/medicare-101-zoom-webinar>

# **Kiwanis Club of Monticello 2023**

## **Bernie Shore/Rose Raimond**

### **Fundraising Dinner**

We are once again making our annual fundraising dinner available at a time of your choosing from Yanni's Café on Pleasant Street in Monticello. You can have your dinner socially distant "eat in" or "take out" at the window after ordering ahead at 845-794-2044.

Dinner choices (choose one):

Roast Beef Dinner

Grilled Chicken Platter

Gyro Platter

Vegetarian Crepe

Dinner Includes: Dinner choice, Soup or Salad, Choice of 2 Sides

Tickets are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance by contacting a Monticello Kiwanis member or by mailing a check made out to Kiwanis Club of Monticello, P.O. Box 413, Monticello, NY 12701. They are valid currently and may be redeemed at Yanni's through December 31, 2023

Thanks for your continual support of this important annual fundraiser. All proceeds benefit our local projects, including a Walk Against Hunger, aiding foster children, working with United Way to collect food baskets for holiday distribution, providing books for second graders and sponsoring scholarships for Monticello High School seniors.

For questions or information on obtaining tickets contact:  
Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.

## SCDW Casting Call

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces auditions for the premiere of "Closets" - an original play written by local playwright Bill Duncan. The play is based on a family's true story.

Performances will be July 12, 13, 19, 20 at 8 PM & July 14 & 21 at 2 PM at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. Needed:

- 1 female - 30's-50's,
- 3 males - 30's-50's,
- 2 males - teens-30's,
- 2 females - 20ish

One character is partially nude in one scene and dialog that may not be appropriate for children is included.

Audition dates: December 2 & 3, 10 AM to 2 PM both days at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. Those unable to attend may schedule a zoom audition with the director.

Auditionees should prepare a dramatic reading of no longer than 2 minutes (script in hand permitted) and will be expected to complete a cold reading from the play based on which characters they are best suited for. Call backs will be done via zoom if needed.

For more information: Call Director Harold Tighe (845) 807-7212 or haroldtighe50@gmail.com

## Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on End of SAG-AFTRA Strike

"I am pleased to see that SAG-AFTRA and AMPTP have reached a tentative agreement to end the actors' strike. New York's film and television industry is critical to our state's economy, creating 65,000 jobs in the past year and \$35 billion in economic activity over the past decade. Now that the WGA-AMPTP deal has been ratified and a tentative agreement has been reached between SAG-AFTRA and AMPTP, it's my hope that productions can resume and this critical economic activity can continue. This industry is a powerful economic engine and a key source of good-paying union jobs, and I hope both parties can move quickly toward a final agreement that gets New York's film and television industry back on track."

## Fallsburg CSD Hosts Annual Fall Sports Banquet

FALLSBURG - On November 8, 2023, the Fallsburg Central School District held its annual Fall sports banquet at the high school auditorium. Sixty-one students were celebrated by their coaches and families for their exceptional athletic accomplishments. These students are:

**Coaches Award:** Angie Rodriguez  
**Most Improved Award:** Catherine Pena  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Chanel Han  
 Varsity Boys Cross-Country  
**Most Valuable Player:** Isaiah Hershewsky  
**Most Improved Award:** Terrence Hayden  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Azon Laurel  
**Rookie of the Season:** Jefferson Banegas

### Varsity Girls Cross-Country

**Most Valuable Player:** Meredith Anderman  
**Most Improved Award:** Arrow Odell & Cassandra Damms  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Arianna Gonzalez  
**Rookie of the Season:** Shelby Lyons  
 Modified Boys & Girls Cross-Country  
**Most Valuable Players:** Jiahnny Sebastian & Autumn Rain Atkinson  
**Most Improved Award:** Jermaine Troy Jr.  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Dominico Retana  
**Rookie of the Season:** Jiahnny Sebastian

### Varsity Football

**Most Valuable Player:** Donovan Hart  
**Coaches Award:** Colin Pavese  
**Most Improved Award:** Adam Frunzi  
**Offensive Player of the Year:** Nick Storms  
**Defensive Player of the Year:** Isaiah Young  
**Rookie of the Year:** Jadiel Monche  
**Black Helmet Award:** Nikolas Bonner & Ethan Dunn

### Modified Football

**Most Valuable Player:** Michael Kehlenbeck  
**Most Improved Award:** Rashan Lewis Jr.  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Emmett Kleingardner

### Varsity Boys Soccer

**Most Valuable Player:** Frank Trochez  
**Most Improved Award:** Junior Ordonez  
**Leadership Award:** Kevin Padilla

### JV Boys Soccer

**Most Valuable Players:** Issac Rubio

Granados & Alexandar Campos  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Rodrigo Zacapexpan & Bryan Avelar Martinez  
**Most Improved Award:** Nelson Sosa Cerrato

### Modified Boys Soccer

**Sportsmanship Award:** Pedro Pineda Ortiz  
**Most Improved Award:** Cristofer Pivaral Ballesteros  
**Leadership Award:** Carlos Granados & Dillan Padilla

### Varsity Girls Soccer

**Most Valuable Players:** Savanna Doty & Emily Perna  
**Most Improved Award:** Marilyn Santos  
**Coaches Award:** Nicole Jimenez

### Modified Girls Soccer

**Most Valuable Player:** Paola Melendez Deras  
**Most Improved Award:** Janiyah Ferguson  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Layla Cruz

### Varsity Tennis

**Most Improved Player:** Maiya Davis  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Jaily Sebastian

### Varsity Volleyball

**Most Valuable Player :** Ashley Ingrassia  
**Most Improved Award:** Brianna Noller  
**Coaches Award:** Maya Ballard

### JV Volleyball

**Most Valuable Player:** Zoey Ketcham  
**Most Improved Award:** Peyton Varner  
**Coaches Award:** Addison Ingber  
 Modified Volleyball  
**Most Valuable Players:** Maelynn Mann & Jaylisa Williams  
**Coaches Award:** Layla Hermann  
**Most Improved Award:** Leyna Greenberg  
**Sportsmanship Award:** Addison Alvarado  
**Rookie of the Season:** Kiara Allen

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**Something for Everyone!**



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**Sundown United Methodist Church  
Covered Dish Supper  
5:30 pm  
Dec 2, 2023**

*Many items from the Indoor Yard Sale will be available for sale at the Supper. Come check them out.*

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

**St. Mary's and St. Andrews Church**  
139 S Main Street • Ellenville, NY 12740

**Mass Times**  
**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**  
5:00 PM Saturday Evening  
7:30 AM Sunday Morning  
10:00 AM Sunday Morning  
(Latin) 11:30 AM Sunday Morning\*  
(Spanish) 1:00 PM Sunday Afternoon  
\*Sung Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**  
8:00 AM Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM Saturday

**HOLY DAY EUCHARIST**  
Schedule will be listed in the bulletin  
<https://smsaparish.org/bulletins>

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday  
Mass at 8:30AM.

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Nov 18th, 2023  
Thrift Sale  
9 am to 12 noon  
Luncheon  
10:30 am- 12:30 pm**

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

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>  
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740  
Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*  
**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 9:30 am  
P O Box 238 - Route 55  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor  
Church Hall available for rent  
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

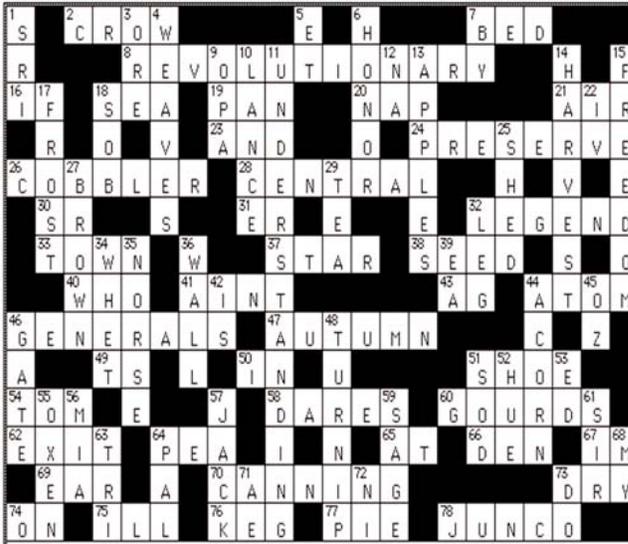
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79 North Main Street  
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**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm  
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



**GRAHAMSVILLE  
UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

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

**The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team**

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

**Sundown  
United Methodist Church  
Covered Dish Supper  
Saturday,  
December 2nd, 2023 5:30 pm  
at the Church Hall**

**Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale**  
*(Covered Dish Suppers are held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)*

*All Aboard!*

**Join the Fun!  
Play  
Mexican Train  
FREE FUN  
every FRIDAY 1-4 pm**

in the upstairs meeting room  
at the Neversink Town Hall

Also  
**WANTED**  
People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
answer

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

**Holiday Craft Fair**

**The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall**

**Local artists and craftsman will be selling their jewelry, ceramics, pottery, and much more...**

**Chili, soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available for take-out only**

**The church is located at 356 Main Street (Route 55) in Grahamsville**

**For more information call, 845-985-7427 or 845-985-7222**

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Need a place to show and sell your crafts?  
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**VETERANS** always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County  
at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.  
For information call 845-434-8044.

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/16/23	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
11/18/23	<b>Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale</b> 9 am - 12 noon
11/14/23	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
11/16/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
<b>11/19/23</b>	<b>Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast</b> 8 am - 12 noon <b>CANCELED</b>
11/21/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
11/22-23/23	<b>Town of Neversink Holiday - THANKSGIVING</b>
12/2/23	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
12/5/23	Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
12/6/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
12/12/23	Claryville Fire District Election 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
12/13/23	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm

*Save the Date!*

**Grahamsville UMC Holiday Craft Fair Dec. 2, 2023 - 10 am - 3 pm**  
**Gingerbread Bash Dec 10th 1-3 pm Claryville Reformed Church Hall (See pg. 13 for details)**

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of November 13 - November 17, 2023

### Monday, November 13

- o **12:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Community Services Board**, at 239 Golden Hill Ln, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed 2024 Ulster County Budget & Proposed 2024 - 2029 Capital Program**, at the Rondout Municipal Center, Room M1, 1915 Lucas Ave, Cottekill

### Tuesday, November 14

- o **3:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance**, in the County Executive's Conference Room, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 920 Broadway, NY, NY and Zoom Meeting ID: 834 6346 3315
- o **4:30 PM - Ways & Means Committee, in the Legislative Chambers**, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **4:45 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Governance Committee**, at the New Paltz Community Center, 3 Veterans Dr., New Paltz
- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health**, at 239 Golden Hill Ln, 1st Floor Conference Room, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means) - Caucuses: Democrats**, in the Legislative Chambers, Republicans, in KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

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 Please Note: The Following Public Hearings and Legislative Session are held in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, and Livestreamed, via videoconference due to extraordinary circumstances pursuant to NYS Public Officers Law Section 103-A and Ulster County Local Law No. 8 of 2022, Zoom Meeting ID: 861 9911 9007 or by dialing (646) 558-8656, and available via Vimeo at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

### Wednesday, November 15

- o **8:00 AM - Ulster County Workforce Development Board, in the Office of Employment & Training**, 521 Boices Ln, Kingston
- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **10:00 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board of Directors**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed 2024 Ulster County Budget & Proposed 2024 - 2029 Capital Program**, at the Milton Train Station, 41 Dock Rd., Milton

### Thursday, November 16

- o **5:30 PM - Youth Board**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

### Friday, November 17

- o **No Meetings**

## Seed Planting for Kids!

LIBERTY, NY - Getting kids into planting is a great way to weather the cold winter months! It helps develop skills like responsibility and patience and gears them towards scientific thinking! To educate young people on the planting and care of fruits, vegetables, and herbs, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Horticulture Program Coordinator Katie Gasior will host an educational program at the Extension Education Center at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty on planting seeds. The program will take place on Tuesday, November 14th from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The class will be taught in person and begin with a short lesson on plant care and basic biology. This will be followed by a demonstration of seed planting, where participants will have a chance to choose from a variety of flower, herb and vegetable seeds, then plant their chosen seeds with Katie's guidance. Participants will take home and care for their planted seeds.

There is no fee, but preregistration is required to participate. Register online at <http://sullivancee.org/events>. Those with related questions can email [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu) or call 845-292-6180.

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

## Empowering a Healthier Generation 2023-2025 Grants Released New and Enhanced Grant Offerings, Extended Grant Cycles

[LIBERTY] - On November 1st Sullivan 180 released the 2023-2025 Healthier Generation Grant Applications. These grants are available to Sullivan County Public Schools with a current Healthier Generation (HG) Advisor and Wellness Coordinator.

The enhanced program offers three types of grants. The Healthier Generation School Grant, in the amount of \$4,000, supports initiatives that bring awareness and support to the District's Wellness Policy within a particular school building.

The Healthier Generation Competition Grant, in the amount of \$10,000, is meant to boost schools to a higher level of health and wellness; and encourage the creation of a campaign to promote specific goals of the school district's wellness policy to the school community.

New this year, The Healthier Generation District Impact Grant in the amount of \$20,000, supports specific goals of the school district's wellness policy to improve the health and wellness of the school community, either district-wide or in a particular school building.

Healthier Generation Advisors, Wellness Coordinators, School Administrators and Community Resource Committee Partners convened at CVI on Wednesday, November 8th for the First Healthier Generation Council Meeting of the school year, for networking and an in-depth review of the grants.

"As the Empowering a Healthier Generation Program continues to evolve, so do the schools' level of engagement in health and wellness initiatives. This year there will be more projects than ever with multiple schools working on larger projects funded by the HG Grant Awards won through the 2022-23 HG Grant Competition," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health

& Wellness. "In addition to expanded timelines and larger grants, HG Advisors have garnered incredible support from the school community, priming them for great success in the coming year."

"I am very excited about the new grant opportunities offered by Sullivan 180's Empowering a Healthier Generation Program. These grants allow our schools to focus their efforts on healthier outcomes for all of the students in Sullivan County. 'One degree at a time,' these grants will positively impact our children's health outcomes." Dr. Robert M. Dufour, District Superintendent & CEO, Sullivan BOCES.

For more information about Sullivan 180, visit [www.Sullivan180.org](http://www.Sullivan180.org) or call (845) 295-2680.

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat, Manor Ink and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at [Sullivan180.org](http://Sullivan180.org) or [Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc](https://Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc).

## Proposed 2024 Sullivan County Budget Expands Services Without Increasing Taxes County Manager Puts Forth Proposal to Legislators

Monticello, NY - County Manager Joshua A. Potosek today presented a 2024 Tentative Sullivan County Budget to the Legislature that continues to reduce debt, expands existing services and avoids layoffs - without raising taxes.

"As proposed by my office, the 2024 Tentative Sullivan County Budget prioritizes what's important to our residents: tax relief, debt reduction, road and bridge investment, and cost-effective government," Potosek said. "At the same time, it carefully positions the County for a stable financial future."

The \$288,585,351 budget, as currently proposed, keeps the tax levy flat. It does not propose incurring new debt or dipping into the fund balance of the General Fund for ongoing operations.

Full details of the budget are available via a digital budget book at <https://county-sullivan-ny-budget-book.cleargov.com/13509> (also accessible through [www.sullivanny.us](http://www.sullivanny.us)).

"This is more than an online budget viewing tool," noted Potosek. "It allows users to easily search for information, quickly find what they're most interested in, and even generate their own charts and graphs. It is an interactive way of truly understanding our most complex fiscal document."

**Highlights of the Tentative 2024 County Budget include:**

- o An historic \$23.6 million for road and bridgework throughout the County, to be achieved without going into debt by bonding
- o \$2 million for a Housing Trust Fund to address the housing crisis in the County
- o \$2 million to provide for the design and renovation of County office spaces, as prioritized by the next Legislature (Contd. Pg. 26)

## Proposed 2024 Sullivan County Budget Expands Services Without Increasing Taxes County Manager Puts Forth Proposal to Legislators

(From Pg. 25) o \$700,000 for the Sullivan Promise Scholarship Program, which provides up to two full years of tuition-free attendance at SUNY Sullivan for local high school graduates

o \$450,000 to expand Move Sullivan's popular bus routes to Cohecton, Eldred, Foxcroft Village, Grahamsville, Jeffersonville, Livingston Manor, Narrowsburg, Neversink and Roscoe

o \$424,000 for the next Legislature to offer to eligible community nonprofits via the Discretionary Funding Program

o \$360,000 to replace patrol vehicles in the Sheriff's Office

o \$300,000 (an increase of \$100,000 over last year) for the Youth Bureau to fund local organizations serving youth and their families

o \$300,000 to demolish blighted properties via the Sullivan County Land Bank and the Remove Unsafe Structures (RUS<sub>t</sub>) Program

o \$165,000 to hire new dispatchers in the Sheriff's Office, thus allowing two more deputies to head out on road patrol duties

o \$150,000 for a Water Resource Study to map the inventory of this liquid necessity, especially in areas facing development

o \$100,000 for improvements to Lake Superior State Park (which the County manages), including expansion of the beach and walking trails

o \$45,000 for an Animal Control Officer to liaison with Public Health on rabies issues

In order to attract talent to the extremely busy District Attorney's Office, the 2024 Budget proposes that all vacant Assistant District Attorney positions be set at a floor of \$90,000 a year, along with salary increases for existing ADAs. Also, new positions are proposed to be added to Office for the Aging (Personal Care Aides) and Public Health (Community Health Workers and an Epidemiologist Supervisor) to boost the County's health rankings.

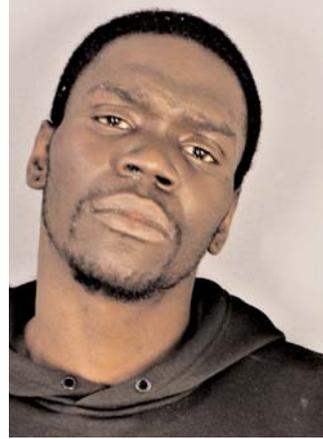
"Thanks to the continually robust economy, the 2024 Tentative Budget can add staff and services while eliminating short-term debt," Potosek explained. "Nevertheless, we are keeping a close eye on fiscal responsibility, and this budget ensures the County is prepared for fiscal bad weather, should it occur."

Legislators now have until December 20 to review, discuss and adopt the budget. They may make changes to the proposed version before it is adopted, and the public is welcome to watch their deliberations during special Management & Budget Committee meetings to be announced over the next month. Meetings will be livestreamed on the Legislature's webpage.

Formal public hearings about the proposed 2024 County Budget are set for Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 7 at 10:30 a.m., both at the Government Center in Monticello. In the meantime, written comment is being accepted by Clerk of the Legislature AnnMarie Martin at [annmarie.martin@sullivanny.us](mailto:annmarie.martin@sullivanny.us) or 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

## Burglary Suspect Arrested

On Saturday Nov. 11, 2023 at about 9:40 AM, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office received a report from 911 of a burglary in progress at the City Lights II Tattoo Studio located on Route 52 in the Town of Liberty.



Byron T. Santiago

The Village of Liberty Police arrived on the scene first and detained the suspect for the responding sheriff's unit. Deputies arrested Byron T. Santiago, 34, of Woodbourne.

The suspect was discovered by an employee who was opening the business for the day. The investigation indicated that the suspect allegedly caused damage to the front door when he gained entry.

Santiago was charged with felony Burglary and Criminal Mischief. Under New York's bail reform law, he was issued an appearance ticket and released.

He is due in the Town of Liberty court on December 6, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

## Ulster County Clerk Introduces "Fraud Alert" Service to Safeguard Property Owners

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is proud to introduce a free new service aimed at enhancing the security of property owners throughout Ulster County. The office is rolling out "Fraud Alert," a user-friendly tool designed to empower property owners in safeguarding their most valuable assets.

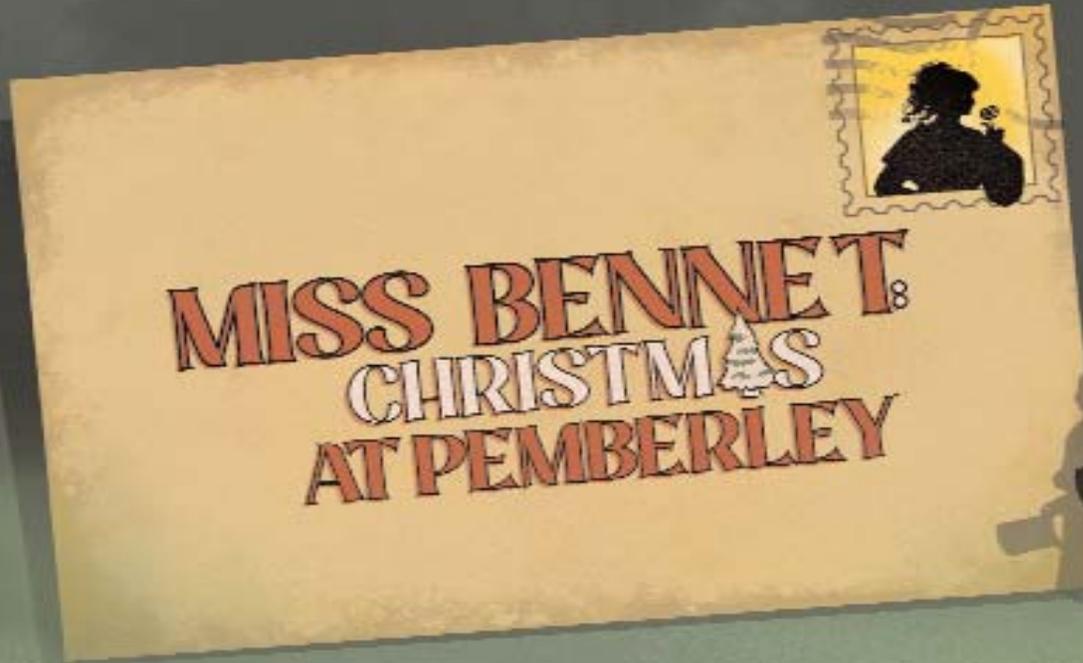
"Fraud Alert" is a free service that enables property owners to stay vigilant and informed about any recorded documents, such as deeds or mortgages, filed under their name. This innovative tool allows property owners to receive timely notifications whenever such documents are recorded. You can access these documents online through the official portal at <https://www.searchiqs.com/NYULS/> or in person at the Clerk's Office, conveniently located within the Ulster County Office Building at 244 Fair Street, 2nd Floor, Kingston, NY 12401.

County Clerk Nina Postupack shared her thoughts on this initiative, stating, "This is a simple yet effective way for homeowners to achieve peace of mind. We are thrilled to provide this invaluable service to our community."

Property owners in Ulster County can sign up for the free "Fraud Alert" service by visiting <https://searchiqs.com/fraudalert/?CC=NYULS>. Please note there may be other property owners in the village, town or city that share the same name.

For any further information or inquiries, please reach out to County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or via email at [countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us). You can also stay updated with the latest news and announcements by visiting our official Facebook page.

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# Create Your Own Themed Tree to Show! Exhibit Will Be Part of 'Holiday in Hurleyville Festival'

Hurleyville, NY - It's time to start planning for the 2023 Holiday Theme Tree Open House at the Sullivan County Cultural Center & Museum in Hurleyville. Hosted by the Sullivan County Historical Society, this year's Open House will be held on Saturday, December 2, in conjunction with the Holiday In Hurleyville Festival.



The Sullivan County Historical Society invites organizations, businesses, and individuals to decorate a tree for display at the event. The decorating theme may be one which represents an organization, a business or an individual flight of fancy and can be in celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah and/or Kwanzaa.



All trees must be artificial (due to fire codes) and not taller than six (6) feet. If a tree is less than five (5) feet, please bring your own table. Note that since the display is in subdued lighting, trees will not be seen at their best unless they have their own lights.

Trees and displays may be set up between November 21 and December 1 anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or call the number below to make an appointment). Exhibits may be removed after January 3, 2024 or by appointment.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For more information, call 845-434-8044 or email [scceil@scnyhistory.org](mailto:scceil@scnyhistory.org).



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# DEC Encourages Statewide Participation in 'New York Recycles Day'

## *Annual Recycles Day Raises Awareness of Recycling's Benefits*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today encouraged all New Yorkers to celebrate Wednesday, Nov. 15, as 'New York Recycles Day.' New York Recycles Day highlights the importance of recycling and best practices to keep waste out of landfills. New York's efforts complement America Recycles Day, a national initiative to raise awareness of the economic, environmental, and social benefits of recycling.

"New York Recycles Day is an opportunity for all New Yorkers to commit or recommit to the core principles of reduce, re-use, and recycle," Commissioner Seggos said. "Sustainable materials management and recycling help keep communities clean, safeguard our shared environment, reduce the greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change, and lessen the waste disposal burden on New York's municipalities. Today and every day, DEC encourages all New Yorkers to learn more about the benefits of recycling and what we all can do to protect our natural resources for future generations."

By recycling at home, at work, and in public, people of all ages can have a positive impact on the environment. Across the state, individuals, community groups, businesses, schools, and government agencies celebrate 'New York Recycles Day' in a variety of ways, including encouraging others to reduce waste, pledging to start an office or school recycling program, hosting a reuse exchange, or improving awareness of local recycling requirements. These efforts help inform New Yorkers about the advantages of waste reduction and recycling. DEC's website offers tips on ways to support 'New York Recycles Day', and additional information about how to participate in this annual event is available at the Keep America Beautiful America Recycles Day website.

New York State has a long history of implementing many of the nation's strongest recycling initiatives, including the Solid Waste Management Act. The act promotes local and State efforts to promote and implement actions to reduce, reuse, and recycle, inspiring local source-separation programs across the state which helps to divert millions of tons of recyclable materials from disposal resulting in the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions, energy usage, and the use of natural resources.

Over more than three decades, the State has invested over \$250 million in funding for waste reduction and recycling programs funded through the State's Environmental Protection Fund to support municipal waste reduction and recycling programs by funding recycling infrastructure, equipment, collection vehicles, local education and outreach programs, and local recycling coordinator salaries.

This year, the draft New York State Solid Waste Management Plan: Building the Circular Economy Through Sustainable Materials Management (Plan) was released. With a goal to protect communities and mitigate the effects of climate change, this Plan builds upon sustained efforts to reduce waste and advance the state's transition to a circular economy, helping to change New Yorkers' understanding of waste and their relationship to it. The Plan intends to guide actions over the next decade, and builds upon the State's 2010 Beyond Waste Plan to help achieve goals of reducing waste and increasing

recycling across the economy.

Additional programs to encourage waste diversion in New York State include:

- extended producer responsibility programs to manage electronic equipment;
- safe mercury thermostat and pharmaceutical disposal options;
- encouragement to use rechargeable batteries;
- product stewardship programs to collect used paint; and
- bottle and can recycling through New York's longstanding bottle bill program.

Reduction of single-use items makes local recycling programs more effective by removing these hard-to-recycle items from the recycling stream. New York State's Bag Waste Reduction Act prohibits the distribution of plastic carryout bags from most stores and encourages reusable bags while a statewide ban on expanded polystyrene (foam) for food service containers and packing peanuts, reduces litter and removes much of this material from the waste stream.

The principles of reduction, reuse, and recycling also extend to organic materials. The New York State Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling law requires businesses and institutions that produce two tons of wasted food per week or more to donate excess edible food and to recycle all remaining food scraps if they are within 25 miles of an organics recycling facility. DEC's partnership with Feeding New York State and regional food banks resulted in more than five million extra pounds of food being donated to hungry New Yorkers, while reducing waste and climate-altering emissions caused by landfilling.

In 2026, the Carpet Collection Program Law program will require carpet producers to fund a carpet collection and recycling program at no cost to New York State consumers. The law will also require new carpet to be manufactured with increasing post-consumer recycled material and without harmful PFAS substances.

New York State also partners with several of the state's finest research institutions to help tackle the most pressing recycling challenges. In collaboration with the State University of New York (SUNY University at Buffalo, Alfred, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and Stony Brook University), DEC is working to increase the recyclability of glass, paper, and plastics and to boost public awareness of best practices for reduction, reuse, and recycling.

How New Yorkers Can Help 'Recycle Right'

To decrease contamination in recyclables and increase the marketability of those recyclables, DEC encourages all New Yorkers to 'Recycle Right.' Try Recycle Right NY's Recyclopedia to learn what materials might be recyclable. Each community has specific recycling rules and all New Yorkers should check with their municipality or waste hauler on the types of paper, metal, plastic, and glass items that can be recycled. Recyclables have the best market value when they are clean and dry before being placed in the collection bin.

Tips to Recycle Right:

- Keep recyclable items loose in the bin; do not bag recyclables in plastic bags (unless required by your municipality or waste hauler);

- Do not recycle single-use cups and plates, condiment packages, coffee pods, stirrers, straws, paper napkins; plastic cutlery (unless specifically accepted by your local recycling program or recycling hauler);

- Return rechargeable batteries to retail recycling locations;

- Compost at home or send yard trimmings and food scraps to a local or municipal composting program;

- Donate dishware, mirrors, glassware, and ceramics if in good condition; (Contd. Pg. 32)

## DEC Encourages Statewide Participation in 'New York Recycles Day'

(From Pg. 31) Donate textiles --even if they're no longer wearable or useable, as long as they are clean, they can be recycled;

Do not put any type of rope, hose, or twine into your recycling bin; and

Return needles to appropriate collection locations. Visit DEC's Household Sharps webpage for more information.

DEC urges the public to "know before you throw," as contamination in the recycling supply chain reduces the quality of recyclable materials. For more information contact a local recycling coordinator or visit Recycle Right NY.

## During NYS Apprenticeship Month, Governor Hochul Announces New Funding for Pre-Apprenticeship Programs

*\$2 Million Investment Will Support Direct Entry Pre-Apprenticeship Programs to Help Grow Registered Apprenticeships Statewide*

*NYS Department of Labor Kicks Off Statewide Apprenticeships Outreach Tour, Starting in Buffalo*

Governor Kathy Hochul announced a significant investment of \$2 million to enhance Direct Entry pre-apprenticeship programs across New York State. This initiative, backed by the New York State Department of Labor and funded with State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula grant funds awarded by the United States Department of Labor, aims to elevate New York's robust apprenticeship ecosystem, which currently boasts over 17,500 apprentices and approximately 900 diverse programs. In addition, Governor Hochul has also proudly proclaimed November as New York State Apprenticeship Month. This proclamation, underscores New York's commitment to the nation's most extensive apprenticeship network, spanning various skilled trades.

"This investment in Direct Entry pre-apprenticeship programs across New York will help to strengthen the pipeline into our state's apprenticeship network and give workers the skills, the tools, and the resources they need to thrive in the modern economy," Governor Hochul said. "Registered apprenticeships are the backbone of my administration's strategy to prepare New Yorkers for the jobs of tomorrow, and with this proclamation establishing New York State Apprenticeship Month, I am doubling down on my commitment to helping our workforce meet the needs of 21st century businesses."

New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "Apprenticeships allow New Yorkers to earn money to support themselves and their families while learning valuable skills and gaining work experience in hundreds of different fields. By sponsoring apprentices, businesses create a pipeline for a consistent influx of new, well-trained employees. I encourage businesses statewide to consider utilizing this valuable program that will provide them with a workforce committed to their success."

Registered apprenticeships do not only provide New Yorkers with a pathway to sustainable wages and career growth, but also furnish businesses with a steady stream of skilled workers.

New York State has one of the largest apprenticeship programs in the country. There are currently over 17,500 registered apprentices participating in various skilled trades in approximately 900 programs powered by over 600 sponsors across the state. Participation in New York State registered apprenticeships continues to grow, with 4,651 newly enrolled apprentices, 53 new programs and 8 new trades in the last year alone. New trades include emerging fields like software development and art operations.

Registered apprenticeships have been a pathway to careers in the construction industry for decades. However, in recent years, companies outside of the construction trades have recognized the value in this educational pathway and launched their own apprenticeship programs. Organizations like the Manufacturers Alliance of New York and companies like Tiffany & Co. are paving the way for the future expansion of apprenticeship programs that will open new doors for New Yorkers and build the state's talent pipeline to fill critical jobs.

A breakdown of the number of apprenticeship programs in each region is as follows:

Region	Number of Apprenticeship Programs
Capital	119
Central	109
Finger Lakes	157
Long Island	83
Mid-Hudson	60
Mohawk Valley	49
New York City	98
North Country	48
Out of State 2	
Southern Tier	66
Western New York	111

In celebration of Apprenticeship Month, the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) is kicking off a statewide tour of apprenticeship programs to highlight the growth of New York's apprenticeship network, detailing the impressive enrollment figures, introduction of new programs, and expansion into fresh trades. NYSDOL Commissioner Reardon will travel the state to meet with participants in Registered Apprenticeship programs including The UA Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 22 in Western New York, McLane Trucking in Central New York, and the Mason Tender Training School in New York City. These events will be highlighted on NYSDOL's social media.

NYSDOL will be launching a social media campaign, including a series of videos to help businesses understand how apprenticeship programs can help them build a talent pool and help prevent worker shortages. Businesses can find more information on apprenticeships by signing up for NYSDOL's Biz Buzz e-newsletter, which NYSDOL sends out to over 75,000 recipients each month.

The \$2 million in funding through Direct Entry pre-apprenticeship programs will help support growth of registered apprenticeships statewide. Funding will be available through the Direct Entry Pre-Apprenticeship Request for Applications.

NYSDOL continues to expand registered apprenticeships into new sectors across New York State in partnership with the New York State Education Department, which provides oversight of the programs' instruction component. Businesses interested in launching a program should visit NYSDOL's apprenticeship resource webpage.

## Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Protect NY Homeowners from Deed Theft

- *Legislation S.6577/A.6656 Enhances Deed Theft Protections for New Yorkers by Empowering the Attorney General and Local District Attorneys Investigating or Litigating Deed Theft to Pause Related Eviction and Ownership Dispute Proceedings and Expanding the List of Crimes that Allow Prosecutors to Invalidate Fraudulent Sale and Loan Documents, Among Other Measures*
- *New Yorkers Are Encouraged to Report Deed Theft to the Attorney General's Office by Calling 800-771-7755*

Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation to protect New Yorkers from deed theft, a practice in which property owners are defrauded out of the property titles to their homes. Legislation S.6577/A.6656 enhances deed theft protections by empowering the Attorney General and local District Attorneys investigating or litigating deed theft to pause related eviction and ownership dispute proceedings and expanding the list of crimes that allow prosecutors to invalidate fraudulent sale and loan documents, among other measures. Governor Hochul signed the legislation today in Brooklyn alongside the Attorney General, members of the Legislature, legal services advocates and victims of deed theft.

“This legislation is New York's strongest tool yet to crack down on illegal deed theft and put the American Dream back in the hands of thousands of New York homeowners,” Governor Hochul said. “Deed theft cheats hardworking New Yorkers out of the opportunity to own and keep their homes and forces families out of their communities - particularly in Black and Brown neighborhoods. With the protections enshrined in this legislation, however, we are empowering homeowners and law enforcement to fight back against deed theft and keeping families, homes, and communities intact. I thank Attorney General James and the bill sponsors for their partnership in our mission to protect New York homeowners and for joining my administration's continued effort to stop fraud, forgery, and abuse.”

Deed theft occurs when someone takes the title to someone's home without the homeowner's knowledge or approval, most commonly through forgery, when a scammer fakes a homeowner's signature on a deed and files it with the county clerk, or fraud, when a homeowner unwittingly signs the deed over to a scammer. According to the New York City Sheriff's Office, there have been at least 3,500 deed theft complaints filed in New York City in the past ten years.

Legislation S.6577/A.6656 establishes several new measures to enhance deed theft protections for New Yorkers. The legislation empowers the Attorney General, local District Attorneys, and other law enforcement investigating deed theft to move to stay any legal proceeding where possession or title to a property is at issue - such as foreclosures, evictions, and ownership disputes - and requires courts to grant the stay if investigations are ongoing or the government has initiated civil or criminal actions. Upon finding probable cause

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or filing criminal charges, the Attorney General and District Attorneys now may file a notice of pendency as a "red flag" to make buyers and lenders aware of title issues to help stop further transactions from happening.

The legislation also expands the ability of prosecutors to move to void fraudulent instruments affecting ownership of and interests in property by adding to the list of crimes that can be the basis for voiding the instruments and, for the first time, allowing the Attorney General to do so in addition to district attorneys.

In addition, unless a defendant can prove otherwise, the legislation creates a legal presumption that a deed transfer was fraudulent in civil disputes over ownership when a party to the transfer has been convicted of deed theft or related fraud with respect to that property, which helps victims of deed theft fighting to maintain their ownership rights in civil court. It also establishes that a buyer or lender had notice of fraud if they actually knew or should have known fraud occurred, which can help victims challenge transfers as invalid when the buyers or lenders should have been aware of the fraud.

The legislation also extends the protections of the State's Home Equity Theft Prevention Act, which governs the sale of homes that are in foreclosure or in default, to allow homeowners the ability to cancel any contract to sell their property if they are on a utility lien list.

New Yorkers are encouraged to report deed theft and other scams to the Attorney General's office by calling 800-771-7755 or filing a complaint at:

[https://formsny.gov/OAGOnlineSubmissionForm/faces/OAGDTBHome;jsessionid=EgjP7YMKtzOwkbcsNc1x0evNq1M6MaTfa\\_9TeMcPHqioEuQZgN\\_!1586278303](https://formsny.gov/OAGOnlineSubmissionForm/faces/OAGDTBHome;jsessionid=EgjP7YMKtzOwkbcsNc1x0evNq1M6MaTfa_9TeMcPHqioEuQZgN_!1586278303)

# Governor Hochul Appoints Dr. Ruth Westheimer as NYS's Honorary Ambassador to Loneliness

*Honorary Title Bestowed on Iconic Talk Show Host to Raise Awareness; Advise New Yorkers on Steps to Help Address a Growing Issue Statewide*

Social Isolation and Loneliness Associated with Multiple Physical and Mental Health Issues; Significantly Increases Risk of Premature Death

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that she has appointed Dr. Ruth Westheimer as the nation's first Ambassador to Loneliness. In accepting the honorary title, the iconic talk show host pledged to help New Yorkers of all ages address the growing issue of social isolation, which is associated with multiple physical and mental health issues, including cognitive decline, anxiety, depression, cardiovascular disorders, weakened immunity, Alzheimer's disease, and premature death.

"As New York works to fight the loneliness epidemic, some help from honorary Ambassador Ruth Westheimer may be just what the doctor ordered," Governor Hochul said. "Dr. Ruth Westheimer has offered her services to help older adults and all New Yorkers cope with the loneliness epidemic and I will be appointing her to serve as the nation's first state-level honorary Ambassador to Loneliness. Studies show individuals experiencing loneliness had a 32 percent higher risk of dying early and we need leaders like Dr. Ruth to help address this critical component of our mental health crisis."

A survivor orphaned by the Holocaust, Westheimer rose to prominence as a sex therapist and syndicated talk show host on both radio and television during the 1980s and 1990s. Last year, the 95-year-old resident of the Bronx suggested the idea of becoming an 'ambassador' for the state to provide fellow New Yorkers with advice on how to address loneliness and isolation -especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Ruth Westheimer said, "Hallelujah! I got off the phone with Governor Hochul yesterday afternoon. She called to ask me to serve as the very first Honorary Ambassador to Loneliness in the nation. I am deeply honored and promised the Governor that I will work day and night to help New Yorkers feel less lonely!"

More than a third of adults 45 or older experience loneliness, with nearly a quarter of adults 65 or older considered socially isolated, a recent study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine found. Loneliness is defined as the feeling of being alone, regardless of the amount of social contact, while social isolation refers to a lack of social connections.

Social isolation significantly increased the risk of premature death from all causes, the study found, rivaling the risk posed by other detrimental health conditions or behaviors, including smoking, obesity, and physical inactivity. Social isolation has been associated with an approximately 50 percent increased risk of developing dementia, while poor social relationships- characterized by social isolation or loneliness- have been associated with a 29 percent increased risk of heart disease and a 32 percent increased risk of stroke.

Under Governor Hochul's leadership, New York State is taking steps to develop age-friendly communities and build a more robust system of mental health care. Last year, Governor Hochul signed an executive order to create the state's first-ever Master Plan for Aging to ensure older New Yorkers can live healthy, fulfilling lives while aging with dignity and independence.

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) is now working with the state Department of Health to develop this comprehensive plan, which will recommend age-friendly policies to influence community development, transportation, and other supports needed to allow all New Yorkers to participate socially as they age. Last summer, the

Master Plan for Aging's council and advisory committee released a preliminary report, with the final report slated to be delivered by 2025.

The Office of Mental Health (OMH) is now implementing Governor Hochul's landmark \$1 Billion plan to build out New York's continuum of mental health care, which was adopted in May as part of the FY 2024 State Budget. Part of this multi-year plan includes investing \$60 million in capital and \$121.6 million operating funding to dramatically expand outpatient services, which can provide a stigma-free environment to help New Yorkers experiencing mental health issues like anxiety or depression.

The state is now working to triple the number of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, which serve New Yorkers experiencing mental health issues or substance use disorders regardless of where they reside or their ability to pay for these services. These clinics will be expanded from 13 to 39 by July 2025.

Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "Loneliness and social isolation have long been linked to poor mental health outcomes, including depression and anxiety, and has been associated with dementia in older adults. As an orphaned survivor of the Holocaust and with her international fame as a talk show host, the estimable Dr. Ruth Westheimer is very well suited to raise awareness of this issue and encourage people of all ages to address issues of isolation in their lives and among their families. We look forward to working with this national icon to help all New Yorkers seek and maintain healthy connections in their community throughout life and as they age."

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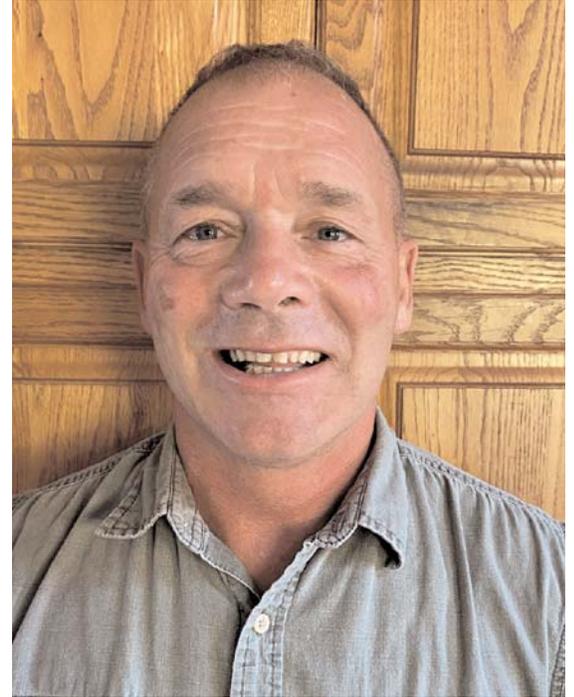
## Delaware County Veteran Named to Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame Senator Oberacker selects Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Cetta for enshrinement

Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C-Schenevus) today announced that Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Cetta, who served with both the United States Marine Corps and the New York Army National Guard is the 2023 inductee to the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame from the 51st Senate District.



*Senator Peter Oberacker*

“Lieutenant Colonel Cetta is a true patriot and his service to our nation and his community deserves the highest recognition. It is my esteemed honor to select him as my 2023 inductee to the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame,” said Senator Oberacker. “Joseph's contributions, both at home and abroad, during his nearly four decades of service epitomize the definition of hero. Today he continues to make lives better serving as Walton Town Supervisor and as a firefighter with the Walton Fire Department. Service is near and dear to his



*Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Cetta's*

heart, and we are all better off because of his efforts.”

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Cetta's military career spanned nearly four decades (Active and Reserve) with both the United States Marine Corps and the New York Army National Guard.

The highly decorated veteran received the Marine Corps. Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Human Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Born in Walton N.Y., Mr. Cetta knew at an early age that he wanted to serve his country, enlisting with the U.S. Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program after his junior year at Walton High School. Just five days after graduation, he arrived at Parris Island to begin his training. He then spent four years on active duty with VFMA-312 with two Western Pacific deployments that included duty in Japan, the Philippines, Okinawa, South Korea, Guam, and Wake Island before being honorably discharged in June 1983.

Only two months later, Joseph joined the New York Army National Guard and over the next 32 years held a number of leadership positions and was deployed to missions throughout New York State in response to natural disasters. Additional deployments took him to Panama, Honduras, and Guatemala on nation building missions.

Later, he was ordered to active duty and deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan serving as Liaison Officer with the 42nd Infantry Division during each tour.

Joseph continues to give back to the community where he grew up. First serving as a village trustee in his hometown of Walton, and now as the town supervisor. He is also a firefighter with the Walton Fire Department.

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Cetta has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to his country, his fellow service members, and his community. His contributions, both in and out of uniform, are well deserving of our eternal respect and admiration.

“We owe so much to our veterans, starting with our freedoms and our way of life. I commend and thank Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Cetta, the rest of the 2023 hall of fame induction class, and all veterans for their service and sacrifice to our nation,” added Senator Oberacker.

The New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame inductees may be former members of any branch of the United States Armed Forces. The exceptional men and women are chosen for this prestigious honor based on either service in combat or notable work performed after discharge from the service.

The Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held virtually and is available for viewing at <https://www.nysenate.gov/calendar/events/november-09-2023/veterans-hall-fame-ceremony>. Additional recognition will take place in Walton at a later date.

# Grahamsville Youth Program

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3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Snow Date: Wednesday, December 6th

How do you feel about potato latkes?

We like them a-latke!

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Learn about the Festival of Lights - Hanukkah, a joyous holiday.

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# Daniel Pierce Library

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Come explore the world  
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For Adults

Thursday, December 7, 2023

6:00-7:00 pm



Celebrate the holidays and dip into felting! Join felting expert, Christine Adams in this workshop where you will felt your own Snow Owl.

Felting is an age-old textile art that uses wool fibers and special tools to create a variety of objects.

A \$5 supply fee is due before event to secure your spot. Space is limited.  
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**The Wayne County Arts Alliance Gallery is pleased to announce a member's exhibition in the newly renovated gallery with the opening of "DECORATION" on view from November 17; through December 30th, 2023**

Artists are installing their personal adornments in the gallery not related to the holidays. Interpretations of the theme include fiber art, video presentations, graffiti, digital photography and an interactive art piece.

The exhibition opens with an artist's reception on Friday, November 17th, 2023 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the WCAA Gallery located at 959 Main Street in Honesdale, PA and is open Thursdays through Sundays from 11:00am to 4:00pm and Fridays from 11:00am to 6:00pm.

Participating Artists - Mary Arden, Jason Badum, Phyllis Chekenian, Maura Doern Danko, Heather Rae Hatton, Jay Hostetler, Robyn Oakes, Nancy Palubniak, Noah Parry, George Penyak, Jasmine Schwenk, Connor Simon, Amy Smith, Naomi Teppich, Derek Williams, Honesdale High School Art Club, The Cooperage Pop-Up Club.

For more information about this and other WCAA events and exhibitions, please visit our website at [waynecountyartsalliance.org](http://waynecountyartsalliance.org)

**COMING SOON...to Olive Free Library Holiday Fair! Saturday, December 9, 10am-4pm Sunday, December 10, 11am-3pm**

**Teen Movie Night**  
Friday, December 15, 6pm  
Cookie decorating & hot cocoa!

**Speaker Series: Old West Hurley with Kara Lustiber**

Saturday, December 16, 1pm The Hurley area of New York underwent extraordinary changes during the early 1900s to build a safe drinking water system for New York City. To create the manmade reservoirs necessary to gather the water for this endeavor, New York City claimed the right of eminent domain.

**Governor Hochul Celebrates 100,000 Broadway and Off-Broadway Tickets Sold Under NYC Musical and Theatrical Production Tax Credit Program Benefitting Low and Moderate Income New Yorkers**

- *Productions Supported by the NYC Musical & Theatrical Tax Credit Provide Low- and No-Cost Tickets to Low- and Moderate-Income New Yorkers*
- *Governor Secured Major Expansion of NYC Musical & Theatrical Production Tax Credit in FY 2024 Budget to Include Off-Broadway Productions*
- *Governor Previously Made Transformative \$450 Million Investment to Bring Back Broadway and Revitalize Tourism, Leading to Historic Visitation and Tourist Spending in New York in 2022*

Governor Kathy Hochul celebrated that more than 100,000 low- or no-cost tickets have been made available by Broadway and Off-Broadway productions participating in the NYC Musical and Theatrical Production Tax Credit. The deeply discounted tickets, which can be as little as \$20, were sold to members of the community who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to experience a Broadway or Off-Broadway show. (Contd. Pg. 46)



*See this beautiful traditional wedding gown with its long train and veil at the Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale*



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## Governor Hochul Celebrates 100,000 Broadway and Off-Broadway Tickets Sold Under NYC Musical and Theatrical Production Tax Credit Program Benefitting Low and Moderate Income New Yorkers

(From Pg. 45) There are over 90 plays and musicals participating in the program that represent at least \$1.7 billion in spending and more than 11,000 hires.

“New York is hitting a blockbuster milestone, with top Broadway and Off-Broadway productions making more than 100,000 discounted tickets available to New Yorkers,” Governor Hochul said. “Broadway is central to New York’s identity as a global hub for arts and culture, and my Administration will continue supporting this industry through the transformative New York City Musical & Theatrical Production Tax Credit.”

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, “The arts in New York State, especially our Broadway and Off-Broadway productions, are one of our biggest assets, and one that every New Yorker should be able to experience. Today, we give our regards to Broadway, and the partnerships that have allowed us to reach this exciting milestone.”

Under the NYC Musical & Theatrical Production Tax Credit, Broadway and Off-Broadway productions are required to create and implement a plan to ensure that their production is available and accessible for low-or no-cost to low-income New Yorkers. Productions may work directly with the State to identify community-based organizations or educational institutions serving low-income residents in the New York City, Long Island and Mid-Hudson regions to distribute tickets or work with a third-party partner, such as the Theatre Development Fund, which in turn provides low- or no-cost tickets to students, veterans, senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and other groups.

In addition to making tickets more accessible, productions participating in the program are required to participate in a New York State-approved diversity and arts job training program. Productions may work with pre-approved formalized fellowship programs from The Theatre Leadership Project or the Black Theatre Coalition or create a self-operated fellowship program for individuals from diverse backgrounds to learn to work in the theater industry. Through this requirement, 75 fellows from underrepresented communities have been employed on productions.

TDF’s Managing Director Michael Naumann said, “It has been an honor to develop the TDF Passport Series through the New York City Musical & Theatrical Production Tax Credit program with Governor Hochul and Empire State Development. It is TDF’s mission to make the theatre accessible to everyone and build new audiences. This program does just that - it allows New Yorkers, most of whom are first-time theatregoers who could not afford to attend Broadway and Off Broadway, to finally get the chance to enjoy live performance.”

The Broadway League President Charlotte St. Martin said,

“Governor Hochul is Broadway’s best partner in working to drive economic development while also diversifying our audiences and workforce. As we continue to bring tourists back to Broadway, we are including more members of our community in the audience and working backstage. Governor Hochul’s efforts, in partnership with the Senate and Assembly, have resulted in our shows providing more than 100,000 low- or no-cost tickets to New Yorkers while also creating 75 diverse fellowships on Broadway. We could not be prouder of this effective and balanced effort by our Governor.”

The Theatre Leadership Project Founders Travis Ballenger, Barbara Broccoli, Patrick Daly, Alecia Parker and Lia Vollack said, “The Theatre Leadership Project (TTLP) is grateful for the many ways we’ve been able to add value to the growing theatrical workforce in New York City for the last three years. We feel proud of the work we’ve achieved in partnership with the NYC Musical and Theatrical Tax Credit program and look forward to continuing the work ahead. Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul for continuing this vital support.”

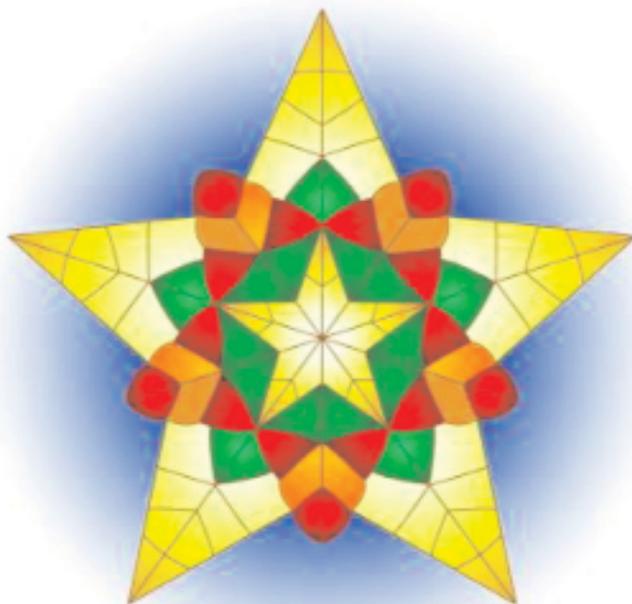
Warren Adams and T. Oliver Reid from the Black Theatre Coalition said, “Black Theatre Coalition (BTC) is thrilled to continue our work with ESD for the 3rd year. When BTC was founded, Black professionals made up less than 1% of the workforce not related to acting, singing and dancing. The lived experiences and careers of our theater-makers have been enhanced and in some cases, made possible by BTC’s Fellowship program and our partnership with ESD.”

As part of the FY 2024 New York State Budget, Governor Hochul secured a major expansion of the New York City Musical & Theatrical Tax Credit program to include Off-Broadway productions, which are major contributors to New York’s live entertainment economy.

Governor Hochul remains committed to supporting New York’s performing arts sector - a critical part of economic and cultural life in New York and a key driver of tourism across the state. Over the past year, Governor Hochul has awarded nearly \$210 million in grants for non-profit cultural organizations through the New York State Council for the Arts thanks to unprecedented funding secured in the State budget. Since April, Governor Hochul has announced a total of \$132 million in capital grants for New York arts organizations to fund critical projects that strengthen the State’s diverse creative sector, including over \$90 million to support large-scale projects that prioritize community development and placemaking. Governor Hochul also awarded an additional \$76 million in non-capital grants through the FY2023 Budget that provided flexible funding to nearly 3,000 cultural organizations and individual artists. NYSCA is currently accepting applications for its FY 2024 Capital Projects Fund, and will announce nearly \$120 million in FY2024 grants over the next year.

Governor Hochul also maintains a strong commitment to building New York’s thriving tourism industry following her announcement that the state welcomed an historic 291.5 million visitors generating more than \$78.6 billion in direct spending in 2022. The Governor announced a \$450 million “Bring Back Tourism, Bring Back Jobs” Recovery Package to support industries hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic like the performing arts and revitalize tourism statewide. The package included: a \$200 million Seed Funding Grant; a \$100 million Tourism Worker Recovery Fund; a \$100 million Tourism Return-to-Work Grant Program; a \$25 Million Meet in New York Grant; and a \$25 million I LOVE NY Global Marketing Campaign.

# *Holiday Craft Fair*



**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

**10:00 - 3:00**

*United Methodist Church Hall*

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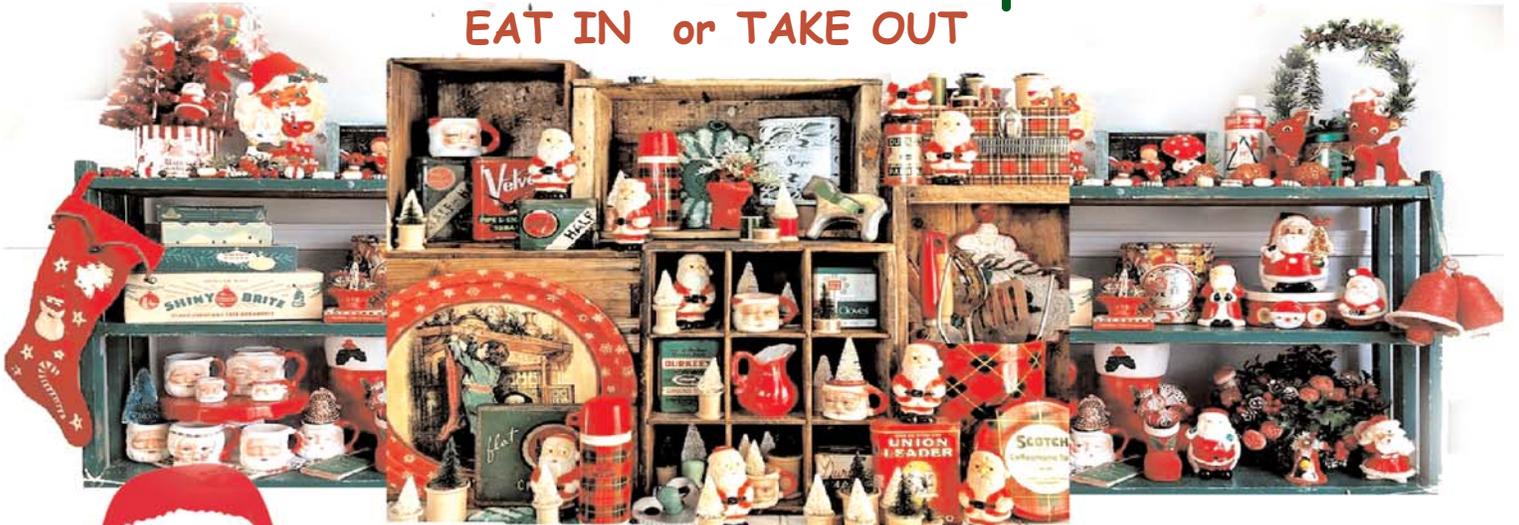


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### More about our warrior Nick....

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](mailto:nickneedsokidney@gmail.com)*

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# Claryville Fire Dept.

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## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



# Sunday, November 19th

**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$11**  
**Children Ages 5-11: \$5**  
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Take-outs are available 985-7270

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

We are very sorry, but due to unexpected scheduling conflicts, Claryville Vol. Fire Department November's pancake breakfast has been cancelled! Thank you to everyone who has come out over the year to support our fire department functions. Our new 2024 dates will be out soon.



## Congressman Pat Ryan and Elected Officials from Across Hudson Valley Announce Short-Term Victory on Barge Ban, Demand Coast Guard Permanently Ban Barges on Hudson River

WASHINGTON DC - Today, Congressman Pat Ryan and elected officials from across the Hudson Valley announced that the Coast Guard, in response to widespread community outrage, has issued a new MSIB temporarily pausing their plan to allow dangerous barges to line the Hudson River. In a letter to Captain Zeita Merchant, the group called on the Coast Guard to follow settled law and permanently uphold the anchoring ban. Ryan was joined on the letter by County Executives, State Senators, and Assemblymembers from across the Hudson Valley, as well as Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson, and the Hudson 7. Constituents who wish to join the fight can share their opinion with the Coast Guard here.

"We won this initial victory because our community stood up and fought together. But unfortunately, we know this success is temporary. Now is the time for all of us to double down on our commitment to stop big corporations from turning our Hudson River into a parking lot for dangerous barges," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "I'm proud to be joined in this effort by County Executives, State Senators, and Assemblymembers from across the region who know what's at stake. It's up to all of us to protect our kids, our drinking water, and our entire ecosystem."

"Today's news shows that we have the power to protect our communities if we stand up with one voice to protect our Hudson River. I want to thank Congressman Pat Ryan for using his position and platform at the federal level and all of the environmental organizations and local elected officials who have joined in this fight," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "The Coast Guard has done the right thing by pausing their planned policy to park dangerous barges in the Hudson River, but we must continue to support Congressman Ryan and our other federal representatives to ensure this disastrous policy is never enacted."

"If these barges need a place to park, there are already places to do so. They shouldn't go upriver where it does not make any sense at all," said Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus. "The County, along with residents who utilize the Hudson River, have long voiced their concerns about the Coast Guard's proposal. The Hudson River is one of the most beautiful parts of this area and we must preserve it to ensure that residents can safely enjoy it for generations to come."

"It's because of our collective advocacy that the U.S. Coast Guard has decided not to use our treasured Hudson River as a

parking lot for large vessels. Let's hope this ridiculous idea is squashed for good this time," said State Senator Pete Harckham. "I thank Congressman Ryan and my colleagues in the State Legislature for their work on this issue. The Hudson River's economic and environmental value to this region-its residents and business owners-cannot be put at risk."

"We are the stewards of the Hudson River, one of the most fragile, important natural resources in America, and we have fought together for decades to restore its delicate ecosystem and ensure it remains a clean source of drinking water for our communities. The proposed anchoring of oil and other toxic barges along the river is a looming environmental disaster in the making, one that poses a grave threat to the health, safety, and well-being of Hudson Valley residents," said State Senator Michelle Hinchey. "As the Climate Crisis intensifies, bringing forth impacts like the drying of the Colorado River, the imperative to safeguard the Hudson and all our existing waterways is even more paramount. We have to remain vigilant in upholding the Congressional decisions that have been made to save the Hudson River from over-industrialization, and we will work tirelessly to protect it now and forever."

"As I have said from the beginning, the current anchorage grounds along the Hudson are more than sufficient for future marine-traffic volume. By dramatically expanding the number of areas barges and other large commercial vessels can anchor, the Coast Guard is acting outside the law and turning our river towns into its parking lot. I applaud Congressman Ryan for his continued legislative efforts to reverse the Coast Guard's rushed and unilateral policy," said State Senator Rob Rolison. "The Hudson River is a critical common resource and I will continue to advocate for essential local input into any changes taken at the federal level."

"The environmental and economic health of our communities is inextricably linked to the Hudson River," said State Senator James Skoufis. "As responsible stewards of our natural resources, we must - again - defend our region's gem from unwarranted and unnecessary anchorages."

"Advocates, communities, and government agencies all have significant concerns over the risks that anchored vessels pose to endangered sturgeon, community waterfront plans, and drinking water sources. Riverkeeper has made clear to the Coast Guard that we expect strict limits to be maintained on where and for how long these large vessels are allowed to anchor in the Hudson. We will ensure that the public's concerns are fully considered in any future proposal for new anchoring regulations," said Drew Gamils, Riverkeeper Staff Attorney. "Riverkeeper is grateful to Congressman Pat Ryan and other elected officials who helped raise the alarm over the Coast Guard's unlawful actions regarding the Port of New York, and we look forward to a full and transparent process with the Coast Guard moving forward."

"The Hudson 7 wishes to thank Congressman Pat Ryan, Riverkeeper and all of our partners who raised concerns that resulted in a suspension of the recent bulletin by the Coast Guard which would have allowed anchoring virtually anywhere north of the Cuomo Bridge," said Gary Bassett, Mayor of the Village of Rhinebeck and Chair of the Hudson 7. "We will continue to be diligent and collaborative to permanently protect the Hudson River for more than 100,000 people who rely on it as their primary drinking water source."

"Thanks to the leadership of Congressman Pat Ryan and his colleague Congressman Marc Molinaro, as well as our close coordination with Riverkeeper and other key stakeholders, the U.S. Coast Guard has heard loud and clear that its plan to open the Hudson River to unrestricted anchoring is unacceptable," said Ned Sullivan, President of Scenic Hudson. "But our work here is far from done. We must continue to hold the Coast Guard accountable to ensure any future proposals do not put at risk the water, wildlife, or people of the Hudson Valley." (Contd. Pg 53)

## **Congressman Pat Ryan and Elected Officials from Across Hudson Valley Announce Short-Term Victory on Barge Ban, Demand Coast Guard Permanently Ban Barges on Hudson River**

(From Pg 52)

Today's letter to the Coast Guard is attached in full below. It was signed by the following elected officials:

- o Dutchess County Executive William O'Neil
- o Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus
- o Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger
- o State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District)
- o State Senator Pete Harkham (40th District)
- o State Senator Michelle Hinchey (41st District)
- o State Senator James Skoufis (42nd District)
- o Assemblymember Dana Levenberg (95th District)
- o Assemblymember Chris Eachus (99th District)
- o Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha (103rd District)
- o Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (104th District)
- o Assemblymember Anil Beephan (105th District)
- o Assemblymember Didi Barrett (106th District)

On August 4th, Congressman Ryan wrote a letter to Captain Zeita Merchant, the Sector New York Commander for the Coast Guard, requesting clarification on an administrative change that would allow barges to anchor virtually anywhere north of the Governor M. Cuomo Bridge.

After a more than two month delay, Michael Emerson, the Director of Marine Transportation Systems, provided a woefully insufficient response that left the door open for dangerous oil barges to line the Hudson.

On October 25th, Ryan was joined by Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson and the Hudson 7 in demanding the Coast Guard uphold the anchoring ban. On November 1st, Ryan gave a speech on the House Floor, calling on Hudson Valley families to join the fight and sharing a form for those interested to register their opinion. The new MSIB, issued on November 9th in response to overwhelming community outrage, temporarily pauses the Coast Guard's plan to allow dangerous barges to line the Hudson River but doubles down on their plan to allow unlimited anchoring in the future.

A copy of Ryan's letter to United States Coast Guard Captain Zeita Merchant appears below:

Dear Captain Merchant,

We write as a group of elected officials, who represent the communities along the Hudson River and are deeply concerned with the United States Coast Guard's (USCG) stated intent to change the regulations that govern commercial vessel anchoring in the Hudson River.

In 2020, Congress passed the Elijah E. Cummings Coast Guard Authorization Act, which included a suspension on the establishment of new anchorage grounds between Yonkers and Kingston. Recently, the Coast Guard published MSIB 2023-001, which redefined the geographic scope of "Port of New York" and allowed commercial vessels to anchor along our stretch of the Hudson River, undermining Congressional intent. These barges carry oil, asphalt, and other toxins that directly threaten the clean drinking water on which our communities rely.

In response to our coordinated and swift backlash, the USCG published a reversal to MSIB 2023-001 on November 8, 2023. However, we continue to be deeply alarmed that the Coast Guard intends to relitigate an issue that was settled by law in early 2021 and circumvent Congressional intent. The ban on any new additional barge anchorages in the Hudson was made in response to loud public outcry, over 10,000 comments from the people who live along our waterway, and unified support from dozens of public officials.

We will continue to support and fight for a Hudson River that is free from commercial barges that threaten the health of our families and ecosystem.

The Hudson River Estuary is prized for its outstanding natural resources, ability to facilitate commerce, and its meaningful contributions to quality of life and the economy of New York State. Millions of people visit the region each year to enjoy hiking, fishing, boating, and wildlife watching, supporting a multi-billion dollar regional recreation and tourism industry. In addition, over 100,000 people rely on the Hudson River as their primary drinking water source. As public officials and stewards of the River, we will continue to preserve this critical natural resource and protect it for generations to come.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter and all of the work you do to ensure that the Hudson River remains safe, navigable, and healthy.

Sincerely,

## **Congressman Pat Ryan Fights for Hudson Valley Veterans, Introduces Never Forgotten Korean War POW Act** *Landmark legislation rights historic wrong in which Korean War POWs did not receive their deserved combat pay*

BEACON, NY - Today, joined by Korean War veterans and local elected officials, Congressman Pat Ryan introduced the Never Forgotten Korean War POW Act. Korean War POWs are the only veterans who did not receive full combat pay for their time in captivity. This legislation rights that historic wrong, finally providing full combat pay for the men and women who endured starvation, disease, freezing temperatures and witnessed the brutal executions of fellow servicemembers in captivity.

"Today and everyday, I'm working to deliver for the men and women who risked their lives for this country in uniform. Our Korean War POWs are heroes that deserve full recognition for their honorable service," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "I especially want to thank Ray Mellin and Richard Randazzo for their service to this country, and for their continued advocacy on behalf of their fellow Korean War veterans. Together, we will make sure every veteran gets the benefits they have earned."

"Korean War POWs have been trying for years to rectify legislation passed in 1952 that only provided four months of combat pay for them regardless of how long they were held as POWs. Since 2018 I have been working with Ray Mellin who was a POW for 37 months to see if we could get legislation to address this injustice for our aging heroes," said Richard Randazzo, a Korean War veteran. "Upon hearing this, Congressman Ryan immediately had his staff research and draft the legislation that we are pleased to hear is being announced today."

"Enhancing the dignity and well-being of our brave veterans is a bipartisan issue. I'm honored to stand with Congressman Ryan this Veterans Day and support his important new legislation to compensate Korean War POWs for their service," said State Senator Rob Rollison (39th District). "Though we can never fully repay their sacrifice, we can strive to continue to honor their legacy, together." This legislation amends the Combat Duty Pay Act of 1952 to require that former members of the uniformed services who were captured or entered a missing-in-action status during the Korean War while serving as a member of a combat unit in Korea receive combat pay for each month spent in a captured or missing-in-action status, rather than just a total of four months.



### **Honoring our Nation's Heroes on Veterans Day**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VkaQWop4g8>

As we commemorate Veterans Day, please join me in honoring the dedication and valor of the men and women who serve and have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Today, we not only remember their honorable service but also reinforce our commitment to the promises our nation has made to them. This day is more than a moment of thanks; it's a renewed pledge to support our veterans in every way possible.

Those who answer the call to serve represent the best of America and are devoted to safeguarding the American ideals we hold dear.

On this Veterans Day, let's express our profound gratitude not just with words but with meaningful action to ensure our veterans receive the support and respect they deserve.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all veterans. Your unyielding spirit is an inspiration to all.

May God bless our veterans, their families, and the enduring strength of our great nation, the United States of America.

### **Reducing White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre's Salary to \$1**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7VElzhXE7s>

During Karine Jean-Pierre's tenure as Press Secretary, she has repeatedly lied to the American people, acted condescendingly towards reporters, and violated the Hatch Act. Just to name a few of her lies, she has claimed that:

Illegal Immigration is down 90% under the Biden Administration  
Nobody is "just walking in" across the Southern Border

The 2016 Election was stolen

Governor Brian Kemp stole the 2018 Governor race from Stacey Abrams

Biden's stimulus bill did not impact inflation

Critical Race Theory isn't being taught in schools

Nobody has done more than Biden to secure the border

Not only is Karine Jean-Pierre a LIAR, but an ELECTION DENIER. That's why I introduced an amendment to invoke the Holman Rule.

It is time her salary is reduced to \$1 for her LIES to the American people.

### **Hamas Leaders Sheltered in Qatar MUST be Extradited**

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

In this time of peril and distress in the Middle East, Qatar and the United States must work together to combat terrorism and hold those responsible for terrorism accountable. This week, I sent a letter to Sheikh Tamim thanking him for Qatar's continued partnership and calling for him to extradite the leaders of Hamas and other terrorist organizations being harbored in Qatar. Much like how we worked together to combat al-Qaeda and ISIS, our countries must strengthen our ties and work together to combat the terrorist organizations threatening global stability.

### **Exposing Biden's Corrupt Climate Scheme**

It will come as no surprise that there is deep corruption in the Biden Administration. Their latest scheme is to force all

major federal government contractors to use a foreign company, that is a subsidiary of a left-wing dark money organization, as the sole-source provider for all "climate target validating." By forcing companies to contract with SBTi, the subsidiary of this left-wing dark money web, the Biden administration is de facto forcing companies to contribute to this dark money network to support the radical left's agenda.

That's why I introduced an amendment prohibiting funding to finalize, implement, or enforce the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Council's proposed "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Related Financial Risk" rule to put an end to this corrupt scheme.

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

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1607 To clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development and for other purposes. The bill will transfer 17,000 acres of land in Arizona from the National Forest System to the Bureau of Reclamation for use in the development of hydroelectric and power transmission infrastructure. This bill will allow for the continuation and expansion of the Salt River Project and its aim to provide reliable water and electricity to the nearby area. This bill passed the House by a vote of 384-1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 359, the Fort San Gerónimo Preservation Act. Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón is a small, two-level stone fort located at the easternmost point of the islet of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Today, Fort San Gerónimo is owned and managed by the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture, a government agency in Puerto Rico. The site is the oldest and largest surviving Spanish-era fortification on the Island and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Preserving historical landmarks is of the utmost importance, and designating Fort San Gerónimo de Boquerón as part of the National Park System ensures this piece of history remains protected for years to come. This bill passed the House by a vote of 359-24.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 845, Censuring Representative Rashida Tlaib, for promoting false narratives regarding the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel and for calling for the destruction of the state of Israel. This resolution censures Representative Rashida Tlaib (MI-12) for supporting the Hamas attack on Israel, making numerous anti-Semitic comments, and calling for the destruction of the state of Israel. Representative Tlaib has a long history of anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist comments, as well as engaging in blood libel against the Jewish people. She has had a multitude of opportunities to apologize for her comments but has refused to do so. Her horrific comments and continued anti-Semitism warrant this condemnation from the full House. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 234-188, with four members voting present.

### **Worth Fighting For - Defunding Biden's Ballot Harvesting Executive Order**

Voting is one of our most sacred rights as Americans, and any efforts to federalize our elections and empower shady third-party organizations to meddle in the election process must be stopped.

That's why I introduced the Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act to prevent federal funds from being used to execute Executive Order (E.O.) 14019, titled "Promoting Access to Voting." (Contd.)

My bill would prohibit federal agencies from entering into agreements with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to conduct voter registration or voter mobilization activities or from using federal funds to carry out such activities.

We must prevent President Biden from turning federal agencies into partisan voting operations for Democrats.



## MOLINARO MEMO

Welcome to the Molinaro Memo: catching you up on my latest moves and work for Upstate New York!

**Sounded Alarm on NYC's Plan to Move Homeless Upstate**  
<https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1617>

I'm fighting against Mayor Adams's plan to send homeless individuals to Upstate New York. This scheme will give downstaters the upper hand in the rental market, squeeze out local residents, and inevitably lead to a spike in homelessness. The City must stop exporting its challenges to our communities. There's absolutely no legal or logical reason to allow New York City to do this.

**Expanding Access to Narcan Amid Spike in Local Overdose Deaths**  
<https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1638>

Naloxone and Narcan can reverse an opioid overdose and are a crucial tool in helping us save lives. Unfortunately, it isn't always affordable. I introduced a bipartisan bill to make Narcan accessible to people of all incomes.

**Broke With Party to Vote Against Deep Cuts to Upstate NY**  
<https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1640>

I voted against a Republican spending bill because it included claw backs of important investments for our communities. I can't vote for a bill that is not in our best interest - regardless of what party is supporting it. I answer to Upstate New York, not DC.

**Improving the 988 Crisis Lifeline**  
<https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1641>

I launched an effort to get all calls to the 988 Crisis Lifeline sent to local call centers. When someone experiencing a crisis calls 988, they should be able to talk to someone that's familiar with their community & who can direct them to local resources. It can save lives.

**Standing with Israel & Holding Hamas Accountable**  
<https://thehill.com/homenews/house/4290787-house-passes-israel-aid-package/?fbclid=IwAR1aleXwMMxXEBNSV0lzQG2IGoMbo8D92Ilg8OkC3OfBYBgpQgnxZ38ETKw>

I stand with Israel and am proud to be backing those words up with action.  
<https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1639>

I voted to send security assistance & humanitarian aid to

Israel, introduced a bipartisan resolution to hold Hamas terrorists accountable for their crimes, and voted to pass legislation to formally condemn those who glorify Hamas's acts of terrorism on college campuses.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2023/11/02/house-anti-semitism-hamas-college-campuses-00125135>

**Bipartisan Effort to Reduce Childhood Hunger**

<https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1634>

To fight childhood hunger and combat our nation's childcare crisis, I introduced the bipartisan Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act. This bill expands the Child and Adult Care Food Program, which feeds kids in childcare facilities. Children shouldn't have to worry about where their next meal is coming from.

**FEMA Support for Individuals with Disabilities**

<https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1643>

Individuals with disabilities are far more likely to die or be injured during disaster situations. We need an emergency response system that is equipped to support the unique needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. I introduced a bipartisan bill that ensures no one is left behind.

**Identifying Hamas Supporters Within the U.S Government**  
<https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1642>

<https://nypost.com/2023/10/19/homeland-security-staffer-used-to-rep-plo-posted-fk-israel/>

I introduced bipartisan legislation to identify Hamas supporters within our government. This is in direct response to reporting that found a Homeland Security official served as a spokesperson for the Palestine Liberation Organization and authored numerous pro-Hamas social media posts. We cannot afford to have Hamas sympathizers within our government, especially in roles that manage our crucial relationship with Israel.

**Defeated Effort To Defund Delaware River Cleanup**

<https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1616>

I defeated a Republican amendment to defund the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), which manages the river and protects access to drinking water. Click below to hear why. I will never hesitate to vote against a measure that threatens the Delaware River.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2601644429999471>

**Interview On Improving Infrastructure in Upstate NY**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvYpBIWjP0E>  
 I talked about my work serving on the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure for the Transportation Trades Department On the Move series. Watch below!

**On the Move Investments in Upstate New York**

I'm proud to be delivering \$1.5 million to help police departments hire new officers and implement new trainings. These funds will have a positive impact on community safety and address the growing law enforcement labor shortage in Upstate New York.

## Rep. Molinaro Announces Over \$1.5 Million in Federal Funding to Address Law Enforcement Shortage in Upstate New York • Funding Will Allow Local Departments to Hire More Officers & Implement New Trainings

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced over \$1.5 million in federal funding will be delivered to the Broome County Sheriff's Office, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Cortland Police Department, and Norwich Police Department. This funding comes as police departments across Upstate New York are struggling to cover a growing law enforcement labor shortage.

The funding is available through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, which provides direct funding for law enforcement agencies to hire law enforcement officers, provide training, and advance community policing efforts. Rep. Molinaro is a strong advocate for the COPS program and is working to prioritize funding for it in Fiscal Year 2024.

Rep. Molinaro said, "The 'Defund the Police' movement and demonization of police officers has driven young people out of the profession and pushed seasoned veterans to take early retirements. Now, we're faced with a critical shortage of police officers. I stand with our police departments and am proud to be delivering \$1.5 million to help them hire new officers and implement new trainings. This is going to have a positive impact on community safety by helping police departments hire and retain officers."

Sheriff Fred Akshar of Broome County Sheriff's Office said, "This much-needed grant will directly fund our new Community Response Group, composed of Sheriff's Deputies focused on targeted public safety enforcement throughout Broome County in high-need areas and neighborhoods. The safety and security of our community's families has a champion in Congressman Marc Molinaro, and the Broome County Sheriff's Office is proud to consider him a true partner in helping serve and protect the people of Broome County."

Sheriff Krapf of Columbia County Sheriff's Office said, "I'm excited to incorporate this level of technology into the Sheriff's Office. This training package is a unique tool that will better prepare our Deputy Sheriffs in the use of de-escalation techniques. Once the equipment is in place and training has started, my plan is to invite members of the community to participate in the VR training alongside members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. This will enable our community to see firsthand the level of training that Deputy Sheriffs receive. As well as the stress indicators placed on them when determining if use of force is necessary in these everyday training scenarios."

Chief Reuben J. Roach of the City of Norwich Police Department said, "I want to personally thank Congressman Marc Molinaro for being a strong supporter of the City of Norwich Police Department. With his help, we have been approved for the COPS grant, which provides for \$125,000 to our department. This affords us the ability to hire a new police officer. Congressman Molinaro's continued leadership and support help to keep communities like the City of Norwich safe."

A full list of the grants can be found below:

**Broome County Sheriff's Office:** \$500,000 to hire four new deputies.

**Ulster County Sheriff's Office:** \$400,000 to implement crisis intervention teams, which embed mental and behavioral health professionals with law enforcement and provide training to deputies to aid in a crisis response.

**Binghamton Police Department:** \$250,000 to hire a new officer.

**Columbia County Sheriff's Office:** \$152,436 to provide deputies with de-escalation training.

**Cortland Police Department:** \$125,000 to hire a new officer.

**Norwich Police Department:** \$125,000 to hire a new officer.

## Rep. Molinaro Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Bring Friendly Calls for Seniors Program to National Level

Washington, DC - Inspired by the Dutchess County Friendly Calls for Seniors program, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today introduced the Friendly Calls For Our Seniors Act, a bipartisan bill that will combat isolation among seniors in Upstate New York and across the country. Rep. Molinaro introduced this bipartisan bill with Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01), Donald G. Davis (D-NC-01) and Susie Lee (D-NV-3).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly one-fourth of adults aged 65 and older are considered to be socially isolated. Isolation can increase risk for dementia, heart disease, stroke, obesity, mental health disorders, and can increase a person's risk of premature death. Individuals with disabilities and those living in rural communities also face an increased risk of isolation due to inadequate access to health care, a lack of community events or activities for older adults, limited transportation, and higher rates of poverty.

To alleviate feelings of loneliness, earlier this year, Dutchess County launched the Friendly Calls program. The program trains volunteers to connect with older adults through weekly phone calls. Rep. Molinaro's bill builds on this effort by making federal funds available to states like New York to begin providing telephone services to isolated older adults, with a focus on individuals with disabilities and those living in rural communities.

Rep. Molinaro said, "We know social isolation can create medical complications and take years off people's lives. That's why I am proud to bring the successful Friendly Calls for Seniors Program to the national level. The effort connects volunteer callers with older adults and prioritizes calls to individuals with disabilities and those living in rural, isolated areas. With something as simple as a weekly phone call, we can combat loneliness and help older adults live fulfilling, dignified, and independent lives."

Bill Sweeney, AARP's Senior Vice President of Government Affairs said, "AARP is pleased to endorse the Friendly Calls for Our Seniors Act introduced by Representatives Molinaro (R-NY), Dingell (D-MI), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Davis (D-NC), and Lee (D-NV). This bill will help increase social connections for older adults and connect them to resources in their communities. We appreciate their bipartisan efforts to address loneliness and social isolation among older Americans."

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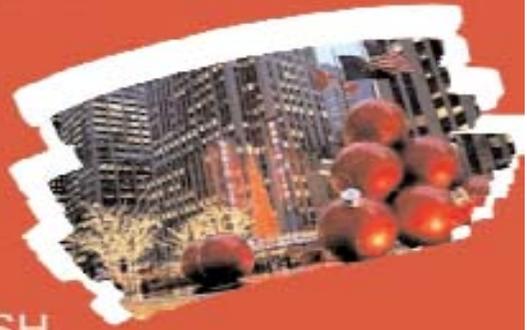
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# Governor Hochul Announces Proposed Cyber Security Regulations for Hospitals Through Out NYS

*Nation-Leading Proposed Regulations Backed by \$500 Million in Health Care Information Technology Funding; Advance New York State's Cybersecurity Strategy*

*Improved Cybersecurity to Help Hospitals Maintain Availability of Systems Essential for Providing Patient Care and Protection of Health Information*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the release of nation-leading statewide proposed cybersecurity regulations for hospitals, which will help the state's hospitals establish policies and procedures to safeguard health care systems from growing cyber threats. Governor Hochul's FY24 budget includes \$500 million in funding that health care facilities may apply to upgrade their technology systems to comport with the proposed regulations.

"Our interconnected world demands an interconnected defense against cyber-attacks, leveraging every resource available, especially at hospitals," Governor Hochul said. "These new proposed regulations set forth a nation-leading blueprint to ensure New York State stands ready and resilient in the face of cyber threats."

The proposed regulations aim to strengthen the protections on hospital networks and systems that are critical to providing patient care, as a complement to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Security Rule that focuses on protecting patient data and health records. Under the proposed provisions, hospitals will be required to establish a cybersecurity program and take proven steps to assess internal and external cybersecurity risks, use defensive techniques and infrastructure, implement measures to protect their information systems from unauthorized access or other malicious acts, and take actions to prevent cybersecurity events before they happen.

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "Under Governor Hochul's leadership, New York State has significantly enhanced its cyber defenses, which are critically important to our health care system. When we protect hospitals, we protect patients. These nation-leading draft cybersecurity hospital regulations build on the Governor's state of the state priority by helping protect critical systems from cyber threats and ensuring New York's hospitals and health care facilities stay secure."

Additionally, the proposed regulations require that hospitals develop response plans for a potential cybersecurity incident, including notification to appropriate parties. Hospitals will also be required to run tests of their response plan to ensure that patient care continues while systems are restored back to normal operations.

The proposed regulations mandate that each hospital's cybersecurity program includes written procedures, guidelines, and standards to develop secure practices for in-house applications intended for use by the facility. Hospitals will also be required to establish policies and procedures for evaluating, assessing, and testing the security of externally developed applications used by the hospital.

The proposed regulations also require hospitals to establish a Chief Information Security Officer role, if one does not exist already, in order to enforce the new policies and to annually review and update them as needed. Additionally, the proposed

regulations require the use of multi-factor authentication to access the hospital's internal networks from an external network.

The \$500 million in funding was included in the Governor's FY24 budget and will be part of an upcoming statewide capital program call for applications, opening soon. These funds will spur investment in modernization of health care facilities as well as utilization of advanced clinical technologies, cybersecurity tools, electronic medical records, and other technological upgrades to improve quality of care, patient experience, accessibility, and efficiency.

If adopted by the Public Health and Health Planning Council this week, the regulations will be published in the State Register on Dec. 6, and undergo a 60-day public comment period ending on Feb. 5, 2024. Once finalized, hospitals will have a year to come into compliance with the new regulations.

New York State Chief Cyber Officer Colin Ahern said, "Under Governor Hochul's leadership, the Department of Health is publishing draft cybersecurity regulations that will strengthen protections for hospital systems across the state. These draft regulations build upon the statewide cybersecurity strategy Governor Hochul released in August. As hospitals face growing cyber threats, it is imperative that we enable them to defend against attacks and these draft regulations and financial commitment do just that. We look forward to receiving public feedback over the next 60 days before finalizing the regulations to support improved cyber defenses and resilience for hospitals statewide."

Last year, the United States Department of the Treasury, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency warned that hospitals were the target of cyberattacks - and some New York hospitals were among those targeted. Cyberattacks have an immediate impact on hospitals from patient diversions and procedure cancellations to a transfer from electronic to paper records that slow down critical services.

Governor Hochul recently announced New York's first-ever statewide cybersecurity strategy aimed at protecting the State's digital infrastructure from today's cyber threats. The strategy provides public and private stakeholders with a roadmap for cyber risk mitigation and outlines a plan to protect critical infrastructure, networks, data, and technology systems.

New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray said, "The availability of essential health care services is critical and with the introduction of these proactive, common-sense regulations, New York is taking meaningful steps to protect patients, while also building a cybersecurity roadmap for the rest of the nation to follow."

New York State Chief Information Officer Dru Rai said, "When it comes to protecting New Yorkers from cyberattacks that have become more numerous and more sophisticated, safeguarding our hospitals is an essential part of New York's aggressive and comprehensive whole-of-state approach. We thank the Governor and our agency partners for their ongoing commitment and are pleased that the state's hospitals will be getting the uniform guidance and resources necessary to further enhance their own cybersecurity, thereby protecting patients and the critical systems that provide quality care all across New York."

Last month, Governor Hochul issued a proclamation designating October as cybersecurity awareness month - this year marking the 20th anniversary of the event as part of an effort to engage and educate the public about cybersecurity and provide tools and other resources to help all New Yorkers stay safe online.

For more information, visit Governor Hochul's website on enhancing cybersecurity across New York State, the ITS Chief Information Security Office website, and follow the agency on X, formerly known as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram (#NYSCyber).



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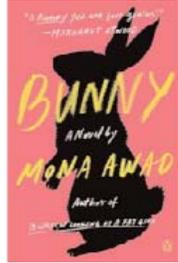
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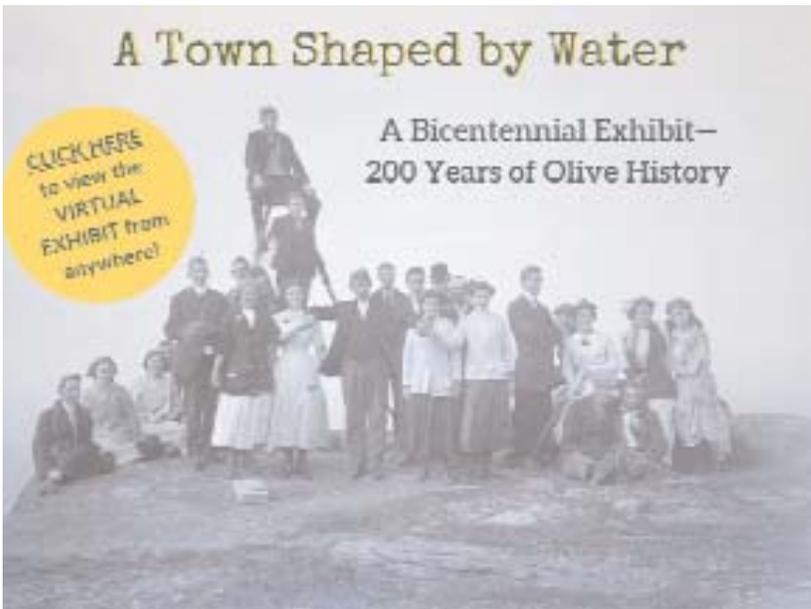
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Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



## BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!

### Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family?  
Are you a teen having problems at home?

**Help is available now!**

We are here anytime you need to talk.

Give us a call or send us a text and someone will always be there to listen and help you deal with your situation.



**Text 845-372-1817**  
**Call 866-372-2336**

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

### Sullivan County Text For Teens

Monday - Friday  
4pm-10pm  
Saturday & Sunday  
5pm-12am



Hey...I really need to talk to someone. Can you help?



Free & confidential support  
Someone who can listen and help  
Text as often as you need!

We're Here to Listen:  
Bullying - Eating Disorders -  
Self-Harm - Homeless/Runaway -  
Pregnancy - Problems at Home -  
Relationship Issues - LGBTQ+ -  
Divorce - School Issues -  
Substance Use -  
Physical/Mental/Sexual Health -  
and more!

**Text "Start" to:**  
**845-637-9486**

**OFF HOURS:**  
Call 1-888-750-2266, option 2



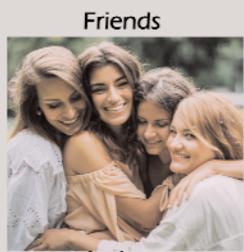
Text for Teens is supported by a Grant of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation



Rewarding lives. Healthy communities.

### COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives

Who will you protect?



Friends

Amigos

Family

¿A quien protegerás?

Get the facts.



Familia

Obtenga los hechos.

Talk to your healthcare provider about the COVID vaccine.



Comunidad

Hable con su proveedor de salud sobre la vacuna del COVID-19.

**#VaccinateSullivan**

For more information, visit [www.sullivanny.us](http://www.sullivanny.us)



GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR OUR UPCOMING CERTIFICATION CLASS !!

Contact:

Alyssa Wowk  
(845) 645-6544

[awowk@chowc.net](mailto:awowk@chowc.net)

Sullivan County Department of Social Services is looking for families who can help fulfill the **DESPERATE NEED** for ages **8-18!**



## FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!



**WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A Daniel Pierce Library Card?**  
Explore everything your library card gives you!



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Visit the Daniel Pierce Library for more details.

Join us for a **THANKSGIVING Farmers' Market**



**NARROWSBURG FARMERS' MARKET**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18**  
**11AM-1PM**

Rain, Shine or Snow

7 Erie Avenue  
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Behind the Narrowsburg Union

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**FARMERS' & FOOD PRODUCERS**

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Four Story Hill Farm

Hilly Acres Farm

Sorala's Natural Valley Kitchen

Sprouting Dreams Farm

Two Creek Farm

Willow Wisp Organic Farm

Music by  
The AVenue

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!

Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

Contact Rebekah at [rumarbashar@asfl.org](mailto:rumarbashar@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30PM





VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!

Join us for a peer led virtual support group for parents of children with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

Contact Anne-Marie at [afreitas@asfl.org](mailto:afreitas@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30PM







JOIN US FOR A  
FAMILY FUN DAY  
ICE OR NO ICE

# THE JARED PROYECT MEMORIAL ICE FISHING CONTEST

Saturday, January 20, 2024

SILVER LAKE AT KRIEGER PARK  
WOODRIDGE, NY 12789

REGISTRATION: 8AM  
ICE FISHING CONTEST: 9AM-1PM  
AWARDS: 1PM

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WARM UP WITH A  
CHILI LUNCHEON @

The Woodridge  
Fire Department  
2pm-5pm

Salad, Chili, Rice, Corn bread, Desserts

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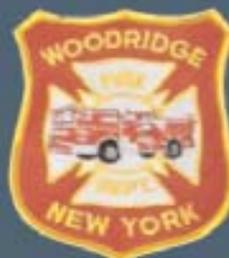
Contact:  
Eric Akerley - 845.707.1483  
for more information.

**DONATIONS  
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ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO  
JARED'S DAUGHTER - JOCELYN  
PROYECT'S FUTURE FUND

*Sponsored by:*

Woodridge Fire Department  
Woods Pond Rod & Gun Club



# FOR A CHILI LUNCHEON IN MEMORY OF JARED PROYECT

**SATURDAY  
JAN. 20, 2024**



**2PM-5PM**

**WOODRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT - SOCIAL HALL  
2 GREEN AVE  
WOODRIDGE, NY 12789**

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**DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
AT GOODWILL**

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**SALAD - CHILI - RICE - CORN BREAD - DESSERTS**

**RAFFLES**



**50/50**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO JARED'S DAUGHTER,  
JOCELYN PROYECT'S FUTURE FUND.**



# Holiday Shop

Saturday, December 2nd

10 to 2 p.m.

Time and the Valleys Museum

St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville

and at the United Methodist Church Craft Fair next door!

Unique books, gifts, heritage toys and local crafts -  
perfect holiday gifts!

**Do your holiday shopping with us!**

Can't make it?

Call 845 985-7700 or email to shop on a day that works for you.

Museum exhibitions will be open

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

[info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org)



## RENTALS

Store for Rent in Grahamsville (845) 985-7411

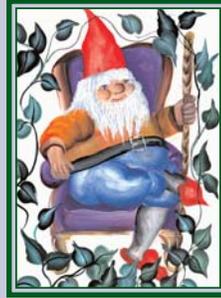
## FOR SALE

**Sundown Camp and Bait Shop!**  
*Firewood for sale*

## HELP WANTED

## Typing Help Wanted

Experienced or Student. Full/Part time. Work in Grahamsville. Busy Law Office.  
William Brenner  
(845) 985-7411



**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIES**  
**GET THE MOVIE,**  
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**SAINT AUGUSTINE**  
**FILM FESTIVAL WINNER**  
**BEST DOCUMENTRY TO HELP**  
**BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD**  
**“FRANCESCO”**

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

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

Evgeny Afineevsky is an Oscar and Emmy-nominated director, whose documentary, **CRIES FROM SYRIA**, was an *Official Selection* at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. Afineevsky won Best Director and earned nomination for Best Documentary from the Critics' Choice Documentary Awards. He and his film earned IPA Satellite Awards nominations for Best Documentary and Best Song in a Documentary for **PRAYERS FOR THIS WORLD**, performed by Cher. The *Awards Circuit Community Awards* nominated his movie as Best Documentary Feature for 2017. He won International Documentary Association's *Courage Under Fire Award*, earned a PGA Award nomination, won a Humanitas Prize and *Cinema for Peace Awards* as Most Valuable Documentary of the Year, won 32nd *Fort Lauderdale Film Festival*, *Documentaries Without Borders Film Festival* and 51st *Houston WorldFest Film Festival*, as well as the *Overseas Press Club's Peter Jennings Award*. Recently Afineevsky and his movie **CRIES FROM SYRIA** earned 4 Emmy nominations. Evgeny was last at **FLIFF** in 2017 when his film won Best Documentary. We are thrilled to welcome him back with this magnificent film. co-sponsored by Sharon Kersten & Kersten Communications, and Estelle Fineberg & Estelle Fineberg Counseling; **FRANCESCO**—Directed by Evgeny Afineevsky; Produced by Evgeny Afineevsky, Den Tolmor, Eric Esrailian, Teri Schwartz, Executive Producer Ted Hope, Colleen Camp, Mark Monroe, Bonnie Abaunza, Tom-a Srovnal, Michelle Bertr-n Neve, Svetlana Chistyakova, Elba Luis Lugo, Bohdan Batruch, Robert Fyvolent; Filmmaker Evgeny Afineevsky; Cast: His Holiness Pope Francis, His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Jose Ignacio Bergoglio, Juan Carlos Cruz, Mark Kennedy Shriver, Rabbi Abraham Skorka, Sheikh Omar Abboud, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, and Sister Norma Pimentel. Cinematography: Evgeny Afineevsky and Teodora Totoiu. Editor Dan Swietlik. ACE Composer Adam Peters. (Contd. Pg. 70)

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Beneath the Planet of the Apes*

**This weeks' Trivia question:** In what film does Kelly McGillis play a Quaker mom?



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### KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S

Tubi, YouTube, IMDb

## JUDGMENT AT NUREMBERG

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



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

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

### KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S

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## PATHS OF GLORY

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

A military lawyer comes to question the status quo when he defends three men accused of cowardly acts. **Directed by Stanley Kubrick, Starring Kirk Douglas, George Macready, and Adolphe Menjou.**



*Paths of Glory* is a 1957 American anti-war film co-written and directed by Stanley Kubrick, based on the novel of the same name by Humphrey Cobb. Set during World War I, the film stars Kirk Douglas as Colonel Dax, the commanding officer of French soldiers who refuses to continue a suicidal attack, after which Dax attempts to defend them against charges of lack of bravery in a court-martial.



*This 1992, film was deemed "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant" by the Library of Congress.*

*Stay safe and stay well  
Knarf Odnámoc  
Gnome*