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**Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting at Casa Mia
 on Monday, November 4, 2024**



From left to right Lions Hugh Delaney, Ismael and Amy Berrios, District Governor Stephen Jennison, new Lion Jorge Sanchez and sponsor Pat Menje



Tri-Valley Lions left to right Gene Froehlich, Stephen Miller, Fran Fuller, Ilene and Stuart Wizwer

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: for my hope is from the Lord.

For God alone my soul waits in silence, Psalm 62:5

OBITUARIES

Cynthia Karson of Hurleyville, NY a retired Administrative



Assistant at Sullivan ARC and a long-time area resident, died Sunday, November 10, 2024 at her home, with her family by her side. She was

87.

The daughter of the late Hymen Sherman and Anna Schwartz Sherman, she was born May 12, 1937 in Brooklyn, New York. Cynthia was an avid antique shopper.

Survivors include her son, Chris Karson and his wife Tracy of Hurleyville, NY; her nieces and nephews, Marc Sherman, Robert Sherman, Helene Padawer; her dear friends, Janet O'Rourke, JoAnn Eggleton, David Gordin and Anne-Louise Scandariato. She was predeceased by her husband, Julian H. Karson who passed away October 23, 1993, and her dear friend Margaret Ann "Margie" MacDonald, who passed away on February 26, 1976.

Graveside services and burial were held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 1 PM at the Sullivan Veteran's Cemetery, Liberty, NY. Pastor Joseph LeConey officiated. A buffet reception at Casa Mia in Hurleyville followed the service.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West Street at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 or www.Harris-FH.com

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

December 15, 1954

Mrs. Emily Ter Bush Van Wagner, 58, of Napanoch, passed away at

Veterans Hospital, Ellenville on December 9th. Mrs. Van Wagner was born at Sundown on October 2, 1896, the daughter of Benjamin and Minerva (Aldrich) Ter Bush. She married Nial Van Wagner on August 23, 1916 at Lows Corners. Surviving are her husband; three sons; one sister and five brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mayberry are the proud parents of a daughter, Gina Marie, born December 4th at Newburgh. Gina weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. at birth. Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry were formerly advisors at Tri Valley School.

The 4-H of Grahamsville has been organized; the name chosen is "Stardusters." The Misses Rosemarie Boeckle and Barbara Knox are leaders of the group.

December 2, 1964

Although hampered by cold spells, the construction at Tri Valley is proceeding on schedule. Delivery of steel for the roof section is expected within two weeks and if the weather permits, the construction program will continue on schedule.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Ellen Cole and Mike Bertholf Jr. who were married Wednesday evening at the Methodist Church in Grahamsville. They have rented an apartment on the Woodbourne Road.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arielly on the birth of a daughter last Saturday.

December 11, 1974

William A. Brenner, Esq. was admitted as a member of the Sullivan County Bar Association on December 9, 1974 at its meeting held in the Steak Pub, Monticello. Mr. Brenner was proposed for membership by Grahamsville attorney, Joseph Pond, Esq. Mr. Brenner is currently associated with the firm of Brenner and Hacker in N.Y.C. and plans to open an office in Grahamsville.

Mrs. Donna M. Bischert, 40, of Cypert Road, Woodbourne, died Tuesday at Liberty Loomis Hospital. She was born May 22, 1934 in Oregon to Jessie and Nellie Potter Van Blair. She was married to Francis Bischert on Sept. 20, 1950. She is survived by her husband; four sons; two daughters; her parents and 18 brothers and sisters. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

December 20, 1984

We are happy to welcome a baby girl, Mary Lee Heather Diescher, born December 12, 1984 at Community Gen. Hospital, Harris to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Diescher. Mary Lee weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 _ oz. and was 21 _ inches long. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George C. Haag Jr.; the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Brian Diescher of Livingston Manor.

Louise Sawchuck of Grahamsville recently caught a 26 lb. salmon while on a fishing trip in Pulaski in upstate New York. Her son, Wade, urged mom to "hang in there, you can land him" and she sure did. Congratulations!

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published November 21, 1996

I have been very ill with arthritis in my legs and unable to walk. As I sit here in my room "Looking Back" to the days when our children and my step-children were growing up. I see a big kitchen table, it was a hand-me-down which always occupied the center of our kitchen with sturdy dignity, regardless of where we moved. It resembled the picture in my bible of the "Lord's Last Supper", it was so broad and long, much more than just a place for meals. It was also the site for our recreation, education and discipline. Nearby was the wood-burning kitchen stove which heated our home and cooked our meals and was never allowed to cool off.

The table with its center piece of sugar bowl and spoon holder were my pride and joy, real cut glass, a gift from my husband's parents. From September until June, after supper each weekday night, the table would be piled high with school books as the kids did their homework there.

During supper it was real talkative as the kids would begin chatting at once over our meal, reporting special accomplishments to their dad or told tales on each other as they competed for attention. It was here at the table that they learned their "thou shalt nots" and love one another, rules of behavior after being sent to their room for some rude remark or sitting next to dad when he has had "enough".

When our little ones were old enough to run from guilt, that old table was high enough for them to hide under and I usually found them there.

Around that large table we taught our large family their responsibilities to society, the satisfaction of achievement and the true joy of belonging.

During the winter, the kitchen was also the children's youth center and the old kitchen table their play area from the time homework was done until the clock on the wall struck bedtime.

Household Hint:

Marshmallow in Brown Sugar

There is nothing worse than finding hard brown sugar when you want to make cookies. Try placing some marshmallows in your bag and it will stay soft and delicious!

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Red Berries of the Season - Staghorn Sumac

Things are looking pretty drab out in the backyard. Without the winter white background of snow, even the brightest of red berries seem to fade into the dreary landscape.

The exception are the attractive cluster of seeds from the Staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*) against a bright blue sky. Of course, with just a slight dusting of clinging snow and they will brighten the scene even more with a vibrant contrast.

The Staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*) is native to eastern North America, Southeastern Canada, the Midwestern United States and in the Catskill Mountains. You will often see Staghorn sumac along highways as it tolerates pollution and smog. The Staghorn sumac is not too fussy and is often found in dry, rocky soils. But it doesn't usually grow in heavy clay as it does not like its roots to stay wet for too long. They do like sun or partial sun.

The Staghorn sumac is a deciduous shrub or small tree that grows from 4 to 15 feet high and 20 feet wide. There are male and female trees.

During the summer a quick glance of its lush green foliage, might give the impression that it is a type of tropical plant. Its lengthy branches are heavily lined with multitudes of long, odd-pinnately lobed, flame-shaped leaves that are compound, with up to 15 leaflets on each side.

Its common name, "staghorn", refers to the fuzzy appearance of the young shoots. They look like the branched antlers of a male deer in velvet.

In early summer, conical clusters of yellow flowers appear at the tip ends of branches. By mid-summer the flower cones evolve into fuzzy, tightly packed, red berries that grow in an upright cluster of red drupes (little fruits with a single seed in each). They are easy to spot, even from a distance.

The berries are edible but very tart and most birds will eat them later, in the winter, when other food sources have diminished.

Native Americans used the berries in cough syrup. Beekeepers use the wood from the sumac as fuel for their smokers. The ground-up clusters are valued as a spice in some parts of the world. A natural dye can be made from the leaves, stems and fruit. And the berries can be made into a lemony-tasting drink that needs lots of sugar!

The wood of the Staghorn sumac is soft. They are often considered as junk trees as they are weedy little trees. However, like any other weed, it becomes that because it is growing where it shouldn't. There are however, many people who grow the Staghorn as ornamentals and hedges.

The crowning glory of the Staghorn sumac was its fall foliage with their bright flaming color. And now, the attractive clusters of red fruit look warm and fuzzy on these crispy, cool fall days.



Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting at Casa Mia

(From Pg. 1) On Monday, November 4, 2024, The Tri-Valley Lions enjoyed a dinner at Casa Mia in Hurleyville, where the food is always plentiful and delicious.

It was a special night as we were joined by District 20-O Governor Stephen Jennison of the Marlboro-Milton Lions Club and his lovely wife, Cindy.



District Governor Stephen Jennison awards Tri-Valley Membership Chair Pat Menje the Membership Award

Stephen inducted our newest Lions Ismael & Amy Berrios and Jorge Sanchez. Ismael and Amy were sponsored by Lion Mike Ryan who couldn't be at this meeting, so Lion Hugh Delaney stood in Mike's place for the installation of Lions Ismael and Amy. Lion and Membership Chair, Pat Menje, sponsored new Lion Jorge Sanchez. (Photo attached)

District Governor Jennison also awarded Membership Chair, Pat Menje, with the Mission 1.5 award for bringing in 3 new members to The Tri-Valley Lions Club. The Lions 1.5 mission is a drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so they can better meet the growing needs of their communities and serve more people than ever before. The Global Membership Approach is designed to revitalize existing clubs, charter new ones and inspire all Lions through fellowship and exciting service. The approach provides resources to grow your club, to start a new one and to get Lions excited about the drive to 1.5 million members.

Five of the Tri-Valley Lions at the dinner were also acknowledged for having received the most prestigious and highest award any Lion can receive - The Melvin Jones Award. The award was named for the Lions Club International founder Melvin Jones. The Fellowship Award embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award is the highest accolade any Lion member can receive. Over the past years, some of the Tri-Valley Lions to receive the Melvin Jones award are Gene Froehlich, Stephen Miller, Fran Fuller, Ilene and Stuart Wizwer.

Lion Stu Wizwer and several other Tri-Valley Lions performed an eye screening on October 16 at The Tri-Valley Elementary School. 169 Children were screened and of those, 21 of the children received referrals. With the advanced knowledge of potential eye and sight problems, these 21 children's parents and/or guardians will hopefully seek further professional assistance to help correct their children's eye and vision issues.

Lastly, the Tri-Valley Lions approved \$500 each for 5 local food pantries to assist with Holiday meals and/or baskets. We will report more about this once the checks are given to the five pantries. It was further approved to send a \$100 check to The Federation For the Homeless in Monticello.

The Tri-Valley Lions will be having their Holiday Dinner on November 9, 2024, at The Paper Mill in Napanoch, and each Lion is asked to bring either a monetary or pet food donation or supply for the SPCA in Rock Hill, something we do each year.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 47th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley School Community Service and Achievement Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com

Wishing one and all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy & HEALTHY Holiday Season. Stay well and safe.

SC Sheriff's Patrol Arrests Monticello Man



Xavier Vega at booking

On Saturday, November 16, 2024 at about 5:30 pm, the Sheriff's Patrol responded to a report of a domestic dispute at 432 Southwoods Drive in the Town of Thompson. At the location, deputies encountered Xavier Vega, 30, of Monticello. The investigation at the scene revealed that Xavier Vega had been removed from that location earlier in the day pursuant to an order of protection. The subject returned to the residence, allegedly broke in and assaulted a 61 year old occupant by knocking his teeth out. Deputies arrested Xavier Vega and charged him with felony Burglary in the 1st Degree, Assault 1st Degree and Criminal Contempt 1st Degree as well as Misdemeanor Criminal Mischief. The suspect was arraigned before Town of Thompson Judge Richard Baum and sent to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bail. The defendant is due back in court on November 18, 2024. The victim of the assault was transported by ambulance to Garnet Hospital in Harris where his condition is unknown. Sheriff Mike Schiff said that his office and the District Attorney take these charges very seriously. "We will use whatever means necessary to protect citizens who have orders of protection. Luckily in this case, we were not blocked by bail reform", said the Sheriff.

The New Munson Diner Wins Chili Cook-off at Liberty Museum Harvest Fest



Hristoforos Kritikos, owner of the New Munson Diner, accepting the plaque from Naomi Frumes

On a briskly cold Saturday, October 19th, hungry art lovers gathered at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center for the 30th Harvest Festival and Chili Cook-off. In addition to the delicious chilis, they were filled with the poetry of Marilyn Laufer and music performed by keyboard wizard Walter Moylan.

They viewed the varied works of the art educators of Sullivan County and the remarkable art of Monticello artist Frank Di Modica. All this art whetted their appetite for chili judging.

AND JUDGE THEY DID...

In addition to homemade chilis of great wonder and delight, five Liberty restaurants sent their chilis for tasting and judging. The Star Bar and Grill, The White Sulphur Springs Inn, Casi's, The Liberty Diner, and The New Munson Diner were our professional entries. And the attendees were serious about their task. In a very tight competition, a lot of chili was consumed and The New Munson Diner emerged the winner.

In the Vegetarian /Vegan category, Jackie Chiger of Monticello took home the honors. Matthew Frumess of Liberty won in the non-professional meat category.

For those of you who couldn't make it this year... you are invited to next year's Chili Cook-Off. But in the meantime, you should go to these restaurants and check out their menus for yourself!

An expanded exhibit of Frank Di Modica's paintings and drawings, which draw inspiration from abstract abstraction and music, remains open until November 30th.

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center is located at 46 South Main Street, Liberty NY across from the Liberty Theater.

Hours: Saturday and Sunday noon until 4 pm or anytime by appointment.

Call or text: 845-807-6055 or 845-807-6656.

Frederick Cook Society will present live music with Donna and Rick Nestler



On Sunday, December 1st at 2:00pm, the Frederick Cook Society will present live music with Donna and Rick Nestler. Donna and Rick are Hurleyville, New York residents who have been touring the US and Australia for more than twenty years, performing their unique blend of blues, folk, old timey and Tin Pan Alley pop. The duo features Grammy award winner Rick Nestler on 12 string guitar and vocals, and Donna Nestler on concertina, banjo and vocals.

Besides performing, Rick is a songwriter who wrote the famous Hudson River Anthem, "The River that Flows Both Ways". When Pete Seeger heard the song he liked it so much he recorded it on his Grammy award winning CD, "Tomorrow's Children".

Donna Nestler is classically trained in flute, bassoon and guitar, but she plays the banjo. The banjo is a four-stringed instrument with a small banjo body and a fretted ukulele neck. Donna has traveled the world performing, teaching and convincing people that "banjoleles rule".

Donna and Rick have been fortunate to play with some very fine musicians, among them Pete Seeger, Tom Chapin, Jay Unger & Molly Mason, Bill Vanaver, Hope Machine, Mike & Ruthy and Abbie Gardner.

Little Sparrow (Aldo Troiani and Carol Smith) will host the event and open the show, performing rock and folk songs of the sixties and seventies.

The concert, which is sponsored by the Frederick Cook Society, will take place at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York, 12747. Call 845 434-8044

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Fortune Favors The Dead

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 108

by John Dwaine McKenna

Mysterious Book Report No. 427

Published November 19, 2020

Fortune Favors The Dead, (Doubleday, \$26.95, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-3855-4655-3), is the first novel from author Stephen Spotswood. It takes place in New York City in 1945, and features a pair of female private eyes in the style and manner of Rex Stout, with Lillian Pentecost, “the most famous woman detective in the

city and possible the country,” as the alternative to Nero Wolfe, and her young protégé, Willowjean Parker, standing-in for Archie Goodwin. All similarities end there however, as Mr. Spotswood's characters are uniquely modern and entirely his own . . . while honoring the legends of the past such as Miss Marple, Poirot or the aforementioned Nero Wolfe, who solved cases using their minds to observe, reason, and deduct, rather than guns, fists and brute strength.

The story is narrated by a twenty-something Willowjean Parker, who's been hired as an assistant —after running away from home at age fifteen and traveling with a circus for five years—to Ms. Pentecost, who is suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, a progressive wasting disease of the central nervous system.

Their case is a murder mystery in which the heiress to a steel company is bludgeoned to death with a crystal ball in a locked room of her Manhattan mansion, where a Halloween party séance was held. The medium turns out to be someone Ms. Pentecost has long suspected of fraudulence and chicanery, but has never faced off with as an adversary. Add in a pair of dysfunctional twins— a girl and a boy, children of the murdered woman— an overprotective godfather to the twins, a menacing foreman at the steel company and a patient, smart and dedicated NYPD detective into the mix . . . one of who becomes a love interest of Willowjean Parker . . . and you have a great cast of traditional characters, suspects and gumshoes to entertain, enthrall, and enthuse us all for some time to come. From the stylish, artsy Art Deco style front cover to its last page, *Fortune Favors The Dead* is a killer kickoff and a rousing start to what we hope will be a long-lived series!

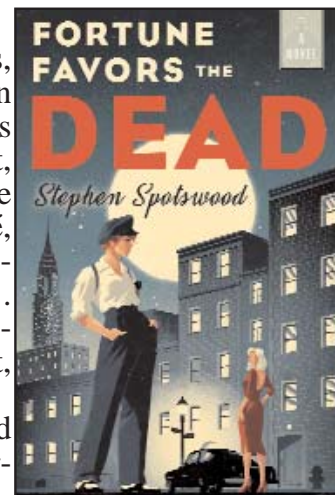
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Miracle on 34th Street

The Miracle on 34th Street has nothing to do with “Congestive Pricing” or More Political Indictments; It is the radio play for this holiday season. It is my wake-up call that today is about five weeks until Christmas and Hanukkah. This year the holidays coincide.

This sunny, warm fall that seems to go on and on has lulled me into a state of inertia. I have been enjoying the pleasant weather to be outside. I even have petunias and snap dragons blooming in pots on my deck. My summer clothes are not put away. I have no idea where my winter hats and mittens are, I haven't even needed a coat or sweatshirt most days.

Advertising this play which is the fourth or fifth one Linda Burkhardt has directed, made me realize that I had better get a “giddy-up” on holiday plans.

Thanksgiving is late this year, so by the time we are through with leftovers, it will be time to bring out the decorations.

The dinner-theater play, featuring some returning performers, will be on December sixth, seventh, and eighth at John Parete's Boiceville Inn on Route 28 in Boiceville. Friday and Saturday dinners will be 7:00 p.m. with showtime at 8:00 p.m. Sunday dinner will be at 3:00 p.m. with

play starting at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for A Christmas Carol sing along directly following the play.

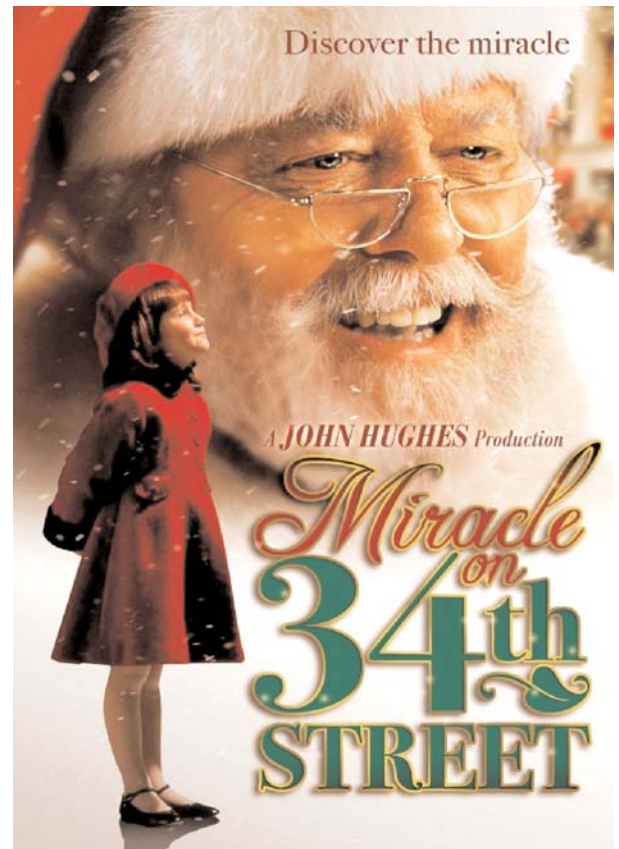
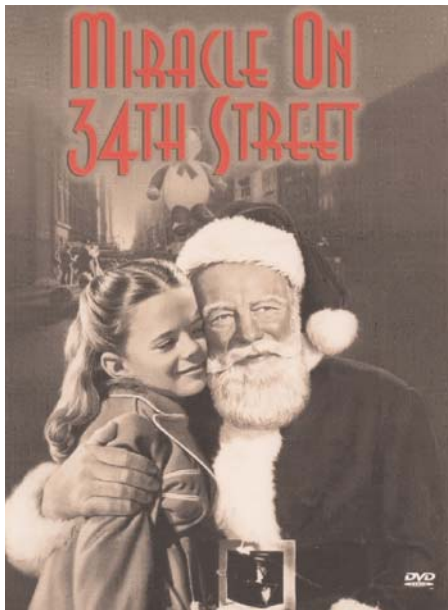
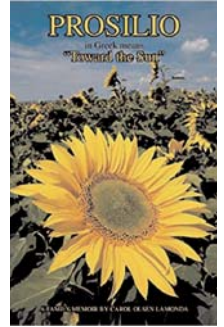
The cost will be \$30. per person and \$20. for children under twelve..

To reserve a space text Amanda @845-594-9050 leave a message with a name and # of spaces needed.

This play may be just what you need to prepare for the holiday season ahead.

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*



Tri-Valley UPK Visits the Daniel Pierce Library!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-We welcomed the three Tri-Valley Elementary School Universal Pre-K classes to the Daniel Pierce Library on Tuesday, November 19 for their annual fall visit.



The children took part in a plethora of activities during each of their classes' hour-long session, starting with doing their best impression of a turkey, and waddling into the story hour room.



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Tri-Valley UPK Visits the Daniel Pierce Library!

(From Pg. 8)

Once there, they took part in singing songs and “shaking their sillies out” as DPL Children's Program Coordinator, Deirdre McHugh, said. They heard a story, *Twas' The Night Before Thanksgiving* by Dav Pilkey and participated in a felt story, *The First Thanksgiving*.



Afterwards, they were invited to peruse our picture book section and choose two books to check out. It's always fun to see which children gravitate to which books and though we visit the UPK students in their classrooms weekly during our eight week fall children's program where they choose books to check out from our mobile library, it's nice to have them here to experience the library. After getting to choose their books, the children met with DPL's Community Program



Associate Nicole Richardson to create their turkey masterpieces.

It was an incredible day! We would like to thank our fantastic volunteers for helping out and making the day go so smoothly. We couldn't do it without you!

In the next few weeks, we'll be wrapping up our fall children's program and continue to make plans for the winter. Be on the lookout for special holiday events and programs which will be posted on our website and through social media



Thanksgiving SPECIALS

Mains

Turkey Breast - boneless \$12.49 lb

Hickory Smoked Salmon Sides (3-4 lbs) - \$23.99 lb

Sides

Skin on Mashed Potatoes, butter and cream \$11.99 qt \$5.99 pt

Roasted Butternut Squash \$10.49 qt \$5.29 pt

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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

What a bizarre couple of weeks this has been! Wildfires threatening good friends (they are all fine, thank you), another bout of that cold-y flu-y thing without a name, and culminating in the knowledge that my insurance company has all but one of the claims from the whirlpool of doctors and tests of this last year are sitting in a 'pending' file somewhere and no one seems to know why.

But my last few weeks have been nothing compared to Wade and RJ's of Cabernet Frank's. Joe Peters is at it again. The following is the deposition that Joe Peters gave to the police that brought them around to their property and RJ being pinned and repeatedly hit with a baton.

On its face, the complaint sounds plausible, if not a bit grade school ("That meanie threw water at me!") However, if you just scratch the surface just a tiny bit, a whole host of anomalies appear. This is what I know so far:

What first that struck me was how the complaint says RJ 'ran away'. Theirs is not a ground floor back porch, it is on the second floor, which means he would have to unlock the puppy gate, relock it, run down a flight of stairs, run along the backside of the Beaverkill Studios building to where the Subaru was parked. Joe would have just had to run through his ground floor. And why would he run? Why not just....go into his house?

The 'bucket' in question is being touted by Joe Peters as a 5 gallon. Seriously? Someone filled a 5 gallon bucket and threw the contents about 20 feet through a tree that probably still had some leaves on October 10th. Cabernet Frank's has issued a challenge to those who think it can be done. They will set up a mannequin in a chair approximately the same distance in the OTHER direction, with NO tree and let's see. Oh, and RJ has an old rotor cuff injury that would seriously have impeded this action.

The whole thing stinks, just like the last time in January. Just another harassment...but this time RJ was hurt.

Joe Peters pled guilty to stalking and harassing these two several years ago. Signed confession. Ordered to pay \$10,000 in restitution....which they have yet to see. This guy is a piece of work. I have said it before, and I'll say it again....Where is the justice for the abused? Constant violations of the Order of Protection complete with video, but let Peters file a complaint for an improbable act and they're right at the abuser's door.

November 20, at 2pm RJ is scheduled to report to the Town Court in Liberty. Just like in January. I will be among those there showing support. Just like in January. Please join us if you can. And please contact DA Brian Conaty (Brian.conaty@sullivanny.us) and demand an end to the official harassment on behalf of the abuser Joe Peters. This could just easily happen to your son or daughter, a brother or sister, a grandson or granddaughter by an unbalanced ex.

As of December 1, my column and I will be in hiatus. I need to find my center again.

Until next time my friends.....

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Prestigious Awards Gala

Monticello, NY - November 18, 2024 - On Thursday, November 14th, the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce marked its 50th Anniversary with a Gala at the Villa Roma Resort, attracting over 320 attendees from across the region. The event, which included dignitaries, business owners, and community leaders, celebrated the Chamber's rich history while honoring those who have made a lasting impact on the community.

Robert Ernst, who was honored with the 50th Anniversary Award, took the stage to reflect on the past five decades. He recounted the Chamber's beginnings in 1974 when he founded the organization, recalling the early challenges and triumphs. Robert highlighted the Chamber's growth over the years, its evolving role in the community, and the countless individuals and businesses that have contributed to its success. His remarks served as a reminder of the Chamber's pivotal role in shaping the future of Sullivan County, and the legacy of collaboration and progress that continues to thrive today.

A memorable moment of the evening came when Ashley Leavitt, President/CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, invited current Board members, including those from the Foundation and the incoming 2025 Board of Directors to the stage for a grand ribbon-cutting ceremony. This symbolic act marked the beginning of the Chamber's next 50 years of growth and progress.

The evening also featured the presentation of the 2024 Pride of Community Awards, recognizing individuals and organizations for their exceptional leadership, service, and commitment to Sullivan County. The following recipients were honored for their outstanding contributions:

- o Businessperson of the Year - Bruce Davidson
- o 50th Anniversary Award - Robert Ernst
- o Distinguished Achievement Award - Sullivan County Sheriff's Office
- o Distinguished Service Award - Aileen Gunther, NYS Assembly District 100
- o President's Award - Rutberg Breslow Personal Injury Law
- o Emerging Leader Award - Kellee Thelman, Sullivan 180
- o DEI Workplace Excellence Award - SALT Sullivan Allies Leading Together
- o Township Awards: Chico Rodriguez (Thompson), Tara Burke (Neversink), Lou & Frank Monteleone (Highland), Joseph Adamo (Liberty), Bill Rieber (Thompson)
- o Community Impact Award - Domingo Ramos, Hope Alive 845
- o Junior Emerging Leaders - Alexa Rogers, Nicky Ciorciari, Carissa Ciorciari

"I am proud to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community," said Ashley Leavitt. "This ribbon-cutting is not just a symbol of our past successes, but of our commitment to a future where we continue to build stronger connections, foster economic growth, and advocate for the betterment of Sullivan County for generations to come."

Shane Rennison in Concert at Arts Nest

Saturday, November 23, 2024,
6-8pm • Doors open 5:30pm

New York-based singer-songwriter Shane Rennison, known for his soulful energy and captivating live performances, is set to release his highly anticipated debut album, 'IRRATIONAL'. Over the years, Shane has garnered a dedicated following with his unique blend of indie pop rock. Characterized by acoustic and electric guitar, unique drum patterns, and synth piano, Shane draws comparisons to renowned artists like Vampire Weekend, Passion Pit, and Harry Styles. At the arrival of Irrational, Shane reaches a significant milestone in his burgeoning career.

'IRRATIONAL' offers a rich sonic tapestry, highlighting Shane's eclectic musical influences. The album seamlessly fuses freshness and nostalgia, immersing listeners in intricate songwriting, lush harmonies, and unexpected instrumental flourishes, all expertly woven together. Acoustic twinkling collides with glittery synths and punchy drums, the music occasionally introducing a brass infusion for added joy. Shane's emotional writing is at the core of the release, his honesty drawing listeners closer. The album's production, helmed by Julian Giaimo, ensures that each track maintains your engagement, transforming the soundscapes from track to track with ease.

Discussing the project, Shane explains, "I'm so grateful I finally get to share this album. We've been working on it for about two years now, and it's just so nice to put it out and move on creatively. I felt as though artists were getting away from full-length projects that flow from one song to another. It's kind of a dated concept because, in the streaming era, you can start an album on any track you wish. So for this project, I wanted to create seamless transitions from one track to the next to create a really cohesive project that satisfied us as a whole."

Shane Rennison hails from the scenic Catskills of Upstate New York, where he has honed his craft as a singer-songwriter and recording artist. His is infused with heartfelt authenticity and has captured audiences far and wide. From his early days performing diverse covers to crafting original songs, Shane's journey has been marked by a relentless pursuit of musical excellence. His debut album, 'IRRATIONAL', is a testament to his growth as an artist, promising to leave a lasting impact on listeners.

Arts Nest offers a large variety of entertainment year-round in a comfortable, friendly setting - a fun place for serious artists. Come with your friends, take a table and have a few drinks while enjoying the performances.

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Senior Art Group in Shokan

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A chatty, friendly group of seniors meet each Monday. At least monthly, we have a guest artist come for a workshop. There is no cost. We have a limited supply of watercolors, oil pastels, water soluble oil paints, paper and canvas. Brushes, too. Our crafty folk might paint or sew or knit or crochet or just hang out with friends. Our guest instructors have been Mia Fink and Sue De Sanna. Linda Schultz and Linda Champanier have been added to our possible guest instructors. MaryAnn Shultis has led us in sewing workshops to make bags and runners, and Donna Kopf has taught us quilt square patterns. We also stuff dolls for a project called MY FRIEND RAGDOLL that sends sweet dolls to Children's hospitals.

Come join us!

Audiences Asked, and We Listened! New Showtimes for the Holidays!

Experience *The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley*-the perfect outing for the holiday season!

Show Dates: December 6 - December 22
Fridays & Saturdays at 7 PM
Saturdays & Sundays at 2 PM

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The Wickhams is perfect for Austen lovers and holiday enthusiasts alike, though it's not necessary to have seen *Miss Bennet* or *Pride and Prejudice* to enjoy this fresh holiday tale. A fantastic experience for book clubs, office parties, family get-togethers, or friends' outings, *The Wickhams* is sure to enchant!

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Getting Ready for the Holidays -L. Comando



ACROSS

- 2 A black bird we will continue to see in the Catskills this winter
- 7 Bottom of a river or lake
- 8 Bringing about radical change
- 16 In case that
- 18 Large body of water
- 19 Legendary god of flocks and herds
- 20 Short sleep
- 21 Invisible mixture of gases we breathe
- 23 Conjunction
- 24 Keep from spoiling
- 26 Deep dish fruit
- 28 At the center
- 30 Senior (abbrev)
- 31 Emergency Room
- 32 Story handed down for generations
- 33 Village
- 37 Luminous heavenly body
- 38 Pip
- 40 Which person
- 41 Am not (slang)
- 43 Silver (chem)
- 44 Basic component of all matter
- 46 Military officers
- 47 Fall
- 49 Author, -. . . Elliot
- 50 Contained
- 51 Foot
- 54 Male turkey
- 58 Challenges
- 60 Squash and pumpkins
- 62 Departure
- 64 Spherical green seed that eaten as a vegetable
- 65 Toward
- 66 Wild animal lair
- 67 I am
- 69 Hearing organ
- 70 Process of preserving food in jars
- 73 Arid
- 74 Old Norse
- 75 Sick
- 76 Small barrel
- 77 Fruit pastry
- 78 North American songbird that will be

DOWN

- 1 Hindu title of respect
- 3 What metal is extracted from
- 4 Works at a loom
- 5 Extraterrestrial
- 6 High regard
- 7 Near
- 9 German grandfather
- 10 Long thrusting weapon
- 11 Sympathetic awareness
- 12 North America
- 13 Popular fall fruit
- 14 Gathering of the crop
- 15 Liberation from control
- 17 Frozen crystalline surface coating
- 18 Weep out loud
- 22 Roman four
- 25 Small building
- 27 Rusty fall color
- 29 Brewed beverage
- 32 A stage of a journey
- 34 Sharpen by rubbing
- 35 Scandinavian language group
- 36 An upright structure
- 39 Each
- 42 Exists
- 44 Nut of an oak tree
- 45 Frank Baum's magical land
- 46 Opening to a passage way
- 48 Rutabaga
- 51 Turf
- 52 Intensity of color
- 53 Election District
- 55 Bovid mammals
- 56 Missing in Action
- 57 Nick-name for John
- 59 Philosopher; culinary herb
- 61 Title of respect for a man
- 63 Involving three
- 64 Chum
- 68 Belonging to the speaker
- 71 At the age of
- 72 Nickel (chem)
- 73 Perform

Gladys VanWagner's Pumpkin Roll

- 2 eggs
- 1 c. sugar
- 2/3 c. pumpkin, cooked
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 3/4 c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 1/2 tsp. pumpkin spice
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- nuts (optional)

For filling:

- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 4 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1/2 Tbsp. vanilla

Beat 3 eggs on high speed 5 minutes. Slowly add 1 cup of sugar. Stir in pumpkin and lemon juice. In another bowl, stir the flour, baking powder, pumpkin spice and salt. Fold into first mixture. Spread onto greased cookie sheet. Cover with nuts. Bake at 375° for 15 minutes. Turn onto towel sprinkled with powdered sugar (no terry cloth). Roll together and let cool.

Cream the filling ingredients. Unroll roll and spread on filling. Reroll like a jelly roll.

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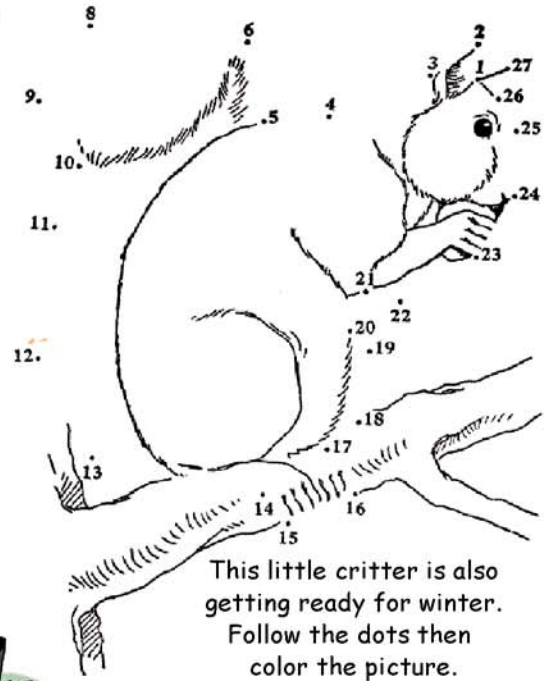
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Grandpa Joe, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory



Can you spot 10 differences?



This little critter is also getting ready for winter. Follow the dots then color the picture.

Fall Cleaning Wordsearch

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Raking is another fall chore. Can you help Jayce get all the leaves into the bucket?

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

Dana Vogler, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Neversink Fire District
11/14; 11/21; 11/28; 12/5

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at the Town of Denning Town Hall on the matter of the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025. At SAID hearing any and all interested person(s) were heard.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the Budget, having been duly discussed at Said Town Board Meeting has been Approved and Adopted for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2025. This Budget is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board
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November 18, 2024

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Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday,
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Secondary School
Lower Level Library

The meeting will be livestreamed on the District's
YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/CHANNEL/UCKI224vKO8nAWhR6N%20%20Vao24w/live>

Outdoor Burn Ban Instituted Statewide • Conditions Across Sullivan County Remain Dangerously Dry

Monticello, NY - As wildfires have raged across the State, Governor Kathy Hochul has announced a Statewide burn ban from now through the end of the month.

This ban prohibits the starting of outdoor fires statewide for purposes of brush and debris disposal, as well as uncontained campfires and open fires used for cooking. Backyard fire pits and contained campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed, as are small, contained cooking fires.

Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild, who was part of the team of hundreds of firefighters that this weekend battled a now-contained 600-acre blaze on the border of Sullivan and Ulster counties, continues to strenuously emphasize that outdoor burning is incredibly dangerous.

"We've had minimal rain over the past few weeks, and vegetation has dried up due to the change in seasons. The smallest spark could easily set trees and brush aflame," he explained. "It is imperative - and now legally mandatory - to avoid open burning and the consequences that can come with it: callouts of local fire departments, damage to plants and properties, and injuries - including death, as tragically just happened downstate."

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

"I am very grateful to all our Sullivan County firefighters and their fellow first responders who have been working over many days to contain these brush fires," stated Legislature Chair Nadia Rajs. "They have protected property and life, sometimes at risk to their own lives. Thanks to these heroes, the fire near Grahamsville is now under control, with no homes burned or people hurt."

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FROM TODAY UNTIL NOVEMBER 30th



Burn Ban In Effect

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CCE Sullivan's WISE Program Focuses on Educating Seniors!

LIBERTY, NY - The Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) Program is a new offering from Cornell Cooperative Extension that celebrates healthy aging and educates older adults on a variety of topics. This free program is open to anyone 60 or older.

The educational program offers one lesson per week over six weeks that cover a wide range of topics. Participants will have an opportunity to meet new people and:

Learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices

Celebrate this exciting stage of life and all the benefits that come with it

Discuss risk factors and behaviors older adults should avoid to stay healthy

Examine how alcohol, prescription medications and over-the-counter medications affect seniors differently and how they can avoid problems

Learn how to use simple tools to help you feel more empowered about your health and the healthcare you receive

Classes be held on Mondays from 11-1 pm starting Jan. 27, 2025 and will be held weekly through March 3, 2025. Lunch is included. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4> or www.sullivancce.org/events Please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Caregiver Resource Center at (845) 292-6180 ext. 122 or by email at sullivancrc@cornell.edu with questions.

The WISE program is a collaboration between the Caregiver Resource Center and SALT at CCE Sullivan and is supported by grant funding from New York State, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Radio Catskill Hosts One Small Step Community Listening Event on December 8, 2024

(Liberty, NY) Radio Catskill announces a special "One Small Step Community Listening Event" on Sunday, December 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Arnold House in Livingston Manor, NY. Radio Catskill has partnered with StoryCorps, the national nonprofit dedicated to helping us believe in each other by illuminating the humanity and possibility in us all, one story at a time, as part of StoryCorps' One Small Step (OSS) Radio Station Hubs project.

At the free event, local residents who participated in the One Small Step program will share their personal experi-

ences with audience members about discovering common ground with someone with different backgrounds and beliefs. The audience will also have the opportunity to engage in a live Q&A session with the interviewees, learn how to get involved, and enjoy some holiday refreshments.

"We're thrilled to be one of only seven radio stations selected nationally to participate in One Small Step this year," said Tim Bruno, General Manager of Radio Catskill. "We're excited to share this work with the community and hopefully improve civic discourse and mend political division."

Isabel Braverman, producer and facilitator, remarked, "Facilitating One Small Step has been an enriching experience. Everyone is welcome to listen to a selection of these recorded conversations and learn more about the process."

The event is free, but registration is required. Please RSVP by November 28, 2024 to mimi@wjffradio.org. For more information, visit wjffradio.org.

StoryCorps' OSS initiative and the Radio Station Hubs program are made possible by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

SLAC Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County Monthly Meeting

Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County Monthly Meeting will be held on 10 AM, Friday, November 22, 2024, in the Legislative Meeting Room, at the Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello NY

This will be our final meeting of the year. In the past we have not met over the winter months. With the ongoing adult care center issue, we need to continue with a monthly meeting.

DEC Delivers Banner - Stay Connected with Your Environment • DEC Finalizes Regulation to Ease Transition to Paper Sporting Licenses and Tags for License Issuing Agents

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the adoption of a regulation that enables License Issuing Agents (LIAs) to recover costs associated with printing and mailing paper sporting licenses and other items sold through DEC's Automated Licensing System.

DEC is transitioning plastic Valeron material to plain paper for all hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and associated tags. With this change, LIAs now supply their own paper, printers, and ink. The new \$1 printing fee enables LIAs to cover their material costs. Additionally, DEC's license fulfillment vendor may levy a \$2 fee when the customer requests the license be printed and mailed to them. All license buyers who purchase online, by phone, via DEC's HuntFishNY mobile app, or at an LIA will have the option to avoid the transaction fee by choosing to receive their licenses and tags via email for free printing at home.

Applications Now Open for 2025 Catskill Edible Garden Project (CEGP)

[Liberty, NY] - Sullivan 180 announced that applications for the 2025 Catskill Edible Garden Project (CEGP) are now available at Sullivan180.org. Schools, daycare

facilities, and organizations serving youth in Sullivan County are eligible to apply for funding to create edible gardens or landscapes. The deadline to submit applications is January 15, 2025.

The Catskill Edible Garden Project aims to design edible gardens as living, outdoor educational and gathering spaces. The program provides up to \$2,500 in grant funding, as well as technical assistance, educational programs, design expertise, and staff support to guide the planning and construction of these gardens.

"The Catskill Edible Garden Project is about more than just planting seeds—it's about growing connections," said Eva Bednar, Garden Coordinator at Sullivan 180. "These gardens teach young people the value of sustainable living, offer hands-on learning opportunities, and help build healthier, more engaged communities."


The Catskill Edible Garden Project is a partnership between Catskill Mountainkeeper, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Sullivan 180. Together, the organizations work to empower local youth and foster environmental stewardship through gardening initiatives.

Interested schools and organizations are encouraged to learn more and apply before the January 15 deadline. For additional information or questions about the application process, contact Eva Bednar at 845-295-2719 or Eva@Sullivan180.org.

Daniel Pierce Library

PBS Nova Documentary

Inner Worlds



Thursday, November 21, 2024

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Recommended for adults and students ten and up

Join local experts John Kocijanski & Irene Pease for an evening of exploration! We will watch the PBS Nova documentary, Inner Worlds focusing on Venus & Mercury. Lets discover these planets together with additional insight from our experts.

If you are curious about the galaxies, this program is for you.

Advanced registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

In the event of inclement weather, please check our website and social media for cancellations.

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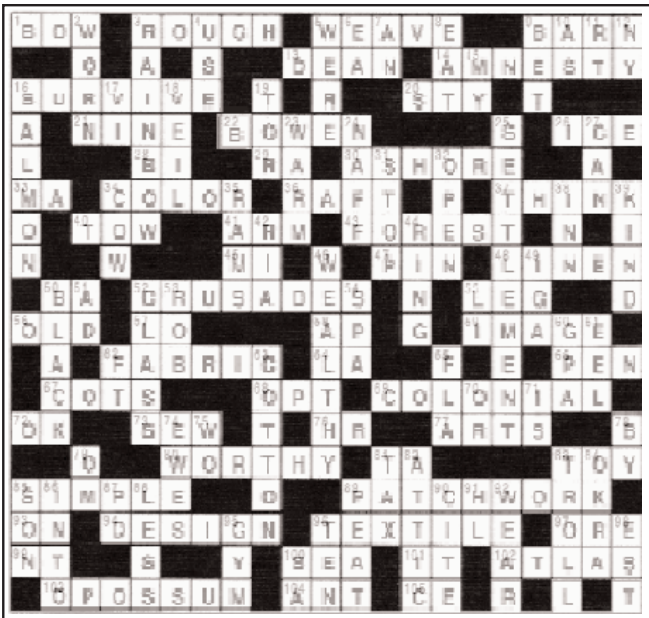
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11/21/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/3/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
12/4/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
12/7/24	Holiday Craft Sale - Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall & Time and the Valley Museum 10-3 pm
12/7/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
12/10/24	Claryville Fire District Election 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
12/10/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/11/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
12/17/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

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Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
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Weekly Update for The Week of

November 18 - November 22, 2024

Monday, November 18

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board**, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM - Fleet Management Review Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Trails Advisory Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, November 19

- o **5:30 PM - Caucus: Democrats, in Legislative Chambers**, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 - o **6:00 PM - Caucus: Republicans**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- The Following Public Hearings & Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston. Via Livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>
- o **7:00 PM - Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Budget & Proposed 2025-2030 Capital Program**
 - o **7:10 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 11 of 2024**, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify Various Provisions Relating To Certain Departments And Duties
 - o Immediately Following Public Hearings - **Legislative Session**

Wednesday, November 20

- o **8:00 AM - Workforce Development Board, in the Office of Employment & Training**, 521 Boices Lane, Kingston
 - o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting**, in the Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, 5 Park Lane, Highland, 12528
- The following Industrial Development Agency and Capital Resource Corporation meetings will be held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston:
- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee**
 - o **9:05 AM (Or Immediately Following IDA Governance Committee) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee**
 - o **9:15 AM (Or Immediately Following UCCRC Governance Committee) - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Regular Board Meeting**
 - o **9:20 AM (Or Immediately Following IDA Board Meeting) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Regular Board Meeting**
 - o **10:00 AM (Or Immediately Following UCCRC Board Meeting) - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Audit Committee**
 - o **10:05 AM (Or Immediately Following IDA Audit Committee) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Audit Committee**
 - o **12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline**
 - o **3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, 12419

Thursday, November 21

- o **1:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee to Review Budgetary Appeals & Amendments**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and via Legislature's Committee Livestream <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee**, in the UCRRA Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM (Or Immediately Following UCRRA Zero Waste Committee) - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in the UCRRA Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM (Or Immediately Following UCRRA Regular Board Meeting) - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Special Meeting to Discuss The Capital Plan**, in the UCRRA Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

Friday, November 22

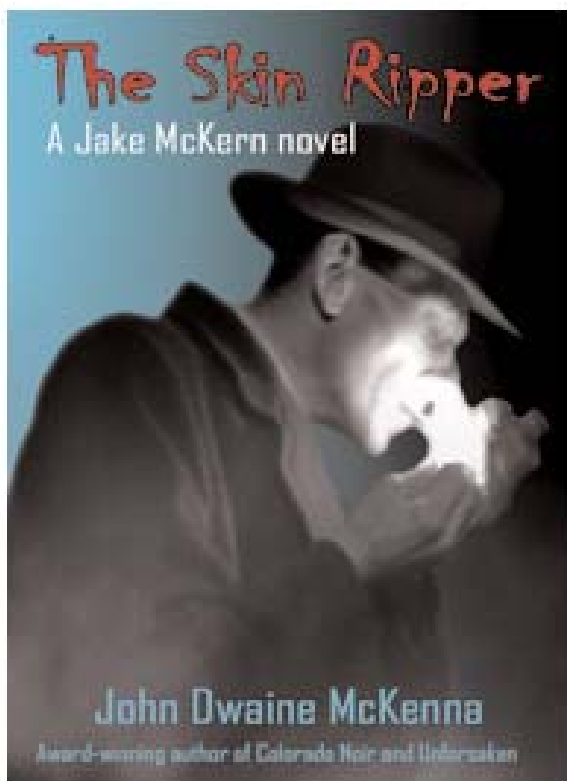
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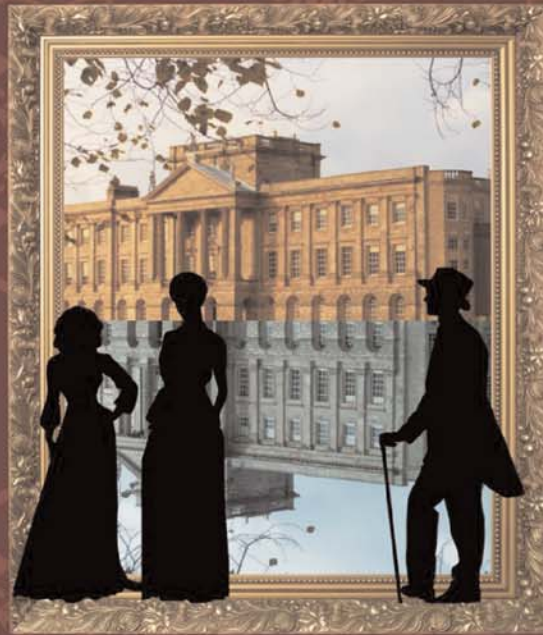


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Sullivan Lands \$30M State Grant for Widespread Broadband Service Largest Award for a Single Project in County's History



Monticello, NY - Sullivan County is poised to dramatically expand high-speed broadband Internet service thanks to a nearly \$30 million grant.

Governor Kathy Hochul and U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand announced today over \$140 million in awards from the ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program to expand broadband infrastructure throughout New York State. These public-private partnerships will lead to the construction of more than 1,200 miles of publicly-owned fiber-optic infrastructure and wireless hubs, connecting over 60,000 homes and businesses with affordable, symmetric service - offering equal download and upload speeds at a price below regional averages.

Sullivan County is receiving \$29.9 million through this program.

"This is incredible news - I'm elated!" affirmed Sullivan County Legislature Chair Nadia Rajsz. "We have been working toward this goal for years, and now we can confidently move forward to bring every part of Sullivan County into the 21st century of super-high-speed and affordable Internet access."

"This award represents the largest grant Sullivan County has ever received for a single project, and we are immensely grateful to Governor Hochul and Empire State Development for their faith in and advocacy for this important project," said Sullivan County Manager Joshua A. Potosek. "In collaboration with our longtime partner Archtop Fiber, we now have the opportunity to launch a new era of high-speed, reliable, widespread connectivity throughout Sullivan County, ensuring broadband availability is as common and easily obtained as electricity. Our residents, visitors and businesses will benefit tremendously from this technological leap forward."

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tance of never giving up on a meaningful goal," noted Lorne Green, Sullivan County's commissioner of Information Technology Services and the initiator of this project. "I'm very proud to have been a small part of the County team that worked on this grant request. I'm also grateful to the legislative bodies and County management that have supported this effort over the past 10 years. This is an important investment in Sullivan County's future and a transformative first step toward a goal of 100% coverage, new opportunities, and growth for our community in the decades ahead."

Sullivan County last year signed a memorandum of agreement with Archtop Fiber to jointly develop a plan to extend multi-gig fiber within the County. The technology being deployed is capable of providing both upload and download speeds up to 10Gbps, and Archtop is investing several hundreds of millions of dollars across the Hudson Valley. The County's emergency communication towers will also be connected to Archtop's system, with the goal of offering wireless broadband service to areas that otherwise would be significantly difficult or expensive to reach with fiber.

"We're honored to have been selected to partner with Sullivan County on this incredible initiative that goes beyond connectivity - it's about creating real opportunities for economic growth, education and healthcare in our communities," said Shawn Beqaj, Chief Development Officer of Archtop Fiber. "Through Governor Hochul's ConnectALL Initiative, we're proud to serve as a dedicated local partner, bringing our expertise in fiber-optic construction to serve over 22,000 homes and businesses. (Contd. Pg. 37)

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(From Pg. 36) This grant is a transformative milestone in bridging the digital divide, and we'll work hand-in-hand with community leaders to move this project forward quickly to deliver high-quality Internet access that's built to last."

About the Project

Sullivan County is partnering with Archtop Fiber to serve over 22,000 homes and businesses, leveraging the County's existing towers and Archtop's capabilities in fiber optic construction. Sullivan County will own the infrastructure, while Archtop Fiber and Hudson Valley Wireless will serve as internet service providers. The County will build 253 miles of fiber and one new communication tower, in addition to 11 towers it already owns, extending broadband service to unserved and underserved locations. Sullivan County faces unique challenges due to its rural, mountainous terrain, low population density and status, as the most distressed of the seven counties represented by the Hudson Valley Regional Council that have long deterred broadband deployment in the County. This initiative reverses that trend for many of the unserved homes in the county and creates new opportunities in health, education and economic well-being.

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Sullivan 180 Hosts First Vaping Prevention Roundtable Discussion

[LIBERTY, NY] On Wednesday, November 13th, Sullivan 180 brought together nearly twenty community leaders from government, education, public health, substance use treatment and law enforcement for the first ever Vaping Prevention Roundtable discussion. E-cigarettes, also known as vapes, are the most commonly used tobacco products by youth. Sullivan County schools have suffered a dramatic uptick in students using vapes and getting hooked to nicotine. Nicotine can have dangerous effects on many parts of the body, but particularly the developing brains of adolescents. Many e-cigarettes sold have high levels of nicotine but are masked by fruit and candy flavors that are enticing to young people. According to the Centers for Disease Control most middle and high school students who vape want to quit and wish they had never started.

This initial roundtable laid the foundation for the development of a Coalition for a Vape-Free Sullivan, that will coordinate efforts to decrease youth vaping through prevention, education and enforcement; while supporting youth currently vaping with intervention and cessation.

Dr. Robert Dufour, District Superintendent of Sullivan BOCES, shared that schools are regularly processing referrals and issuing disciplinary follow-up for students caught vaping which leads to significant time wasted by school staff and administration. He is committed to seeing additional resources and programs get to schools to educate students about the dangers of e-cigarettes. Liberty Middle School Assistant Principal Katlyn Rusin echoed Dr. Dufour's sentiment sharing that the vaping in their school bathrooms is happening so regularly, it's hard to keep up and they need the help of outside programs. Liberty Middle School has welcomed the CATCH My Breath

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program to several of their classrooms as a way of educating their students about better choices.

Several participants shared concerns of how easy it is for children to obtain products that are supposed to be illegal for people under age 21. Amanda Langseder, Senior Director of Prevention Programming for Sullivan 180, shared, "It's hard to parent teens in this community and keep them safe when products designed for adults are so readily available to them. Parents need the help of convenience store staff to follow the law, which means verifying age for anyone under 30."

"Today we distributed seventeen kits that will be delivered to gas stations across the county, aimed to help raise awareness about protecting our youth from the harms of tobacco use," said Nicole Blais, Sullivan 180 Prevention Coordinator stated. "We welcome volunteers to help us with this effort so we can make sure every location selling tobacco has a digital age verification calendar and appropriate signage as just one means of keeping these products out of the hands of our youth."

Commissioner of Sullivan County Health & Human Services, John Liddle, spoke about the pending JUUL Settlement funds and the County's continued commitment to the issue; and emphasized that many people and organizations have an important role in protecting youth from vaping, including parents and caregivers, educators and school administrators, health care providers, law enforcement and community agencies.

The Coalition for a Vape-Free Sullivan will implement evidence-based policies, programs, and services to reduce youth vaping by working together and coordinating efforts. (Contd. Pg. 38)

Sullivan 180 Hosts First Vaping Prevention Roundtable Discussion

(From Pg. 37)

Everyone is invited to join in the effort. To join the Coalition for a Vape-Free Sullivan contact Amanda Langseder at alangseder@sullivan180.org or 845.295.2681. To bring an educational presentation on this issue of vaping to your community, email trainings@sullivan180.org

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.

What They are Saying: Elected and Community Leaders Support Governor Hochul's Plan to Fund Transit and Put Commuters First

Governor Kathy Hochul yesterday announced that the pause on congestion pricing will be lifted in New York City by early January. The implementation of the congestion pricing program is a testament to the Governor's commitment in reducing traffic congestion and air pollution throughout New York City. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority's 2025-29 capital plan would spend a total of \$68.4 billion, including \$47.8 billion for NYC Transit, Staten Island Railway and MTA Bus Company, \$6 billion each for Metro-North Railroad and Long Island Rail Road, \$5.3 billion for major projects and expansion, and \$3 billion for MTA Bridges and Tunnels - this is the largest MTA capital plan proposed in New York's history, focused on improving the infrastructure and reliability of the city's transit system for New Yorkers.

Representative Adriano Espaillat said, "A secure revenue source is essential to uphold our transit infrastructure and economy. This includes support for the Second Avenue Subway Phase 2, bringing much-needed transit access to historically underserved neighborhoods like East Harlem. It also supports a more inclusive system by ensuring ADA accessibility throughout the City and my district, specifically Central and West Harlem and Kingsbridge. Additionally, investments in health and environmental improvements, such as the Bronx's asthma center and electric truck charging infrastructure, will directly address persistent challenges in red-lined communities. I look forward to collaborating with Governor Hochul and local leaders to bring these transformative improvements to fruition."

New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams said, "New York's public transportation system is the lifeblood of our city, and millions of riders rely on it to fulfill their basic obligations and seek opportunity," said New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams. "Affordability for New Yorkers must guide our decisions and be a priority we all share. As implementation of this revised congestion plan advances, investments in the immediate and long-term health of our transportation infrastructure are critical to the well-being of our city and its communities. For residents of transit deserts in outer-borough neighborhoods and environmental justice communities, this has historically been lacking, which has disproportionate consequences. Addressing these longstanding inequities, and meeting the transportation needs of New Yorkers in every part of our city, must be a continued focus for all levels of government. As this plan moves

forward, it is critical for all stakeholders to focus on making our city more affordable and accessible to ensure New Yorkers are able to sufficiently meet living requirements and responsibilities."

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said, "I supported congestion pricing when I served in the State Senate, and I am very glad to see this policy move forward. Congestion pricing will meaningfully reduce climate-damaging emissions and improve local air quality and public health while financing greatly needed public transit investments that will benefit not just city residents but all of us."

Governor Hochul Announces Ratification of Three-Year Labor Agreements with Two Units of Police Benevolent Association of the New York State Troopers Representing Approximately 4,000 Employees


Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the ratification of three-year labor contract agreements with two units represented by the Police Benevolent Association of the New York State Troopers, Inc. serving members of the New York State Police. The Troopers Unit includes more than 3,100 Troopers in the Division of State Police who are responsible for road patrol and law enforcement in rural areas, and for operations at the various State Police stations. The Commissioned Officer/Non-Commissioned Officer Unit includes more than 830 officers in the ranks of majors, captains, lieutenants and various levels of sergeants who are responsible for supervising troopers and investigators, also in the Division of State Police. The agreements, which run until March 31, 2026, won the approval of 82 percent of Troopers Unit members who cast ballots and 87 percent of Commissioned Officer/Non-Commissioned Officer Unit members who cast ballots.

"These labor agreements with the PBA of New York State Troopers reflect our commitment to affordability and guaranteeing that the fearless members of the Troopers Unit and the Commissioned Officer/Non-Commissioned Officer Unit are compensated fairly for their dedication to serve and protect their fellow New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "I appreciate the partnership of the PBA of New York State Troopers' leadership throughout negotiations and thank its membership for their professionalism and courage in keeping New Yorkers safe."

Both ratified contracts include raises in each year of the agreement consistent with other recently negotiated agreements. In addition, the contracts include other increases in compensation such as a lump sum bonus and up to 12 weeks of fully paid parental leave. The contracts also include changes in the health insurance program that will encourage in-network employee utilization and help control health insurance costs.

The contract vote was, for the first time, conducted electronically, part of the PBA's ongoing efforts to professionalize the union and improve member services.

New York State Troopers PBA President Charles W. Murphy said, "With this contract, New York State both recognizes the tireless work of our current Troopers and sends a message to New Yorkers that the State is committed to fairness for those who join our ranks. In speaking with our colleagues across the Northeast and the nation, we know paid parental leave and other benefits in this contract set a new model that other states must replicate to retain and recruit the best of the best. We look forward to continuing our work protecting and serving all New Yorkers."



CHURCH FAIR BAKE SALE

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10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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DEC Announces Regular Firearms Season for Deer and Bear Hunting in the Southern Zone Began Nov. 16

DEC Encourages Hunters to Test Deer Harvested in Southern Herkimer and Northern Otsego Counties for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that the state's most popular big game hunting season begins on Saturday, Nov. 16, and continues through Dec. 8. With an estimated 470,000 licensed hunters participating, approximately 60 percent of the total statewide deer harvest and 30 to 60 percent of the statewide bear harvest occurs during this season.

DEC is simultaneously responding to an isolated detection of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a captive deer facility in southern Herkimer County. While there is no evidence that CWD is present in wild deer at this time, DEC is enhancing CWD surveillance in the area and requesting successful deer hunters in the area submit the deer's head to DEC for CWD testing.

Hunters Can Help Prevent the Introduction of CWD into Wild Deer
Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is an always fatal deer disease that threatens New York's wild white-tailed deer and moose populations. When introduced into wild deer, CWD can spread rapidly, is nearly impossible to eliminate, and threatens future deer hunting opportunities. Hunters can help prevent the introduction of CWD into New York's wild deer populations by taking the following precautions:

Hunting Outside of New York

- o If you harvest any type of deer, elk, moose, or caribou while hunting outside of New York, debone the venison before bringing it back into New York. DEC will confiscate and destroy illegally imported deer carcasses and parts;

- o If you harvest a deer from an area outside of New York known to have CWD, submit samples to that state's Department of Natural Resources for CWD testing before consuming the venison. If the test is positive for CWD, contact DEC for proper disposal of the venison.
Hunting in New York

- o Avoid using deer urine-based lures or attractant scents, as these could contain CWD. Use synthetic products instead;

- o Dispose of deer carcass waste in a landfill, not on the landscape; and

- o Hunt only wild deer and support fair chase hunting principles. DEC is requesting that successful deer hunters in the towns of Columbia, German Flatts, Litchfield, Warren, or Winfield in Herkimer County, and the town of Richfield in Otsego County submit the deer's head for CWD testing at one of seven drop-off locations (instructions and addresses below). Taxidermists can sample deer intended to be mounted.

Deer head drop-off instructions:

1. Cut the deer head off with some neck remaining.
2. Keep the head chilled or frozen until submission to DEC.
3. Remove the skull plate and antlers on bucks before submission.
4. Place the head in a plastic garbage bag.
5. Label the bag with your name, address, and phone number and

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complete the DEC tag at the drop-off location.
6. Deposit the bagged head in the white metal container at one of the drop-off locations below.

Deer head drop-off locations:

- Town of Warren
 - o 131 Hyde-Bell Lane, Jordanville NY 13361 (highway department)
- Town of Columbia
 - o 936 Jordanville Road, Ilion NY 13367 (sand building)
 - o 147 County Route 259, Ilion NY 13357 (town hall)
- Town of Litchfield
 - o 804 Cedarville Road, Ilion NY 13357 (highway department)
- Town of Winfield
 - o 306 Stone Road, West Winfield NY 13491 (highway department)
- Town of Herkimer
 - o 225 North Main Street, Herkimer NY 13350 (Herkimer NYSDEC Office)
- Town of Richfield
 - o Boss Farm, 1545 County Route 25, Richfield Springs 13439

Continuing New York's Record of Safe Hunting

DEC is encouraging all hunters to continue to take steps to remain safe while afield. (Contd. Pg. 41)

DEC Announces Regular Firearms Season for Deer and Bear Hunting in the Southern Zone Began Nov. 16

(From Pg. 40) Most hunting-related injuries occur when hunters are climbing in and out of a tree stand. Hunters should Strap Up Before You Go Up to stay connected from the time leaving the ground to the time they get back down, read the manufacturer's instructions and warnings before using a tree stand, check all stands (including straps and chains) before every season, and replace any worn or missing parts. Never climb in or out of a tree stand with a loaded firearm.

Daily hunting hours for deer and bear include the full daylight period, beginning 30 minutes before sunrise and continuing until 30 minutes after sunset. These hunting hours ensure there is enough light for hunters to identify their target and what's beyond, while maximizing opportunities to harvest deer and bear in the early morning and late afternoon when these species are most active. Hunters should check the sunrise and sunset times before hunting each day.

Hunters must wear fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink clothing (either a hat, vest, or jacket which are visible in all directions) when pursuing deer or bear with a firearm, and should always follow the basic rules of firearm safety:

- o Point your gun in a safe direction.
- o Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- o Be sure of your target and beyond.
- o Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Let Young Bucks Go and Watch Them Grow - Harvest a Doe

As a result of DEC's Let Young Bucks Go and Watch Them Grow campaign and hunters' willingness to voluntarily pass up opportunities to harvest young bucks, New York continues to document a steady decrease in the percentage of yearling bucks (1.5 years old) in the buck harvest, with the percentage of older bucks (at least 2.5 years old) in the harvest continuing to increase. As a result, more older bucks are being harvested in New York than ever before. By harvesting does instead of young bucks, hunters help keep deer populations in balance with available habitat which allows deer to meet their nutritional requirements for body and antler growth and fawn production. Hunters can help manage New York's deer herd by continuing to let young bucks go and harvesting at least one doe this hunting season.

Opportunities for Youth Hunters

Once again this year, 12- and 13-year-old hunters may hunt deer with a firearm during the regular firearms season when accompanied by a licensed, experienced adult mentor. This pilot program was established in 2021 and extended through 2025 for upstate counties that choose to participate. The program does not apply to Westchester or Suffolk counties; Erie and Rockland counties have not opted in to the program.

Take It - Tag It - Report It

It has never been easier for hunters to report their deer, bear, or turkey harvest using DEC's HuntFishNY mobile app. Through the mobile app, hunters can access an electronic version of their hunting license and tags and report their harvests immediately using their mobile device. Hunters can also report their harvest by calling (1-866-GAME-RPT) or through DEC's website. Reporting your harvest within seven days is required by law and provides critical data to inform DEC's management of deer, bear, and turkey populations.

Other Reminders for the 2024-25 Southern Zone Regular Hunting Season

- o Choose non-lead ammunition for reduced risk of lead exposure to you and non-target wildlife.
- o Hunters can donate venison to help those less fortunate while contributing to deer management.
- o For the first time this season, big game hunters can use rifles in Niagara County.
- o Back tags no longer need to be worn by hunters anywhere in the state.
- o Hunting licenses and tags are being printed on plain paper. It is the hunter's responsibility to protect their license and tags. Carcass tags must still be filled out, dated, signed, and attached to the animal as required by regulation. DEC suggests storing licenses and tags in a waterproof bag or container while hunting and placing the completed carcass tag in a zip-top bag or other reusable waterproof protector and securely fastening it to the deer, bear, or turkey to ensure the tag remains protected and legible.
- o For specific descriptions of regulations and open hunting areas, hunters should refer to the 2024-2025 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide (PDF). Hunters are urged to review all regulations and safety tips contained in the guide before going afield.
- o New York State is currently experiencing active wildfires - be sure to check fire danger maps before heading afield and take steps to reduce wildfire risks.

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Montigram President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

Monticello Rotary was pleased to have Sullivan County Clerk Russell Reeves share what is happening in our Clerk's Office. From mobile DMV services, to the updated facility, the Clerk's Office has been serving the community through the pandemic and new laws in the state. DMV is

still by appointment only, but the efficiency in this approach is serving the community well. Mr. Reeves encourages all to reach out should they need assistance with any Clerk's Office tasks and said he is proud of the work of all in his office.

Thank you Russell Reeves for taking the time to speak with us and keep us informed as to the great work being done.

Our speaker this coming week Richie Chiger to share with us the Life of a Parrot.



Turkey Drop Off:

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James delivers the first flock of 34 turkeys donated by the Sullivan County Long Beards Annual Turkey Hunters Care Program - A Youth & Wounded Veterans Activities Program to Sullivan County United Way Executive Director Julian Dawson in preparation for the Monticello Rotary Annual Food Drive taking place on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 9am - 1pm at the Ted Strobel Recreation Center, Jefferson Street, Monticello. Non-perishable food items, frozen turkeys and hams will be collected for distribution by the United Way and Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless.

Turkey Pick-up

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James was on hand on Friday November 15, 2024 at Peck's Market in Livingston Manor to pick up the 34 Turkeys donated to the Monticello Rotary Annual Food Drive by the Sullivan County Long Beards Annual Turkey Hunters Care Program. SCLB's Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation provided 130 Frozen Turkeys for distribution across Sullivan County. They are proud to be able to make this contribution through partnering with the Rotary Food Drive and providing to local schools, churches, fire departments and the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition to ensure those in need receive a turkey for Thanksgiving. The Monticello Rotary Food Drive is on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 9am - 1pm at the Ted Strobel Recreation Center, Jefferson Street, Monticello. Non-perishable food items, frozen turkeys and hams will be collected for distribution by the United Way and Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless.

A Gala Night for All at the Sullivan County Chamber 50th Anniversary Celebration

Rotary represented strongly at the Sullivan County Chamber 50th Anniversary Gala where our very own, Bob Ernst was recognized for being the first President of the Chamber. In addition the new Board of Directors of the Chamber were announced and the out-going members of the Board recognized for their dedication to the Chamber. Rotarian Les Kristt is ending his term on the Board serving for some of those years as Treasurer. The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Chairperson is Lori Orestano-James, Monticello Rotary President. In addition, Lori also serves on the Chamber Board of Directors.

Monticello Rotary is a proud member of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce.

Dates to Remember can be found below.

Agenda for November 19, 2024

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James

2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Jackie Rutledge

3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership

4. Guest Speaker - Richie Chiger

5. Committee Reports:

Food Drive - Cris Spinner

Interact - Cris Spinner

Rotary Radio - Rick Stein

Murph's Toy Drive - Les Kristt

Senior Comfort Closet - Lori Orestano-James & Cris Spinner

Hospital Santa Visit and Rotary Holiday Ramblers - Lori Orestano-James

6. Regional Updates/District Updates -

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Happy Dollars

10. 50/50 Raffle

11. Adjourn

Link for Zoom Meeting Sign-on:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506100931?pwd=MUNmWnhZanR6M2lCSy9McjNQSTBudz09>

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

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

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

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

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

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

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

With Rotary Pride,

Lori Orestano-James

President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

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Monti Food Drive In Full Swing

Monticello Rotary will continue the annual tradition of holding its Annual Food Drive on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 9am - 1pm at the Ted Strobel (Neighborhood Facility) Building, Jefferson Street, Monticello,

New York with pre-collection drop off locations available from Monday, November 18, 2024 until Friday, November 22, 2024 as noted below. "Now, more than ever, our fellow neighbors are in need of food not only for Thanksgiving but to place food on their tables daily," said Lori Orestano-James, Monticello Rotary President.

According to Rotary Vice President and Food Drive Chairperson Cris Spinner, "We know how our community has always come through in the past to help us provide non-perishable food items to stock the United Way of (Contd. Pg. 43)

Montigram President's Corner

(From Pg. 42) Sullivan County Food Pantry and the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless Food Pantry during the winter months. We are counting on your generosity once again to help feed those in need." Non-perishable food items may be purchased and dropped off the week of November 18, 2024 until November 22, 2024 at a local drop off spot. "We are grateful to Kristt Company, Broadway, Monticello and Landfield Avenue Synagogue, 18 Landfield Avenue, Monticello (for kosher food items), for serving as early drop off locations starting on November 18, 2024 where you may drop off item(s) Monday thru Friday, 9am - 4pm

(Synagogue 9am - 3pm) until November 22, 2024. All items pre-collected will be added to the items collected on November 23, 2024 at the Ted Strobel (Neighborhood Facility) in Monticello from 9am - 1pm, stated Lori

Orestano-James. "Julian Dawson, Executive Director of Sullivan County United Way and Kathy Kreiter, Executive Director for the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless will be on hand to pick up the donate items for distribution by the respective agencies", stated Spinner further.

Items most needed:

Canned veggies, canned fruit, cereal, pasta, gravy, sauces, canned meats, canned pasta, jam, jelly, peanut butter, rice, shelf stable milks. (Any items non-perishable).

The Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" has never been more important in helping our community. Please bring your non-perishable food donation items and help us to help others.

Winter Holiday in Ulster County

Welcome Winter

The holidays will soon be here and whether it's the hubbub of getting ready, or the feelings of nostalgia that the holiday can bring, we understand if you're looking for a quick escape. Start a new tradition in Ulster County. Find unique gifts in our sweet small towns or enjoy the warmth of a crackling fire

while cuddled-up with someone special in a charming inn. Ulster County is filled with places to pick the perfect Christmas tree, toast the season, and have plenty of old-fashioned outdoor fun. Make memories that feel straight out of a Hallmark movie. Escape the everyday with a pre-, during, or post-holiday getaway in Ulster County.

Cuddle Up

The Shandaken Inn, nestled in the heart of the Catskills, transforms into a winter wonderland during the holiday season. Guests can enjoy cozy rooms with rustic decor, perfect for snuggling up after a day of exploring nearby hiking trails or skiing at Belleayre Mountain.

Kingston Carriage House, with its historic charm, is ideal for those looking to blend relaxation with local culture. The property's proximity to Kingston's vibrant arts scene and holiday festiv-

ities means guests can enjoy local markets, art exhibitions, and seasonal events.

Foxfire Mountain House offers an idyllic escape with stunning mountain views and outdoor activities. During the holidays, it becomes a hub for winter sports enthusiasts and nature lovers. Guests can partake in snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, or simply enjoying the serene surroundings.

Small Town Sweet Treats

When it comes to holiday gifting, local, artisanal chocolate is a choice that brings joy to people of all ages.

Lagusta's Luscious, in New Paltz, is known for vegan chocolates with decadent flavors that cater to everyone's tastes. Saugerties-based Krause's Chocolates features a



variety of handcrafted confections, each piece a work of art that combines traditional techniques with innovative flavors, perfect for those who appreciate gourmet quality.

EJ Bonbons chocolatiers, Emily Kellogg and Pierre Pouplard specializes in unique, luxurious chocolates that blend classic techniques with local ingredients, providing a taste of the region in every bite. Fruition Chocolate, renowned for its bean-to-bar process, creates exceptional chocolate that highlights the complexity of its ingredients, ensuring each bite is a celebration of flavor.

Whether for gifts, stocking stuffers, or personal treats, these chocolates embody the spirit of the holidays, making every moment sweeter.

Toast the Season

Sip into the season at Holiday Fineries at the Wineries, the Hudson Valley's premier holiday wine and cider tasting event. This long-running Ulster County tradition features Shawangunk Wine trail wineries and cider houses festively decorated for the season, a special ornament from each location you visit and a handmade grapevine wreath for you to decorate at home.

Old-Fashioned Outdoor Fun

Hasbrouck Park invites you to pack mittens and scarves for a snowman-building contest with friends or family, all with the stunning Hudson River as your backdrop. Or take a twirl around the majestic Mohonk Mountain House's Ice Skating



Rink. A covered barn-like pavilion and enormous stone fireplace provides the perfect skating spot in a winter wonderland. For those looking for something more rigorous, Ulster County boasts

the longest vertical drop in the Catskills at Belleayre Mountain and miles of scenic snowshoeing trails at Mohonk Preserve, Minnewaska State Park, and at trailheads in the Catskill Park.

Make this holiday season one to remember. Ulster County is ready to bring your winter dreams to life with a touch of magic and a lot of coziness. We can't wait to see you!

Happy holidays (a little early),
Ulster County

For additional tips and information on planning your Ulster County Winter Escape, visit: visitulstercountyny.com

Homeschooling Group

4th Tuesday of each month

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

at the Daniel Pierce Library

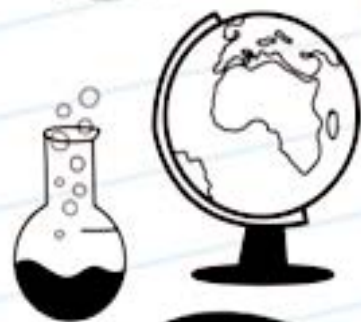
We invite all homeschooling families to join a self-guided group that meets monthly at the Daniel Pierce Library.

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

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

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

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



**Beginning
September
24th**



One Night Only, Catch an Exclusive Private Screening of the film 'Midnight Boulevard' at the HPAC - Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre

Midnight Boulevard centres on Sully, a small-time burglar who, alongside his partner Lou, plans their final heist at the opulent Rivelle Manor. The mansion belongs to the stunning Ilsa Rivelle, whose allure has captivated Sully and drawn the attention of a



masked serial killer responsible for a string of unsolved murders. As the night unfolds, the intersecting fates of Sully, Lou, Ilsa, and the killer converge, leading to a chilling and unexpected climax on the streets of Midnight Boulevard.

Director Dinitha Vithanage is a Sri Lankan-born filmmaker, film composer, and musician based in Toronto. He holds an undergraduate degree in Human Biology & Music and Culture from the University of Toronto Scarborough, where he was honored with the Abram Krashinsky Prize in Music for Best Original Composition in his final year.

Dinitha has since built a diverse portfolio, composing music for narrative and documentary feature films as well as commercials for notable brands including New Balance. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Music Technology and Digital Media at the University of Toronto.

As an independent filmmaker, Dinitha's work spans narrative films and music videos. His recent short film, *For a Coffin Full of Gold*, won awards for Best Director and Best Drama at the 20th University of Toronto Film Festival. His debut feature film, *Midnight Boulevard*, is actively participating in film festivals.

Dinitha is dedicated to advancing his expertise in genre filmmaking and visual media composition. He seeks to collaborate with artists who share his passion for storytelling and creative innovation.

Editor and producer Brandon Worden is a distinguished editor, colorist, and filmmaker based in Upstate New York.

He earned his Associate's degree from Sullivan County Community College in 2018 and subsequently completed his bachelor's degree in Digital Media Production at SUNY New Paltz in 2020.

During his undergraduate years, Brandon's talent was recognized with awards for Best Music Video and Best Demo "Sizzle" Reel at the 2018 Fisher Film Festival. His debut documentary "Ashley Imperato: Dancer, Teacher, Leader" was also selected for the Catskill International Film Festival later that year.

With an interest in photography, Brandon produced, edited, and served as a colorist on various projects, including two short films, eleven music videos, and two documentaries. His recent short film, "For a Coffin Full of Gold," has garnered acclaim, being selected for eleven film festivals and winning Best Canadian Drama awards at both the IMDb qualifying Couch Film Festival and the 20th University of Toronto Film Festival.

Alongside the team behind "For a Coffin Full of Gold" and "The Gun, The Gin, and the Two Masked Men", Brandon has completed his first feature-length project titled "Midnight Boulevard". His ongoing mission is to advance his career in partnership with fellow creatives while continuing to hone his skills to new heights.

For one night only, catch an exclusive private screening of the film 'Midnight Boulevard' at the HPAC - Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre. Join editor and producer, Brandon Worden, as we celebrate everyone who contributed to bringing this film to life! Don't miss out on this special event! Watch *Midnight Boulevard* trailer at: <https://www.midnight-blvdfilm.com/>



Join us for a special private screening of *Midnight Boulevard* as we honor everyone who contributed to bringing this film to life!

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More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

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

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Senator Gillibrand Promotes Cyber Service Academy at Pace University; Encourages Students to Apply for Scholarship-for Service Cyber Program

*Gillibrand's Cyber Service Academy Will
Create Pipeline of Cyber Professionals To
Protect Our National Security*

*Nearly 30,000 Department of Defense Cyber
Positions
Remain Unfilled*

*Starting In Their Junior Year In A Four-Year
Program Or Second Year In An Associate's
Degree Program, Students Receive A Year Of
Free College For Every Year Committed To
Public Service*

*Interested students can learn more at
www.gillibrand.senate.gov/cyberacademy*

PLEASANTVILLE, N.Y. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined New York State Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky and educators to encourage Pace University students to apply to the DoD Cyber Service Academy scholarship program, which provides full college tuition in return for public service in the Department of Defense (DoD) or the Intelligence Community (IC). Successful applicants will serve one year in the DoD or the IC as a civilian employee for each year of their scholarship.

Pace University is one of 24 New York institutions that qualify to host students through the program because of their designations as National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity. Gillibrand created the Cyber Service Academy scholarship program through her work on the Senate Armed Services Committee. With nearly 30,000 unfilled DoD cyber positions, it is more essential than ever that the U.S. create a pipeline for a talented, highly trained cyber workforce.

"Thousands of unfilled DoD cyber positions leave our country with a severe shortage of personnel needed to protect the United States from adversaries like Russia. I developed the Cyber Service Academy scholarship program to help meet these needs and give our youth a path to good-paying jobs in government," said Senator Gillibrand. "This program will create a pipeline for a talented, highly trained cyber workforce, granting one year of free college for every year of subsequent public service. Pace University is a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity, and I encourage students to apply, earn free tuition, and serve our great nation."

"Some of our nation's greatest national security threats are emerging through cyberspace," said U.S. Congressman Mike Lawler. "The Cyber Service Academy scholarship program

creates opportunity for students at Pace University and across our nation to meet a critical need in expanding the cybersecurity workforce. I applaud this program and thank Senator Gillibrand for her leadership on this initiative."

"It is exciting to have three of Westchester's NCAE-C institutions located in the 92nd Assembly District, in Pleasantville, Dobbs Ferry, and Valhalla," said New York State Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky. "Our colleges and universities are key to training the next generation of workers to meet both the demands of job market and the needs of our society. The Cyber Service Academy sets students on a pathway to employment and upward mobility - and it does so by targeting a mission-critical field that will only continue to grow in scale and significance. I thank Senator Gillibrand for her leadership on this important national initiative."

"I would like to thank Senator Kirsten Gillibrand for spearheading the Cyber Service Academy Scholarship Program, which offers a great opportunity for Westchester County's college students, while at the same time creates a pipeline of cyber personnel to protect our national security," said Westchester County Executive George Latimer. "With upwards of 40,000 public-sector cybersecurity positions unfilled, this initiative not only offers students scholarships but also empowers them to serve their Country. We thank Senator Gillibrand for her dedication to our future cyber workforce both here in Westchester, and nationwide."

"Now more than ever, our nation is in need of a highly-skilled cyber security workforce to protect us from the potential for cyber threats and attacks," said Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins. "We would like to thank Senator Kirsten Gillibrand for her leadership on this issue, and for providing an opportunity for our students to pursue the Cyber Service Academy Scholarship Program at multiple locations in Westchester. This program provides students with the skills and training they need for high-demand jobs in a field that is critical, and I encourage our students to apply."

"Cyberattacks are growing in size and scope, posing a serious threat to the U.S. economy and critical infrastructure. That's why recruiting and training the next generation of cybersecurity professionals is vital," said Pace University President Marvin Krislov. "Pace is proud to partner with Senator Gillibrand and the federal government on the Cyber Service Academy program, which creates opportunities for our students while strengthening the nation's cybersecurity workforce."

The Cyber Service Academy scholarship program includes:

1. A scholarship covering the full cost of tuition, select books and fees, a stipend for room and board, purchase of a laptop, and more;
2. Areas of study including cybersecurity, cyber operations, digital and multimedia forensics, computer crime investigations, and more;
3. A service commitment for a period equivalent to the length of a recipient's scholarship that starts after graduation;
4. Opportunities to serve throughout the DoD and the Intelligence Community.

Interested students should go to www.gillibrand.senate.gov/cyberacademy and click on the DoD Cyber Scholarship Program link to apply. This page will continue to be updated as the DoD refines its application process. The application for the 2025-2026 academic year is open through February 1, 2025.

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November 16, 2024
– January 4, 2025

Opening: Saturday,
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Sunday, December 8th

**for New York City's MAD:
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(Check out their special exhibits at madmuseum.org)

with

a stop at Trader Joe's on the way home!

**Cost: \$75 (\$69 for members of AAUW and SSIP)
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\$50 for bus alone to Christmas shop in NYC**

**For an elegant Brunch, upstairs at Robert's, call 212.299.7730
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**The bus leaves the Kingston Plaza (behind Hanneford's)
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**For reservations, call ViVi at 845-331-0155 or write Vvhlavsa@aol.com
then make out a check to AAUW-Kingston Branch and send it to:**

ViVi Hlavsa, 191 Lapla Road, Kingston 12401

Deadline for Reservations: December 1st

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with Bob & Bert 

You may have seen Ethelbert's (*Bert's*) paintings on display throughout our library, well now you can join us to learn to how to paint beautiful scenic paintings just like his, with the help of Bob Ross.

We will be painting along with an episode of Bob Ross's series, "The Joy of Painting."

All supplies will be provide for this free class.
Great for beginners & all levels are welcome!

Registration is required, as spaces are limited.
Please Call (845)794-4660 or go to [EBCPL.org](https://ebcpl.org) to register.

***Monday, December 2nd**
1:30pm—3:30pm

***Snow Date:**
Monday December 9th,
2:30-4:30

in the

Robert D. Norris Community Room

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Supplies:

Palettes, Palette paper??
Brushes: 1 inch , 2 inch, Fan brush
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He uses a 18x24 inch canvas

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Are you a parent struggling with your family?
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We are here anytime you need to talk.

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Sullivan County Text For Teens

Monday - Friday
4pm-10pm
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Text "Start" to:
845-637-9486

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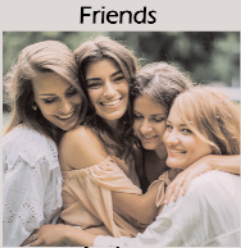
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Working to Preserve and Expand the Trump Tax Cuts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUQ2YTKkIos>

Throughout 2024, the Ways and Means Committee hosted 120+ events across 20 states, to hear from Americans first-hand about the need to preserve and expand of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, signed into law by President Trump in 2017. This tax package provided meaningful financial relief for families, boosted wage growth for workers, and allowed small businesses and farmers to thrive.

Yet, many of these tax breaks are set to expire in 2025, and the Democrats will do everything they can to ensure it does. If the Trump tax cuts expire:

The average taxpayer in NY-24 could see their taxes rise by 25%.

A family of four earning the district's median income of \$69,878 would face a \$1,373 tax increase.

Nearly 79,000 families in our district could see their Child Tax Credit cut in half.

Over 92% of taxpayers in NY-24 would see their Standard Deduction amount cut drastically, raising their tax liability.

More than 40,000 small businesses could be hit with a crushing 43.4% effective tax rate if the 199A Qualified Business Income Deduction expires.

Almost 15,000 taxpayers would be affected by the return of the individual Alternative Minimum Tax.

Family-owned farms in our district would lose half of their death tax exemption-impacting 6,804 farms.

I remain committed to working with President Trump to lower taxes for all hardworking Americans by preserving and expanding on the TCJA's crucial tax policies. We must continue to work to enact a pro-growth, pro-America tax package next Congress.

New York Attorney General Letitia James Must Immediately be Disbarred

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJK5InCgcs>

New York Attorney General Letitia James must be immediately disbarred and removed from office for her blatant witch hunt of President Trump.

Even after President Trump's decisive win on November 5th, Attorney General James has vowed to continue to use her position to take down the President. Between 2019 and 2021, James said her office took nearly 100 legal actions against Trump's previous administration. AG James should drop all charges against President Trump and start prosecuting the violent criminals that have taken over our state.

READ MORE: 'It's Shameful': GOP Rep Says NY AG Should Be 'Disbarred' For Lawfare Against Trump

<https://dailycaller.com/2024/11/11/gop-rep-says-ny-ag-should-be-disbarred-lawfare-against-trump/>

Congratulations to the New Yorkers Nominated for Cabinet Positions in the Trump Administration

In a time when American strength is vital, Rep. Elise Stefanik, Tom Homan, and Lee Zeldin's nominations showcase the leadership needed to advance national security, uphold border integrity, and drive energy independence.

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's nomination to the UN is a significant step that will bolster America's standing on the world stage, strengthen our national security, and defend our allies. While we will miss her strong leadership in Upstate NY, I am eager to see her champion the critical mission of the Trump administration at the UN.

Former Trump administration Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Tom Homan, a native of NY-24, will become the Border Czar. He will lead the charge to secure our borders and deport the criminal illegal immigrants allowed into our country by the Biden-Harris administration. His no-nonsense leadership is exactly what we need to address this crisis.

From his time in Congress to his time as a State Senator, Lee Zeldin has been a tireless champion for New Yorkers and Trump's America First agenda. As our EPA administrator, he is poised to strengthen domestic energy production, bring back American jobs, and cut back the bureaucratic red tape that stunts economic growth. It's time to unleash American Energy Dominance!

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

H.Res. 1566 - Honoring the service and sacrifice of America's veterans on Veterans Day, 2024: 86 years ago, Congress designated November 11 as Armistice Day, to honor our nation's World War I veterans. 70 years ago, this holiday was renamed Veterans Day to honor all our nation's service members, whether they serve in peacetime or wartime. This important resolution honors the service and sacrifice of all of America's veterans who have protected our nation's security and freedoms.

H.R. 1408 - the Taylor Force Martyr Payment Prevention Act: This bill expands the institutional factors the Department of the Treasury must consider when making a finding that a foreign financial institution is of primary money laundering concern and is therefore subject to special measures, including the prohibition of opening or maintaining correspondent accounts in U.S financial institutions.

H.R. 7142 - the Alternatives to PAIN Act: This bill aims to combat the opioid crisis by increasing Medicare Part D beneficiaries' access to non-opioid pain management options. By limiting patient cost-sharing, prohibiting step therapy and prior authorization for non-opioid treatments, and promoting open patient-provider discussions, this bipartisan legislation will reduce opioid dependence, prevent addiction, and save lives.

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.

To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House, please click [here](https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained).

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This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 53)

I voted "Yes" on H.R.82, the Social Security Fairness Act. This bill amends Title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the program's Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), effective for Social Security benefits payable after December 2023. The WEP applies to how retirement or disability benefits are allotted to workers who earned a retirement pension from an employer who did not withhold Social Security taxes and qualifies for Social Security from work in other jobs where they did pay taxes into the program. Meanwhile, the GPO states that if you receive a retirement or disability pension from a federal, state, or local government based on your own work for which you didn't pay Social Security taxes, your Social Security benefits may be reduced. By repealing the GPO and WEP we will allow hardworking Americans to gain access to the benefits that they earned. This bill passed by a vote of 327-75.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5342, the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act. This bill amends Title II of the Social Security Act to replace the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) with a formula equalizing benefits for certain individuals with non-covered employment. The bill would also provide additional monthly payments to those impacted by the WEP and mandates a study on coordinating reporting of noncovered pensions through state and local partnerships. These changes would apply to benefits beginning in 2025. This bill failed by a vote of 175-225.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 9495, the Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act. I introduced this legislation, which would protect American hostages, wrongful detainees, and their families from incurring tax penalties for circumstances beyond their control. In addition to righting this egregious wrong, this bill revokes the tax-exempt status for organizations found to be supporting terrorist groups. The intent of this bill is simple - no American who has suffered the injustice of wrongful detention or hostage-taking by our adversaries should return home to face penalties from their own government. Not only does this defy common sense, but it defies compassion. This is an obvious flaw that only worsens the trauma of individuals and families who have already faced extraordinary challenges. Despite passing unanimously out of the Ways and Means Committee, some of my Democratic colleagues have decided to play partisan politics with this commonsense, bipartisan legislation, allowing the abuse of our tax code and putting politics above Americans. The bill failed to pass the House of Representatives by a vote of 256 - 145.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8446, the Critical Mineral Consistency Act. This bill requires the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to incorporate critical materials identified by the Department of Energy (DOE) into the USGS' Critical Minerals List. The list includes minerals that the USGS determines: (1) are essential to the economic or national security of the United States; (2) the supply chain of which is vulnerable to disruption (including restrictions associated with foreign political risk, abrupt demand growth, military conflict, violent unrest, anti-competitive or protectionist behaviors, and other risks throughout the supply chain); and (3) serve an essential function in the manufacturing of a product (including energy technology-, defense-, currency-, agriculture-, consumer electronics-, and health care-related applications), the absence of which would have significant consequences for the economic or national security of the United States. The most recent USGS Critical Minerals List was published in 2022 and includes 50 hard rock minerals. This bill passed by a vote of 245-155.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7409, the HEATS Act. Under current law, a geothermal operator must obtain a federal geothermal drilling permit from the Department of the Interior to carry out

exploration and production activities-even in instances in which the surface land is privately-owned, due to the federal government's interest in the subsurface estate (e.g. mineral and geothermal resources)-and such exploration and production activities are subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This bill amends the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to stipulate that the Secretary of the Interior shall not require an operator of a geothermal well to obtain a federal drilling permit for geothermal exploration and production activities conducted on non-federal land if the federal government holds an interest of less than 50 percent of the geothermal estate and the operator receives a drilling permit from the respective State. This bill passed by a vote of 225-181.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8932, the FAFSA Deadline Act. Last year, after significantly changing the FAFSA form, the Biden administration did not release the form to families until late December, well after the recommended October 1st release date. This led to significant difficulties for NY-24 families in determining their financial options. This bill changes the recommended October 1st deadline for the annual release of the FAFSA form to a statutory requirement, ensuring that families will never have to deal with this challenge again. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 381-1.



There is no greater honor than continuing to represent this community for another term in Congress. The Hudson Valley represents the best of America - community, moral fortitude, patriotism, and compassion.

We're seeing that right now in our fire crews heroically battling to protect our communities from the outbreak of wildfires and in those who served our country who we honored on last week's Veterans' Day.

In the days and years ahead, I have no doubt that the Hudson Valley will continue to come together to lift each other up and see each other through.

This past week, I hit the ground running back in Washington, D.C. to deliver on Hudson Valley priorities, including thanking our brave fire crews on the House floor, calling on President-elect Trump to end the SALT tax cap, and expanding Social Security for public servants.

I will continue to fight with everything that I've got to deliver for Hudson Valley families and protect our freedoms.

SUPPORTING AND HONORING OUR FIRE CREWS

Our fire crews are absolute heroes - willingly putting their lives on the line to protect our neighbors and communities from the outbreak of wildfire currently devastating the Hudson Valley.

It was an honor to thank our brave fire crews on the House floor.

To each and every member of our fire crews: You are saving lives.

Your every action has helped spare families from heartbreak. You are preserving the Hudson Valley as our cherished home.

Thank you for your selfless service. Watch the full speech here.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1235879997634006&rdid=mGojuCM1IY9F5VTw>

I want to recognize the profound service, sacrifice, and life of one of those heroes.(Contd. Pg. 55)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 54)

Dariel Vasquez was an 18 year-old State Parks aide from neighboring Ramapo who laid down his life to protect our Greenwood Lake community.

Dariel was the best of what the Hudson Valley is - hardworking, genuine, compassionate, a reliable shoulder to lean on for anyone and everyone who needed one. He was widely known throughout the region for his prowess and power on the baseball field, but was even more widely known for the limitless friendship and brotherhood he extended to every person he met.

I join the entire Hudson Valley in mourning the tragic loss of his bright life and send my deepest condolences to his family and friends. We are forever indebted to him for his unwavering bravery and heroism.

To those in our community facing unimaginable loss, the Hudson Valley is a community where we take care of and lean on each other, we carry each other through anything.

That has been true for the centuries of our history, remains true today, and will be for many more to come.

My thoughts are with those facing such loss and with our fire crews who are, at this very moment with wildfires still raging, continuing to put their lives on the line to save our communities from tragedy.

FIGHTING TO END DOUBLE TAXATION

Making life more affordable for my constituents is my top priority. And while I don't agree with President-elect Trump on much, I'll work with anyone to lower the cost of living for Hudson Valley families.

The SALT cap is blatant double-taxation on the teachers, firefighters, police officers, and so many others getting crushed by the affordability crisis. I'm taking Trump at his word that he wants to permanently lift the cap.

That's why I sent him a letter calling on him to immediately start working in good-faith with both Democrats and Republicans so the SALT Deductibility Act is ready to pass on the first day of the 119th Congress.

I will keep working every day to deliver economic relief for Hudson Valley families.

PUSHING FOR AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION AND A LOWER COST OF LIVING

Last week saw the revival of congestion pricing by the MTA. The problem is nothing has changed: Costs are still too high, there's still no real plan to improve service in the Hudson Valley, we are still facing an affordability crisis, and this makes it worse.

I totally hear people when they talk about the need to reduce traffic in Manhattan. And I agree. It's a sensible goal, and I'm 100% here for the environmental benefits as well.

For residents of NYC, especially Manhattan, this plan might make sense. More funding for subway upgrades, less traffic, less pollution, but there's still not a single MTA station in Ulster, there's no one-seat service in Orange, and there's limited service in Dutchess.

And this is why my position on congestion pricing hasn't changed. The MTA simply cannot put a tax on the backs of Hudson Valley families with zero plan to use the additional revenue to actually bolster service in the Hudson Valley.

I'll keep fighting for a plan that makes sense for all New Yorkers, not just NYC.

THANKING AND SERVING OUR VETERANS

On last Monday's Veterans Day and every day, to my fellow Veterans: Thank you for your profound selflessness, moral fortitude, and unwavering bravery.

You are the Patriots our country needs more of.

Our veterans have led lives grounded in service - my team and I are fully committed to serving them.

Nicholas, thank you for your service.

If my team and can help you access your VA benefits, please reach out at 845-443-2930.

STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SECURITY

Seniors deserve their hard-earned Social Security benefits, no matter what their career was.

That's why I'm so proud to have helped pass the Social Security Fairness Act, which will ensure public servants receive the full Social Security benefits they earned.

I'll keep fighting every day to strengthen and protect Social Security for seniors today and future generations.

MAKING COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE

I heard from students and parents from across the Hudson Valley:

The rollout of last year's FAFSA - the critical document for aspiring college students to complete to apply for federal student aid - was a disaster.

I was proud to help pass the FAFSA Deadline Act to make sure that never happens again and I'll keep fighting for legislation that will help Hudson Valley students afford and access the educational opportunities they've worked so hard for.

PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

With the far-right's attacks on women's reproductive freedom only escalating - we have to act now.

Congress must pass my Protecting Reproductive Freedom Act and my Stop Comstock Act to safeguard access to safe and effective abortion medication.

GETTING READY FOR ARMY V. NAVY WITH CADETS

It made my day last Thursday to spend time with a great group of West Point cadets visiting the Capitol Building.

I'm so proud of these fine patriots and future leaders of our great nation.

And, of course, couldn't miss an opportunity to say Go Army, Beat Navy! Watch here! <https://x.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/1857224955001213086?prefetchTimestamp=1732029355909>

Molinaro Calls for Resignation of FEMA Administration

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) is calling for the resignation of FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell following his questioning of her during today's House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee hearing:

"My breaking point came today when FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell, couldn't affirm under questioning that her agency puts Americans first. This is the same administrator who oversaw an agency that avoided helping Trump supporters and funneled taxpayer dollars through nonprofits to support illegal immigrants while Americans struggle.

"We can't wait for a Trump Administration. FEMA is demanding \$100 billion more for disaster relief and with Criswell at the helm, I have zero confidence this money would go to the Americans who need it most. She needs to go."



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

Here's what she's been up to this week:

1. Delivering funds to renovate Penn Station

New York Penn Station is the busiest transit hub in the nation, and it is long overdue for an upgrade.

That's why this week, Kirsten announced a \$72 million federal grant that will be used to renovate the station, including by building more aboveground entrances, escalators, and elevators, as well as an underground connection to the Herald Square subway station.

Read more. <https://www.newsday.com/long-island/transportation/penn-station-renovations-upgrades-k9nvdvmx>

2. Fighting for dairy farmers

All farmers deserve fair compensation.

This week, following years of Kirsten's advocacy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) restored the "higher of" Class I pricing formula for milk, which will allow dairy farmers to earn more for their product.

Read more. <https://www.agri-pulse.com/articles/21887-usda-acts-to-restore-milk-pricing-formula-at-behest-of-producers>

3. Expanding broadband access in Upstate NY

Every New Yorker deserves affordable, high-speed internet, regardless of where they live.

This week, Kirsten joined Senator Schumer and Governor Hochul to announce \$140 million in federal funding to expand public broadband infrastructure throughout Upstate New York. This substantial investment will help connect New Yorkers to remote work opportunities, telehealth appointments, and online educational programs, bringing our state one step closer to closing the digital divide once and for all.

Read more.

<https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2024/11/14/hochul-schumer-and-gillibrand-announce-140m-to-expand-broadband-access-in-upstate-ny/>

4. \$\$\$ for constituents

After a constituent waited nearly four months for Treasury to process a redemption of his savings bonds, he contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted Treasury on his behalf and, within weeks, over \$40,000 in funds were released to his account.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with a federal agency, contact her here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers>

Ulster County to Celebrate Sojourner Truth Day with Historic Marker Reveal and Evening Program

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County will celebrate Sojourner Truth Day on Tuesday, November 26, with two events commemorating the legacy of Sojourner Truth, the renowned abolitionist and

women's rights advocate who freed herself and her son from enslavement in Ulster County. The day's events will include a historic marker reveal at the County Courthouse in Kingston, where Truth won her son's freedom, and an evening gathering at the Ulster County Restorative Justice Center.

Both events are free, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Event: Sojourner Truth Marker Reveal Ceremony

Date: Tuesday, November 26

Time: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Location: Outside of the Ulster County Courthouse
285 Wall Street, Kingston

- o Welcome: Esi Lewis, Ulster County Chief Diversity Officer
- o Libation Ceremony and Historical Significance: Dr. Weldon McWilliams, Black Studies, SUNY New Paltz
- o Remarks on Sojourner Truth Day Legislation: Aleshanee Emanuel and Briana Gary
- o Marker Unveiling and Keynote Remarks: Barbara Allen, Sojourner Truth's sixth-generation granddaughter
- o Closing Remarks and Citations

Event Evening Program with Sojourner Truth

Date: Tuesday, November 26

Time 6:00 PM

Location: Ulster County Restorative Justice Center
733 Broadway, Kingston

- o "Ain't I a Woman?" - A heartfelt reenactment of Sojourner Truth's iconic speech, performed by Rev. Deborah Zuill, who brings to life the voice and spirit of this revolutionary figure.
- o "The Valiant Soldiers" - A song selection, performed by Rev. Evelyn Clarke, who brings to life lyrics by this dynamic woman
- o Drum Selection - Ubaka Hill is a nationally-known percussionist, singer/songwriter, inspirational speaker, visual artist, teaching artist and facilitator of sacred ceremony.
- o Court Artifacts on Display - Witness history through court artifacts, offering a unique glimpse into the life and times of Sojourner Truth.
- o Celebrating a Life - Share in the story of a woman who fought tirelessly for equality, leaving behind an indelible mark on our world.
- o Light refreshments will be provided.

About Sojourner Truth

Born in 1797 in what is now Ulster County, Sojourner Truth courageously walked to freedom and became the first woman to win a court case against a man, as well as a national advocate for abolition and women's rights. Her powerful voice and unwavering commitment to justice continue to inspire generations.

Join Ulster County in honoring the life and legacy of Sojourner Truth, a symbol of courage, inspiration, and the commitment to justice. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these free and important events.



Songs of the Season



With Cris Spinner, Featuring Steve Schwartz & Ken Windheim

Cris Spinner is a local singer/entertainer who lives in Monticello. She is an active community member & a positive thinker, who strives to make a difference.

For this festive night, she will be performing a program of seasonal favorites, accompanied by Steve Schwartz on guitar, and Ken Windheim on bass.

Tuesday, December 3rd*, 2024 at 6:30 pm

**If the weather is bad, please call before coming to make sure programs aren't cancelled/postponed.*

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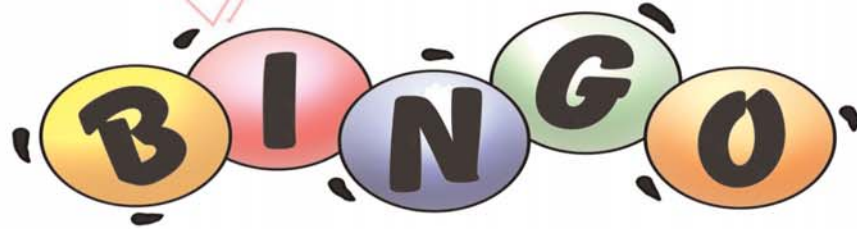
****Tuesday, December 17th, 2024***

6:30 p.m.

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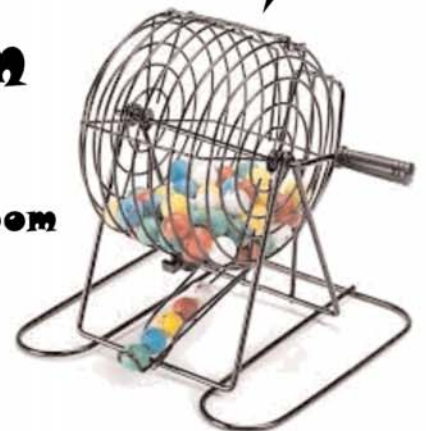
Join us for a Monthly Library Bingo program! We plan to have 5 bingo rounds and the winner of each round will receive a prize.

*Each attendee will receive one (1) free bingo card. An additional card will be available for a suggested donation of \$2.00 with all proceeds going toward future bingo programs.

First come, first served; registration is recommended.
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**Wednesday, December 18th,
3:00pm-4:00pm**


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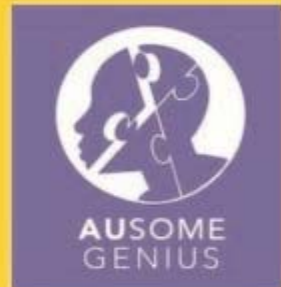
November 20, 2024

5pm - 6pm

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

George Ross Mackenzie Elementary School
1045 Proctor Rd
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For more information and to RSVP, contact
Dr. Bethany England at 845-456-1100 x5129
englandb@eldred.k12.ny.us



The workshop is set to take place just before the PTA meeting. Attendees can check in and enjoy refreshments from 4:30 to 5:00 PM. Additionally, free childcare services will be provided.

INSIDE INSIGHTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MANAGER



EVERY REGION TO SEE PIECE OF \$30M GRANT

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

A transformational event is at hand, encompassing all parts of Sullivan County. In early November, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that we would be receiving \$29.9 million to dramatically expand super-high-speed, affordable broadband Internet access, particularly in unserved and underserved areas.

That was the biggest piece of a puzzle we'd

been working on for a decade, and it represents the largest grant for a single project that this County has ever received.

So what's next?

We will be engaging a project director to work with our for-profit partner Archtop Fiber, a Catskills-based fiber-optic communications provider with a solid goal to wire all of Sullivan County, much of the Hudson Valley and even part of Northeastern Pennsylvania with the latest high-speed Internet technology.

In just a few months, Archtop will have crews burying cable (called "microtrenching") along our highways and other public rights-of-way. The grant requires full buildout by the end of 2026, so expect service to begin sometime before then.

The cost is anticipated to be lower than average rates, and the speed is projected to be as high as 8 Mbps (upload and download). Archtop will handle that end of it.

The idea behind this public-private partnership is to put broadband access on par with other basic utilities, like electric service. You should be able to expect high-speed Internet availability wherever you live in Sullivan County, and this grant will not only provide wired availability but wireless availability via a dozen of our emergency communications towers scattered across the County.

Considering how important digital connectivity has become in our lives, I consider this project to not only be transformational but essential to making Sullivan an attractive place to play, live and work.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN THIS ISSUE:

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MOVING FORWARD ON A CONFERENCE CENTER

Legislators have been talking about returning Sullivan County to the forefront of convention opportunities in New York State. From the 1950s to the 1990s, we were a top go-to spot for all manner of conferences, competing very well with other resort areas, even New York City.

Bringing large-scale conferences back - and the

revenue that comes with them - means we need to have a suitably large-scale facility. And these days, that means something purpose-built, possibly with its own sports complex, too.

Thus the Legislature has authorized \$100,000 for the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) to contract with Johnson Consulting to conduct a feasibility study on a conference center.

The funding is coming from room tax revenues - what tourists pay when they rent lodging locally. And it's going to the SCVA, which understands this industry and this County better than anyone else.

I expect we'll have a report in hand around this time next year, and legislators will determine next steps.

2025 BUDGET PROPOSED

The 2025 Tentative Sullivan County Budget I've proposed prioritizes debt reduction, road and bridge investment, and cost-effective government.

The \$301,002,983 budget, as currently proposed, includes a 2.5% increase in the tax levy, under the State-mandated tax cap. It does not propose incurring new debt or dipping into the fund balance of the General Fund for ongoing operations.

The proposed tax increase is due to the County's nearly \$3 million investment in improving EMS services Countywide, and an estimated 8.5% hike in our health insurance premiums.

Full details of the budget are available via a digital budget book at <https://county-sullivan-ny-budget-book.cleargov.com/17036> (also accessible through www.sullivanny.gov).

Highlights include:

- \$21.6 million for road and bridgework throughout the County, to be achieved without going into debt by bonding
- \$2.7 million to continue the already-successful EMS fly car system throughout the County
- \$2 million for a Housing Trust Fund to address the housing crisis in the County, plus \$250,000 to supplement a State program that provides local renters with first/last months' rent and security deposits to ease the emergency housing crunch
- \$500,000 for the Sullivan Promise Scholarship Program

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW ROLES

I'm pleased to announce my appointments of Anna-Marie Novello as the new Commissioner of the Division of Management & Budget, and Lucrezia Anderson as Budget Director, replacing the now-retired Janet Young. Both current County employees, they are highly regarded by their colleagues.



Anna-Marie
Novello

Anna has served the residents and taxpayers of Sullivan County for 10 years, steadily adding to her responsibilities and reputation over that decade. Her eye for detail and her problem-solving capabilities make her perfect for this new role, and she'll work closely with me to prepare budgets and oversee the finances of all of County government.



Lucrezia
Anderson

Lu has been an integral part of our operations for a cumulative 14 years, and I look forward to integrating her common-sense approach into our financial oversight and budget preparations.

THE NEW CASINO IMPACT

New York State is planning to offer three full-fledged casino licenses in New York City next year. We don't know where these new casinos might go, but we do know their eventual openings will impact attendance at the State's largest casino, Resorts World Catskills - which happens to be in Monticello. Aggressively marketing our casino is up to its owners, but the County, the Town of Thompson, and the Monticello School District will suffer decreased revenues from the casino if patronage falls. So we're in discussion with our lobbyist to encourage the State to build mitigation payments into those licenses, in order to offset the revenue losses we might see. It's an uphill battle, but one we literally cannot afford to ignore.

\$20M FOR DEVELOPMENT

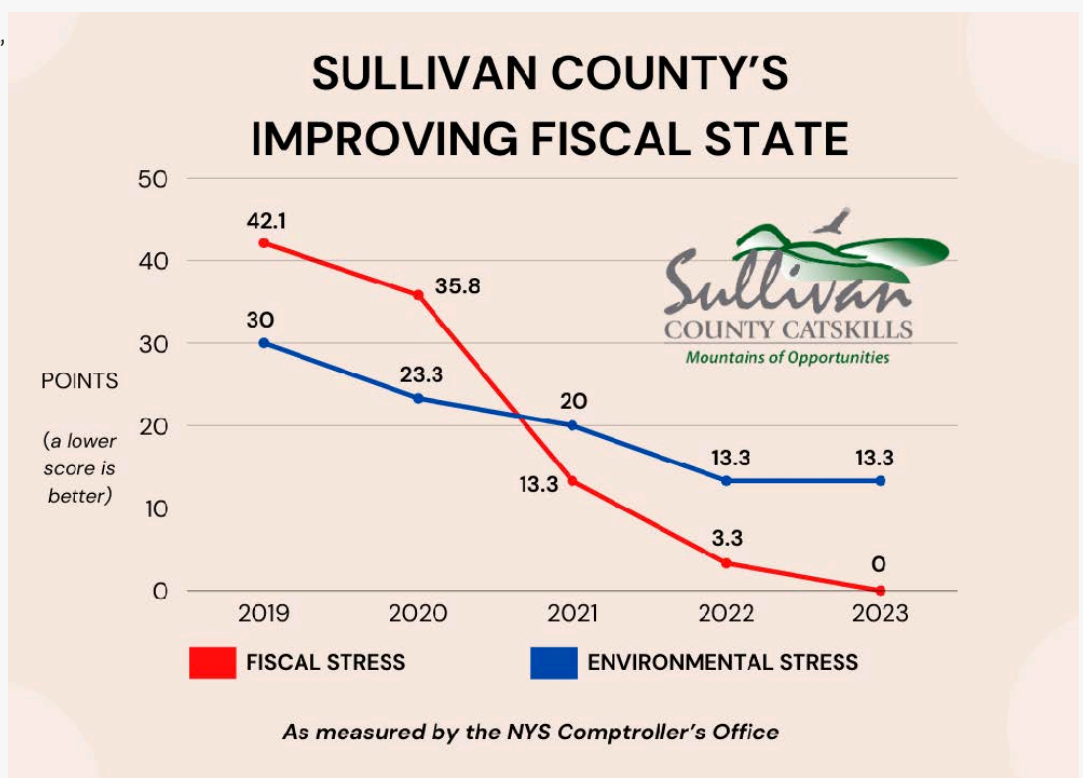
Thanks to diligent efforts by us, the Partnership for Economic Development, and the Town and Village of Liberty, the Town is receiving \$20 million from the State to build out water and sewer infrastructure along the Old Route 17 corridor between Ferndale and Harris. These improvements will enable the construction of a million-square-foot facility and encourage the development of 210 more acres and 4 million square feet within the corridor - which is already zoned for commercial/industrial uses.

STATE: NO FISCAL STRESS IN YOUR FINANCES

The NYS Comptroller's Office has once again designated Sullivan County free of fiscal stress, with the County's finances continuing to be in the best shape since reporting began.

The Comptroller's Office released its 2023 Fiscal Stress rankings for municipalities Statewide, based on the annual financial reports submitted to the Office. Sullivan County scored better than ever, once again earning the best rank of "No Designation" (meaning there are no indications of the County being susceptible to fiscal stress at this time). This latest report reaffirms that we continue to maintain County government's fiscal stability. In fact, the past five years have seen ongoing improvement in Sullivan's fiscal situation. In 2019, the County earned a Fiscal Stress score of 42.1 points. That has now hit

the lowest (and best) score possible: 0 points. Meanwhile, the Environmental Stress score stood at 30 in 2019 and now remains at its own best-ever of 13.3 points. Unlike Fiscal Stress, the data used to create the Environmental Stress score - population changes, poverty levels, tax base, unemployment rates, state/federal aid and other items - represent issues that are not fully within the County's control.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT - AND NOT DONE YET!

Congratulations are in order to our Public Safety Deputy Commissioner and Fire Coordinator John Hauschild, who just received a very well-earned Lifetime Achievement Award from the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters' Association.

John, a Jeffersonville resident, has been a firefighter his entire life. He's been chief of his local department, trained hundreds (perhaps thousands) of first-responders, and even has operated his own fire extinguisher business.

We're lucky to have had him in the County's employ since 2008, much of that time overseeing our Bureau of Fire, which provides training to fire departments,

investigates the origin of blazes, and coordinates with our other emergency response agencies.

We celebrate this award with John, and this County appreciates his tireless, lifesaving commitment!



SOON EXPANDING MOVE SULLIVAN!

What do you do with a public bus service that serves well over 500 people a day? You expand it!

Thanks to the diligence of our Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley and our partner Rolling V Bus Company, our free Move Sullivan buses will roam even farther in January - out to Livingston Manor, Roscoe, Callicoon Center, Jeffersonville, Youngsville and White Sulphur Springs.

We'll also debut one-hour loops in downtown Liberty and Monticello, enabling quick trips to the store, the doctor's office or the pharmacy. We've essentially added a new route for every year Move Sullivan has existed, and it remains completely free to ride - to SUNY Sullivan, to White Lake, to Wurtsboro, to Bloomingburg, to Rock Hill, to Woodridge, to Fallsburg.

Maps and schedules are at movesullivan.com.



HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Inside the Sullivan County Government Center Lobby,
100 North Street, Monticello

<p>12 p.m., December 4, 2024</p> <p>10:30 a.m., December 6, 2024</p> <p>11:30 a.m., December 11, 2024</p> <p>12 p.m., December 12, 2024</p> <p>10:15 a.m., December 13, 2024</p> <p>1 p.m., December 13, 2024</p> <p>11:45 a.m., December 16, 2024</p> <p>1 p.m., December 16, 2024</p> <p>10:30 a.m., December 17, 2024</p> <p>1 p.m., December 17, 2024</p> <p>10:45 a.m., December 18, 2024</p> <p>12:30 p.m., December 18, 2024</p> <p>10:30 a.m., December 19, 2024</p> <p>12 p.m., December 19, 2024</p> <p>12 p.m., December 20, 2024</p>	<p>Livingston Manor High School Band and Chorus</p> <p>Chase Elementary School Chorus</p> <p>Fallsburg High School Instrumental Chamber Groups</p> <p>Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Chorus</p> <p>Sullivan West Elementary Chorus</p> <p>Roscoe Elementary and High School Choirs</p> <p>Liberty High School Jazz Band</p> <p>Liberty 5th & 6th Grade Chorus and Liberty Middle School Honors Band</p> <p>Mackenzie Elementary School (Eldred) Band & Chorus</p> <p>Monticello High School Emerging Ensembles and Chamber Singers</p> <p>Sullivan West High School Select Choir</p> <p>Liberty Mixed and Honors Choirs</p> <p>Sullivan BOCES Choir</p> <p>Fallsburg High School Treble Choir and Chamber Choir</p> <p>Monticello Middle School Groups</p>
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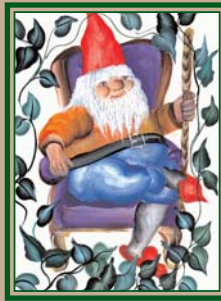
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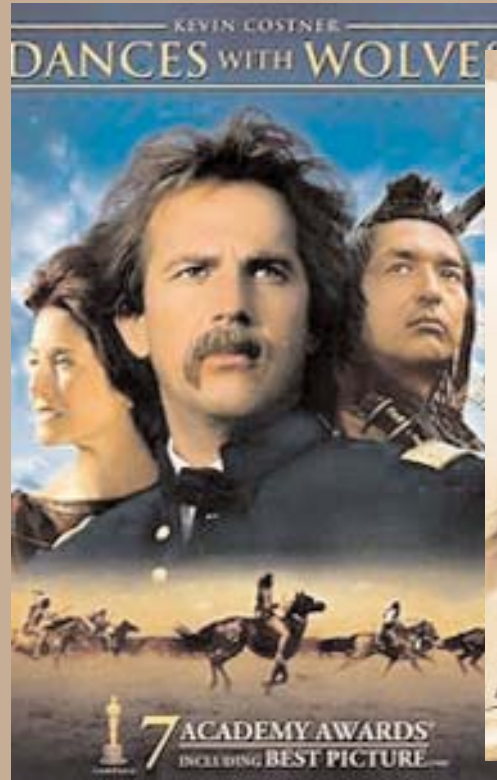


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**DANCES WITH
WOLVES**

Dances with Wolves is a 1990 American epic Western film starring, directed, and produced by Kevin Costner in his feature directorial debut.



Dances with Wolves tells the story of Union Army Lieutenant John J. Dunbar (Costner), who travels to the American frontier to find a military post, and who meets a group of Lakota. Ordered to hold an abandoned army post, John Dunbar found himself alone, beyond the edge of civilization. Thievery and survival soon force him into the Indian camp, where he began a dangerous adventure that changed his life forever.

In 2007, *Dances with Wolves* was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant".
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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *True*

This weeks' Trivia question:

What film does *Clarence*, the guardian angel, appear?.

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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II ”

Free on YouTube 1 hr 40 min

Adventure·Drama·Compelling·Philosophical

Black Robe

This is a compelling that unfolds in 1634 in New France during the period of conflicts known as the Beaver Wars. The film begins in the settlement that will one day become Quebec City. Jesuit missionaries are trying to encourage the local Algonquin people to embrace Christianity but have thus far had only limited results. Samuel de Champlain, the founder of the settlement, sends Father LaForgue, a young Jesuit priest, to found a Catholic mission in a distant Huron village. With winter approaching, the journey will be difficult and cover as much as 1500 miles.



Black Robe was shot mostly in the Canadian province of Quebec. It stars Lothaire Bluteau in the title role, with other cast members including



Aden Young, Sandrine Holt, Tantoo Cardinal, August Schellenberg, Gordon Tootoosis and Raoul Trujillo.

The film premiered at the 1991 Toronto International Film Festival and was given a wide release on October 6, becoming the highest-grossing Canadian film of 1991.

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III

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Apocalypto

Apocalypto is a 2006 American epic historical adventure film produced, co-written, and directed by Mel Gibson. The film features a cast of Native American and Indigenous Mexican actors consisting of Rudy Youngblood, Raoul Trujillo, Mayra Sérbulo, Dalia Hernández, Ian Uriel, Gerardo Taracena, Rodolfo Palacios, Bernardo Ruiz Juarez, Ammel Rodrigo Mendoza.



While hunting in the Mesoamerican rainforest, Jaguar Paw, his father, Flint Sky, and their fellow tribesmen encounter a procession of refugees fleeing warfare. After the devastation of their village, they were brought on a perilous journey to a Maya city for human sacrifice at a time when the Maya civilization was in decline. The group's leader explains that their lands were ravaged and they seek a new beginning. He asks for permission to pass through the jungle. Flint Sky comments to his son that the visitors were sick with fear and urged him to be ready –something fearful is coming.

Apocalypto takes you through a roller coaster of emotions such as anger, sadness, tears, joy, empathy, disgust. The end is spine chilling. The true enemy was aboard the ships –European invaders. A must see!

*Stay safe, and stay well
Knarf Odnamoc
Gnome*