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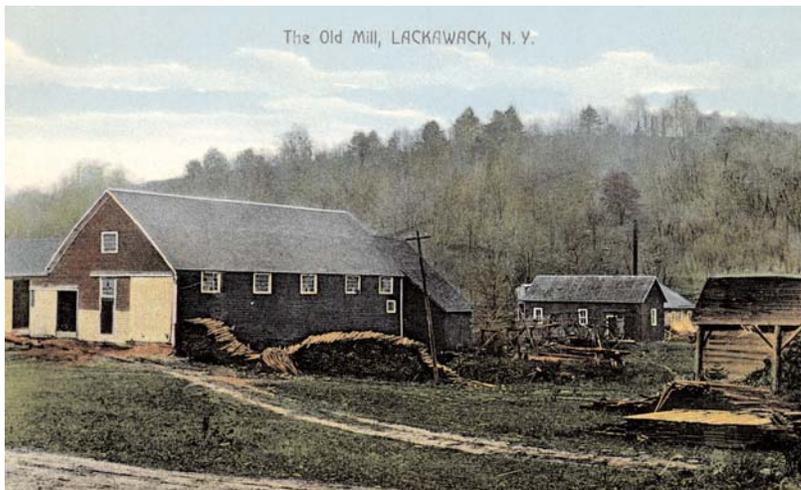


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## Neversink and Denning History Afternoon Sunday, November 5th 1 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Neversink and Denning History Afternoon will be held on Sunday, November 5th at 1 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.



*Denning Saw Mill*

Visitors can browse through Town of Neversink and Denning photos, records, stories and artifacts from our archives to learn about the history of both towns. Museum archivists Lynn Priebe, Wanda Terwilliger, Beverly Muthig and Neversink Historian Carol Smythe will be on hand to answer questions. Attendees are welcome to bring personal collections to share.

The afternoon includes a special program by archivist Lynn Priebe at 2 p.m.: A short history of water wheels, tracing the improvements in technology from early times to the beginning of the 20th century. The program will explore the development of water powered industries in the Catskill Watershed, with special attention given to Denning and Neversink saw mills, grist mills, tanneries and specialty mills, and to the transportation choices that allowed them to exist and thrive. Also - Carol Smythe, Town of Neversink Historian, will say a few words of farewell as she prepares to retire from her 20 plus years as Town Historian. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Spooky Happenings Galore at DPL – By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE – October has been such a busy time here at the library!



*On the right,*– Daniel Pierce Library Interim Director Mikki Greene at the Tri-Valley Bears PTO sponsored Truck or Treat on October 28. Our trunk was decorated with scenes from beloved children's book, *The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin* by Joe Troiano.

*On the left* –Kaeli Goodman, Chelsi Parken and Alexandra Horton try to guess the squishy concoctions during our children's Halloween event October 26. (Contd. Pg. 8)



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**On the Front Burner:** God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands. Acts 17:24

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

#### November 11, 1953

Snow which fell unexpectedly Friday night and Saturday to a depth of two to three inches left roads slippery but no highway accidents were reported. Highway maintenance men were called to open three foot drifts on the Lackawack Hill road and drifts on the Myers Groo Road at Big Hollow.

Mr. Walton Hamilton has sold two of his lots in Woodbourne to Dr. Leon Small and one lot to Mr. Robert VanKeuren, formerly of Grahamsville. One or both expect to build.

The 35th anniversary of Armistice Day will be observed at 11 a.m. today (Wednesday) and the American Legion suggest that it would be most appropriate if we would commemorate the fallen of the World Wars by praying for an end to all wars.

#### November 6, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Brien celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 3rd and were guests of honor at a dinner party in New York. Besides their daughter, Carole of Washington, D.C., their daughter Judy and son Edward, there were over fifty relatives and friends present.

Lyle H. Coddington of Napanoch died Wednesday, October 30, 1963 at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville. He was 84. Born in Denning on September 1, 1889, he was the son of John and Carrie Hornbeck Coddington. He was married in Ellenville on December 22, 1917 to Leith DuBois who survives. Besides his wife, an uncle, Leonard H. Coddington of Walden and several cousins survive.

Miss Annabelle Varga, class of 1965, is one of sixty students selected from a total enrollment of more than 1100 at Hartwick College in Oneonta to sing with the Concert Choir during the 1963-64 academic year. Miss Varga will sing second soprano. The daughter of Mrs. Anna Varga of Grahamsville, she is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School.

#### November 28, 1973

Thomas H. Smith, 70, a retired stationary engineer at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility, died Wednesday in Roswell Park Memorial Hospital in Buffalo. Mr. Smith, who lived at South Hill Road, Grahamsville, was born there June 27, 1903. He married Linda George on June 16, 1928 in Grahamsville. He was a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, The Grahamsville Volunteer First Aid Squad and a volunteer worker for "The Townsman" for more than 20 years. He is survived by his widow; a son, Thomas A. Smith of Grahamsville and two grandsons.

Anniversary congratulations are extended to the following couples this week: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knight, married 33 years on Nov. 30th; to Dr. and Mrs. Al Krebs wed 29 years on Dec. 2nd; to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore, married 45 years on Dec. 5th; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mentnech married 15 years on the 6th; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith celebrating 16 years on the 7th; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cypert, 9 years on the 5th.

#### November 10, 1983

Beth Coombe of Grahamsville will join FFA members from all across the country to provide music and entertainment for more than 23,000 FFA members and guests at the organization's 56th National Convention on Nov. 10-12 in Kansas City, Missouri. Beth, who is a member of the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter, is the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coombe.

Emily Katz and Michael McNamara were married October 22, 1983 in St. Peter's Church in Liberty, N.Y. with Father Givney and Steve Schick of Grahamsville Methodist Church officiating. A reception at the Elks' Lodge followed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of JoAnn and Ed Katz of Liberty. The bridegroom is the son of Betty and Ray McNamara of Lackawack Hill, Napanoch. The bride is a graduate of Liberty High School and is employed at Norstar Bank. The groom is a Tri-Valley Central School graduate and earned an AAS degree at Delhi. He is presently employed at Grossinger's. The couple will reside in Liberty.

## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley  
Published October 26, 1995

Some of the sweetest memories of home are bound up with Mother's cookie jar. Long after the spicy fragrance of her ginger cookies baking has faded into the years, the memory of that ample cookie jar on the shelf will bring back vividly the old time peace and comfort of home.

Mother's cookie jar was a rather large earthen jar. There were times when it was hard to reach the bottom. Come baking day, no problem at all. Mother fried doughnuts for Thanksgiving and baked sugar cookies for Christmas. Over the years I loved to sit and just watch her make cookies. She rolled the dough with care and cut out cookies with her round scalloped cookie cutter, and as she placed them on the cookie sheet she would smile and say, "And now let us watch them bake."

### Mother's Sugar Cookies

Mix together thoroughly:

1/2 cup shortening

1 cup sugar

1 large egg

1 tablespoon milk or cream

1 tablespoon flavoring

1 1/2 cups flour

1 large teaspoon baking powder

pinch salt

Roll very thin. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 425° for about 5 minutes.

Don't forget to



on Tuesday, November 7th

### Household Hint:

#### Shine your silver

Make your silverware - as well as your pure silver bracelets, rings, and other jewelry - shine like new by soaking them in a mixture of 1/2 cup white vinegar and 2 tablespoons baking soda for two to three hours. Rinse them under cold water and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth..

### Nature Column - L. Comando

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

## Where do snakes go in the winter?

Remembering back to the days in Sundown when we were on the lookout for the invisible snow snakes, that only a few, like Floyd or Richard Van Wagner ever caught sight of. Usually by September we don't see any snakes in Sundown. However, on Saturday there was a lonely garter snake out near the pond doing the same thing most of us were doing, -enjoying the last warm rays of sunshine before the winter season sets in. By September most snakes in our area begin looking for their winter abode.



Hibernation in reptiles is different from mammals who are able to live off the stored fat in their bodies. Reptile, such as snakes do not have a fat reserve. Instead of hibernating, a snake, such as this gartersnake enters a period called brumation. Garter snakes become lethargic during the cold winter months

as their metabolism slows down which prevents the snakes from using unnecessary energy, however, they are quite awake during winter.

They will find a winter home in places such as a den made by squirrels, rodents, or other snakes. They will also burrow in tree stumps, caves, deep caverns or even in a basement. Strategically, snakes will go into protected hiding spots that have little chance of being disrupted by wind, rain, or snow. It mainly needs to be a space that lies below the frost line so the snakes don't freeze to death.

Oftentimes, snakes will share dens to use the body heat from other snakes to better survive the winter. These dens can consist of males, females, babies, or even different species. As survival is the main goal during this time, they do not discriminate.

Snake brumation can begin anytime from September to December and last until March or April, depending on the weather pattern. In addition, snakes may come out of brumation if a warm front changes the weather, warming their blood and making them more active. Snakes will sense when the outside air is warmer or will likely notice the weather change once leaving their den to forage. Thus, it is very possible on a very rare occasion to see a snake slithering along the snow. An example of this can be seen at:

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

Coincidentally, the lore of the snow snake has survived, Not only is it a Native American winter sport of the same name, but just recently someone has posted on social media a report of snow snake sightings!

You can see one of the latest reports of a 'snow snake tall tale' for yourself on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhcQe8dGI94>

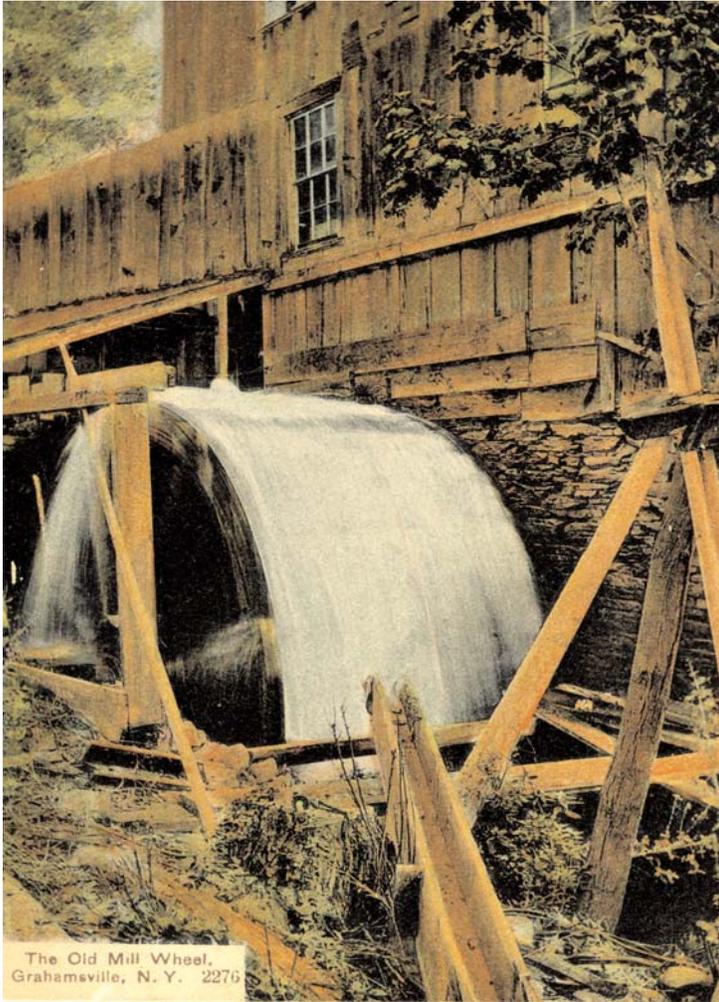
I am not particularly a snake lover - snow snakes, garter snakes, or otherwise! I get hackles up my back just thinking about the possibility that a little garter snake could be wintering over in our basement!

I guess like Indiana Jones, I too suffer from Ophidiophobia -fear of snakes!



## Neversink and Denning History Afternoon

(From Pg. 1) Admission to the program is free and also includes



The Old Mill Wheel,  
Grahamsville, N. Y. 2276

*Grahamsville Mill wheel*

admission to the Museum's three floors of exhibitions. For questions or more information, please call 845 985-7700 or email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Memorial Day through September and from October to May by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

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

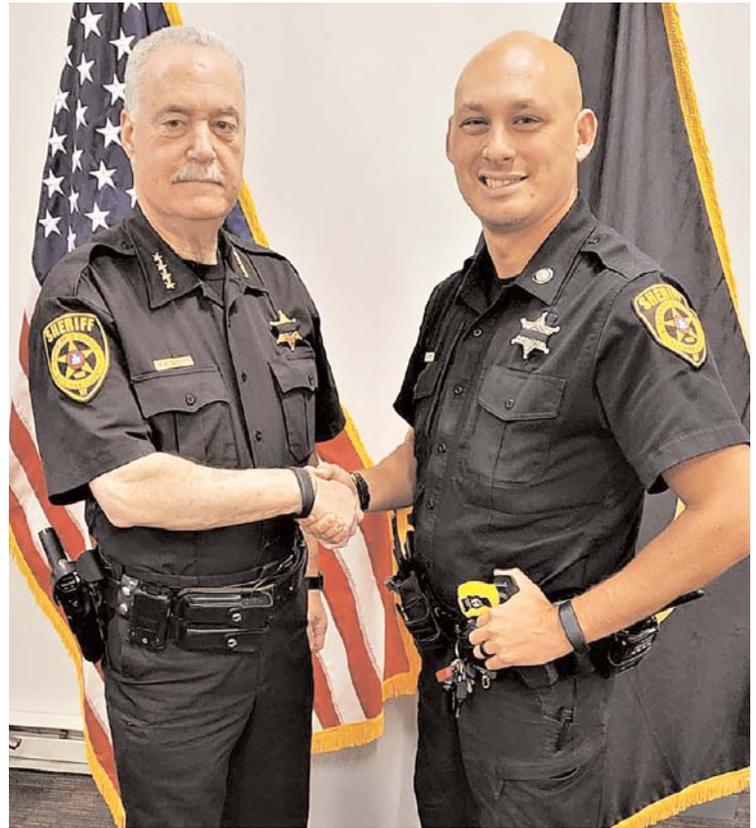
- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors

experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

- o New! Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds a collaborative augmented reality art exhibition of the buildings and homes taken for NYC's water system.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

## Deputy Sheriff Jason Beebe honored twice for his work in the Sheriff's Youth Division



Deputy Sheriff Jason Beebe who is assigned as a D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officer in the Livingston Manor School District has been honored twice in the past two months for his work in the community.

In August, Deputy Beebe was named "Juvenile Officer of the Year" by the State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association (SNYPJOA).

Last week Beebe was honored again when he received the 2023 Outstanding Friends to Education Award from the Sullivan County Association of School Boards.

Sheriff Mike Schiff said that he was proud of Deputy Beebe and all the members of the Sheriff's Youth Division who work so hard day-in and day-out to keep our children and schools safe.

## HEAP Season Is Here Sign Up for Benefits Starting November 1



*Sullivan County's HEAP Office is staffed by these friendly and helpful employees! From the left are Jaime Vetere, Rosemary Wolff, Dawn Anglin, Mardette Wilcox, Michelle Scanna, Ashley Boyd, and Patty Kranz.*

Liberty, NY - The 2023-2024 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) season has kicked off.

"HEAP's Regular component - offering a one-time payment to help buy fuel to heat a home - begins Wednesday, November 1," notes Sullivan County Deputy Social Services Commissioner Giselle Stekete. "But the Heating Equipment Repair & Replacement (HERR) and the Heating Equipment Clean & Tune (C&T) components have already begun. They provide funding to have trained professionals inspect, service and even replace furnaces, boilers, stoves and other heating equipment for the homeowner."

Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and whether or not the household has a member who is under age 6, over age 60 or permanently disabled. You may qualify even if you think you won't, so to apply for a 2023-2024 HEAP grant, go to <https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin> (on or after November 1) or call 845-807-0142.

In-person applications will be accepted at Office for the Aging and the Department of Social Services, but please call ahead to confirm.

Applications can also be obtained from the County's community partners (please call first):

- o Action Toward Independence, 845-794-4228
- o Independent Living, 845-794-3322
- o Sullivan County Office for the Aging, 845-807-0241

Income thresholds for 2023-2024 Regular HEAP:

Household Size	Monthly Income Maximum
1	\$3,035
2	\$3,970
3	\$4,904
4	\$5,838
5	\$6,772
6	\$7,706

The Sullivan County HEAP Office can be reached at 845-807-0142 (hit option #2) or [heap@sullivanny.us](mailto:heap@sullivanny.us). The fax number is 845-292-4651.

## PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program's 25th Anniversary!

We are delighted to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP)! We are extremely proud to have had the opportunity to help so many children in need over the years.

We are grateful to our dedicated trustees, staff, and volunteers, as well as our generous donors and community partners who have helped us bring happy, healthy smiles to thousands of children. We love our work and are committed to continuing to improve the oral health of children and being a model program that responds to community needs.

PRASAD CDHP has provided dental health education classes and dental services to more than 90,000 children in Sullivan County.

There is even more wonderful news: We are launching a new and improved Mobile Dental Clinic later this year! Thanks to a grant from The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation in support of our program, we can replace our much beloved, but now outdated, Mobile Dental Clinic. What a wonderful way to celebrate our 25th birthday and look forward to many more years of serving children in need of care.

Please join us to celebrate this significant milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. at 25 Sullivan Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754.

For more information, to volunteer or to donate, go to [www.prasadcdhcp.org](http://www.prasadcdhcp.org) or call the PRASAD main office at 845-434-0376.

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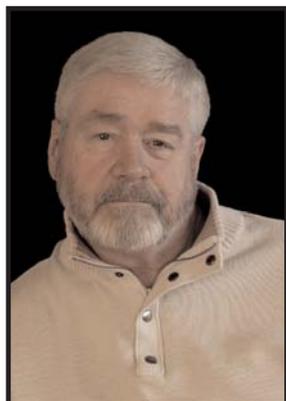
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### A Private Cathedral

#### Mysterious Book Report No.

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by John Dwaine McKenna

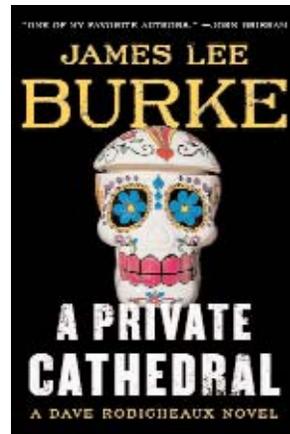


Whenever CWA Grand Master and Guggenheim Fellowship recipient James Lee Burke brings forth a new work of fiction, the world of mystery, thriller and crime readers and writers sits up and takes notice. We know it will be lyrically written and thought provoking . . . as well as exciting, violent and philosophical . . . all at the same time. Mr. Burke's ability to compare beauty and squalor, kindness and violence, as well as the struggle to do good by committing evil in the world—all in exquisite beautiful prose—is nothing less than magical

In his newest release (and 40th novel) entitled:

*A Private Cathedral*, (Simon and Schuster, \$28.00, 416 pages, ISBN 978-1-9821-5168-3) James Lee Burke has created a genre-jumping, mind-bending and captivating yarn that many will consider to be the best of his 23 novels set in Louisiana and featuring an imperfect, tortured detective named Dave Robicheaux. The MBR is one of them.

As the novel begins, it's late in the 1990s. Dave Robicheaux is battling his addiction to alcohol, trying to get his job and his badge back and mourning the deaths of two wives; the first by violence and the second from disease. And, as if that's not enough to deal with, he has profound guilt and flashbacks from his time in the Vietnam War. The last thing he needs is to get sucked into one of the most bloody and deadliest criminal feuds in Louisiana history. But of course, that's just what happens when Dave comes to the aid of a pair of star-crossed young lovers named Johnny Shondell and Isolde Balangie.



Johnny is a teen idol and a talented musician who's making his way up the pop charts. He and Isolde have discovered that they're soul mates, devoted to and enraptured by each other. Trouble is however, the Shondell and Balangie clans have been at war for centuries. Several generations ago, they devised a plan to keep from destroying each other. The pact is simple. Periodically, the weaker clan will send an immediate family member to be held as hostage by the other, which is why Johnny is being forced to deliver Isolde to his uncle for use as a sex slave. Dave Robicheaux, a modern knight-errant in tarnished armor, and his partner Clete Purcell are honor bound to intervene on behalf of the defenseless young couple. But when Robicheaux gets too close to Isolde's mother, who's the consort of a mobster from New Orleans, the Mafia Don puts out a contract on Dave and Clete. The assassin he calls forth is a terrifying ghostly apparition who travels through time on a spectral slave ship to wreak havoc on the present . . . where the battle between the forces of good and evil reach epic proportions.

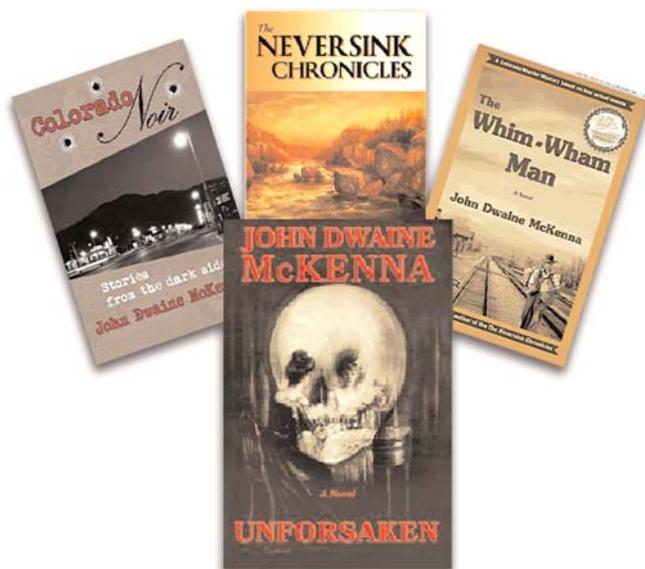
Combining crime fiction with a hard-boiled noir thriller, and a dose of the paranormal, *A Private Cathedral* puts James Lee Burke in a dimension of his own. It's a place where angels fear to tread . . . and ordinary wordsmiths can only wish they could get to!

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## PREDICTIONS



I guess because I am contemplating being a witch or gypsy on Halloween at our gathering for our coffee/tea klatch on Monday, I am feeling the part by thinking about some predictions that have been lolling around in my brain this Saturday morning.

I am no Nostradamus, but I have been known to have some pre-cognition episodes. These are just for fun, but I will share them nonetheless.

First of all, I am expecting a snowy winter. After all, all that rain this summer has to reappear somewhere.

Next, I doubt if either Biden or Trump will be the candidates in the next election. I think public pressure will deem them "too old."

The wars in Gaza and Ukraine will be resolved through third party negotiations.

Interest rates for home-buyers will go down as the banks will offer "deals" like credit companies do.

Green will be the new fashion color.

Cable TV prices will become more competitive as more and more people rely on streaming or internet sources.

Towns will consider "hot spots" for citizens, especially school aged children, in case something like Covid strikes again.

Assault weapons, except for military and police, will be banned once more.

Climate change will cause voluntary migration as families will locate in zones not tormented by tornadoes, fires, or floods.

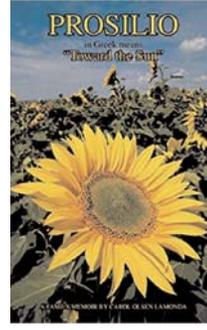
The tax code will be simplified and some corporate loop-holes closed.

People will begin, as I have, cooking and preparing meals for dogs as the price of pet food has sky-rocketed. Also, because the trend is for healthier meals with protein and real vegetables for animals.

So, my predictions may be off the wall or biased, so maybe instead of a witch or gypsy at our Halloween gathering, I will don my husband's "red union suit" and carry a battery powered candle stick and sleeping night cap. Or maybe I will go as myself...a gimpy old lady with a cane. Which reminds me of the party I threw

### 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*



for my husband when he was forty-five. Since he is six years older than me, I considered that OLD. So the lawn party was attended by lots of people who dressed up as OLD FOLK with canes and walkers and baby powdered hair. I wanted him to feel young by comparison.

That was a prophesy that came true. Thinking back, at forty-five and thirty-nine we were just babes in the woods. Now we are old.

The end!





**Daniel Pierce Library**

*Between the Bookends*

## Spooky Happenings Galore at DPL

By Lisa Carroll

(From Pg. 1)

The Sportsmen's Bingo, held on Saturday, October 21 at the Grahamsville Fire house, was a huge success for both the GFD and the library.



*It was a full house during the October 21 Sportsmen's Bingo, hosted by the Grahamsville Fire Department. The fundraiser was a great success for both the fire department and the Daniel Pierce Library.*

“What an amazing joint fundraiser for the GFD and the library. We had a great turn out and we were able to raise a lot of money for both organizations. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us and to all who worked so hard to make the night such a success. We couldn't do it without you. We love our community,” Nicole Richardson, Daniel Pierce Library Community Programs Associate, said.

Our children's Halloween event, held October 26, was equally successful. The children, in grades 4 and up, had such a great time decorating cupcakes, painting pumpkins and guessing-by feel-the “gruesome” concoctions Children's Program Coordinator, Deirdre McHugh and Nicole Richardson put together amongst the

spooky décor. It was definitely a fun-filled afternoon.

We had a great time at the Tri-Valley Bears PTO sponsored Trunk or Treat on October 28th. We decked out our interim director, Mikki Greene's, car with scenes from a much beloved children's book, *The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin* by Joe Troiano. The children loved pointing out Spookley to their parents and getting yummy treats. It was a great afternoon.

And as it just so happens, November is shaping up to be just as busy.

Starting now through November 16, we are holding a joint food drive with Grahamsville Reformed Church, collecting non-perishable items to donate to our local food pantry housed at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. The pantry serves many families in our community and is in great need of donations. Everything collected-at both the library during normal operating hours and at the Grahamsville Reformed Church (across the street from Tri-Valley CSD)-will be brought to the pantry on November 17th. Some food pantry needs (but not excluding other non-perishable items) include: peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit and vegetables, soups, macaroni n' cheese, pasta and pasta sauce, baking mixes like pancake, cake and brownie mixes, syrup, cereal and mayo. It would be amazing to have our baskets filled to donate to the church, so please share if you can!

Speaking of sharing, we are hosting a blood drive on Thursday, November 9th from 2PM to 6PM. The American Red Cross is asking for donors to call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). While appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome. The blood donated during drives like the one hosted at the library, is first distributed to our local hospitals including, but not limited to: URMC-Strong Memorial Hospital, Albany Medical Center Hospital, Rochester General, to name a few.

And last but not least, we are asking interested patrons to register now for a Medicare 101 zoom webinar scheduled for Wednesday, November 29th from 6:00 to 8:00PM. The live webinar will be presented by James Farnham, MBA, MS Licensed Agent and intended for patrons turning 65 soon, eligible for Medicare and interested in the in's-and-outs of the many Medicare plans available.



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## The Scene Too – By Jane Harrison

No column this week. See you next week.

### Maritime Music, Past and Present: From Sea Shanties to Jimmy Buffett

Hurleyville, NY - Grammy-winner Rick Nestler & classically trained musician Donna Nestler have been playing together professionally for over 20 years in a variety of traditional genres, including skiffle, blues, country, folk, and maritime. Both are multi-instrumentalists who play guitars, auto-harps, ukuleles and concertinas, among other instruments.



The duo brings their talents to the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, November 5, where they will showcase Rick's original tune, "The River That Flows Both Ways" - a song Pete Seeger loved so much he recorded it on his Grammy-winning album, "Tomorrow's Children"! Donna and Rick have actually performed with Seeger as part of the Clearwater Folk Festival, and with many other notable musicians, including Tom Chapin, the Kennedys, Jay Ungar & Molly Mason, David Bernz, Guy Davis, Mike and Ruthy, and Rik Palieri.

The concert, presented by the Frederick Cook Society, will take place at the Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, on Sunday, November 5, at 2 p.m. Local band Little Sparrow will host the event and open the show.

The concert is free. Refreshments will be served and donations are welcome. Call 845-434-8044 for more info, or visit Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/littlesparrowny>.

## Catskill Mountainkeeper and Catskill Art Space to present a screening and discussion of Michel Negroponte's film *Herd* Saturday, November 11 at 5pm in the CAS River Gallery

*A herd of shaggy Belted Galloway cattle is delivered to a neighboring pasture in the Catskills and instantly inspires a new film. The filmmaker's growing fascination with the cows leads him to reflect on the modern idea of animal personhood. Michel Negroponte's essay film is equal part rumination, observation and meditation. It reveals the cow's essence and challenges us to think differently about our fellow living animal beings.*

*Join us on November 11 for the local premier of this inspiring new film.*

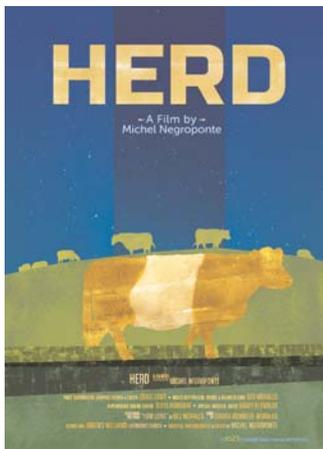
Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Space is pleased to share a weekend of interdisciplinary programming over Veterans Day weekend to activate its second-floor River Gallery space. The weekend will begin with a discussion between artist Nancy Davidson, whose work is exhibited on the ground-floor galleries, and arts writer Jo Anna Isaak. The discussion will explore Davidson's exhibition Braids, Eggs, and Legs: A Wandering and art, feminism, and the power of women's laughter. The talk will take place on Saturday, November 11 at 4pm at Catskill Art Space, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY in the second floor River Gallery. Free and open to all.

Together with Catskill Mountainkeeper, Catskill Art Space will present a screening and discussion of Michel Negroponte's film *Herd*, on Saturday, November 11 at 5pm in the CAS River Gallery. Negroponte was inspired to make his film after a herd of shaggy Belted Galloway cattle was delivered to a neighboring pasture by his home in Livingston Manor. As his fascination with the cows and their daily routines through the changing seasons grew, Negroponte began to reflect on the idea of animal personhood. The resulting essay film is equal part rumination, observation, and meditation. It reveals the cow's essence and challenges us to think differently about our fellow living animal beings. 2023, color, 60 minutes.

Free popcorn and refreshments will be served.

World Premiere - The Thessaloniki International Film Festival

Best Documentary - The New Jersey International Film Festival (Contd. Pg 12)



## Catskill Mountainkeeper and Catskill Art Space screening and discussion of Michel Negroponte's film *Herd*

(From Pg. 11) Best Documentary and Best Cinematography - The Choice International Film Festival

### ABOUT THE ARTISTS

**Nancy Davidson** is a contemporary artist whose practice encompasses sculpture, installation, drawing, and photography. She has focused on exploring the female form, power dynamics, and societal expectations. Davidson's work is characterized by its innovative use of materials, such as inflatable latex sculptures that challenge conventional representations of femininity. Her works are imbued with a keen sense of humor and playfulness, while also addressing deeper issues of gender and power. [www.nancydavidson.com](http://www.nancydavidson.com)

**Jo Anna Isaak** is a writer, curator, and Professor Emerita at Fordham University in New York City. She is the author of *The Ruin of Representation in Modernist Art and Texts*; *Feminism and Contemporary Art: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Laughter*; *Nancy Spero*; *Heresies: A Feminist Publication on Art and Politics*; *Idioma: A Journal of Feminist Post-Totalitarian Criticism*; along with numerous articles and catalogue essays. She has curated several exhibitions including: *The Revolutionary Power of Women's Laughter*, an exhibition of about the transformative potential of humor as wielded by women artists; *Laughter Ten Years After*, a replay and expansion of the *Revolutionary Power of Women's Laughter* exhibition; *Looking Forward, Looking Black* an examination of race, representation and the contested cultural constructions of identity; *H2O*, an exhibition focusing on water and the human body; And for all this, *Nature is Never Spent*, an exhibition about the stewardship of the environment; *Arctic Subtext*, a photographic exhibition of life in the Arctic by artist Subhankar Banerjee; *Palas por Pistolas*, with the artist Pedro Reyes converting guns into shovels to plant trees; *Art for Arctic's Sake*, an exhibition that calls attention to the profound impact climate change is having upon the sensitive ecosystem of the Arctic.

**Michel Negroponte** is an award-winning filmmaker who has been making feature length documentaries for more than 40 years. He was born and raised in New York City, and studied filmmaking with Richard Leacock and Ed Pincus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the 1970s. His films include *Jupiter's Wife* (1994), *Methadonia* (2005), *I'm Dangerous with Love* (2009). His work has been broadcast on PBS, HBO, the Sundance Channel, and the BBC. His film, *Jupiter's Wife* was awarded an Emmy for Outstanding Individual Achievement in Documentary and won the Special Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. Michel Negroponte has also taught in the graduate and undergraduate film programs at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, Temple University, the School of Visual Arts and The Vermont College of Arts. He currently lives with his wife, the artist Joni Wehrli, in Livingston Manor, NY.

### ABOUT CATSKILL ART SPACE

Catskill Art Space (CAS) explores contemporary art practices of emerging and established artists. Through exhibitions, performances, classes, lectures, and screenings, CAS fosters creative community in the Catskills.

Established as Catskill Art Society in 1971, CAS reopened in October 2022 as Catskill Art Space following a major renovation and expansion of its multi-arts center, located in the picturesque hamlet of Livingston Manor in the Western Catskills. CAS presents a rotating slate of exhibitions, performances and other events featuring national and regional talents, alongside long-term installations of works by James Turrell, Sol LeWitt, Francis Cape, and Ellen Brooks. Learn more at [catskillartspace.org](http://catskillartspace.org).



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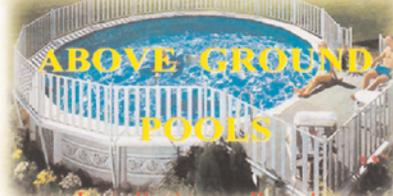
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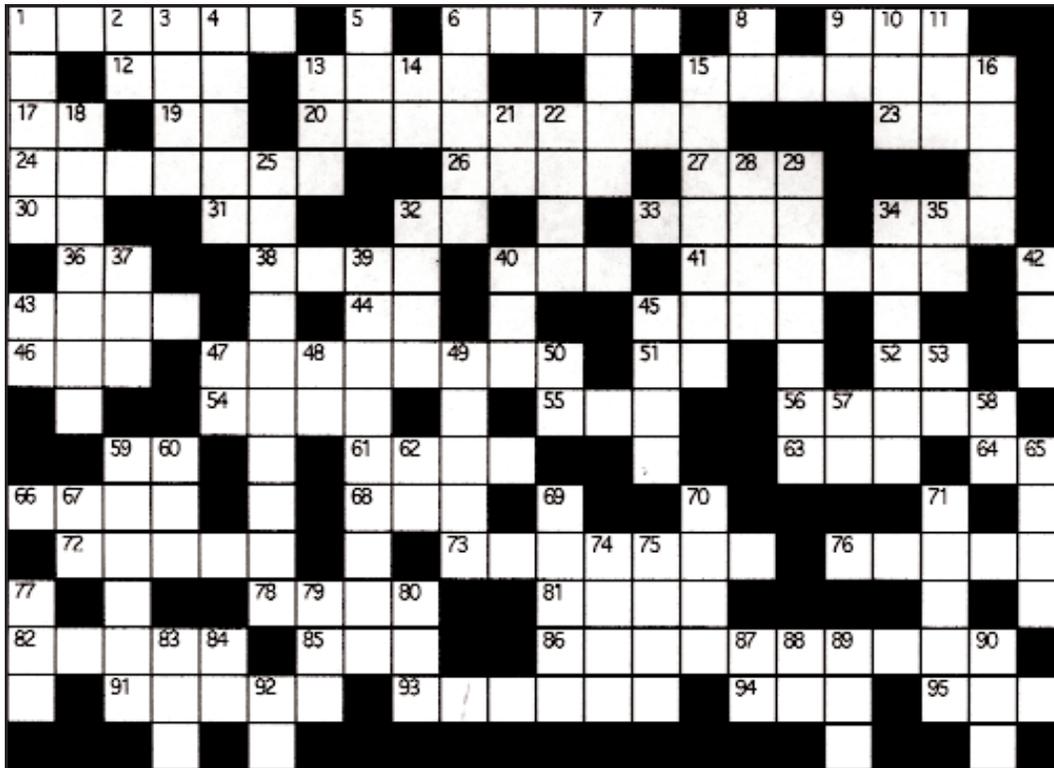
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- 1 t. ground cinnamon
- 1 t. ground nutmeg
- 1 t. ground allspice
- 1 T. granulated sugar
- 1 box (18.25 oz.) spice cake mix
- 1 C. chopped walnuts
- 3 T. butter
- 1/4 C. light pancake syrup
- 5 T. apple juice or water

Preheat oven to 350°F. Add apple slices to an 8-cup glass measure and drizzle with 2 tablespoons apple juice or water. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave on high for about 5 minutes. Stir mixture and microwave another 5 minutes, until apple slices are just tender. Stir the apple pie filling into the sliced apples. Pour the apple mixture evenly into a 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan. In a small bowl, mix together cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and sugar. Sprinkle mixture over apple filling. Pour the dry box of cake mix over the apples. Then scatter the nuts over the top of the cake mix. Combine butter, pancake syrup and apple juice in a microwaveable container and cook on high for a minute or two, or until butter is melted. Stir well to combine ingredients. Drizzle mixture evenly over the top of the cake mix and nuts. Bake for 45 - 55 minutes or until cake is brown on top and bubbling on the sides. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, if desired.

**ACROSS**

- 1 U S President who proclaimed the first Armsitice Day
- 6 Harmony
- 9 First three letters of the alphabet
- 12 Strike lightly
- 13 To have on the body
- 15 Triumph in battle
- 17 Exclamation of wonder
- 19 That thing
- 20 A preliminary truce
- 23 Poetic always
- 24 Person who serves in the army
- 26 Small quantity of liquid
- 27 Highest part
- 30 Elevation
- 31 Roman 101
- 32 You and I
- 33 Person admired for their qualities
- 34 Respectful term of address for a man
- 36 I am - contraction
- 38 A story or tale
- 40 16th U S President
- 41 Fixed allotment
- 43 A mental conception
- 44 Railroad
- 45 Corona
- 46 Feline

- 47 Foot soldiers
- 51 Any one thing
- 52 A printer's measure
- 54 Discharge of a missile, especially from a gun
- 55 Hearing auricle
- 56 Military force
- 59 Foot (abbrev)
- 61 A symbol
- 63 Swindle
- 64 Exclamation of wonder
- 66 Wintery percipitation
- 68 Also
- 72 Courageous
- 73 Military assemblies for review
- 76 The country
- 78 Having ridden
- 81 Among
- 82 An entire naval force
- 85 Wild animal lair
- 86 Peace treaty that was signed by the Allies and Germany ending the Great War
- 91 A shot from a hidden position
- 93 Making no vocal sound
- 94 Deoxyribonucleic acid
- 95 Female deer

**DOWN**

- 1 Belonging to whom
- 2 Lieutenant

- 3 Mentioned before
- 4 Of the eye
- 5 Objective case of she
- 6 Proper respect for oneself
- 7 Cut
- 8 Roman eleven
- 9 Near
- 10 Large snake
- 11 Weep
- 13 Armed conflict
- 14 Morning
- 15 A person who has served in the Armed Forces of our country
- 16 365 days
- 18 A day of commemoration of some event
- 21 Senior (abbrev)
- 22 Burial chamber
- 25 U S President who changed Armistice Day to Veteran's Day
- 28 By word of mouth
- 29 River near our nation's capitol and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 32 Caution
- 34 Deeply earnest; serious
- 35 Enclosed
- 37 Past tense of

- meet
- 39 Thankfulness
- 40 Invisible mixture of gases surrounding the Earth
- 42 Scarlet
- 43 Intergrated Circuit
- 45 Fast-running, long-eared mammal that resembles a large rabbit
- 47 To be
- 48 Field Officer
- 49 A body of soldiers
- 50"\_\_ Olde Tri-Valley Townsman"
- 53 Objective case of I
- 57 Receiving Officer
- 58 Perform
- 59 Organized group of soldiers
- 60 Trans World Airlines
- 62 Commanding officer
- 65 Community center
- 67 Niobium (chem)
- 69 Burial site
- 70 Marries
- 71 Equipped with a weapon
- 74 May it be so!
- 75 Soil
- 77 No longer on
- 79 A lyric poem
- 80 Ensign

- 83 A final point
- 84 Useful Polynesian woody plant
- 87 Advertise-ment
- 88 Enclosed
- 89 A laboratory
- 90 Weep aloud
- 92 Postscript

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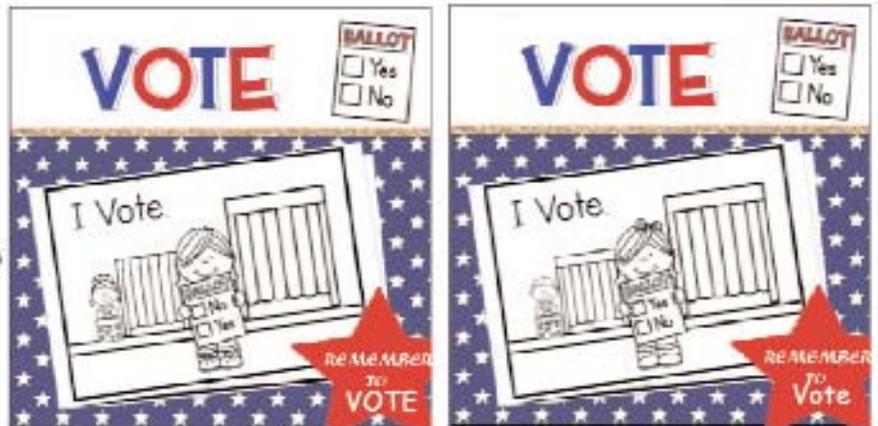
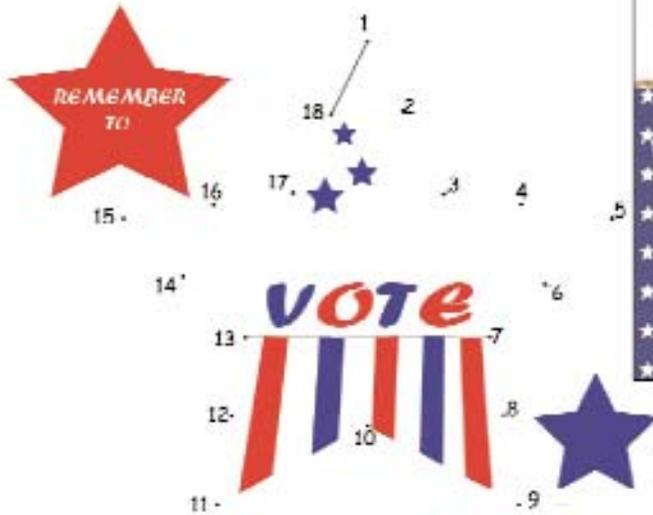
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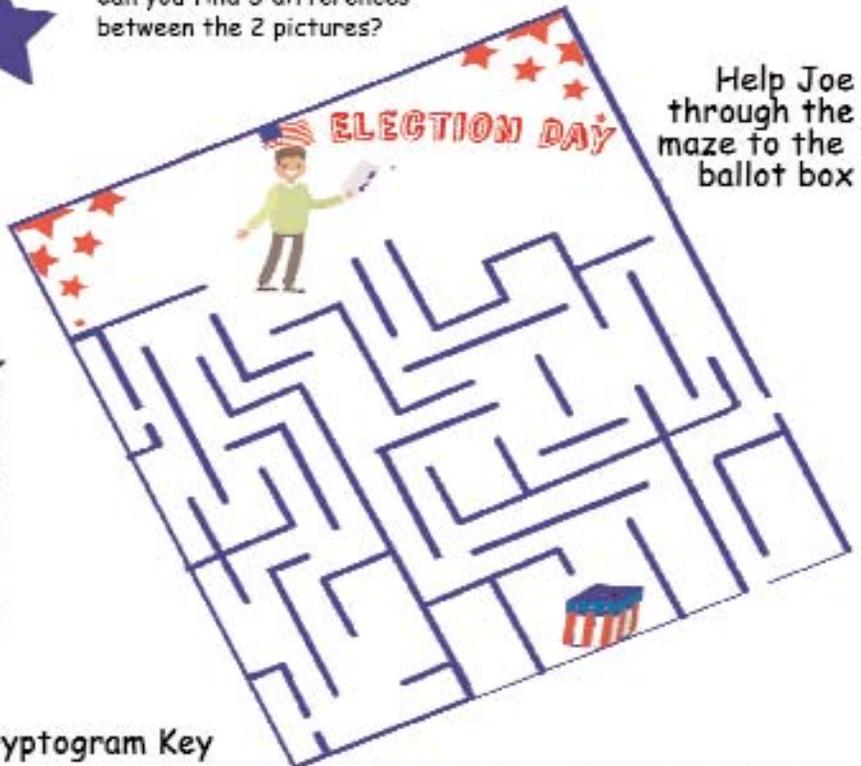
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## VOTE BLUE, WE WORK FOR YOU

**Diana K. Weiner**

### **Neversink Town Board, Vote 11A**



As an 11-year resident of the Town of Neversink I know that it is time to come together to plan our future.



Through my local volunteer efforts as Trustee for Time and the Valleys Museum and my past experience, I have a clear vision for Neversink's future and intend to preserve our past as we make headway into our future.

This future can hold a walkable connection from the school to the ballpark and library for our children, provide access to transportation, accelerate access to broadband services to enable our residents to have constant reliable services, and attract year-round local businesses, as well as vendors to a seasonal Farmers Market where we can all have local access to fresh food and SNAP can be accepted.

Half of my career path has been spent advising, creating, and developing communities that folks are proud to live in.

My career began at Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County. For 18 years we built a Master Gardener Volunteer program that fostered community beautification and helped residents improve residential and public gardens. A twist of fate led me to Mohonk Mountain House to become the Superintendent of Parks and Grounds where I learned incredible management skills and was responsible for 2,200 acres of facilities. I met my husband, John Story, and moved to Pennsylvania to develop a volunteer program for the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society at Meadowbrook Farm, and then helped a small non-profit, Friends of High School Park, recreate a public park with four distinct ecosystems. We moved back to our home state, and I joined Sullivan Renaissance as Horticulture Program Manager, helping volunteers, businesses and municipalities.

John and I built a greenhouse and opened our business – Story's Neversink Plant Company, selling rare succulents and interesting plants. Throughout my career path I have volunteered for America in Bloom, which promotes, recognizes and celebrates community enhancement programs across the United States.

Working with residents, listening to their concerns, and finding solutions is my ultimate goal as we build a better town for all of us. Let's work together to be a progressive model for the future while keeping our "small town" feel.

I humbly ask for your vote during early or on Election Day. Together we will make a difference.

Diana K. Weiner

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE- PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW, SECTION 108; §5-11 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET;

NOTICE is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Denning for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk where it is available for inspection by any interested person during normal Town Hall hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE of a Public Hearing to be held at 6 PM prior to the Town Board and Town Business meeting on Wednesday, November 14th, 2023, at the Denning Town Hall. At such time any person or persons will be heard, in favor or against any item or items therein contained.

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There are 2 local positions that need the support of Neversink voters. **Brian McPhillips** for District 3 legislator. His opponent Mike Books is a Rob Doherty devotee and blind faith follower. In 4 years, Brooks has not had an original idea. **Diana Weiner** needs our support. The people of Neversink need a voice from other than the "good old boy" network.

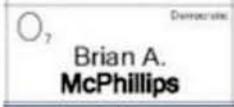
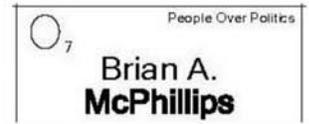
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Supervisor Supervisor (Vote por uno)										
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Secretario Municipal/ Recolector De Impuestos (Vote por uno)										
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Proposal one, an amendment Propuesta uno, una enmienda	Proposal two, an amendment Propuesta dos, una enmienda
<p>Removal of Small City School Districts From Special Constitutional Debt Limitation</p> <p>The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 4 of the Constitution removes the special constitutional debt limitation now placed on small city school districts, so they will be treated the same as all other school districts. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?</p> <p>Eliminación de los distritos escolares de ciudades pequeñas de la limitación de deuda constitucional especial</p> <p>La enmienda propuesta al artículo 8, sección 4 de la Constitución elimina la limitación de deuda constitucional especial que ahora se aplica a los distritos escolares de ciudades pequeñas, por lo que recibirán el mismo trato que todos los demás distritos escolares. ¿Debe aprobarse la enmienda propuesta?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/Si <input type="radio"/> No/No <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Extending Sewage Project Debt Exclusion From Debt Limit</p> <p>The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution extends for ten years the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to remove from their constitutional debt limits debt for the construction of sewage facilities. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?</p> <p>Ampliación de la exclusión del límite de deuda para la deuda por proyectos de aguas residuales</p> <p>La enmienda propuesta al artículo 8, sección 5 de la Constitución extiende por diez años la autoridad de los condados, ciudades, pueblos y aldeas para eliminar de sus límites de deuda constitucional la deuda para la construcción de instalaciones de aguas residuales. ¿Debe aprobarse la enmienda propuesta?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/Si <input type="radio"/> No/No <input type="radio"/></p>

## VOTE BLUE, WE WORK FOR YOU



### BRIAN MCPHILLIPS for District 3 Legislator Vote 7A or People Over Politics 7E



My name is Brian McPhillips and I am running for the position of Legislator for District 3 encompassing the Towns of Neversink, Rockland and the Parksville area of Liberty.

This election will be an important one if we want to correct the path the Sullivan County is headed down, which in turn will impact our small towns in the wrong way.



Growing up just on the other side of the Neversink Reservoir, and returning to raise my family after college, I chose to stay because of the very things that made our communities so great. We stood by each other, helped when there was need, encouraged our neighbors' successes, and worked together to be the bond that held us together.

We are lacking that presence now in the political arena. I walk a thin line as I do not want comments to be negative towards an individual but rather the office. But the time is now to elect a strong voice in the Legislature that will not be afraid to speak up and do what's right for our towns. We need representation that will remember they were elected to represent the common good of the people, not do as they are told by some political faction.

The answer couldn't be any clearer after these last four years. Politics should be left to the national level. Locally we need to be more neighborly and caring for what we are all up against in our own lives. Our representatives should be ears to lend our concerns and voices to speak our thoughts not just needed come election time every four years.

If you are looking for positive change I can and will be that person. It's time to put **People Over Politics**. I am asking for your support during early voting or election day. Thank you.

Brian McPhillips

## Candidate Statements for Denning Town Council By Larry Cole and Layne Hudes



My name is Larry Cole and I'm a lifelong Denning resident who has worked for the NY State Dept. of Corrections and as a technician and substitute teacher. I am also a past president and active member of the Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept. I am running for the Denning Town Council because I love my rural community and believe we can do better so that all residents—it doesn't matter what your party affiliation is—have the information and services they need and deserve.

My name is Layne Hudes. I was an elementary teacher in the New York City Public Schools, became a principal and rose to Assistant Superintendent in Ardsley, NY. I have lived in Denning for 22 years and I want to fight for better communication between all our neighbors and local government.

We both believe that our platform is totally nonpartisan. It reflects issues that have been important to Denning residents for many years. We want to work with all our neighbors. We want to fight for better public transportation and increased access to broadband. We want to help Sundown receive improved access to the transfer station. We also want to find out how we can access more state and federal funds for our community.

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**Vote for Larry Cole and Layne Hudes**  
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*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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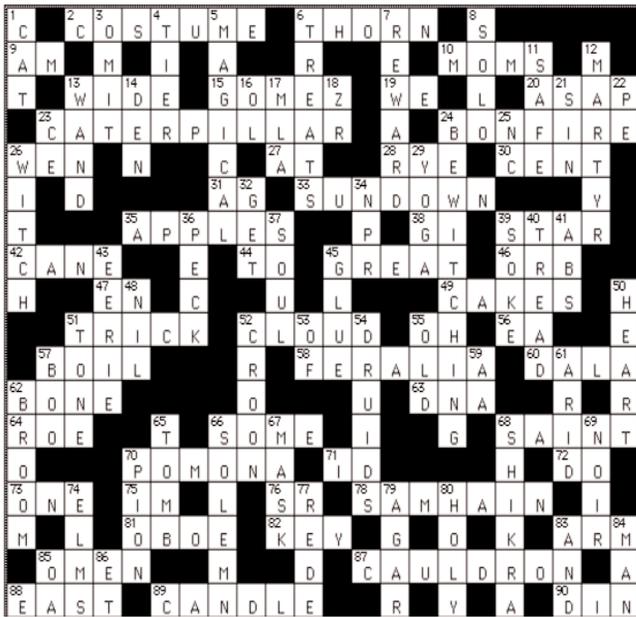
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**GRAHAMSVILLE UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

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

**The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team**

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

**Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday, November 4th, 2023 5:30 pm at the Church Hall**

*Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale*

*(Covered Dish Suppers are held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)*

**Holiday Craft Fair**

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

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

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

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## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/1/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
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11/4/23	<b>Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale</b> 9 am - 12 noon
11/4/23	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
11/7/23	Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
11/8/23	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
11/16/23	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
11/14/23	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
11/16/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
11/19/23	<del>Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon</del> <b>CANCELED</b>
11/21/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

**Save the Date!**  
**Grahamsville UMC Holiday Craft Fair Dec. 2, 2023 - 10 am - 3 pm**

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

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

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

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of October 30 - November 3, 2023

**Monday, October 30**

- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

**Tuesday, October 31**

- o No Meetings

**Wednesday, November 1**

- o **5:00 PM - Community Services Board People With Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Subcommittees**, at the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, Room 104, 94 Marys Avenue, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Audit Committee**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Thursday, November 2**

- o **12:30 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; Members of the public may also view via livestream at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgqmznLuzV4>

- o **3:00 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; Members of the public may also view via livestream at

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

**Friday, November 3**

- o No Meetings

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- ➔ **Thru Inter-Municipal Agreements paved 30+ miles of roads.**
- ➔ **Purchased 6 trucks and a backhoe thru grants, totaling \$300,000.**
- ➔ **Refurbished the loader.**
- ➔ **Highway and Recycling Center improvements.**
- ➔ **Drilled 2 new wells.**
- ➔ **Paved both municipal parking lots.**
- ➔ **Installed new and efficient heating system and insulation at the Highway facility.**
- ➔ **Created and manages the Claryville Septic District.**
- ➔ **Instrumental in the replacement of the 2 main bridges in Town.**

**The Denning Town Board thanks you for your continued support.  
Supervisor David Brooks, Councilmen Gregory Vurckio, Mike Dean, Kevin Smith,  
Paul Schoonmaker and Scott Mickelson.**

*Paid for by the Town of Denning Republican Committee.*

## **Senator Oberacker Joins UC Sportsmen to Unveil New Lend-a-Pole Location**

*Latest site sponsored by the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of UC now open at the Walkill Public Library to help young anglers learn to fish*

State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) recently joined members of the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County to unveil the newest "Lend-A-Pole" location at the Walkill Public Library.

"Upstate New York is steeped in sporting traditions and fishing is one of the most popular outdoor activities that can be enjoyed by individuals of all ages," said Senator Oberacker. "The members of the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County are constantly working to educate and engage the next generation of sportsmen and this innovative program is a prime example of the work they are doing to foster a lifelong love for the outdoors."

"It is vital that we teach our young people about the importance of our natural resources and provide them with opportunities to pursue the many great sporting activities we have here in Ulster County and throughout New York State," said Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County President Ray Valk. "Opening our latest lend-a-pole program at the Walkill Public Library continues our commitment to educating our youth and helping them appreciate the role they play in conserving wildlife for the betterment of all."



*Senator Peter Oberacker joins members of the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County to unveil the newest lend-a-pole location at the Walkill Public Library. From left, FSCUC Fish Committee Chairman Mike Leonie, FSCUC Legislative Director Elmer LeSeur, Walkill Library Director Lisa Palmer, FSCUC President Ray Valk, Senator Peter Oberacker, FSCUC Secretary Georganne Saino Malone.*

The Walkill Public Library lend-a-pole program joins several other locations throughout Ulster County. Fishing poles and tackle can be "checked out" by young anglers and upon return, is serviced by federation members and prepared for the next youth angler. Cabinets and equipment are provided by the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County.

The Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County, Inc. is an organization of independent hunting, fishing, trapping, and shooting clubs throughout Ulster County, funded by sportsmen's clubs throughout the county and the Ulster County Dept of Mental Health. The federation supports several youth programs including the Fish & Wildlife Coalition for Youth, and the Future Fisherman Foundation. Money raised by the federation's member clubs is also awarded through youth grants.

"Local sportsmen's clubs are comprised of men and women who care deeply for our environment and the preservation of wildlife. As a sportsman and a state senator, I am always eager to partner with groups like the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County and support their initiatives that are essential to New York's future," concluded Senator Oberacker.

Additional information about the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County and their upcoming events can be found online at <https://fscuc.org/>.

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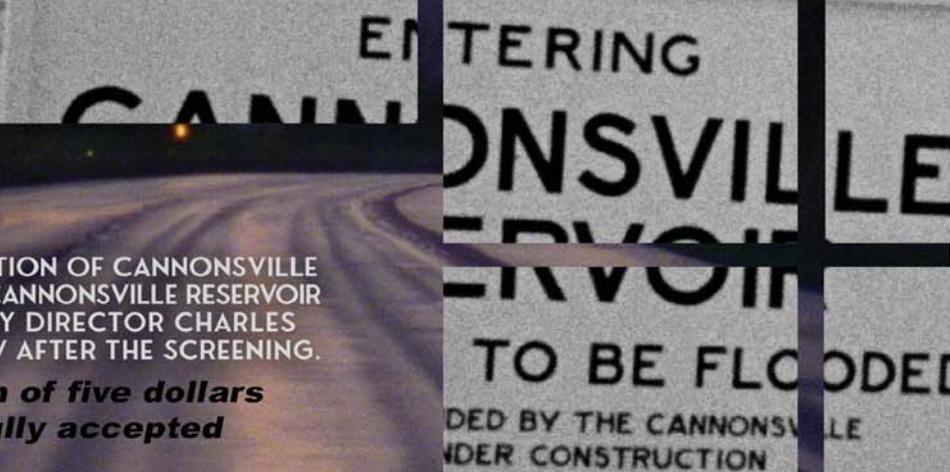
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## Grow Our Own: A Look Inside Fallsburg's Administration Internship Program

FALLSBURG - School administrators play a significant role when it comes to the efficiency of the education system. They're responsible for providing resources for teachers, promoting an inclusive school environment, and improving the quality of education. However, in recent years, districts throughout the Hudson Valley region have seen a decline in certified and available school administrator candidates.

With this becoming a significant concern among many districts, school leaders are left to their own devices to figure out ways to reverse the issue. Some have implemented their own initiatives with the hope that they can incentivize teachers to pursue certification. But there's one district that has seen signs of optimism with their efforts to increase the number of administrators, and that is the Fallsburg Central School District.

Fallsburg's "Grow Our Own" administrative internship program, sponsored in part by the Mid-Hudson School Study Council and supported by SUNY New Paltz, is the district's newest initiative to encourage more teachers to pursue an administrative role. Each intern is assigned to

work under the guidance of an administrator and take on a variety of tasks related to the administrative position they are interested in pursuing.

The first slate of interns for this program consists of six teachers, Carlye Bertholf, Anthony Cordero, Laura DeGraw, Regina Giordano, Isabel Mejia, Daniel Redmond, and Jaime Walsh, and one high school speech-language pathologist, Jessica Scanna. These interns are

mentored under current administrators; elementary principal Mary Kate Stinehour, high school principal Shana Bruestle, and Director of Pupil Personnel Services Leighanne Russell.

One of the program's primary goals is to ensure that interns are comfortable enough in the role of an administrator before officially deciding to pursue a job in administration. The interns can pursue certification but are not obligated to finish the entire process, as it can be an overwhelming experience for teachers to make the leap from leading in a classroom to leading in a building.

"I believe the challenges of recruiting staff for administrative roles are the same as when I started. Some may lack confidence in moving into this type of position, others have young children or family commitments, which make it more difficult to devote the time needed to be an administrator," said Mary Kate Stinehour.

The program has been designed to accommodate the intern's busy schedules and be cost-effective. It consists of Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) courses that last four semesters, with two classes required per semester. Interns



Jessica Scanna (left) and Regina Giordano (center) meeting with their internship supervisor, Leighanne Russell (right)

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typically meet with their supervisor 2-3 times per week and have the opportunity to work on their own time.

The Grow Our Own initiative has also allowed interns to gain a

well-rounded understanding of the education system and its challenges. This is especially true for Ms. Giordano, a high school special education teacher, who has experienced some of those challenges while working with Ms. Russell and the Pupil Personnel office.

One of Ms. Giordano's primary responsibilities was to help place students needing an alternative education outside of the district.

She would seek out a suitable school for the student and attempt the transitioning process. But certain circumstances, like arranging transportation and connecting with family members, have been challenging to navigate.

"We have not been all that successful in placing these students yet," said Ms. Giordano. "But, it's insightful to see how many steps are needed just to do one thing that sounds so simple."

Despite the challenges, the interns have found this program extremely valuable for their professional development. Even if they do not plan to become an administrator soon, the experience has made them more prepared for the role and better educators overall.

"Taking all of these classes has been helpful in teaching me to see the other side of the coin that I don't always see as a teacher," said Regina Giordano. "It has made me a better teacher because I have a better understanding of the whole system instead of just my classroom system."

The Fallsburg Central School District plans to continue the program with hopes of inspiring more teachers to take on an opportunity that could change their future career paths.

## Letters to the Editor:

### Re-Elect Michael Brooks, District 3 Legislator

I usually do not like to get involved in election madness, however, with what has gone on in the past few months; the politics of personal destruction and the like has compelled me to speak up. Politics are harsh at times but it seems like even here, in the small Town of Neversink, the lengths that some will go to is both shocking and disgraceful.

My brother, Michael Brooks, has been involved in some type of political position a good part of his adult life, whether elected or appointed...from school board, to planning board, to town board, to legislator. He is an honest and respected gentleman whose interest has solely been for the people he has served. Our community has supported Mike for over twenty years because of it. Mike appreciates independent and critical thinking people and approaches not just politics but life that way; apparently there are some, based on their actions, that do not see the value in thinking for oneself.

Politics can be ugly but we the people should not act that way. Where does it get us? Agreeing to disagree is healthy and a normal part of life. When one gets involved in the political realm, it should be that they have something to offer, in that they can think for themselves, be open minded, listen to people and be their own person.

Michael Brooks is an independent, respected leader who has put his heart and soul into his position as your District 3 Legislator and will continue to work FOR THE PEOPLE. Mike's long success is attributable to the mutual respect that exists between him and his constituents. A vote for Michael Brooks on November 7th (do not forget early voting starts on Saturday the 28th) is, in my opinion, a vote for the people!

Brenda Devore  
7471 State Route 42  
Grahamsville.

## “Paint the Town” in Hawley - call for art submissions-

Get ready to unleash your inner artist! The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA) is excited to announce a “Call for Art Submissions” for a major new art project in Hawley, PA. The WCAA has teamed up with the Downtown Hawley Partnership and the Foundation for Harmony Presents to launch a thrilling new art project in Hawley, PA. The grand plan? Beautiful banners bedecked with original artwork from local creatives! These masterpieces will be proudly displayed on poles throughout Hawley, mostly along Main Avenue, creating a dazzling art trail.

We are asking artists to submit digital images of their artwork for consideration.

1. The theme is “Paint the Town”. We are seeking a variety of artistic styles and subject matter.
2. Please submit up to 3 images per artist for consideration. Low resolution images are requested for judging (72 dpi and 650 pixels on longest side). Those selected to participate will be required to submit a high-resolution image for printing (300 dpi and 5000 pixels on longest side). All images should be jpegs; indicate title, medium and year created for each submission.

## Family Caregivers Month and Alzheimer's Assistance Program - November 2023

November is National Family Caregivers Month. In New York, 546,000 family caregivers are providing care worth over \$19 billion to their loved ones with dementia. Though these caregivers provide significant savings to the state, they are not getting enough support in return. The funding for New York's Alzheimer's Disease Community Assistance Program (AlzCAP), which offers care consultations, support groups, educational programs, and other services, has been stagnant for years, while the number of caregivers who need these services has continued to grow.

As a facilitator for a caregiver support group, I have heard many stories about how lonely and frustrated caregivers can become. They can't go places like they used to and people stop visiting them. Sometimes their only socialization is the monthly support group meetings where they can share their stories and comfort each other. These individuals are well respected citizens who helped out in their community; now, in their time of need, the community should support them. Not only will such support mitigate their financial, emotional, and physical struggle, but it will also be less of a financial burden for the state than costly nursing home care.

Taking care of someone with Alzheimer's is expensive. One study found that 47% of family caregivers have cut back on their food, transportation, and healthcare expenses to pay for a loved one's care. And many caregivers struggle with mental health issues, such as depression, and oftentimes do not have the financial resources to take care of their own physical health. Unfortunately, we have seen too often where the caregiver passes before the loved one they are caring for due to their stress and health issues.

New York can do better in supporting people who take on this vital role. Please join me in calling on Assemblymember Aileen Gunther and the other members of the NYS Legislature to increase funding for AlzCAP.

Sincerely,  
Sheila Lashinsky  
Volunteer Advocate  
Alzheimer's Association

3. Submissions must include full contact information including name, phone number AND email. Submissions which do not follow all guidelines will not be considered.

4. Selections will be made based on artistic quality and graphic strength. The banners will be viewed by drivers in cars as well as pedestrians, so strong graphic qualities and vivid colors are important to be effective. All submissions should be vertical. Finished dimensions of the banners will be 28” x 60”. Some cropping may be necessary.

5. Make your submission via email to waynecountyartsalliance@gmail.com. Please put “Paint the Town” in the subject line.

6. Deadline for entries is January 20, 2024. Selections will be announced soon afterward and the banners are scheduled to be installed in April 2024.

7. If your artwork is selected, artists will be asked to grant permission for one print to be created on a banner to be placed on public display in Hawley, PA. Images of these banners will be used for publicity to promote downtown Hawley and this “Paint the Town” project. Ownership of the original artwork remains with the Artist. Artists' names will be included in promotions and credited on the WCAA website.

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## Community Impact Grants Awarded to Thompson and Liberty –Funding to support park development and a new basketball court

[LIBERTY] - The Town of Thompson has been awarded the 2023 Golden Feather Community Impact Grant for the installation of a new playground and dog park at the East Mongaup River Park (formerly Town of Thompson Town Park). The Town was awarded a \$250,000 state grant secured and presented by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and a \$100,000 Sullivan 180 Grant presented by Sandra Gerry, Founding Chair of Sullivan 180. The Town's in-kind contribution is \$50,000 for a total grant package of \$400,000.

“The Town of Thompson is very pleased to partner with Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Sandra Gerry from Sullivan 180 on this new venture to expand our town parks. This grant will facilitate a new ADA-compliant playground in the “Orchard at East Mongaup Park” and a dog park for our 'best friends'. This will also enable public access to our trails and picnic areas along the East Mongaup River when our summer camp is operating and the north side of the park is reserved for the camp. We deeply appreciate the continued support from Aileen and Sandra and the faith they have in us to spend the money wisely for the benefit of the entire community,” said Town of Thompson Supervisor Bill Rieber.

“Seeing kids use this park puts a smile on my face. It makes it worth all the work and investment. We all work together-that's what it's all about,” said Town of Thompson Parks & Recreation Director Glenn Somers.

The Town of Liberty has been awarded the \$100,000 Silver Feather Community Impact Grant for the construction of a basketball court in downtown Liberty. This funding, through Sullivan 180, is made possible through the Tim Stoddard Fund at the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan County.

“At last a long held vision for a public basketball court in downtown Liberty will be realized thanks to the generous Silver Feather award from Sullivan 180 along with our other funding partner, Liberty Properties. The Court will provide additional activity for our youth and folks of all ages as we envision leagues and tournaments to provide not only good, healthy exercise but entertainment for all. Thank you Sullivan 180!” said Town of Liberty Supervisor Frank DeMayo.

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

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

## UC Executive Jen Metzger Appoints Europa McGovern as Director of the Department of the Environment

*APPOINTMENT IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE*

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has appointed Europa McGovern as Director of the Department of the Environment, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. McGovern, who currently serves as Acting Director, has been the Department's Deputy Director since 2022 and previously held the position of Senior Environmental Resource Technician.

McGovern has broad experience with the department, managing staff, administering the annual operating budget, and serving as lead on research and field projects. Her responsibilities have involved implementing priority actions in the government operations climate action plan, coordinating partnerships and programs including the Water Quality Coordinating Committee and Environmental Management Council, and managing grants and projects related to hazard mitigation, climate action, energy efficiency, and fleet electrification. Her commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability is evident through years of volunteer work outside of her job, including her position as Chair of the City of Poughkeepsie's Waterfront Advisory Committee.

Prior to joining the County, McGovern worked as a Planner at the Hudson Valley Regional Council and served as a Regional Coordinator for the New York State Clean Energy and Climate Smart Communities Programs across the seven-county Mid-Hudson Region. In this role, she developed regional initiatives including the “Climate Action Planning Institute,” to foster intergovernmental collaboration toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

“I've had experience working with Europa for many years, going back to when I was leading climate efforts on the Rosendale Town Board and she was supporting local governments in this work in her previous position with Hudson Valley Regional Council,” said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. “She has the depth of expertise and the pragmatic, solutions-oriented approach that we need at the helm of the County's Department of Environment, and she has done a superb job as both Deputy Director and Acting Director. She is the perfect choice and will lead the Department with enthusiasm and professionalism.”

“Ulster County has a strong history of environmental and climate leadership, which wouldn't be possible without ongoing collaboration between the County Executive, the Legislature, and dedicated staff, as well as the innumerable partner organizations and passionate individuals who collectively serve to elevate and implement this important work,” said Europa McGovern. “I genuinely look forward to continuing to serve the County in this new role, and to taking this opportunity to continue to strengthen and expand those essential collaborations.”

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County Executive Jen Metzger's Climate Action Commitment, as outlined in the directives under Executive Order 1 of 2023, provides a clear framework for our Departmental priorities in the coming years, and I look forward to supporting their implementation."

McGovern holds a Master of Arts degree in Conservation and Policy from Stony Brook University's School of Marine & Atmospheric Sciences, and a Bachelor of Science from SUNY New Paltz, with a major in psychology and a minor in environmental studies. From 2019 through 2021, McGovern served on the Board of Directors for the Poughkeepsie Farm Project and was a Dutchess County "40 Under 40" Honoree in 2020. She is currently a member of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force for Dutchess County.

## Ulster County Department of Mental Health and Youth Bureau to Host Free "Mind, Body & Soul: Youth & Parent Expo" on Nov. 18

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Department of Mental Health, in partnership with the Ulster County Youth Bureau, will sponsor a "Mind, Body & Soul: Youth & Parent Expo" on Saturday, November 18 at the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County. The goal of this event is to strengthen youth and family care systems and raise awareness of mental health while exploring ways to nurture well-being via the "mind, body, and soul."

Event: Mind, Body & Soul Youth & Parent Expo

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023

Time: 11:00 am -3:00 pm

Location: YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County  
507 Broadway, Kingston, NY

This is a free event made possible through funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health to assist counties in strengthening their systems of care for youth and families, along with additional support from local organizations, including Family of Woodstock, LaSalle School, MyKingstonKids, Radio Kingston, and Seasoned Gives.

"Ulster County is proud to host the 'Mind, Body & Soul: Youth & Parent Expo,' to break the stigma associ-

ated with mental health, showcase the value of available services, and nurture well-being among our youth and families," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "Nurturing our mind, body, and soul is something we all need!"

"Hope and Healing is the basis of bringing awareness to the usefulness of Mental Health support," said Director of the Ulster County Youth Bureau, Nina Dawson. "Breaking down barriers by eliminating stigmas associated with Mental Health will open opportunities for those that need it to freely and comfortably request support."

"Across the nation, a disproportionate amount of time and resources is spent reacting to the mental health challenges and traumas of our youth," said Ulster County Mental Health Commissioner Tara McDonald. "To help change the tide on the mental health crisis in our country, an equivalent amount of energy should be spent in supporting our communities in providing our youth with safe and enriching environments in which they can amass positive experiences through connection. Prevention activities are effective tools in working toward achieving the goal of preventing mental health challenges for our youth, while enhancing their sense of mental wellness. In sponsoring the Mind, Body, and Soul event in partnership with the Youth Bureau, the Department of Mental Health is demonstrating our strong belief in the role that prevention plays in an effective behavioral health system."

The expo will feature inspirational speakers and musical performances by local artists, and unite over 20 community agencies to provide valuable information on their services and engage families in fun activities. The YMCA will offer a wide range of recreational activities, from basketball to pickleball, while MyKingstonKids will bring their VR and gaming trailer. Leah Gooch of The Gooch School will facilitate a special yoga and self-expression workshop for young individuals.

### Event Line Up:

o 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Resources, Speakers, & Music Performers in the Main Gym

o 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | My Kingston Kids Gaming & VR or Revitalize & Renew with Leah Gooch

o 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Shooting Hoops (all ages), Rowing & Cycling (14+)

o 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Pickleball, Boxing & Cycle (14+)

o 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm | "Flick & Float" - Watch INSIDE OUT while floating in the pool!

Please note: Parent supervision is required at all times. For more information, please contact the Ulster County Department of Mental Health at [dmh@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:dmh@co.ulster.ny.us) or by calling (845) 340-4110.

## Governor Hochul Announces \$10 Million Available Through Round One of New York's Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced, during Farm-to-School month, that \$10 million is available through Round 1 of New York's Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program. The program will support projects in New York schools that improve meal preparation and distribution for Kindergarten through Grade 12 students. First announced in the Governor's 2023 State of the State, the program will provide \$50 million over five years to eligible applicants to facilitate the on-site processing and preparation of fresh, nutritious meals, increase the use of more healthy, local New York food products, and provide a boost to New York farmers.

"Through our Farm-to-School program and our 30 percent New York State Initiative for schools, we have made huge strides in bringing our farmers and our schools together, making lasting connections to purchase more local foods for school meals than ever before," Governor Hochul said. "This Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program will build on the success of these programs and provide the much-needed support to help schools cook delicious meals for our young people. Providing healthy, balanced meals equals better learning for students statewide and supports our agricultural community at the same time."

Administered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program will provide the resources schools need to aggregate, store, process, and prepare farm products, and make it possible to cook fresh, nutritious, scratch made meals for school children. It will also encourage workforce development by providing training to schools, communities, and students for culinary arts, food processing, safe food handling and storage, logistics, delivery, and more, based on community need.

Project proposals should be regionally focused on improving meal preparation for K-12 school children, reducing food insecurity, increasing market opportunities for New York State producers, and strengthening the resilience of our state's food system. The program requires that funded facilities serve multiple school districts and support their local community, including by providing workforce development opportunities. In this round of funding, two regions will be awarded \$5 million each. Two additional regions will be awarded \$5 million each in subsequent rounds, until all regions are awarded.

Grant funds are available for the costs of capital projects to support the preparation and distribution of fresh meals for regional school infrastructure, such as aggregation, storage hubs, and/or commissary-type kitchens. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations, local municipalities, school districts, and Boards of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES).

Proposals are due on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 3:00 pm. The workshop will be recorded and posted on the Department's website.

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State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Every school across New York State should have the equipment and capacity to store, process, and cook fresh, healthy New York-grown food, and yet many lack the physical infrastructure to sustain farm-to-school meals, which our students so deserve. The Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program will be instrumental in helping our schools get locally sourced, nutritious food into more cafeterias while expanding market opportunities for our farmers, and I encourage all eligible school districts to apply."

New York State's Fiscal Year 2024 Enacted Budget includes additional tools to help school districts procure and purchase farm products from local producers, ensuring that New York remains New York's first and best customer. Specifically, the Budget raises the discretionary threshold for food purchasing for schools to \$150,000, a significant increase from the previous threshold.

These initiatives build on New York's many programs to support local foods in schools, including the successful Farm-to-School program, which connects schools with local farms and food producers to strengthen local agriculture, improve student health, and promote regional food systems awareness. Through the program, the Department of Agriculture and Markets provides financial, technical, and promotional assistance to schools, farms, distributors, and other supporting organizations to bring more local, nutritious, seasonally varied meals to New York students. The Farm-to-School program supports the New York State Council on Hunger and Food Policy's priorities to initiate and facilitate public awareness campaigns about the economic benefits of a local farm and food economy; alleviate geographic and economic barriers to improve access to healthy fresh food; and promote well-balanced child nutrition. (Contd. Pg. 34)

## Governor Hochul Announces \$10 Million Available Through Round One of New York's Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program

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The 30 Percent New York State Initiative further facilitates the provision of healthy New York sourced food products to children as part of their lunch meal in school. The initiative increases the reimbursement schools receive for lunches from 5.9 cents per meal to 25 cents per meal for any district that ensures their school lunches are made up of at least 30 percent eligible New York produced and processed products. Since the Department of Agriculture and Markets took over administration of the program as part of Governor Hochul's 2022 State of the State commitment to better connect farms and schools across New York, the program has seen increased participation from school food authorities, with a total of 59 school food authorities approved to receive enhanced reimbursement during this school year, up from 51 approved for reimbursement last year. In total, more than \$8 million was spent on New York agricultural products during the 2022-2023 school year by schools applying for the incentive. In addition, the Governor's recent actions to support Farm-to-School initiatives included in the FY 2024 State Budget significantly raised the discretionary threshold for schools to purchase local food and food products from \$20,000 to \$150,000.

## Governor Hochul Announces \$192 Million in First-Year Opioid Settlement Funds Allocated to Serve New Yorkers Struggling with Addiction or Available through State Agencies

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that New York has made available all the funding provided in the first year of the opioid settlement agreements. This funding, approximately \$192.8 million, is supporting a variety of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery initiatives to help New Yorkers impacted by the opioid and overdose crisis.

"New York is not only leading the way in the efforts to hold opioid manufacturers and distributors accountable, we are taking swift action to put settlement dollars to work to reverse the harm they have caused," Governor Hochul said. "These efforts are making a difference in communities across the state, and we are continuing to work to deliver further support and assistance so that all New Yorkers can access the services they need through a series of initiatives to address all types of behavioral health needs."

New York State Attorney General Letitia James said, "The first \$192 million secured through my opioid litigation is already helping vulnerable communities recover from years of damage caused by the opioid epidemic and preventing future devastation. These funds are giving New Yorkers access to the resources they need to heal and are being invested in our communities to address the root causes of opioid addiction, as will the rest of the \$2.6 billion

secured by my office in years to come. I thank Governor Hochul and the many organizations and individuals on the frontlines addressing this public health crisis for their commitment to helping New York recover from the opioid epidemic."

New York State Health Department Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "As we continue to combat the overdose epidemic, New York State has implemented a multifaceted strategy under the direction of Governor Hochul. Opioid use disorder and other drug dependencies are challenging chronic diseases, yet are treatable and long-term recovery is possible. This funding aims to increase access to harm reduction services, including medications, supportive counseling, and other preventive health care services."

New York State is receiving more than \$2 billion through various settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies that were secured by Attorney General Letitia James. A portion of the funding from these settlements will go directly to municipalities, with the remainder deposited into a dedicated fund to support prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery efforts to address the ongoing opioid epidemic.

More than \$192 million was deposited into the settlement fund account for the first fiscal year, and is being made available and awarded in accordance with the priorities of the New York State Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board as presented in the November 2022 report to the Governor and Legislature. This report detailed the expansion of harm reduction services and treatment as the Board's top priorities. (Contd. Pg. 35)

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## **Governor Hochul Announces \$192 Million in First-Year Opioid Settlement Funds Allocated to Serve New Yorkers Struggling with Addiction or Available through State Agencies**

(From Pg. 34) The funding made available includes support for the following initiatives:

- o Regional abatements for local governments. This funding is available to be spent by municipalities once they submit spending plans to OASAS.
- o A scholarship program to support more than 300 individuals looking to enter or advance in the addiction services workforce.
- o Transitional Safety Units, which provide funding for providers operating supportive housing programs.
- o Funding for Recovery Centers to support their work in reaching individuals in recovery with non-clinical support and recovery information.
- o The establishment of Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Programs. These programs are a new initiative designed to address the need for integrated treatment, providing medication for addiction treatment (MAT) and other comprehensive health services in one location.
- o Low-threshold buprenorphine services designed to facilitate same day access to MAT and addiction care management.
- o Prevention coalitions and prevention programming and education targeted towards youth.
- o The “Connections to Care” initiative to help underserved and high-need individuals access the full continuum of addiction care.
- o Support for a transportation program providing access to destinations supporting individualized recovery efforts and goals.
- o Funding to support outreach and engagement efforts that connect high-need individuals to harm reduction and treatment services.
- o Services specifically for people who use drugs in priority populations, including to support evidence-based harm reduction strategies and to increase access to low-threshold medical services.
- o Expansion of services offered within the State's Syringe Service Programs / Drug User Health Hubs and funding for harm reduction supplies through the State's Syringe Exchange Programs.

Additional information about these and other initiatives, and the status of settlement fund spending is available on the Opioid Settlement Fund Tracker on the OASAS website.

Preliminary data show more than 6,300 overdose deaths in New York State in 2022, with opioids involved in more than three-quarters of those deaths. In addition to the initiatives funding through the Opioid Settlement Fund, New York State continues to work to expand and enhance services through a series of other efforts to address this trend. These include the development of mobile medication units (MMUs) throughout New York State, which provide prevention, treatment, harm reduc-

tion, and recovery services, as well as connections to other addiction and primary healthcare services. This initiative is designed to help bring services to underserved areas and reach people who may face issues accessing treatment, by bringing services directly to them.

The State has taken significant steps to expand access to naloxone, including distribution by the Department of Health of more than 360,000 naloxone kits last year. To enhance access even further, OASAS recently launched a new ordering system for individuals and organizations to obtain naloxone, as well as fentanyl and xylazine test strips. Since launching, more than 70,000 naloxone kits have been ordered, along with more than two million fentanyl test strips and 1.4 million xylazine test strips. This new ordering system is part of the ongoing “Harm Reduction Delivered” campaign which also aims to educate New Yorkers about the services available across the state, and how to find help. The agency is also working to address stigma against those with addiction, and addiction treatment in general, through additional public awareness campaigns.

Governor Hochul's multi-year \$1 Billion Mental Health Care Plan recognizes the links between opioid use disorder and other forms of addiction, chronic homelessness, and severe mental health challenges. The plan includes increasing operational capacity for inpatient psychiatric treatment, creating 3,500 units of housing to serve New Yorkers with mental illness, increasing insurance coverage for mental health services and substance use disorder treatment, dramatically expanding outpatient services, and creating systemic accountability for hospital admissions and discharges to better address the needs of individuals suffering with chronic mental illness.

This plan includes the expansion of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) system, from 13 to 39 throughout the state. These are 24-hour centers that provide comprehensive services for those requiring behavioral health support, including for mental health and addiction, across behavioral, physical health, and social service systems. CCBHCs serve children, adolescents, adults, and older adults experiencing mental health disorders, substance use disorders, or both, including individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Services are provided regardless of ability to pay, or county or city location of residence.

New York State has instituted an aggressive, multi-pronged approach to addressing the overdose epidemic, and created a nation-leading continuum of addiction care with full prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services. The state has worked to expand access to traditional services, including crisis services, inpatient, outpatient, and residential treatment programs, as well as medication to treat addiction, and mobile treatment and transportation services.

New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, can find help and hope by calling the state's toll-free, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPE-NY (1-877-846-7369) or by texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369).

Available addiction treatment including crisis/detox, inpatient, residential, or outpatient care can be found using the NYS OASAS Treatment Availability Dashboard at [FindAddictionTreatment.ny.gov](https://www.findaddictiontreatment.ny.gov) or through the NYS OASAS website.

# Grahamsville Youth Program

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## Meet Fantashia Lovejoy 2023-24 Student Trustee to the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees

Lovejoy was sworn into her new role in late August by Sullivan County Clerk Russell Reeves and welcomed to the Board and took part in her first meeting on September 21.



an active student on campus and also serves as president of the Black Student Union and is a member of the Crochet and Psychology clubs. As the student trustee, Lovejoy is a voting member of the Board of Trustees and serves in working group meetings.

"I feel excited to represent students on the Board of Trustees," said Lovejoy, who said the position is like nothing she's ever done, but hopes she can help the Board better understand students. "I feel as if RA training helped me with getting comfortable having a high position like student trustee. I really can't wait to advocate for students, and I hope to make an impact before I graduate because at least one change can be impactful."

Lovejoy plans to continue her psychology studies and earn a bachelor's degree at an undecided SUNY school.

Coordinator of Student Activities Jamie Brooks said Lovejoy is a dynamic student and peer leader who, as a member of the Residence Staff, will bring a unique perspective to the Board.

"Fantashia is very responsible and wanted to grow her people skills. She is able to defuse conflicts and is an asset as a member of the Residence Staff," said Brooks, who said that Lovejoy has a perspective that past student trustees haven't had because she lives on campus. "Working with Fantashia, you will see how open-minded she is. She listens to others' ideas and contemplates solutions that work for everyone. She is a motivator and good communicator."



A psychology major from Mount Vernon, NY, Lovejoy lives on campus and is a resident assistant in the College's Lazarus I. Levine Residence Hall. She is

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**DEC Announces \$12.9 Million Now Available Through New Federal Grant Opportunity to Support Urban and Community Forestry Applications Being Accepted Now Through January 31, 2024**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that applications are now being accepted for a total of \$12.9 million for urban and community forestry projects through the Inflation Reduction Act funding opportunity. Earlier this month Governor Hochul announced the funding was made available by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program to increase equitable access to healthy trees and green spaces in urban and community forests to support building a clean energy economy, advance environmental justice, and create economic opportunity.

"DEC is grateful to President Biden and Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack for this substantial investment in New York's urban forestry program and to be able to offer this historic funding opportunity to improve the health of trees and green spaces in disadvantaged communities, increase urban tree cover, and support New York's aggressive climate requirements," said Commissioner Seggos. "I encourage all eligible entities to take advantage of this funding to safeguard and increase the numerous environmental, economic, and public health benefits of their community forests."

Applicants may apply for funding under two categories, Community Forest Management Plan Implementation (\$10 million) and Ash Tree Management (\$2.9 million). The maximum request is \$500,000 per application and no match is required. All projects must take place in disadvantaged communities as identified by any of three Federal and State tools listed in the Request for Applications (RFA). The deadline to submit applications is Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024.

DEC's Urban and Community Forestry program is holding a virtual information session on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to provide information on this limited-time funding opportunity. The information session will cover eligible applicants and projects, application requirements and scoring, and other information that will help applicants plan their projects.

For more information on DEC's Urban and Community Forestry program and the application process for the Inflation Reduction Act Urban and Community Forestry Grants visit DEC's website.

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"Today, New York appealed FEMA's denial of Individual Assistance for the homeowners in Orange and Ontario Counties impacted by July's devastating rainfall and flooding.

"With climate change continuing to increase the frequency and severity of natural disasters, we will always fight to ensure eligible New Yorkers can access every possible federal dollar to recover and rebuild after devastating storms."

# Sundown United Methodist Church



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Saturday, November 4, 2023

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# Honey & Cheese Pairing Event

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***Thursday, November 2, 2023***

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*Come explore and savor local and Italian honey, paired with and highlighted by specially curated cheeses for an over the top experience.*

*Immerse yourself in this complete sensory experience as you learn to see, stir, smell, smear, and savor honey with honey expert, Donna DeFalco!*



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# Following Surge in Hate and Bias Crimes, Governor Hochul Deploys All Available State Resources to Protect New Yorkers in At-risk Communities and on College Campuses

- **\$50 Million in Grants Available for Local Law Enforcement Agencies to Prevent and Solve Hate Crimes and Other Crimes**
  - **\$25 Million Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Grants Offer Security for Houses of Worship, Community Centers and Other At-Risk Sites**
    - **Governor Taps Judge Jonathan Lippman to Launch Comprehensive Review of Antisemitism and Antidiscrimination Policies on CUNY Campuses**
  - **New York State Police Will Expand Social Media Analysis Unit to Monitor Threats on Schools and College Campuses**
  - **New York State Division of Human Rights Will Convene Community Circles to Bring New Yorkers Together**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a series of actions to deploy all available resources to keep New Yorkers safe following a surge in hate and bias incidents in the weeks following the October 7 Hamas terror attacks. In an address to New Yorkers, Governor Hochul highlighted \$50 million available for local law enforcement agencies to prevent and solve hate crimes and other crimes, \$25 million in security funding for at-risk community groups and cultural centers, an expansion of the New York State Police's social media analysis unit, and a new initiative from the Division of Human Rights. Governor Hochul also announced that Judge Jonathan Lippman, the widely respected former Chief Judge of New York and Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, will conduct an independent third-party review of the City University of New York's policies and procedures related to antisemitism and discrimination.

"My top priority is to protect the safety and well-being of all New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "Let me be clear: we cannot allow hate and intimidation to become normalized. As Governor, I reaffirm that there is zero tolerance in New York for antisemitism, Islamophobia, or hate of any kind, and it's critical we deploy every possible state resource to keep New Yorkers safe." )

"In this moment, it is critical that we look out for each other and ensure New Yorkers from all backgrounds are protected from hate and supported with love," said Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. "We will make sure communities across our state are safe and that people are free to be who they are."

## **\$50 Million for Law Enforcement Agencies Across the State**

New York State is making \$50 million available in law enforcement technology and equipment to modernize their operations and more effectively solve and prevent crimes, including hate crimes. DCJS is administering the funding and the deadline for submissions is noon on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. DCJS issued the request for applications after obtaining feedback from police departments and sheriffs' offices last fall about the type of technology and equipment they need. Agencies can seek funding for a variety of equipment and technology, including but not limited to license plate readers, mobile and fixed surveillance cameras, computer-aided dispatch systems, software, unmanned aerial vehicles, gunshot detection devices, and smart equipment for patrol vehicles and police officers.

## **\$25 Million for Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Grants**

Governor Hochul announced an additional \$25 million for the

Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes (SCAHC) grants are available. Given ongoing hate and extremism at home and abroad, the Governor also directed DCJS to develop new innovations and strategies to incorporate within the SCAHC program in the future - such as increases to the maximum award amount, a streamlined, rolling application process, and evaluations of the deployed protective equipment and technology. These potential changes will help respond to the current needs and challenges faced by organizations that are at-risk of hate crimes.

In July, the Governor announced the most recent SCAHC funding awards to 497 organizations statewide for 1,081 projects totaling \$51,680,910, with \$8,899,091 going toward 187 cybersecurity projects. Administered by DCJS, the SCAHC program provides funding to strengthen security measures and prevent hate crimes against nonprofit community and civic centers, cultural museums, day care centers, and other nonprofit organizations that may be vulnerable because of their ideology, beliefs, or mission. This funding can be used to support exterior or interior security improvements, including but not limited to lighting, locks, alarms, panic buttons, fencing, barriers, access controls, shatter-resistant glass and blast-resistant film, public address systems, and for the first time, measures to strengthen cybersecurity. Funds can also cover costs associated with security training.

## **Third-Party Review of CUNY Policies and Procedures Related to Antisemitism and Discrimination**

The review of CUNY policies and procedures, which Governor Hochul has asked Judge Jonathan Lippman to conduct, will include recommended actions for the CUNY Board of Trustees to bolster its antidiscrimination policies and help protect Jewish students and faculty. Judge Lippman, of Counsel in the New York office of Latham & Watkins, will be supported by his firm in the review. The review is expected to include interviews, research, and other consultations and to cover the following topics:

- o Campus environment, including an assessment of attitudes and perspectives of antisemitism on various CUNY campuses.
- o Current University policies, procedures, and systems of investigating antisemitism complaints.
- o Consistency of treatment by the University in handling of antisemitism complaints and all other types of discrimination.
- o Appropriate balance of free speech rights with protection of students' right to receive education free of antisemitic threats, intimidation, or discrimination.

## **A report of Judge Lippman's findings is expected in the Spring.**

Judge Jonathan Lippman said, "As a Judge and lawyer, my focus has always been first and foremost on fairness and equal justice. That same sense of fairness, and freedom from intimidation, for Jewish students and all others in CUNY's academic community, will be at the center of my review. Antisemitism and discrimination in all its forms are unacceptable and I am honored that the Governor has asked me to carry out this important task." Expand Social Media Analysis to Identify Threats and Criminal Activity

The New York State Police use publicly available social media activity and posts to assist in identifying credible criminal activity happening in the state. But the pool of information is so large and rapidly changing that the State Police's current efforts only scratch the surface of what is possible to detect and interdict. Governor Hochul announced an additional \$700,000 enhancing the Social Media Analysis Unit at the NYSIC by staffing a team of analysts to perform daily analysis of publicly available social media activity - particularly that which pertains to school violence threats, gang activity, and illegal firearms - to tie information back to existing criminal investigations, initiate new investigations, and communicate information on threats to appropriate field personnel. (Contd. Pg. 42)

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(From Pg. 41) **Community Circles**

In response to recent events in the Middle East, The Division of Human Rights (DHR) Hate and Bias Prevention Unit will be offering community circles to discuss how community members have been affected by these events and to help each other as we struggle to cope and heal. These Circles will be in-person and will be community specific, to allow for a safe space for all.

This announcement builds on Governor Hochul's efforts to increase safety protocols against hate and bias crimes in the wake of Hamas' attack on Israel. Last week, Governor Hochul announced the launch of a new hotline and online form for New Yorkers to be able to quickly report hate and bias incidents. Immediately following the Hamas terror attacks, Governor Hochul fully activated the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Counterterrorism, expanded State Police monitoring of social media, and directed MTA and Port Authority leaders to patrol high-risk transit hubs. In July, Governor Hochul announced more than \$51 million in grant funding to improve safety and security of organizations at risk of hate crimes.

The Office of Victim Services supports 239 victim assistance programs statewide that provide direct services and support to victims and survivors of crime and their families, as well as reimbursement and compensation for crime-related expenses if an individual has no other resources to pay for them. Visit [ovs.ny.gov](https://ovs.ny.gov) for more information.

## Governor Hochul Announces Launch of Digital Freshconnect Program to Boost Purchasing of Fresh Local Farm Products

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the launch of a new digital FreshConnect initiative that will help boost the purchase of local farm products and bring the program to more families facing food insecurity. The pilot program launched Saturday, October 28 at the Broome County Regional Farmers' Market to provide eligible New Yorkers with a digital option to buy SNAP eligible farm products at the farmers' market and streamline the redemption process for New York farmers participating in the program.

"The Digital FreshConnect pilot program is an efficient way to reach more consumers and make it easier to use SNAP benefits to buy fresh, local food from our farmers," Governor Hochul said. "What's even better is that this new digital option also makes it easier and more convenient for our farmers to participate in the program. Building on the improvements we just made to the FreshConnect program by increasing the amount of food that eligible New Yorkers could purchase with their SNAP dollars, this pilot program will encourage more SNAP participants to take advantage of the program and to visit our farmers' markets to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and so many more New York farm products."

The pilot program allows the Broome County Regional Farmers' market manager to load FreshConnect currency onto a consumer's digital account. SNAP recipients using the FreshConnect program will be able to shop for eligible products at participating vendors and use a QR code to automatically deduct the purchase from their account. Loading of the currency will be capped at \$50 per SNAP cardholder per day, which is consistent with the overall

FreshConnect program and the FreshConnect Fresh2You initiative. In addition, consumers can make purchases in any increment and because of this new digital component, are not limited to the \$2 increments of the physical FreshConnect coupons.

The app also modernizes the redemption process for farmers, saving them time and, with no physical coupons to redeem, making it easier for them to take part in the program. Using this app will also ensure farmers are receiving scheduled payments faster.

The pilot program is available to SNAP consumers at the Broome County Regional Farmers Market through the end of the year. The program could expand to other farmers' markets where FreshConnect is accepted.

### FreshConnect Fresh2You Initiative

In addition to the pilot program, the FreshConnect Fresh2You initiative has increased overall coupon availability to SNAP participants shopping at a farmers' market. Since April, FreshConnect Fresh2You has increased farmers' market coupon capacity to 750,000 per year, up from 293,800 in 2022, which is a 156 percent increase. Additionally, 52 farmers' markets are issuing coupons this year, an increase from 47 markets in 2022. Coupons are still available for eligible New Yorkers at participating indoor farmers' markets. Visit [agriculture.ny.gov/farmersmarkets](https://agriculture.ny.gov/farmersmarkets) to find a participating market.

In response to the end of COVID-19 pandemic federal relief funding, the FreshConnect Fresh2You initiative modified the FreshConnect program to provide eligible New Yorkers with a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$50 per day at participating farmers' markets, which allows families in need to purchase more fresh food, including produce, dairy, and meats. The program previously provided \$2 for every \$5 in SNAP dollars spent.

The Department of Agriculture and Markets also this year issued more than double the number of FreshConnect Checks for Veterans, service members, and immediate family members of Veterans or service members. Those accessing this program this year received \$50.00 worth of coupons, up from \$20.00 in previous years.

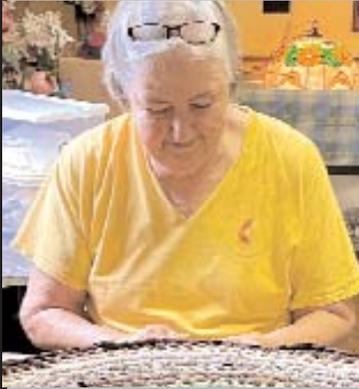
New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "This is an exciting step for the FreshConnect program and its participants, both on the consumer and farmer side. By providing the option for our families to digitally purchase local products, we hope we're making it easier for them to use their benefits at the farmers' market and encourage additional purchasing of local farm products-fruits, vegetables, meats, and dairy. Buying fresh, healthy options will not only boost nutrition for our consumers but it will also provide an economic boost to our farmers, who will also find the program easier to navigate with this digital component. The pilot program is a win-win and we look forward to its success."

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County Executive Director Beth Roberts said, "Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County is honored to partner with the Department of Agriculture and Markets, ensuring that consumers have consistent access to fresh, locally grown products from the Broome County Regional Farmers Market. The FreshConnect Fresh2You pilot program serves as yet another demonstration of commitment to bolstering the agricultural community while simultaneously supporting vulnerable populations in New York State. These ongoing investments continue to help local communities address food insecurity while supporting our local farms."

Assemblymember Donna Lupardo said, "By modernizing the coupon system, this new FreshConnect program is a win all the way around, making it more convenient for consumers to use their SNAP benefits to purchase farm products, and making it easier for farmers to participate. I am especially proud that this program will be launching at the Broome County Regional Farmers' Market. I'd like to thank Governor Hochul for continuing to support the FreshConnect Fresh2You initiative, which has dramatically increased access to locally grown, nutritious food for all New Yorkers over the years."

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## Holiday Craft Fair

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall. Local artists and craftsman will be selling their jewelry, ceramics, pottery, and much more. Chili, soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available for take-out only.

The church is located at 356 Main Street (Route 55) in Grahamsville. For more information call, 845-985-7427 or 845-985-7222.

## MISU - Music on Market Coffeehouse Presents Westchester Jazz Alliance Quartet

Join us on live, in-person on Saturday, November 4 at 7:30 pm for Music on Market Coffeehouse presents Westchester Jazz Alliance Quartet.

Charley Krachey Sax, David Frank piano, Fr. Stan Fortuna Bass, T-kash Inuoe percussion.

Suggested donation \$10.

MISU is located at 40 Market St. in Ellenville.

We hope to see you there.

# Local Food Drive Community Giveback Donation Program Donate to the Food Pantry

Donation locations: Grahamsville Reformed Church & Daniel Pierce Library

Lets make a difference together!  
Now through Thursday, November 16, 2023

Join us, along with the Grahamsville Reformed Church, in donating to our local food pantry at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church.

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church Food Pantry serves many families in the community and is in great need of donations. Please help us giveback and support them. All food collected during the month will be donated and distributed to the food pantry on Thursday, November 16th.

We will have two donation locations: here at the library during normal operating hours and at the Grahamsville Reformed Church (located across from the school).

All donations should be placed inside at each location.

Some examples of Food Pantry needs (not excluding other non-perishable items):

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Jelly	Macaroni 'n	Pancake Mix	Cereal
Canned Fruit	Cheese	Cake Mix	Mayo
Canned Vegetables	Pasta Sauce	Brownie Mix	



**WESTCHESTER JAZZ ALLIANCE QUARTET**

The Westchester Jazz Alliance Quartet is a premiere jazz quartet that includes Charley Krachey, sax, Dave Frank, piano, Fr. Stan Fortuna, bass, and T-kash Inuoe, drums. Two of the members were closely associated with the legendary jazz pianist/educator Lennie Tristano. The mission of the Westchester Jazz Alliance and the WAJQ is, through education, performances, and jazz parties, to increase awareness, participation, and enjoyment of jazz in the New York area and beyond.

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## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



## Sunday, November 19th

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Take-outs are available 985-7270

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

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

Our new 2024 dates will be out soon.

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

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

*For any other questions  
845.798.2077 [nickneedsokidney@gmail.com](mailto:nickneedsokidney@gmail.com)*

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# With Antisemitism Continuing to Rise Nationwide, Gillibrand calls on FBI, Department of Homeland Security to Step up Operations, Outlines Plan to Ensure Safety of Jewish Community

WASHINGTON, D.C. - With antisemitism continuing to rise nationwide and within New York, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to discuss the steps she is taking to protect the Jewish community. She is:

1. Calling on the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to prioritize the safety of Jewish organizations, including synagogues, schools, and Jewish community centers, and to work closely with community leaders and local law enforcement to respond quickly to threats of violence.

2. Pushing for additional federal funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which provides grants to institutions at risk of terrorist attacks to strengthen their security measures.

3. Leading legislation to fight hate crimes and terrorism, including the Hate Crimes Commission Act, which would establish a bipartisan, bicameral commission to study hate crimes and provide recommendations to help law enforcement collect better hate crime data. She is also cosponsoring the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act, which would establish a new interagency task force to track and respond to domestic terror threats.

“Over the last few weeks, we've seen a disturbing rise in virulent antisemitism and hate crimes against the Jewish community around the world, across the country, and right here in New York,” said Senator Gillibrand. “The incidents are sickening and they are unacceptable. I am doing everything in my power to protect at-risk communities, including ensuring that the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security are on high alert and in close communication with local law enforcement. I'm also fighting for federal funding to help synagogues and other non-profits improve their security and working to pass legislation to combat terror threats. Every American has the right to live and worship freely and without fear. I am committed to making sure they can.”

The full text of Senator Gillibrand's letter to the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI is available here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/10.25.23-Letter-to-DHS-and-FBI-on-Antisemitic-Threats-with-signatures.pdf>

More information about Senator Gillibrand's push to increase funding for the NSGP is available here

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/following-disturbing-rise-in-antisemitism-and-hate-crimes-gillibrand-announces-push-to-protect-synagogues-other-religious-institutions/>

More information about Senator Gillibrand's Hate Crimes Commission Act is available here

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Hate-Crimes-Commission-Act-One-Pager.pdf>

More information on the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act is available here

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-lays-out-multipronged-plan-to-fight-domestic-terrorism-and-violent-extremism/>



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Following an eventful week, I wanted to give an update on the events happening here in the Hudson Valley, down in DC, and around the globe.

### ELECTING A NEW SPEAKER

Following weeks of the far-right's dysfunction, Congress is finally back to voting. For weeks, I called for Patriots to stand up to craft a bipartisan path forward. Instead, the far-right continued to nominate the most extreme among them, landing on Mike Johnson. A little bit of his record. He:

- Masterminded the legal strategy on Trump's plot to overturn the 2020 election
- Relentlessly pursues heartless cuts to Social Security and Medicare
- Attacks our LGBTQ+ community, including their right to marry
- Supports a national abortion ban and compared women's right to choose to the Holocaust
- <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/house-speaker-mike-johnson-abortion-holocaust/>
- Voted against healthcare for veterans like me who were exposed to toxic burn pits while serving our country

Amidst this chaos, I remain focused on delivering relief for Hudson Valley families and protecting our fundamental freedoms.

### FIGHTING FOR CLEAN WATER

In August, I asked the Coast Guard about a change that could allow barges carrying toxic materials to once again anchor on the Hudson River. The response was woefully insufficient.

Their plan would turn the Hudson River into a parking lot for dangerous oil barges, threatening the health and safety of our kids, the more than 100,000 people who rely on the river for their drinking water, and our entire ecosystem. <https://hudsonvalley.news12.com/rep-pat-ryan-called-on-the-coast-guard-to-uphold-a-ban-that-prohibits-barges-from-anchoring-along-the-hudson-river>

Just a few years ago, a coalition led by local community leaders and nonprofits like Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson banded together to protect our River from big corporations who were putting their profits ahead of our health and safety.

We must once again stand up with one voice to fight for our River. That's why here on my website, I'm collecting public comments that I will hand deliver to the Coast Guard to decry its decision. Join us in making your voice heard!

## Ulster County Launches \$1.5 Million Affordable Rental Upgrades Program

*Ulster County, in Partnership with RUPCO and the City of Kingston, Will Provide Grants for Rental Unit Upgrades to Small Landlords in Exchange for Keeping Rents Affordable*

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County, in partnership with RUPCO and the City of Kingston, has announced a new \$1.5 million program to upgrade affordable rental apartments. The program will provide small landlords (owning eight or fewer units) with small grants for improvements to rental units including energy efficiency and building electrification upgrades, and accessibility upgrades. In exchange for grant funds, rents will be kept at affordable levels for a period of five to seven years based on the amount of funding awarded. Funding for the program was appropriated by Ulster County, with the City of Kingston contributing approximately \$385,000 dollars for unit upgrades located in the city.

RUPCO will administer the program and provide staff to oversee the rental upgrade projects. The Ulster County Planning Department and RUPCO will conduct outreach to small landlords as well as tenants whose landlords may be eligible for the grants. The window for applications from eligible landlords is open now and will be available through December 1, 2023.

"This new incentive-based program will help small landlords make investments that improve safety and comfort and reduce tenants' utility bills while committing them to keeping rents affordable for the next five to seven years," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I want to thank Legislator Uchitelle, Chair of the Health, Human Services and Housing Committee, for his leadership on this initiative, along with the Ulster County Planning Department and RUPCO for their work to develop and roll out this valuable program."

"I am proud to have submitted this program for inclusion in the 2023 budget. By funding housing improvements in this way, we are able to improve the lives of tenants in our community while helping small landlords keep rents low. It's a rare win-win-win in an otherwise very challenging environment around housing." said Ulster County Legislator Abe Uchitelle.

"We are profoundly grateful for the remarkable partnership we've established to support local landlords in Ulster County, owning eight units or less and dedicated to serving families making 80% AMI or less. Together, we're making essential repairs to their units and helping stabilize rents, fostering a stronger, more vibrant community for all. This collaboration embodies our unwavering commitment to affordable housing and the prosperity of our community." said Faith Moore, Senior Vice President of Operations & Strategy at RUPCO.

Eligible property owners can receive up to \$15,000 per rental unit and no more than \$30,000 per building for those buildings serving households at the 80% to 61% area median income (AMI) rent level. Units deemed eligible and serving households at the 60% AMI rent level are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 per unit and no more than \$50,000 per building. Landlord applicants must demonstrate that current rent levels are affordable (i.e., 30% of a tenant's monthly income) to tenants. If rents are above that level, landlords are eligible for funding if they are willing to reduce rents to an affordable rate. The City of Kingston, Ulster County, and RUPCO will work with grantees to complete the upgrades in a timely manner with minimal disturbance to tenants. RUPCO will monitor rental leases for affordability for all grantees throughout the affordability period for each grantee.

For more information, please visit RUPCO's website here: <https://rupco.org/arup/>



Congratulations to my dear friend, Speaker Mike Johnson, on being elected Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. Mike Johnson is an inspirational conservative who will restore faith in our government and bring strong, principled leadership to America.



Speaker Johnson is committed to restoring transparency to Congress, reining in runaway spending, holding our adversaries accountable, and strengthening oversight of federal bureaucrats. Though 70% of appropriation priorities have already been passed in the House, the remaining appropriations bills will be considered expeditiously. His first action was to immediately open the People's House in order to bring a bipartisan resolution to the floor in support of the nation of Israel, our most important ally in the Middle East. He is also immediately addressing issues critically important to the American people. This starts with direct action on the border crisis, prioritizing legislation to address runaway inflation due to far-left spending under Pelosi and Biden.

Mike Johnson will renew our commitment to backing our courageous officers in blue, empowering parents' rights against the hostile agenda imposed by the Biden Administration and its weaponized law enforcement agencies, unleash American energy production which will lead to greater freedom, and prosperity and security for all Americans.

House Republicans understand this historic moment for America and are laser-focused on providing leadership, restoring transparency and responsible government, and achieving real results for the American people.

## **Demanding Accountability for Anti-Semitic Video Linked to NYSED Website**

By recently posting a link with a blatantly anti-Semitic video on the history of the conflict in Israel, the Board of Regents and NYSED have contributed to the widespread disinformation being promoted to our children about the ongoing Israel-Hamas war. This week, I lead my New York Republican colleagues in sending a letter to the Board of Regents and NYSED demanding they answer for promoting this blatant anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist rhetoric and apologize to parents for this vile video. The United States must continue to stand with our Israeli and Jewish brothers and sisters, and that starts by teaching our children factual history about this conflict and emphasizing the blatant anti-Semitism behind these horrific attacks.

READ MORE: New York GOP lawmakers accuse state education board of pushing antisemitic material to kids <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/new-york-gop-lawmakers-accuse-state-education-board-pushing-antisemitic-material-kids>

## **Standing with Israel**

Each day without action by the United States, more Israeli civilians, including children, women, and the elderly, are brutally raped, kidnapped, and murdered by Hamas.

This week I lead to several initiatives to support Israel's effort to defend themselves and ensure American taxpayer dollars are never inadvertently used to bolster these terrorist attacks or fund terrorist organizations.

The HATIKVAHH Act sends a clear and resolute message that the United States will not tolerate the use of its funds to support or enable foreign terrorist organizations. By prohibiting support for international organizations that collaborate with or support terrorist entities, we strengthen our commitment to Israel and our support of global security and peace. Additionally, my legislation to provide targeted security aid to Israel, totaling \$14.056 billion, would solidify the United States' commitment to strengthening and advancing Israel's military capabilities in their effort to defend themselves against Palestinian terrorist organizations, such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. This bill only includes the funding for Israel, our greatest ally in the Middle East.

Congress must swiftly pass these bills to demonstrate our unwavering commitment to Israel!

READ MORE: Congress Eyes Crackdown on US Funding for Iran-Backed Terror Orgs

<https://freebeacon.com/national-security/congress-eyes-crackdown-on-us-funding-for-iran-backed-terror-orgs/>

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## This Week with Claudia

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### Promoting the Production of Generic Medicine in the United States

In recent years, drug manufacturing has shifted away from the United States, threatening American jobs and the security of our vital medicine supply chains. To bolster domestic generic medicine production and guard against future supply chain disruptions, I introduced the PILLS Act to incentivize businesses to produce these products in the United States. This legislation is a crucial step to not only re-shore drug production, but also strengthen our domestic supply chains and create American manufacturing jobs.

### Helping Small Businesses Offer Retirement Plans to Workers

Congress must empower and reaffirm our commitment to small businesses across the country by taking steps to grant these economic engines a competitive edge in our economy. This week, I introduced the Retirement Investment in Small Employers Act to enable micro-businesses across NY-24 and the nation to offer their employees robust retirement plans and allow their employees to save for the future. I remain committed to advocating for tax policies that work in favor of our small businesses and hardworking families.

READ MORE: What is the RISE Act? Tenney introduces bill to help small businesses offer retirement plans. <https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2023/10/24/what-is-the-rise-act-tenney-introduces-bill-to-help-small-businesses-offer-retirement-plans/>

### Happy National Apple Day

We recently celebrated National Apple Day!

Did you know Wayne County NY is the 3rd highest apple producing county in the nation? On National Apple Day and everyday, we celebrated the hardworking farmers who cultivate these orchards and bring delicious apples to our tables. From all of us in NY-24, we appreciate your dedication to agriculture!

### Worth Fighting For - Our Elections

More Americans than ever before have concerns regarding how elections are administered in our country. Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our constitutional republic, and voting is one of the most sacred rights and responsibilities we have as

Americans. Congress must focus on restoring people's faith in the democratic process.

That's why I launched the House Election Integrity Caucus in Congress to serve as a platform for Members of Congress to come together and proactively educate and inform the American people about issues related to election security and activity, drive commonsense policy solutions to restore faith in the democratic process, and improve the administration of elections.

Earlier this month, Louisiana voted to ban Zuckerbucks and foreign money from state elections. I have been the leading voice on ending Zuckerbucks by introducing the "End Zuckerbucks Act" to amend the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations from directly funding official election organizations through donations or donated services. This is a great step in ensuring that big tech billionaires can't undermine our democratic process.

We must ensure that Americans in every state have confidence in free, fair, accurate, and transparent elections.



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## Molinaro & Bonamici Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Reduce Childhood Hunger

Washington, DC - U.S. Reps. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) and Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1) today announced the introduction of the Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act, a bipartisan bill that increases access to healthy meals and snacks for children in care settings.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides essential nutrition guidance and significant support for child and adult care programs. Unfortunately, many providers have struggled with overly burdensome requirements to participate in CACFP. Nationally, these outdated policies and the increased cost of food are cutting into the funds child care providers need to stay open and offer quality care.

The Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act updates the CACFP to allow an additional meal or snack for children in care for a full day, and streamlines the program to make it easier for early learning programs and child care providers to participate. CACFP currently serves 4.2 million low-income children in child care centers, Head Start and afterschool programs, homeless shelters, and other settings.

Rep. Molinaro said, "To fight childhood hunger and combat our nation's childcare crisis, we are expanding the Child and Adult Care Food Program to adequately feed children in care facilities and make it easier for more providers to participate in the program. As a member of the Pre-K and Child Care Caucus, I am proud to lead this bipartisan effort with Rep. Suzanne Bonamici to ensure our nation's children don't have to worry about where their next meal is coming from."

Rep. Bonamici said, "Child care providers play an essential role in the fight against hunger. Updating and expanding CACFP will allow this effective program to reach more children, reduce food insecurity, and lower the cost of care. This bipartisan legislation is especially important as many providers struggle to keep their doors open amid rising costs. Child care is economic infrastructure, and removing unnecessary paperwork and boosting resources for child care businesses will help families afford the care and education their young children need. I'm grateful to partner with Rep. Molinaro to provide more children with a healthy start to life."

Lee Saunders, President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees said, "Across the country, we continue to face an unprecedented shortage of child care workers, which will only worsen if providers don't receive critical federal investment. Parents today are working longer hours and depend on child care providers to meet essential needs, including proper nutrition, which is expensive. The bipartisan Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act would alleviate this crisis by ensuring providers can afford to serve nutritious meals all day, including suppers. We applaud Representatives Suzanne Bonamici and Marcus Molinaro for leading on this issue and introducing this crucial bill."

Suzanne McCormick, President and CEO of YMCA of the USA said, "A quality meal is essential to the well-being and development of children, and like child care providers throughout the country, YMCAs are working to ensure every child in our care has regular access to nutritious meals and snacks. We are grateful to Representatives Bonamici and Molinaro for their proposal, which would cut red tape and allow a third meal for children who are in our care all day. This bill would improve the CACFP program and enable more providers to participate, giving more children access to the nutrition they need to thrive."

## Rep. Molinaro Breaks with GOP to Defeat Effort to Defund Delaware River Cleanup

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) last week led a bipartisan effort with U.S. Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12) to defeat a Republican amendment to defund the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC).

Since its creation in 1961, the Delaware River Basin Commission has helped clean up and manage what was once one of the most polluted rivers in the country. The Delaware River currently supports 600,000 jobs and \$20 Billion in industrial activity. Over 14 million Americans rely on the Delaware for drinking water, agriculture, and commercial usage.

Rep. Molinaro said, "The Delaware River Basin Commission protects clean drinking water and improves climate resiliency, flood mitigation, and wildlife protection. I will never hesitate to vote against a measure that threatens these undertakings - and I proudly work across party lines to do so."

Rep. Watson Coleman said, "Due in large part to the passionate, dedicated work of the Delaware River Basin Commission, the Delaware River is an unmitigated success story. Migratory fish have returned, and people can now safely boat and wade and fish in the river and its tributaries. Even bald eagles have returned and winter along the river. To turn back and end the cleanup and stewardship managed by the DRBC would cause tremendous harm to the communities from New York to Delaware."

## Rep. Molinaro Sounds Alarm on NYC's Plan to Move Homeless Upstate

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today sounded the alarm on New York City Mayor Adams's plan to move homeless individuals to Upstate New York.

To address New York City's homeless crisis, on September 26 the City declared that its City Fighting Homeless and Eviction Prevention Supplement (CityFHEPS) rental assistance vouchers would be valid for use across New York State. These lucrative City-issued vouchers are attached to market distorting landlord incentives that will undercut locally issued vouchers. If applied to Upstate New York, local residents in need of housing will be at a severe disadvantage when competing against downstaters for housing.

In a letter, Rep. Molinaro called on Mayor Adams to rescind this action immediately, and highlighted counties like Broome County who have blocked NYC vouchers over fears that they would cause the local homeless population to spike.

Rep. Molinaro said, "New York City has a plan to move its homeless population to Upstate New York by allowing lucrative City-issued vouchers to be used in our communities. This scheme will give downstaters the upper hand in the rental market, squeeze out local residents, and inevitably lead to a spike in homelessness. I'm fighting back. The City needs to stop exporting its challenges to our communities. There's absolutely no legal or logical reason to allow New York City to do this."

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## Rep. Molinaro Sounds Alarm on NYC's Plan to Move Homeless Upstate

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The full text of Rep. Molinaro's letter is below:

Dear Mayor Adams,

I urge you to rescind your illegal and unjust effort to transfer city funded housing vouchers to Upstate New York. This attempt to expand your voucher program into Upstate New York is a short-sighted decision that will only push New York's City's problems into my constituent's communities, where many already grapple with their own lack of affordable housing. Additionally, you have no legal standing as a mayor of a city to expand your city's housing vouchers outside your jurisdiction. First you sent migrants to our communities after initially inviting them, and this is the latest action of overreach. You can no longer outsource New York City's problems to Upstate New York.

On September 26, 2023, your administration took the unprecedented action of unilaterally declaring that City Fighting Homeless and Eviction Prevention Supplement (CityFHEPS) rental assistance vouchers would be valid for use across all New York State counties. This action stretches far beyond your authority as mayor of a single municipality and demonstrates complete disregard for Upstate New York residents. Lack of affordable housing is by no means a problem unique to New York City, and this policy only serves to sweep our limited affordable housing supply out from under the feet of Upstate New Yorkers.

Beyond the lack of affordable housing that counties in my district already face, CityFHEPS vouchers come with a different landlord incentive structure that will undercut local systems. These incentives include up to 3 months' rent up front, brokerage bonuses, and unit hold bonuses. Residents in need of housing assistance with a locally issued voucher will be at a severe disadvantage when competing for apartments, and these incentives could even lead to the displacement of longtime tenants as a result of landlords trying to take advantage of the more lucrative opportunity. Simply put, this decision will distort local rent markets, put residents in harm's way, and exacerbate homelessness for Upstate New York.

In recent weeks, Broome County and others across Upstate New York have issued emergency orders prohibiting the use of CityFHEPS vouchers within their jurisdiction. I advise you to heed these orders as evidence that you have no authority to carry out this expansion and to rescind this poorly thought-out policy that would unfairly displace Upstate residents. While I am confident that bipartisan coordination, planning, and principled decision making can lead to a housing plan that benefits all residents of New York State, this policy is a poor display of governance that unfairly punishes my constituents.

## Rep. Molinaro Condemns Antisemitism on Binghamton University Campus

In a now viral video posted online yesterday, a Binghamton University student participating in an anti-Israel protest was quoted as saying "Israel is worse than Nazi Germany." U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today posted a video statement of his own condemning this antisemitism.

In the video, Rep. Molinaro said, "I was deeply disturbed by a video circulating online in which a student at Binghamton University says Israel is worse than Nazi Germany during an anti-Israel protest. Nazi Germany deliberately and systematically murdered six million Jewish people. So let's make one thing clear: this is a disgusting comparison and dangerous narrative. In the wake of Hamas's savage attack on Israel, it has been sad to see the rise of antisemitism.

Rep. Molinaro continued, "These remarks open old wounds, obstruct the healing process, and underscore the need to enlighten many Americans - especially many young Americans - about the horrors of the Holocaust. I authored legislation to promote the teaching of accurate Holocaust history in our schools. The lessons of the Holocaust cannot ever be forgotten.

Rep. Molinaro concluded, "So, let me speak directly to the students who have launched these anti-Israel protests at colleges across America. We will always respect -- and fight -- for your right to free expression. But we will never accept bigotry or outright idiocy. Please take the time to learn history, remember the past and open your eyes and minds to truth. We will not forget."

In Congress, Rep. Molinaro has been a staunch ally of Israel and has worked to root out the proliferation of antisemitism. He's authored legislation to promote Holocaust education in schools and last night voted to pass bipartisan legislation that reaffirmed Congress's support for Israel amid its war against Hamas.

## DEC Reminds Outdoor Enthusiasts to Share the Woods Safely this Season Be Seen, Stay Safe, and Show Respect During Fall and Winter Hunting Seasons

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today encouraged outdoor enthusiasts to respectfully share the woods and follow safety precautions this fall and winter. Hikers, nature photographers, leaf peepers, and mountain bikers are encouraged to follow safety measures while hunters and trappers are afield. Regular big game hunting season in the Northern Zone began Oct. 21 and closes Dec. 3. Bowhunting season for deer and bear is ongoing in the Southern Zone and ends at the beginning of the regular firearms season on Nov. 18.

### Tips for hikers and hunters venturing afield this fall include:

- Tell someone intended destinations and return times. If plans change, notify them;
- Dress for the weather; account for both location and elevation changes;
- Become familiar with planned hiking trails or hunting areas; Wear bright clothing; blaze orange or blaze pink. Bright colors allow hikers and hunters to be seen more easily and from farther away; and,
- Pack the 10 Essentials, especially a light source, map, and first aid kit.

For more tips on sharing the woods this fall, check out this recent DEC video. (Contd. Pg. 57)

# DEC Reminds Outdoor Enthusiasts to Share the Woods Safely this Season –Be Seen, Stay Safe, and Show Respect During Fall and Winter Hunting Seasons

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While hunting-related shooting incidents involving non-hunters are extremely rare, DEC encourages all outdoor adventurers to be aware of the presence of others enjoying New York's natural resources. Hikers should be aware they may meet hunters bearing firearms or archery equipment while hiking on trails. Hunters are fellow outdoor recreationists and hunting is permitted on Forest Preserve and Conservation Easement lands. Hunters should likewise recognize they may encounter hikers and others enjoying the outdoors.

Hunting is among the most popular forms of wildlife recreation in the state, drawing an estimated 600,000 New Yorkers. Hunting is safe and economically important, helping to manage wildlife populations and promote family traditions while fostering an understanding and respect for the environment.

Hunters looking for solitude can minimize the disturbance associated with other forms of recreation by following a few tips. Before a season opens, when hunters are scouting for the perfect spot or stand location, take the time to check if the planned location is a popular one. Avoid crowding other hunters and recognize that if a hunting location is near a popular hiking spot, noise can be a factor. If a preferred hunting spot is too crowded, identify an alternative location ahead of time.

When adventuring with a pet, make sure to keep them on a leash. Loose pets can cause problems with other recreators and can get into trouble with wild animals. Also, to make pets more identifiable in the woods, give them a brightly colored collar, leash or other covering.

DEC maintains hiking trails and permits hunting in many areas of forest preserve lands in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks, as well as in state forests, wildlife management areas, and unique areas. Find a place by visiting our website, checking out DECinfo Locator, or downloading the HuntFishNY Wildlife App. Many trails are also accessible to people with disabilities.

## Chronic Wasting Disease

Hunters are critical to protecting New York deer and moose from Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

CWD is an untreatable, fatal disease of the brain and nervous system disease caused by a misfolded protein called a prion that is spread in deer tissues, saliva, urine, and feces. Hunters can bring CWD prions into to New York without realizing it. To protect deer, do not bring hunter-killed deer, elk, moose, or caribou carcasses into New York from other states and do not use deer urine-based lures.

DEC reminds hunters of the importance of reporting their harvest. Harvest reporting is critical to wildlife management, and hunters are required to report their harvest of deer, bear, and turkey within seven days of taking the animal. Hunters may still use the phone report system, but the online and mobile systems are fast, convenient, and easy for hunters to accurately enter information.

More information on harvest reporting is available on DEC's website.

More information on CWD is also available on DEC's website.

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# Governor Hochul Announces Updates to NY's Nation-leading Cybersecurity Regulations as Part of Sweeping Effort to Protect Businesses and Consumers from Cyber Threats

*Amendments to New York's First-In-The-Nation Cybersecurity Regulations Will Mandate New Controls, Require More Regular Risk Assessments, Update Notification Requirements to Enhance Protections for New Yorkers*

*Builds on Governor's Commitment to Bolstering Cybersecurity Statewide Following Launch of New York's First-Ever Cybersecurity Strategy*

**Amended Regulations Available Here**

[https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/regulatory\\_activity/financial\\_services](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/regulatory_activity/financial_services)

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the New York State Department of Financial Services has amended its nation-leading cybersecurity regulations to enhance cyber governance, mitigate risks, and protect New York businesses and consumers from cyber threats. The amended regulations builds on the sweeping impact of the original cybersecurity regulations, which established the innovative framework that is now modeled by both federal and state financial regulators to protect against cyber threats, and the Governor's comprehensive, statewide effort to improve safeguards for businesses and consumers. A copy of the final adopted regulations is available on the DFS website

[https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/regulatory\\_activity/financial\\_services](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/regulatory_activity/financial_services)

“New York has always led the way in protecting businesses and consumers from online threats, and with these amendments to our nation-leading cybersecurity regulations, we are continuing to set the national standard,” Governor Hochul said. “On the heels of launching the State's first-ever cybersecurity strategy, boosting state law enforcement's cyber capabilities, and signing landmark legislation to protect our energy grid from cyberattacks, my administration is doubling down on our commitment to ensuring that financial institutions have the safeguards in place to protect vital customer data and maintain the integrity of our financial system.”

New York State Superintendent of Financial Services Adrienne A. Harris said, “This regulation continues the Department's transformative, data-driven approach to cybersecurity oversight. Cyberattacks are on the rise, and the

updates require the financial services industry to institute stronger standards and controls to secure sensitive data. Expanded use of proven protections such as multifactor authentication will be required while maintaining the risk-based flexibility of the landmark cybersecurity regulations.”

“These updated cybersecurity regulations strengthen New York's leadership in smart, effective cyber policy,” said New York State Chief Cyber Officer Colin Ahern. “The new rules build on our risk-based approach to integrate cybersecurity with enhanced governance, more robust access controls and assessments, updated reporting rules including for ransomware, and requirements for personnel training, these regulations raise the bar for cyber resilience. Even as cyber threats grow more complex, New York continues to deliver innovative solutions that secure critical systems, safeguard data, and protect consumers and businesses alike. I applaud the Governor and Department of Financial Services for advancing these impactful new cyber standards.”

The new rules strengthen the Department of Financial Services' (DFS) risk-based approach to ensure that cybersecurity is integrated into regulated entities' business planning, decision-making, and ongoing risk management. Key changes in the regulations include:

- o Enhanced governance requirements;
- o Additional controls to prevent initial unauthorized access to information systems and to prevent or mitigate the spread of an attack;
- o Requirements for more regular risk and vulnerability assessments, as well as more robust incident response, business continuity, and disaster recovery planning;
- o Updated notification requirements including a new requirement to report ransomware payments; and
- o Updated direction for companies to invest in at least annual training and cybersecurity awareness programs that anticipate social engineering attacks and that are otherwise relevant to their business model and personnel.

As part of its data-driven approach to cybersecurity, DFS conducted significant outreach through cyber symposiums and conferences and dialogue with state, federal and international regulators, industry, and other experts in the field of cybersecurity. The adopted amendment holds DFS-regulated businesses and licensed entities accountable for implementing cybersecurity protections, and ensuring they maintain cyber defenses appropriate to their size, nature of business, and the type of data maintained, among other relevant considerations while continuing to foster growth of New York's financial services industry.

Under Governor Hochul's leadership, New York continues to create the national model for smart and effective cybersecurity policy. Earlier this year, the Governor launched the first-ever New York State Cybersecurity Strategy, a comprehensive roadmap to build cyber resilience in every corner of the state. Governor Hochul also launched a nation-leading cybersecurity shared services program to protect county and local government entities, covering more than 65,000 government-owned computers across the state, and expanded the state's law enforcement cyber capabilities by growing the Computer Crimes Unit, Cyber Analysis Unit, and Internet Crimes Against Children Center at the New York State Police. Last year, Governor Hochul also signed landmark legislation to protect New York's energy grid from cyberattacks. As cyber threats rapidly evolve, New York remains at the cutting edge of cybersecurity policy and continues to strengthen defenses across the public and private sectors.

DFS will host a series of webinars to provide an overview of the amended cybersecurity regulations. Registration details for these training events and compliance timeline are available on the DFS website.



## MOLINARO MEMO

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

### Back To Governing

Congressman Mike Johnson is the new Speaker of the House. He assured me he will give a voice to those I represent in Upstate NY. Now we are getting back to what we came here to do - serve YOU and make a difference.

### Secured Tech Hub Designation for Binghamton Battery Manufacturing Hub

We got the designation! Binghamton is now one of the 31 Tech Hubs. With our local partners we are continuing to pave the way to transform Binghamton into a Battery Manufacturing Hub and showing why our community is a great place to invest and create jobs in.

### Launched Effort to Raise Awareness for Disability Community

Excited to launch a new initiative: Think DIFFERENTLY Stories. It's a forum for families with disabilities to share stories of hope, optimism, as well as the challenges they face. Our goal is to promote awareness, gather feedback, and encourage families with disabilities to keep moving forward. Share your story!

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### Westbrookville Post Office Is Reopening

The Westbrookville Post Office will be reopening on November 14th. After abruptly closing in June - I put pressure on the Postal Service to get it back open.

### Supporting Davis Bacon and Helping Workers Deal With Inflation

We had a Small Business Committee hearing centered on Department of Labor regulations like the recent updates to the Davis Bacon Act. Improvements have been made to help workers across Upstate NY and the nation deal with inflation.

### Antisemitic Incident at Binghamton University

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2163113007215851>

A student at Binghamton University said, "Israel is worse than Nazi Germany." This is horrifying and sadly ignorant. I will always respect the right to free expression, but you must take the time to learn, and understand history. I will not stand for antisemitism.

### Legislative Update: Introduced Bill to Prevent Costly Flooding

I put forward the Flooding Prevention, Assessment, and Restoration Act to help Upstate NY better prepare for, respond to, and prevent future flooding. It's bipartisan and Congress must act on it.

### Supporting Breast Cancer Research

I'm supporting federal funding for the Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP) to advance scientific research and find a cure for breast cancer.

### Investments in Upstate New York

**\$360 million in federal funding is coming to New York State through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program** to help families pay their heating bill this winter. I'm a proud supporter of this program. No family should ever have to choose between heating their home or putting food on the table.

**The Family Enrichment Network of Greater Binghamton** will receive \$2.8 million in federal funding for Broome County's Head Start Program! I am working in Congress to expand this program and ensure quality services are available for all children.

**Stood with the Transport Workers Union** to talk about my bill, the Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act. It establishes a critical safety standard and protects American jobs. I've gotten this bill included in the FAA Reauthorization adopted by the House. We will keep pressing ahead.

**Recognized Columbia County Habitat for Humanity** at its ReStore ribbon cutting, which celebrated 30 years of exceptional service building safe & affordable housing for the community!

**Met with Quadrant Biosciences.** They're making a difference everyday by finding better treatments and diagnostic technology for children with autism and other developmental disorders. Thank you for your amazing work.

Sincerely,

Marc Molinaro (NY-19)

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## Barbi Neumann-Marty receives 2023 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award!

We are thrilled to announce that Barbi Neumann-Marty has been honored with the 2023 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award!

Barbi's tireless dedication to youth advocacy, mentorship, support for community members in need, and her remarkable work in rescuing neglected and abused animals in Sullivan County serve as an inspiration to us all. This prestigious award acknowledges her outstanding commitment to our community, and we are incredibly proud of her well-deserved achievement.

Congratulations, Barbi!

# Olive Free Library



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 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4 AT 11 A.M.  
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 bring yoga mat & blanket if desired

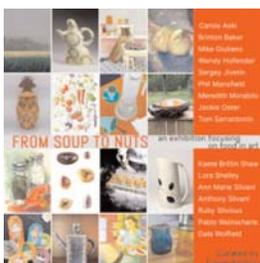
**Speaker Series**  
 OLIVE FREE LIBRARY  
**November 4 2:00 p.m.**

**The Truth Against the World**

For 15 years, David worked for the San Francisco private investigation firm of Palladino & Sutherland, and played a significant part in a number of high-profile criminal and civil litigations.



**David Corbett**



**FROM SOUP TO NUTS**

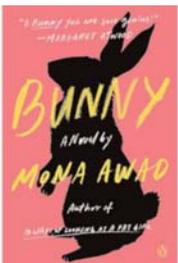
Join us for the Artist Meet & Greet  
 Sunday, November 5th 2:30-4pm

**FREE INDIVIDUAL MEDICARE COUNSELING**  
 from the Ulster County Office of the Aging

Call the Office of the Aging for an appointment:  
**845-340-3456**

Appointments available:  
 November 14, 21 & 28, 1-4 p.m.

**BETWEEN THE LINES YA BOOK CLUB**  
**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28 AT 6:00 P.M.**



**BUNNY**  
 by Mona Awad

**Trivia Night**

**3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 5 P.M.**

**Makers Open Hours!**

first & last Wednesday of the month  
 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Bring your sewing or other craft projects to work on in good company at the library!



The library is accepting like-new book donations from **10am-noon on Saturdays in November**

Drop-off donations outside of this window cannot be accepted by library staff!

All items should be in *like-new condition*



**COMING SOON...**

**I See Red** art exhibition opening & Concert Fundraiser by the B2's  
 Saturday, November 18, 3:00pm  
 concert begins at 3:30  
 \$10 suggested donation-all proceeds benefit the library!

**November, Remember with Kate McCloughlin & Nina Shengold**  
 Saturday, November 25, 3:00 p.m.

**Holiday Fair!**  
 Saturday, December 9, 10am-4pm  
 Sunday, December 10, 11am-3pm

**A Town Shaped by Water**

A Bicentennial Exhibit—200 Years of Olive History

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# Time and the Valleys Museum

## Grahamsville, NY

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Did you know that Museum membership is only \$25 a YEAR?  
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- Free admission to all diverse in-person and virtual programs
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- Monthly historical and informative emails
- 10% discount in the Museum Shop



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Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740  
845 985-7700 [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

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Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



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Are you a parent struggling with your family?  
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**Text 845-372-1817**  
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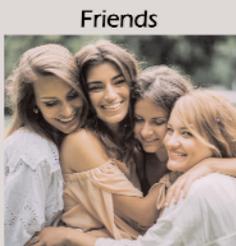


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Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD  
**WEDNESDAY**  
@ 6:30 PM





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

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EVERY 2ND & 4TH  
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@ 6:30 PM





# Autumn Fun with **LEGO** at the Daniel Pierce Library

**Show your engineering side,  
keeping fall in mind!**

**November 2023**

**"Jack-O-Lanterns" Grades K-1**  
**Wednesday, November 1st, 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

Show off your creative "carving" skills with this pumpkin challenge!



**"Talking Turkeys" Grades 2-3**  
**Wednesday, November 8th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

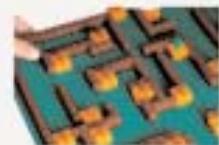
What's fall without a turkey or two?

Build some pumpkins to go with your turkeys too!



**"A-MAZE-ing Pumpkin Patch" Grades 4-6**  
**Wednesday, November 15th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

Stump your friends with a challenging fall pumpkin maze!



**Stop by the library to see your child's masterpiece on display for a limited time!**

Parents and guardians are responsible for making arrangements for transportation. If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than the Monday before the program. Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

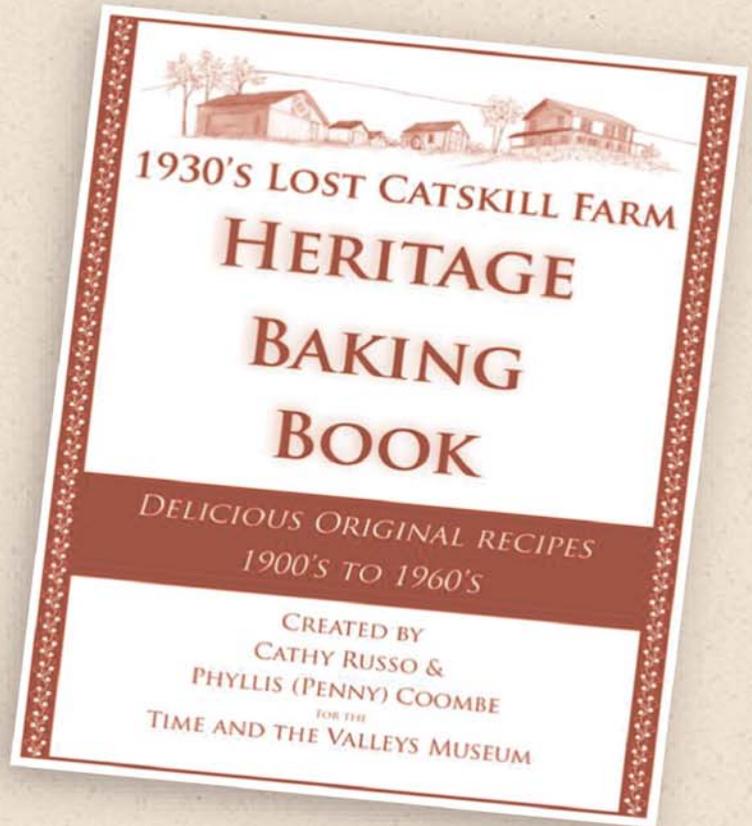
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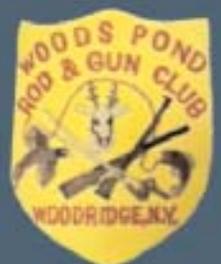
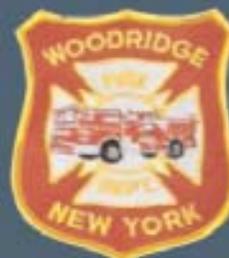
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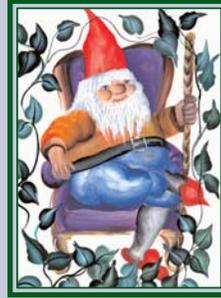


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Audi Murphy joined the Army in 1942. His first assignment was in Morocco as a replacement in the 3rd Platoon in 1943. Audie Murphy was a leader before his rank of Lieutenant. He excelled in several battles. In Italy, his abilities as a combat

infantryman earned him promotions and decorations for his heroism. After being wounded in combat, Murphy was removed from the battlefield and promoted to Lieutenant. The Lieutenant General Alexander Patch, commander of the Army, gave him the Medal of Honor. Audie Murphy also received 33 U.S. medals for his courage and heroism in battle. He jumped up on a burning tank and with the tanks 30 caliber machine gun, he stopped a Nazi offensive of over two-hundred men.. This was only one of many other acts of heroism

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Kevin Spacey  
**This weeks' Trivia question:** What Rat Pack member did Mia Farrow marry?



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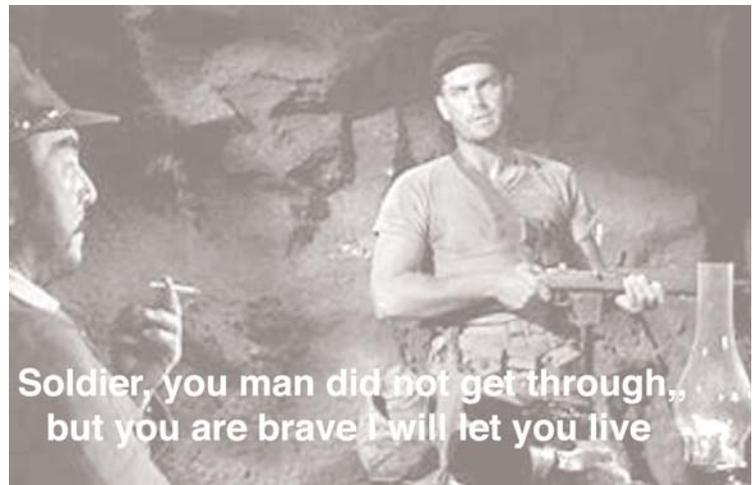


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