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

Gary & Hema Patel and The Grahamsville Deli



Please stop in and welcome Gary and Hema Patel as the new owners of the Grahamsville Deli, which they recently purchased from the Medi Beluli family. Many of you will recognize Gary and Hema as they still co-own and operate the Convenience Store (formerly Citgo) at Route 42 and 52 in Woodbourne since 2005. The Woodbourne store will now sell Shell gasoline going forward. Having worked in the Personal Lines Unit at The Misner Agency in Woodbourne just shy of 20 years, we took care of Hema's and Gary's Personal Auto and Homeowner Insurance needs, and the Misner Commercial Lines Unit handled their business insurance needs. You can reach The Misner Agency at 845-434-7755 if you have any insurance questions or needs.

Having been right across the street from Hema's and Gary's store, we often ordered delicious lunches and sometimes took home dinner from their store. They always had a great assortment of heroes and even chicken fingers and great fries. Hema and Gary and their close relatives run both stores, and you can find Hema and relatives running the Grahamsville store most mornings and Gary taking over the afternoon and evening hours of their new store. Both still work the Woodbourne store as well. In 1999 Gary and family arrived in Chicago from India and came to New York in 2001. Gary and Hema worked at the Loch Sheldrake Citgo from 2001, and then purchased the Woodbourne Citgo in 2005 and still co-own it. They purchased the Grahamsville Deli in October 2024. (Contd. Pg. 5)

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More than ever, thank you for your continued support.

ON THE FRONT BURNER: Give give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; because his mercy endureth forever. Psalm 118:1

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

December 8, 1954

A new mail route was started this week over Lackawack Hill, up through Yeagerville to Sundown. The mailman is Guy Curry who has driven the Sundown-Yeagerfille route for years only not over Lackawack Hill.

Mr. and Mrs Richard Brooks are the parents of a boy, Robert Allen, born November 23 at Veteran's Hospital, Ellenville. The baby's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brooks of Gardiner

November 18, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Knight announce the engagement of their daughter, m Arlene Marie to Warren Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Graham of Grahamsville. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and the Central Academy of Beauty Culture. She is the operator of Arlene's Beauty Shop in town. Warren attended Tri-Valley Central School and served three years in the U.S. Army. He is employed by Channel Master. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mrs. Carrie K. Barkley, 89 passed away on November 10 at Liberty Loomis Hospital. She was born in Claryville on Aril 15, 1875, the daughter of Nathan and Sarah Krom Knight. She was married

October 29, 1902 to Noland G. Barkley who passed away in January 1948. Among the survivors is a brother, John Knight of Grahamsville.

December 4, 1974

A new concrete and steel bridge crossing the Willowemoc Creek in the Town of Neversink was officially opened Wednesday, November 27th with the snip of a ribbon by Chairman Joseph Raffa of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors. The 170 foot long structure and access road was built by the Sullivan County Dept. of Public Works at a cost of \$325,000 and replaced a temporary wooden bridge erected 25 years ago. The new bridge is 50 feet from the old site.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ackerley of Grahamsville, NY have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Anita, to Vincent Van Etten, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Van Etten of Liberty, NY. No date has been set for the wedding.

December 13, 1984

Karen Shelton and James Foster were married on October 27 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception Woodbourne with Father Maher officiating. The bride is the daughter of Donald and Audrey Shelton of Grahamsville. The bridegroom is the son of John and Ann Powers of Grahamsville. The bride is employed by the Rhulen Insurance Agency in Monticello. The groom is employed by the Sullivan County Dept. of Public Works.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley
Published November 30, 1996

Warm memories blossom anew with each holiday, and Thanksgiving is food for memories.

When I was a child, food was something that filled my stomach - at least, that was the way I thought about it. Thanksgiving Day brought so many relatives for dinner I had to fight real hard to get my share. But that was O.K.; Thanksgiving came but once a year.

Mom's cooking was plain but very pleasing. She very seldom opened a can of food from the store - that was a part of Dad's income. During the summer months she was busy canning jars of fruit, vegetables, and pickles. By autumn our cellar shelves would be lined with jars of food. My parents raised chickens.

Mother always prepared for the holidays. But oh the memories I have of those simple yet pleasing meals we enjoyed way back when. They were far more satisfying than a modern-day gourmet feast.

Claryville Reformed Church Gingerbread Bash

This year, join us for our Gingerbread Bash where your family will build a gingerbread nativity while celebrating the birth of Jesus. More than that, you'll hear the Christmas story from the Bible, sing songs, play games, and discover the good news of Jesus through candy canes! Sunday December 15th 1:30-3:30 PM. Claryville Reformed Church Church Hall at 946 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY.

Registration is needed so there are enough supplies for each child/family. The link for registration is on the flyer.

Household Hint:

Deodorize musty upholstery

Banish smells from the soft, cushy places around your house by sprinkling surfaces with baking soda, letting it sit for 15 minutes, then vacuuming it up.

You can also use this method to freshen up your mattress between cleanings.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Red Berries of the Season - Wickedly Wild - Beautiful Barberry

Have you noticed the beautiful red berries on all of the Barberry bushes that have invaded our countryside! Originally, Barberry was planted as an ornamental, but then escaped from its intended habitat.

Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), a popular ornamental deciduous shrub native to Japan and eastern Asia, and widely naturalized in China was introduced in the United States as an ornamental plant in 1875. Growing to heights of 3 feet and more, Barberry is a small deciduous shrub that has little green leaves that turn a beautiful pinkish orange to red in the autumn. Its bright red fruit adds to the shrub's desirability as an ornamental species.

Barberry, a perennial is a compact, woody shrub that has deeply grooved, brown, spiny arched branches with a single very sharp spine at each shoot node. These spines are metamorphosed leaves of the shoots, bearing fascicles (bundle of fibers or conducting vessels in plants) of small leaves in their axes. The roots are yellow inside and the inner bark is bright yellow. The small oval shaped leaves are green to blue-green during spring and summer. They are produced in clusters of 2-6 on a dwarf shoot in the axil of each spine. The flowers are pale yellow and look like a long drooping umbrella that grow in small clusters (2 to 5). The flowers have six petals, which are similar in appearance to the four sepals, but are usually smaller than the sepals and with two glands at the base of each. Flowers are bisexual.

Flowering is from mid spring to early summer.

Fruits are ovoid, dry or slightly juicy but solid berries, scarlet in color, and persist well into the winter

Each fruit contains a single seed that matures during late summer and fall and endures through the winter. The seeds are mainly dispersed by birds and small mammals. Sprouts from rhizomes and branches that come in contact with the ground can form a dense impenetrable mass.

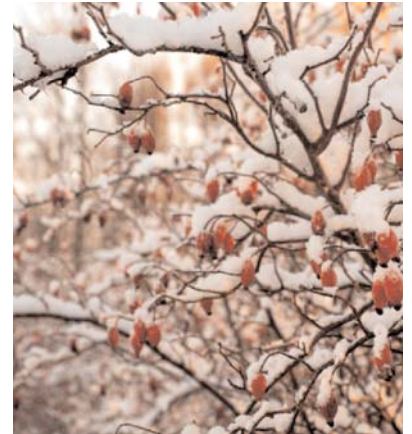
The plant grows under a wide range of moisture and light levels. It is found in shaded woodlands, open fields, wetlands and disturbed lands. Sunny sites are preferred to shady areas but Barberry can survive with very little light.

In recent years, Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) has been recognized as an invasive species in many parts of the eastern United States. It is prohibited from being a seed contaminant in Michigan and banned from sale in Massachusetts. In New York State it is considered an invasive species.

Whereas deer avoid Barberry, the bushes do provide an exceptionally favorable environment for ticks due to the high humidity present in the Barberry's dense foliage. It is hypothesized that the spread of barberry is correlated with the spread of Lyme disease. Tick numbers are higher in areas with thick barberry understories, as opposed to areas with controlled barberry or no barberry. Ticks wait on branches for an animal (you could be the animal) to leap on to.

I guess you could say the Barberry is wickedly wild, but beautiful!

Friday the Barberry in our back yard melded into a winter scene with its showy crimson red berries enhanced by a white background of freshly fallen snow, another attractive facet of the wicked Barberry!



Aktion Club of Sullivan County has Busy November

During the month of November, in addition to making and distributing cards to local veterans, the Aktion Club of Sullivan County collected non perishable food items from club members, agency reps and Kiwanis Co-Advisors and had fun decorating and filling six baskets that were distributed to families in need in the Liberty, Monticello and Fallsburg School Districts as well as to the Federation for the Homeless, United Way of Sullivan County and Sullivan County Family Court Children's Center.

The members also remembered their four legged friends and donated items to the Sullivan County SPCA in Rock Hill, New York.

The month ended with Anthony(Tony) Radzieski being installed as a proud new member of the club by Monticello Kiwanis Past President Jane Sorensen. Tony was sponsored by Aktion Club member Betsy Kashdan.

It was a busy time, but the Aktion Club members enjoyed helping to make Thanksgiving more special and enjoyable for some families in the community and they were happy to support the SPCA, to remember and thank the veterans for their service and to welcome Tony into their



United Way Chief Professional Officer Julian Dawson (left of banner) and Federation Director Kathy Kreiter (right of banner) with Aktion Club members and advisors proudly displaying the Thanksgiving Baskets that were donated to several local schools and organizations.

Aktion Club Family.

Aktion Club, which is co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge, New York, is comprised of individuals with various degrees of disabilities who are affiliated with ARC the Greater Hudson Valley, New Hope Community and The Center for Discovery.



Family Court Children's Center Asst. Teacher Ashley Madison and Program Manager Lucia Hernandez holding donated Thanksgiving basket that will be distributed to a needy family.



Kiwanian Jane Sorensen with newly installed Aktion Club member Anthony Radzieski and his sponsor Betsy Kashdan.

Gary & Hema Patel and The Grahamsville Deli

(From Pg. 1) The Grahamsville Deli store hours are from 6am to 8pm from Monday through Saturday, and Sunday's hours are 7am to 5pm. Gary said that customers could order hot meals up to 1 hour before the store closes.



The Grahamsville Deli's phone number is 845-985-3000 or 845-985-0107. Not only does the store make fresh cold cut sandwiches, but also has large and tasty hamburgers, chicken parm and other types of hero sandwiches. You can eat in or take out food. Medi, the prior owner has provided recipe



training to Hema, Gary, and Staff so they still make wonderful lasagnas, meatballs, soups, and other specialties. The Deli

also offers fresh fruit and produce such as bananas, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, and more.



Thank you, Medi, for sharing your recipes with Gary and Hema and for serving the Grahamsville Community for so many years. We wish Medi a happy, healthy, and peaceful retirement.



Getting back to Gary and Hema, they are incredibly hard workers and know almost all of their customers by first names. If you are

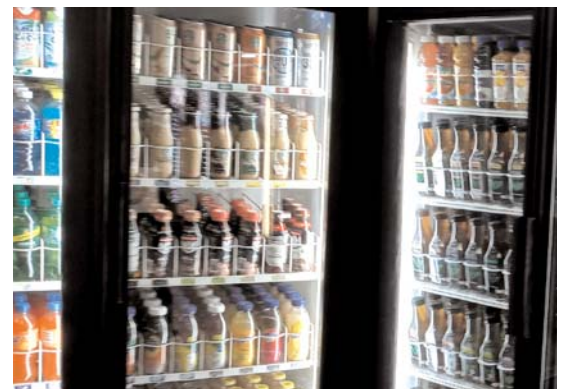


new to their Deli, give it a bit of time and they will know your name shortly. They are just wonderful and warm folks and make you feel welcome every time you enter their store. Their hardworking ethic has also been passed to their three children. Their daughter Archna Patel is a Doctor/Nurse Practitioner and daughter Sonal, a Respiratory Therapist - both daughters work at Montefiore/Einstein Hospital in the Bronx. Their son Keval has a master's degree in finance and holds a second degree as an Information Technology Officer and works in Chicago.

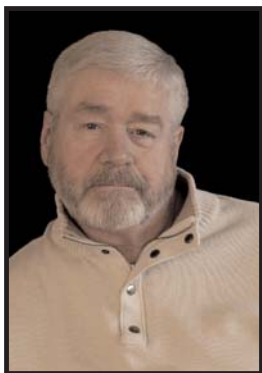


You can see several photos of Hema and Gary Patel and their upgrades to the deli with this article. If any questions, please feel free to call Gary at the phone numbers above or on his cell at 845-807-8349 or email to patelgary@icloud.com.

Wishing one and all a happy & HEALTHY holiday season!



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At First Light

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 109

by John Dwaine McKenna

Mysterious Book Report No. 468

Published Dec 9, 2021

Award-winning and best-selling author —as well as personal friend —Barbara Nickless, has just launched her latest book featuring a pair of all new characters in a high intensity thriller that will take your breath away.

At First Light, (Thomas & Mercer, \$15.95, PB, 400 pages, ISBN 970-1-5420-26-41-3), by Barbara Nickless, introduces a female character named Addie Bisset, who's a homicide detective who works in the Chicago Police Department. The novel opens at the scene of a man who's been ritually murdered, his body staked out to resemble the ancient bodies found in peat bogs throughout Europe, then left beside the Calumet River with mysterious symbols carved on wooden strips arranged like sunbeams around his head. They turn out to be Viking runes. Baffled, Addie calls in a consultant, her friend, university professor Evan Wilding, a forensic semiotician (Someone who studies signs and symbols) to try to decipher the markings. When a second body, also killed in ritualistic manner turns up, it becomes apparent they're dealing with a possible serial killer in this outstanding psychological thriller. Evan uses all of his linguistic ability in attempting to get inside the killer's mind and find out exactly who he or she is. In translating the archaic runes, he determines that the killer intends to slay three more victims. But as Addie and Evan struggle to find the monster before he claims more victims they're impeded by an unknown someone who's deliberately leading them astray, as well as hampered by her misogynistic superior . . . a lieutenant . . . who doesn't think females are capable of anything more than administrative or clerical duties.

A back-story featuring tidbits of romance, as well as frequent references to the epic poem *Beowulf* and a smattering of historic Viking lore, keep the plot moving and the reader fully engaged and eager for the next installment of what promises to be an exciting and dynamic series. Barbara Nickless is an awesome talent! You won't be disappointed. . .

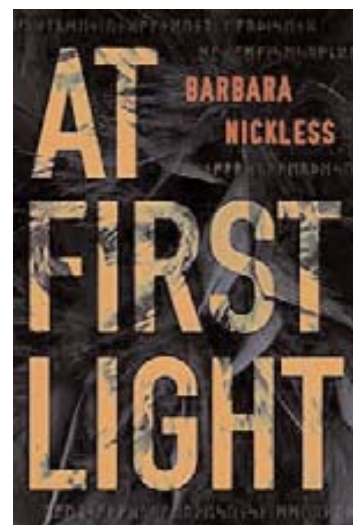
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NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE



The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Holiday Dilemma

Holiday overload is setting in. While riding to my book club the other night, I saw so many holiday lights and lit, decorated trees in lighted windows. It was the week before Thanksgiving. That and the Friday snow shocked me into Holiday stress mode.

I can only do one holiday at a time, so next weekend I shall put my artificial tree, with lights only, into the umbrella stand on my wrought iron picnic table and light it up with a dusk to dawn timer. The string of colored lights should be on it from last year.

I did some search and click on Amazon for shopping, and now I sit back and wait for the POD, as my husband calls it. "The Package of the Day" is usually a clever (at least I think it is clever) vehicle to deliver cash and checks. The youngest person on my list is fourteen, so I no longer buy things that disappear into the Netherland of closets and yard sales and Goodwill bins. Of course, a donation to St. Jude's.

I will cut greens and red berries and bring out a few favorites from my eight bins of decorations stored in the eaves of my lady loft. Then I will try to enjoy the season by charting some of the Holiday Events. Here are a few to choose from:

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Enjoy the sounds of the season!

The **Middle School Winter Concert** will take place on Wednesday, December 4, at 7 PM, and the **High School Winter Concert** will take place on Thursday, December 12, at 7 PM. In addition, **Bennett Elementary School Grade 5 student musicians** will show off their skills at their **Ensemble Winter concert**, to be held on Wednesday, December 18, at 6:30 PM, with an alternative date of Thursday, December 19, in case of inclement weather.

All concerts will be held in the Harry Simon Auditorium at the Middle School/High School.

Don't miss it-these musicians are sure to impress!

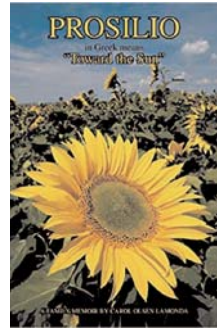
This is our 9th year hosting this Fabulously Jolly Event! **Miracle On Main Street** is a completely FREE event for all! The evening starts with a Parade of Lights (Line Up is at 4pm! If your interested in being in the Parade, please email, Krisrcraig1985@gmail.com!)

Our **Annual Christmas Tree lighting** is at 5-5:30pm (Located at the Ice Cream Station on Main Street!) followed by a town wide gathering at the Parish Hall! There will be Face Painting- By Gillian Jule, Holiday Craft- Sponsored By The Phoenicia Library, Cupcake Decorating- By Craig's Custom Creations, Food & Drinks donated by our Local Eateries and some Holiday favorites with DJ, Ricky Cannon! A Spectacular evening for all!

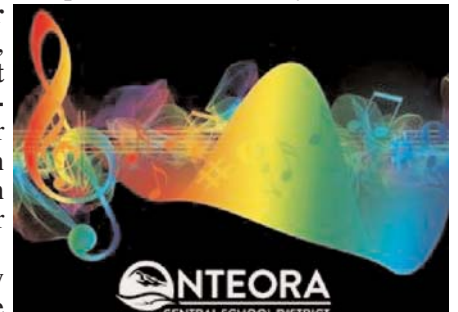
So much to do. So many choices.

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*



December 6th, 7th & 8th at John Parete's Boiceville Inn on Route 28 in Boiceville. Friday and Saturday dinners will be 7:00 p.m. with showtime at 8:00 p.m. Sunday dinner will be at 3:00 p.m. with play starting at 4:00 p.m. Join us for A Christmas Carol singing along directly following the play. The cost will be \$30. per person and \$20. for children under twelve. To reserve a space text Amanda @845-594-9050 leave a message with a name and # of spaces needed



Tis' the Season to be Thankful Happy Thanksgiving from the DPL

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Happy Thanksgiving! We are so grateful for all of our wonderful patrons, volunteers, friends and families who allow us to do what we all here at the DPL do best-run the greatest little library "this side of the Mason-Dixon line"-okay, that's a little pretentious, but the DPL really is an amazing library in a fantastic community (and I might be a little biased).

Regardless, we couldn't be more thankful for the support the community shows us through the utilization of our library services, participation in our events, and positive feedback through our social media platforms.

On that note, here's a quick reminder that we will be closing at 3PM on Wednesday, and closed Thursday and Friday to celebrate the holidays with our loved ones and hope that you will have the opportunity to do so as well. Please stop by the library (before 3PM) and check out a few books to hold you over until next week. Our adult winter holiday collection is out, available and flying off the shelves. We're in the process of displaying our children's holiday books (there's a ton of them!) so please come upstairs to check out what's on the shelves while the kids are off from school.

We're updating our website with our December and January special events so be on the lookout for information on really amazing programs...for a little sneak peek...think gingerbread houses and latkes and applesauce. So delicious and so fun; sure to be a great time!



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Thanksgiving

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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

I guess winter is officially here now, with our first snowstorm of the season. I sincerely hope all have their power back. Living in a valley, we kind of escaped unscathed with maybe four inches.

Back in October, my friends DEBBIE FISHER PALMARINI and PAUL KEAN packed up a vehicle and took to the road with Pueblo, Colorado as their end point. If you followed this journey, you already know they brought their music to many places along the way.



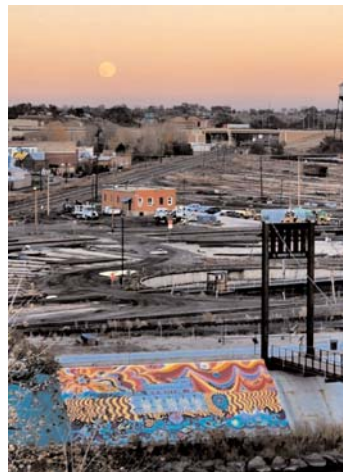
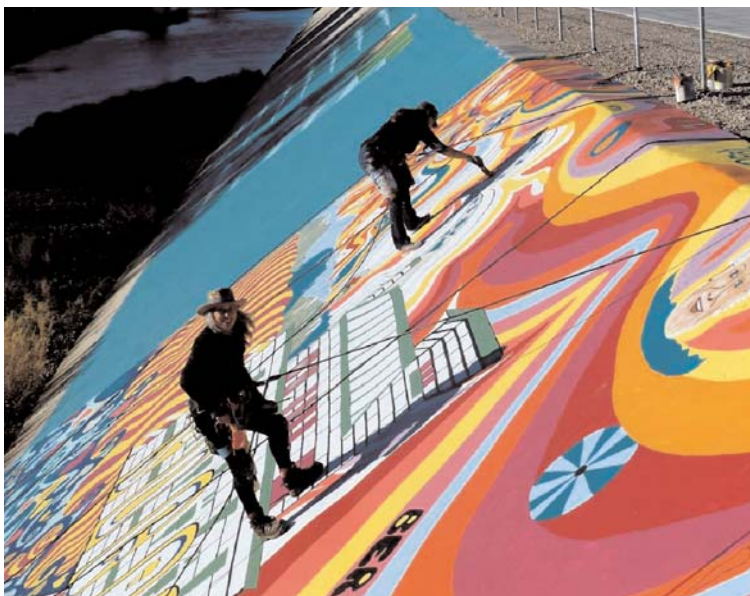
In Pueblo, there was an artistic movement to bring beauty to the starkly unbeautiful levees called the PUEBLO LEVEE MURAL PROJECT. It was Debbie who was tapped to make it happen, immortalizing the iconic 'Sugarcube house' owned by JAY ROSENBERG, brother of our own DAVID ROSENBERG.

The Sugarcube house, built

over one hundred years ago, still stands prominently in this Pueblo community with only a few changes from the original design. Debbie's design, 24'x48' (yes, that's feet, not inches!) was truly daunting for those of this artistic persuasion.



But there was my friend, supported by ropes, carrying paint and brushes, filling in the 'sketch' with the bright colors of her own indomitable style along with volunteers. And they were under the gun, so to speak, working against the changing seasons to finish before the weather turned. Dawn to dusk. The result was spectacu-



lar! Immortalizing not just this historic house but Debbie's unique, beautifully executed artistic style.

So, she gets back to the East Coast and hits the ground running including a very successful

Open Mic at THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE!

The actual sugarcube house photo credit goes to Mr Paul Kean

This coming Sunday, THE FREDRICK COOK SOCIETY and THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM is hosting DONNA and RICK NESTLER, better known to me as THE DIRTY STAYOUT SKIFFLERS. This is one performance you should not miss! Sunday, December 2, at 2pm.



RJ BAKER's court date on November 20th had a surprise in store for all those who showed up in support...the court was cancelled due to an emergency for the judge. Apparently it was sudden as I ran into a few people with this date, including a lawyer with his clients, who showed up only to be presented with a taped notice on the door. And the saga continues....

And just because this is the start of my hiatus, it doesn't mean I won't be bringing my

'two cents' to you if I have something to say or bring to you. The publishers have graciously allowed me to do so.

Have a wonderful holiday season! Stay safe, stay well, and I'll see you soon!

With greatest regards,

The Met Live HD Returns to Seelig Theatre

The Met: Live in HD, the Metropolitan Opera's award-winning series of live high-definition cinema simulcasts, will return to SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theatre starting on Saturday, December 7 with an encore holiday transmission of *The Magic Flute**, a family-friendly production of Mozart's dazzling fairy tale sung in English and running under two hours.

The 2024-25 Live in HD season also features new stagings of Strauss's *Salome* by director Claus Guth, with a cast led by soprano Elza van den Heever and baritone Peter Mattei, and Verdi's *Aida*, with soprano Angel Blue and tenor Piotr Beczka, directed by Michael Mayer; the first-ever The Met: Live in HD transmission of Beethoven's *Fidelio*, along with Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* with an all-star cast; and director Bartlett Sher's beloved take on Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, with opera's newest star, mezzo-soprano Aigul Akhmetshina

https://sunysullivan.edu/met-opera/?mc_cid=f861f649f0&mc_eid=89c39ce9b4

"DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 15 Now Available: Relations with Indigenous Nations

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of "DEC Does What?!", the bi-weekly podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. Episode 15-"Relations with Indigenous Nations"-highlights the work of DEC's Office of Indian Nation Affairs to address environmental concerns, protect cultural resources, and advance shared knowledge through consultation with the nine State and Federally recognized Indian Nations in New York State.

November is Native American Heritage Month, a nationwide celebration of the contributions of Indigenous peoples and celebration of their heritage, traditions, culture, art, and history while acknowledging how society has impacted Indigenous peoples and culture. New York State was the first state to recognize 'American Indian Day' in 1916, originally observed on the second Saturday in May. In this episode, hosts Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff Erica Ringewald are joined by Peter Reuben, Director of DEC's Office of Indian Nation Affairs, and Beynan Ransom, the Office's Program Coordinator, to discuss how DEC works to strengthen relationships and engagement with Indigenous Nations on environmental issues, protection of cultural and historical resources, and development of policies around various areas, including environmental justice.

Pete and Beynan-who are enrolled members of Indigenous Nations-discuss how their personal experience shaped their careers with DEC, future goals and objectives for the Office of Indian Nation Affairs in the coming years, and the recent return of 1,000 acres of ancestral land in the Tully Valley to the Onondaga Nation.

Episode 15 also spotlights the latest environmental news and DEC initiatives, including statewide drought conditions, DEC's response to recent wildfires across the state-including the Jennings Creek fire in Orange County-and the statewide burn ban in place through Nov. 30, due to increased risk of wildfires. All episodes of "DEC Does What?!" are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, and all major podcast platforms.

For more information on "DEC Does What?!", visit the DEC podcast webpage. <https://dec.ny.gov/news/podcast>



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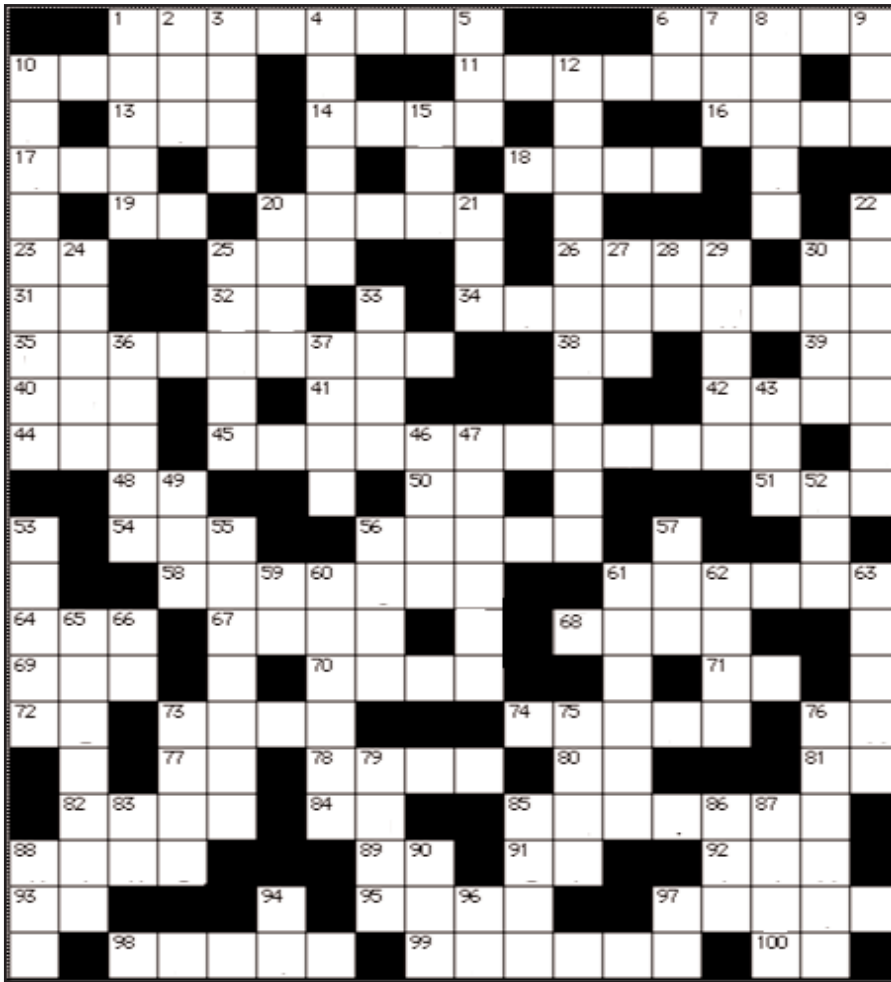
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 - 17 Nonstandard spelling of 'your'
 - 18 Metal cooking vessels
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 - 23 Large
 - 25 Cook in oil
 - 26 Jewish Religious ceremony
 - 30 Therefore
 - 31 Either
 - 32 Each
 - 34 One of the pilgrim's ships
 - 35 Massachusetts's Native American
 - 38 Room
 - 39 Rough exclamation
 - 40 The night before an event
 - 41 Ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter
 - 42 Tall slender grass
 - 44 Cereal grain
 - 45 Expression of gratitude
 - 48 Troop
 - 50 Internet Protocol
 - 51 Joyous ceremony
 - 54 Stitch
 - 56 Unintentionally slides
 - 58 Sitcom "Everybody Loves _____"
 - 61 Insist
 - 64 Large position
 - 67 Attack
 - 68 Pleasant
 - 69 Metal fastener
 - 70 Animal's den
 - 71 Associated Press
 - 72 Elevated railway
 - 73 Liquid measure
 - 74 Commonplace
 - 76 Father
 - 77 Supported by
 - 78 Leave out
 - 80 Southeast
 - 81 Mystical sound
 - 82 Circular band
 - 84 Negative
 - 85 Season's yield
 - 88 Peel
 - 89 Exclamation
 - 91 Higher position
 - 92 Sheer fabric made from pineapple leaf fiber
 - 93 Exist
 - 95 Incinerate
 - 97 He will make an appearance at the Thanksgiving Day Parade
 - 98 Sponsor of the Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade
 - 99 Inhabitant
 - 100 Leave
 - 10 Pilgrim ship that landed at Plymouth
 - 12 Small red "Thanksgiving berries"
 - 15 Fuel
 - 20 Grain husk
 - 21 Save Our Ship
 - 22 Day of festivity
 - 24 Meat sauce
 - 25 Large meal
 - 27 Rapid eye movement
 - 28 Part of the human psyche
 - 29 Given under oath
 - 30 Fruit of the blackthorne
 - 33 Feeling of distress
 - 36 Encounters
 - 37 Fiery gemstone
 - 43 Ovum
 - 46 Type of oven
 - 47 Eight-

- legged Arachnid
- 49 For each
- 52 Common girl's name
- 53 A fruit used to make wine
- 55 Omen
- 56 Carbonated beverage
- 57 Pertaining to recreation
- 59 Nonstandard spelling of 'you'
- 60 English poet
- who wrote "Paradise Lost"
- 61 Main meal of the day
- 62 Lunch or supper
- 63 Vision
- 65 Crusader
- 66 Printer's measure
- 73 Waterhole
- 75 As soon as possible
- 76 Spud
- 79 Ancient of Moabite
- 83 Surrounded by
- 85 Pursue
- 86 Environmental Protection Agency
- 87 Croon
- 88 Male sheep
- 90 Ancient Asian warrior
- 94 Near
- 96 Egyptian sun god
- 97 Chemical element selenium

From Scratch Pumpkin Pie

- 1 1/2 cups evaporated milk (1 can)
- 1 1/2 cups mashed cooked pumpkin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/2 recipe Plain Pastry

Sift dry ingredients together and stir into eggs. Add milk and pumpkin. Line pie plate with pastry and pour in filling. Bake in very hot oven (410° F.) 10 minutes; reduce temperature to slow (325° F.) and bake 35 minutes longer or until knife inserted in pie comes out clean. Cool. Makes 1 (9-inch) pie.

VARIATION-Use 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg and 1 1/2 teaspoon ginger instead of pumpkin pie spices.

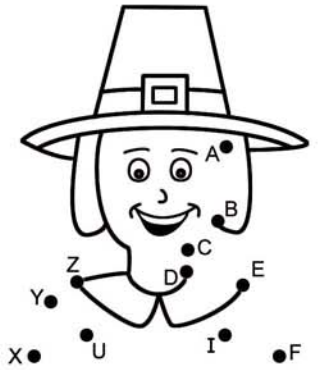
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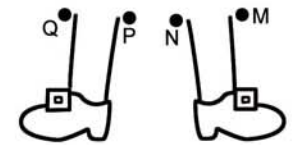
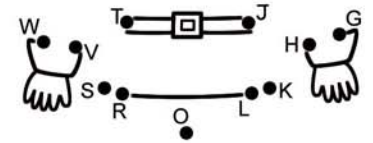
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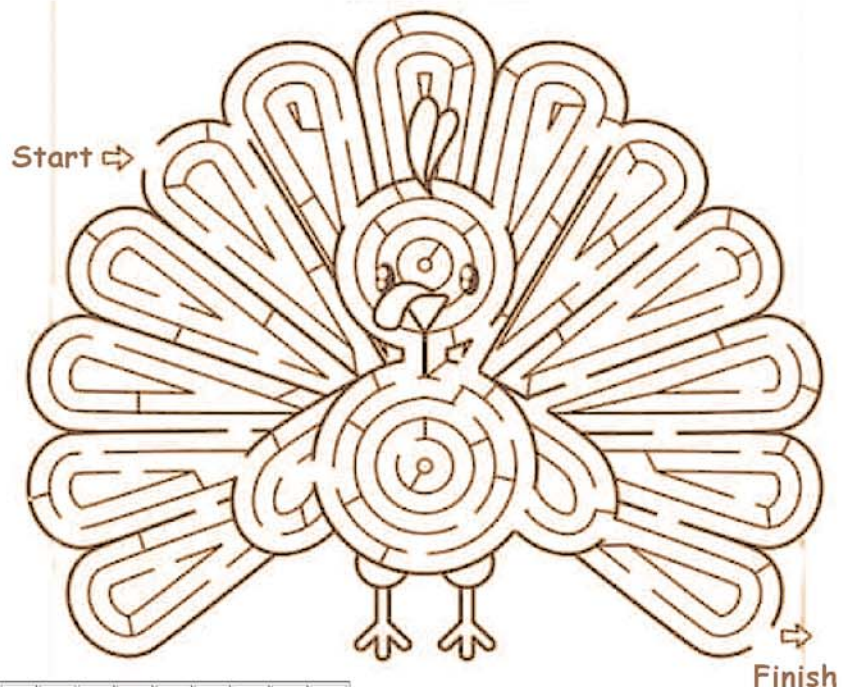
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Thanksgiving "Pumpkin Pie"



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Find your way through the Turkey Maze



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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

Dana Vogler, Secretary
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Outdoor Burn Ban Instituted Statewide • Conditions Across Sullivan County Remain Dangerously Dry

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

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

Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild, who was part of the team of hundreds of firefighters that this weekend battled a now-contained 600-acre blaze on the border of Sullivan and Ulster counties,

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday,
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continues to strenuously emphasize that outdoor burning is incredibly dangerous.

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

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

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

SC Man Electrocuted During Friday's Storm

On Friday November 22, 2024 at about 6:20 am, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of vehicle fire on County Route 121, known as the North Branch Road, in the Town of Callicoon. At the scene deputies found a gray 2015 Chrysler 300 which had approached a downed tree across the roadway and then attempted to turn around. While making a u-turn, the vehicle became entangled in electrical wires connected to a nearby utility pole. The driver exited the vehicle, and was electrocuted when his foot touched the pavement.

The Sheriff's Office has identified the victim as 28 year old Scott Pisall of North Branch NY. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Emergency Medical Technicians. Responding to the accident was Hortonville and North Branch Fire Departments, Upper Delaware Ambulance, Sullivan County EMS, Mobile Medic and Sullivan County Coroner Alan Kesten.

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Temple Sholom to Host Chanukah Celebration



WJFF's Jason Dole recording Temple Sholom's Chanukah celebration two years ago.

All are invited to Temple Sholom at 2:00 pm on December 22, 2024, for a gala Chanukah celebration. The event will feature Chanukah songs led by outstanding guitarist Steve Schwartz. Michael Zalkin, our local guitarist, will accompany Steve. Janna Pelle will lead the attendees in song, and Stacey Sharoff will MC the event.

Bring your menorah - The temple will supply candles. Volunteers will prepare potato latkes and donuts for all to enjoy. Candles will be lit at 2:15 pm, followed by songs and latkes.

Please RSVP by December 6 to 845-794-8731 or templeholom1954@gmail.com. Admission for adults who register before December 6 will be \$10.00, which will go up to \$13.00 for those who register later. Children under the age of 13 will be admitted free.

Registration will be easy for those who pay with Zelle.



Celebrants at Temple Sholom's Chanukah party two years ago.

The QR code is accessible on the temple website, templeholomNY.com. In case of serious snow, the event will be held on December 29.

Free Christmas Trees for Veterans

Free Christmas Trees for Veterans courtesy of Action Toward Independence, Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County, and Delaware Valley Farm & Garden Center in Callicoon.

In order to receive a tree, first call Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County to verify eligibility at 845-794-4228.

If you're eligible, you'll be directed to come to the ATI office in Monticello to receive your voucher to pick up the tree at Delaware Farms and Garden in Callicoon.

Warming Centers Opening for the Season Churches in Liberty, Monticello to Be Open 7 Nights a Week

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County will be opening its two warming centers this Friday, November 22, in Liberty and Monticello:

- o United Methodist Church, 170 North Main Street, Liberty
- o St. John's Episcopal Church, 15 St. John Street, Monticello

These facilities will remain open to anyone from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. every night through mid-April 2025.

"While last winter was relatively mild, we continue to have significant usage of both shelters," noted Sullivan County Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle. "The shortage of affordable and supportive housing inventory in the County continues to increase the number of people who utilize the warming centers during the colder months."

Warming centers in Sullivan County exist to protect unsheltered individuals from the cold of the winter. Staff are experienced and trained in working with people who have complex and severe service needs. These locations offer people more than a place to sleep, and human service providers from across the County chip in to help those in need gain access to medical care and other social service benefits.

Warming centers also give the vulnerable a place where they can feel safe. The Liberty warming center is directly across the street from the Village of Liberty police station, and once again the Monticello warming center will provide onsite security.

Deputy Social Services Commissioner Giselle Stekete added, "We're very fortunate to have such strong community partners. The teams at the United Methodist Church and the Federation for the Homeless have been exceptionally reliable and supportive."

Talented Duo to Perform in Hometown of Hurleyville Museum Hosting Couple on December 1

Hurleyville, NY - On Sunday, December 1 at 2 p.m., the Frederick Cook Society will present live music with Donna and Rick Nestler at the County Museum in Hurleyville.



Donna and Rick are Hurleyville residents who have been touring the U.S. and Australia for more than 20 years, performing their unique blend of blues, folk, old timey and Tin Pan Alley pop. The duo features Grammy Award-winner Rick Nestler on 12-string guitar and vocals, and Donna Nestler on concertina, banjo and vocals.

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

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

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

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

The concert, which is sponsored by the Frederick Cook Society, will take place at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. Call 845-434-8044 for more info or visit the Sullivan County Historical Society website at www.scnhistory.org.



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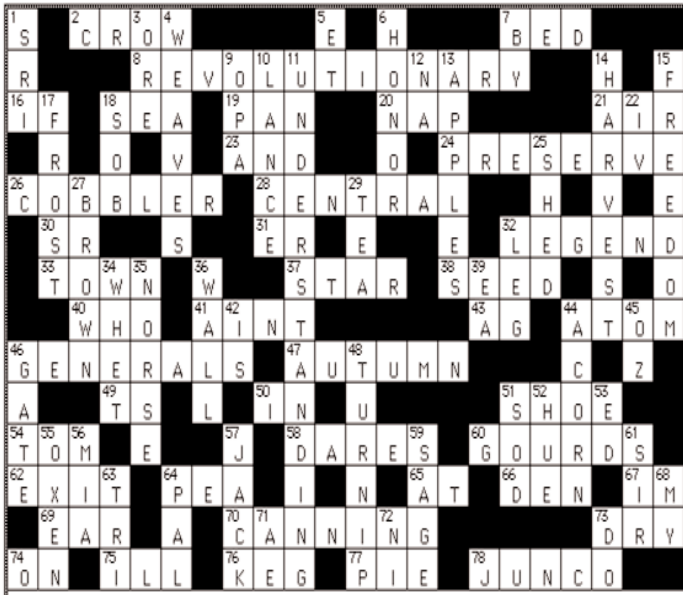
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**Sundown
United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper**

Saturday,

December 7, 2024 5:30 pm
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11/28-29/24	Town of Neversink Holiday - THANKSGIVING
12/3/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
12/4/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
12/7/24	Holiday Craft Sale - Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall & Time and the Valley Museum 10-3 pm
12/7/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
12/10/24	Claryville Fire District Election 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
12/10/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/11/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
12/17/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
12/19/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
12/19/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

Dec. 7, 2024 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Holiday Craft Sale

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>**Weekly Update for The Week of**

November 25 - November 29, 2024

Monday, November 25

o CANCELLED: Recycling Oversight Committee

o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 878 9035 1180; By Phone: (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, November 26

o No Meetings

Wednesday, November 27

o No Meetings

Thursday, November 28

o Thanksgiving Day - County Offices Closed

Friday, November 29

o Office Closed

Native American Heritage Month

Native American Heritage Month, observed each November, is a time to acknowledge the traditions, languages, and stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and affiliated Island communities. It's also a time for DEC and all New Yorkers to acknowledge the contributions that Indigenous People have made and continue to make to protect our shared environment. We celebrate the diverse culture and heritage of Indigenous Peoples who deeply enrich their communities and the quality and character of this nation.

DEC is working to improve our relationship with indigenous peoples while recognizing a shared and often challenging history. Over the past few years, our Indigenous neighbors have protected the Allegheny River from pollution, worked to restore Onondaga Lake, and removed a dam blocking fish migration up the Saint Regis River. There are many museums and cultural centers around the state where you can learn more about the heritage, traditions, and culture of Indigenous Peoples of New York State, including the Akwesasne Cultural Center, the Iroquois Museum, the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum, and the National Museum of the American Indian. Today, the DEC Office of Indian Nations Affairs (OINA) leads the agency's efforts to improve consultation, build shared knowledge, and advance meaningful cooperation with State and federally recognized Indian Nations.

Ain't No Mountain High Enough

The end of the 2024 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge is coming up on December 31, 2024; have you completed the list? All you need to do are visit the fire towers at:

o Overlook Mountain

o Hunter Mountain

o Red Hill

o Balsam Lake Mountain

o Tremper Mountain

o Upper Esopus Fire Tower (conveniently located at the Catskills Visitor Center!)

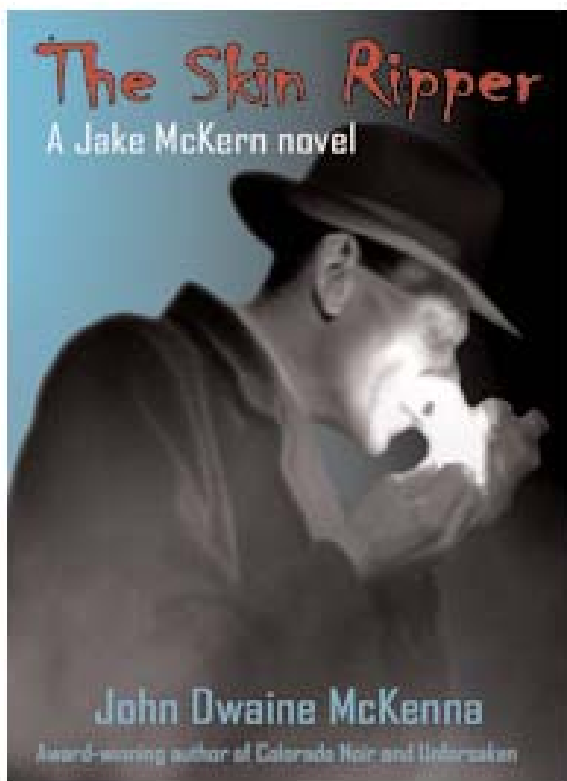
Take some fun photos, download and complete the Challenge Log (PDF) and email it to CatskillsChallenge@dec.ny.gov along with your favorite photo(s). The Challenge Log can also be submitted by mail to New York State of Environmental Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1020, or you can also complete the log at SurveyMonkey. The first 1000 finishers will receive a one-year subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine and a gift subscription for a second person of their choice. All finishers will receive a commemorative patch and can download and print a certificate to mark their accomplishment!

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Lulu

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

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

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



Smokey

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United Methodist
Church**

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Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, December 7, 2024
5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share.
Enjoy good food and fellowship.
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filled with holiday items that will be
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The Claryville Reformed Church and the Time and the Valleys Museum
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Announcing the 2025 Additions to the Chamber Board of Directors

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to introduce the newest members joining our 2025 Board of Directors! These distinguished leaders bring with them a wealth of experience, dedication, and innovative perspectives that will help steer our mission to drive growth, advocacy, and opportunity for the business community across Sullivan County.



Becky Mitchell
Holiday Mountain Ski & Fun Park



Jesse Robinson
JR Capital Solutions



Jaimee Lowe
Catskills Equipment



Keith Edwards
Ellenville Regional Hospital

"As we expand and evolve, our new board members exemplify the forward-thinking, community-driven leadership essential to supporting our business ecosystem. Their vision and passion for excellence align seamlessly with our mission of fostering an environment where every member has the resources to thrive". - President & CEO Ashley Leavitt

Our board remains active, dedicated, and united in our mission to advance the Chamber. We proudly welcome these new board members, whose insights and commitment to strengthening Sullivan County's business community will empower us to reach new heights.

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is confident that our 2025 Board of Directors, led by such dynamic leaders, will make Sullivan County an even better place for businesses to flourish and grow. Join us in welcoming them and looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

DEC Proposes Revisions to State's Forest Tax Law Program

Two Virtual Public Comment Hearings Scheduled for Jan. 21, 2025 • Public Comment Period on Proposed Changes Open through Jan. 27, 2025

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced proposed changes to the regulations for Real Property Tax Law Section 480a, also known as the Forest Tax Law. The comprehensive overhaul of the 50-year-old regulations aims to lessen the administrative burdens on participating forest landowners while maintaining and improving sustainable timber management on enrolled lands. DEC is holding two virtual public comment hearings on the proposed changes on Jan. 21, 2025, and is accepting public comments through Jan. 27, 2025.

"Healthy, well-managed forests are essential for supporting our economy, protecting water and air quality, providing wildlife habitat, and improving forest carbon storage and sequestration," said Interim Commissioner Mahar. "As privately owned forests make up approximately 74 percent of the total forest land area in New York, the Forest Tax Law Program provides important incentives for managing timber resources for the long term under the direction of a professional forester, and the changes proposed today will ensure this program continues to provide the support needed for growing our forests of the future. I encourage all interested stakeholders to review the proposal and provide comments to help us modernize this important conservation tool."

New York State enacted the 480a Forest Tax Law in 1974 to encourage the long-term management of woodlands to produce forest crops and thereby increase the likelihood of a more stable forest economy. Through the new and revised regulations, DEC seeks to build upon and improve this successful program to ensure the continued sustainability of forest ownership over time. In 2022, draft regulations were released and public comments were collected. The newly released draft regulations have incorporated those comments.

The proposed changes include, but are not limited to:

- o Extending the period an approved forest management plan would cover from 15 years to 20 years and requiring fewer plan updates;
- o Providing more flexibility to enrolled landowners to complete forestry treatments by changing the work schedule from year-by-year deadlines to a 10-year work window;
- o Strengthening forest sustainability requirements on enrolled lands, such as requiring efforts to establish adequate forest regeneration and explicitly banning high grading (removing most of the commercially valuable trees at the expense of future growth and future financial return, often leaving a forest in poor condition); and
- o Establishing a training requirement for consulting foresters working with Forest Tax Law clients to help set clear expectations and standardize Forest Tax Law administration across the state.

The proposed changes would go into effect on March 1, 2025. The virtual public comment hearings will be held on Jan. 21, 2025, at 2 p.m. and at 6 p.m. Public comments will be accepted until Jan. 27, 2025, by writing to: NYSDEC Private Lands and Forest Utilization Section, Bureau of Forest Resource Management 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7254 or by email to bslmregs@dec.ny.gov. For more information about the new and revised regulations, as well as how to participate in the public comment hearings, visit DEC's website.

Ulster County Executive Announces New UCAT Route Optimization Plan Public Survey UCAT Maptionnaire Survey Now Open for Feedback

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) and the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) are seeking public input on potential plans to improve UCAT bus service - including its routes, schedules, and services - as they continue to refine the Route Optimization Plan recommendations to better serve the public.

Public input during the year-long process has been vital to the success of this effort, and has helped the project team craft two preliminary scenarios for how transit service could change in Ulster County. Feedback is now needed on these potential plans. The scenarios are available for public review and comment now through December 20, 2024, through an online tool called "Maptionnaire."

Residents are encouraged to visit the new online survey to learn about and evaluate these preliminary routes at

<https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/ucats-rop>

In addition to information collected through public and stakeholder outreach, the Optimization Plan will continue to analyze a wide variety of data to identify strengths and weaknesses in the existing UCAT network and opportunities for service improvement. Demographic information, travel patterns, market analysis data, and service route performance data were examined, along with information gathered from the most recent public discussion, held on November 13.

Public input gathered through this survey will be used to refine detailed service improvements that can be adopted by UCAT, which will also be presented at a later date prior to implementation.

Additionally, information can be found on the Participate Ulster site at

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

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throughout this process, and we're now in the final stretch and seeking feedback on these two potential scenarios," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I encourage residents to take a few moments to check out the Maptionnaire Survey for the Optimization Plan and help us make our public transit system the best it can be."

"This planning effort represents a fantastic opportunity for the public to have their say on how their bus system can be improved so it works better for them," said Brian Slack, UCTC Principal Transportation Planner. "We had some great conversations at our November 13th meetings, with more than 60 people joining us in person and online. We look forward to assessing everyone's comments, including riders and non-riders, and coming back with some new and improved route scenarios for the public to review."

The goal of an Optimization Plan is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public transportation, identifying the best way to arrange bus routes so that people can get where they need to go faster and with fewer delays. The Plan will also support the County's continued electrification of its bus system, with the goal of fully electrifying the fleet by 2035.

Governor Hochul Expands Health Care Coverage for 800,000 Kids in New York

- *Waiver Amendment Ensures Children Under Six Have Uninterrupted Coverage in Child Health Plus and Medicaid*
- *Continuous Eligibility Waiver Will Promote Health Equity Throughout the State*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the state is now able to offer children under the age of six continuous eligibility in Child Health Plus and Medicaid. This change simplifies enrollment in these programs by reducing administrative burdens and ensures the youngest New Yorkers have consistent access to coverage through the age of six. Under Governor Hochul's leadership, the New York State Department of Health submitted a 1115 Medicaid Redesign Team waiver amendment that has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This approval follows through on the Governor's commitment to enhance New York's health care system, advance health equity and expand health care coverage.

"By expanding health coverage for 800,000 children across our state, we're ensuring they have the uninterrupted coverage they need to lead full and healthy lives," Governor Hochul said. "This waiver allows us to give families options when it comes to their children's health care, and we will always go the extra mile to create a healthy future for our youngest New Yorkers."

Governor Hochul's dedication to ensuring quality health care across the state solidifies New York's position in the growing list of states that provide continuous health insurance eligibility for children under six years old.

There are more than 800,000 children under the age of six enrolled in Medicaid and Child Health Plus who could benefit from this change.

As of September 2024, more than 2.5 million children under 18 years of age have been enrolled in Medicaid and Child Health Plus, making New York's one of the most expansive public health insurance programs in the country. Medicaid and Child Health Plus are available for enrollment throughout the year and provide comprehensive health benefits for the most vulnerable New Yorkers, including low-income families with children, seniors, children in foster care, pregnant women and people with disabilities.

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "Access to high-quality health care is essential to make sure that New York's children can thrive physically, mentally, and academically, and I'm proud to see our state taking action to increase this access. This waiver will expand health care coverage for our most vulnerable populations, helping to improve long-term health outcomes for the next generation. I applaud CMS for approving this waiver, and I will continue advocating relentlessly at the federal level to make sure that New Yorkers get the care they need."

Representative Jerrold Nadler said, "It is critical for New York's children to have access to high quality and uninterrupted health care coverage. I am pleased that CMS approved New York's 1115 MRT waiver amendment to offer continuous eligibility for children under age six in Child Health Plus and Medicaid."

Representative Nydia M. Velázquez said, "This coverage expansion will help ensure that all children, regardless of background, have access to the health care they need to thrive. By prioritizing continuous health coverage for children under six, New York is setting a powerful example for states partnering with the federal government to improve health equity. I commend Governor Hochul and her administration for their dedication to protecting the well-being of vulnerable children across the state."

Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries said, "I am grateful for Governor Hochul's leadership to ensure that nearly one million of our youngest New Yorkers will be able to access comprehensive health insurance coverage



through Medicaid to set them on a healthy path forward. Down in Washington, House Democrats will work to build upon our historic efforts to lower prescription drug costs and expand the Affordable Care Act through the Inflation Reduction Act and protect Medicaid from extremists who want to take a blowtorch to our care."

from which to build lifelong wellness and opportunities to thrive."

The waiver amendment revises the state's current MRT 1115 waiver by modifying existing eligibility criteria for children in Medicaid and Child Health Plus, to allow them continuous enrollment even if the child's family circumstances change. Gaps in coverage for young children can be detrimental to their long-term health and well-being. These experiences can have negative long-term implications for children's mental and physical health, educational attainment, and financial security.

In receiving this approval, Governor Hochul has secured uninterrupted access to health insurance that will ensure children are connected to coverage and essential health care during their formative years, including important preventive and primary care services. This furthers the Governor's strong commitment to putting New York at the forefront of progressive, compassionate health care.

More information about the MRT 1115 Continuous Eligibility waiver amendment can be found here. https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/med_waiver_1115/docs/draft_amend_request.pdf More information and public comments for the MRT 1115 Continuous Eligibility waiver amendment can be found here.

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/medicaid_waiver_1115.htm

The Tri-Valley Central School District

congratulates all our scholars

who earned honor roll

in the first quarter of the

2024-2025 school year



Principal's Honor Roll

1st Quarter 2024-2025

12th Grade

Nicholas Bender

Jenna Carmody

Nicholas Foley

Mya Ibarra

Jorja Kinney

Isabella Maiori

Eden Noren

Jai Patel

Brynn Poley

Abigail Ruef

William Seward

Chrissy Wachter

11th Grade

Savannah Chaboty

Amelia Morton-Curry

Andrew Papadopoulos

Gwenneth Redman

Sophia Richardson

Christopher Rossi

Serenity Somers

10th Grade

Luis Cholula-Jimenez

Anna Furman

Rebecca Squires

Christopher Prousalis

William Richardson

Principal's Honor Roll

1st Quarter 2024-2025

9th Grade

Avery Carrier

Timothy Kufert

Shelby Carroll

Grace Nichols

Wyatt Chaboty

Abigail Rusin

8th Grade

Ali Bashir

Sophia Horton

Caleb Davison

Andrew McGregor

Mason De La Cuadra

Alexander Meade

Austin Delo

Brea Sheeley

Emily Hadden

Thomas Verbert

Kellan Williams

7th Grade

Cadence Buckler

Paityn Closs

Addison Dymond

Maria Gelsomino

Kenzie Krier

Roman Malone

Madeline Mingo

Naiya Patel

Navya Patel

Eldina Radoncic

Mason Tenbus

Tia VanValkenburg

Liam Weyant

High Honor Roll

1st Quarter 2024-2025

12th Grade

Johnathan Allison

Nicholas Altman

Devyn Callahan

Travis Capawana

Dayra Cuji Calle

Katie Dauch

Joseph Douglass

Taylor Drake

Jake Edwards

Joshua Fanslau

Misha Khodakovski

Madyson Kirkpatrick

Dallas LaPolt

Joseph Metz

Lilliana Morton-Curry

Wyatt Morton

Boe Mueller

Ashley Rock

Calia Sanders

Haiden Sanders

Joshua Fiske
Van Furman
Chloe Geelan
Krostoff Guanzon
Gary Hadden
Brandon Huggler

Katelyn Sauer
Kaitlin Stungis
Matthew Trojahn
Molly Van Etten
Ethan Whitted
John Woods Jr.

High Honor Roll

1st Quarter 2024-2025

11th Grade

Kara Carlsen
Grace Deyo
Jordan Dymond
Dakota Evans
Dexter Hannold
Emily Lucak
Gragson McKenna
Katricia McLennon
Connor Mendez

Emily Poley
Emma Richardson
Isabella Rion
Christopher Rose
Spencer Scanna
Lucas Smith
Antonio Walsh
Logan Weyant
Madison Yonker

Ariona Zeininger

10th Grade

Juliana Adams
Allyson Chevalier

Shayden LaForge
Caitlyn Monell

Aaron Edwards
Lorenzo Haffner
Angelina Hinkley
Andrew Kelly
Brady Knight

Diya Patel
Janiel Prado
Hailie Prince
Hope Woods
Yan Zheliazouski

High Honor Roll

1st Quarter 2024-2025

9th Grade

David Allen
Adam Babcock
Holman Bacca Bonilla
John Botsford
Ava Bush
Matthew Cuji Angamarca
Sage Fiore-Yansick
Angelina Flores
Ian Horton
Laryana Lamb

Sanaa Lawrence
Troy Magie-Porter
Lilia Murden
Logan Noren
Christopher Parken
Jiya Patel
Elle Stanley
Cora Stephenson
Julia Sweetman
Celia Woods

8th Grade

Kayla Bickham

Wesley Lewkiewicz

Samantha Carroll	Penelope Papadopoulos
Jonielis Cholula-Jimenez	Jordan Steinhilber
JoHanna Clarke	Zoey Sullivan
Santino Haffner	Justice Whitted
Logan Hendrickson	Eli Williams

7th Grade

Alicia Adams	Abigail Kennedy
Louis Barbato V	Tsimafei Lazerka
Austin Bush	Brianna Mendez
Andrew Castelli	Ava Mioglionico
Adele Drown	Mia Murphy
Derrick Edwards	Hailie Ortiz Jimenez
Charlie Flores Galeas	Jayneil Patel
William Flores	Makenzie Rainey
Griffin Garigliano	Elias Rivera
Isabella Garritt	Lilliana Schoonmaker
Jacob Hinkley	Travis Simanovicz
Onamarie Thompson	

Honor Roll

1st Quarter 2024-2025

12th Grade

Kolbie Damms

Summer Decker

Joselin Flores Galaes

Jasmine Grimila

Savanna Hoag

Allison Rogers

Talise Rogers

Easton Scanna

Ariana Small

11th Grade

Caelyn Babcock

Danial Bashir

Joniel Cholula-Jimenez

Nathan Closs

Brianna Cookingham

Madison De La Cuadra

Jackson Hillriegel

James Kachelriess

Abigele Lawrence

Roy Leach

Annalee Maiaro

Jacobo Molina

Bryan Rogerson

Marbella Santiago
Guzman

Andres Tixi

Honor Roll

1st Quarter 2024-2025

10th Grade

Alvaro Aca Hernandez

Samantha Altman

Mackenzie Bush

Karley Davidson

Ella Goebel

Calianne Harasemovech

Isabell Hatt

David Hermann

Antonio Holmes

Anthony Ingrassia

John Mingo

Johnathan Moore

Kane Poje

Salvador Rivera

9th Grade

Tammy Altman

Willow Bivins

Jennifer Castelli

Michael Clark

Kevin Cotto

Emma DeGraw

Tess Edwards

Quentin Goodman

Kenneth Green

Brandon Hinkley Jr.

Alaina Matthews

Paxton Meade

Cheyenne Pen

Dino Radoncic

Emma Smith

Carter Ukaj

Honor Roll

1st Quarter 2024-2025

8th Grade

Samiyah Allen

Cristopher Cuji Calle

Zachary Diaz

Everett Gillman

Tyler Graham

Daniel Lamb

Mia Saucedo

Carl Sweatt

Mason Witthohn

7th Grade

Uriah Bush

Jayce Hendrickson

Alex Kachelriess

Lily Kopp

Santino Mendez

Brianna Meyer

Jordyn Miller

Jack Nevin

Jacob Parlapiano

Kavy Patel

Anthony Pisaniello

Jaelyn Post

Charlotte Uciechowski

Emma Yonker



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Congratulations to the Tri-Valley Elementary Students Who Received First Quarter Honor Roll

The Tri-Valley Central School District congratulates all our elementary students who earned honor roll in the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

First Quarter | 2024-25

Principal's Honor Roll

6th Grade

Alexandra Horton
Amaya Meade
Andrew North
Aubrey DeMondo
William Conjura
Zoe Crickmore

5th Grade

Burton Garigliano
Odin Geyer
Gwen Illing
Joonyub Kim
Michael Lazdauskas
Aislynn Weyant

4th Grade

Titus Malone
Fred Moore IV
Jack Sullivan

High Honor Roll

6th Grade

Amalia Papp
Bradley Kenney
Cooper Morton
Jake Altman
James Hartman
Jay Barnes
Ophelia Barrett
Riley Mioglionico
Sadie Barrett
Tyler Simanovicz

5th Grade

Lena Cassidy
Brayden Correa
Ariana Davis
Mason Gorman
Caleb Kortright
Sebastian Kozachuk
Julianna Lopez
Aubree Mercer
Alex Parlapiano
Chase Sheeley
Lara Trotti-Noren

4th Grade

Giuseppe Carraccia
Yaseniya Lazerka
Darrin Mariner
Jacob Mickelson

Leona Salvadge
Onyx Stanton
Jamielynn Yonker

Honor Roll

6th Grade

Abigail Sweetman
Aubree Carter
Benjamin Woods
Briell Sanders
Carter Walters
Chelsi Parken
Hope Harb
Isabelle Kahn
Lijah LaRue-Mangabang
Kristen Barasa
Mason Malone
Michael Roycroft
Nathaniel Webb
Raheem Holmes
River Crickmore
Samuel Morton-Curry
Ty Walker

5th Grade

Tiara Aslankyzy
David Bertholf
Keira Brown
Sophie Burns
Henry Fitzpatrick
Hunter Freaney
Taylor Miller
Kruhi Patel
Masen Pellot

Avery Shaddock
Akemi Webb

4th Grade

Caleb Advincula
Julianna Calvello
Antonio Chumpitazi
Lily Constable
Marcus Edwards
Emma Ehrets
Colton Garritt
Mia Horton
Liam Landis
Muzi Li
Aviana Roycroft
Tyce VanValkenburg
Jayce Walter

Fallsburg CSD Announces Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll List

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce their middle and high school honor roll and superintendent's honor roll lists for the first marking period of the 2024-2025 school year. Honor roll students achieved an average of 85-91, and superintendent's honor roll students earned an average of 92 or higher. The following students were recognized for their academic accomplishments:

7th Grade

Honor Roll: Vanesa Ahmetaj, Yasmina Aquil, Brianny Hernandez, Joshua Babcock, Ellis Basic, Nyona Bolding, Annaliese Clark, Kaleb Cross, Shanik Amarante, Aaliyah Deis, Franco DiCostanzo, Mylaan Dolberry, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Charlie Eliu, Giron Saravia, Margie Esther, Madrid Castro, Angelique Marquez-Zacapexpan, Te'yah McKenny, Sofia Membreno Rodriguez, Brittany Murillo Moran, Dylan Osborne, Giselle Pantoja, Ervin Ponce Hernandez, Kaylie Price, Logan Retana, Alexandra Reyes Lopez, Genesis Reyes-Robles, Malika Rivers, Merary Rodriguez Mejia, Leon Rodriguez Morales, Daylin Sierra Lizama, Claudia Smith, Kenny Tenezaca Loja, Kevin Toledo, Jayden Toxqui Hernandez, and Jocelyn Zempoaltecatl.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Giselle Ascencio Martinez, Darlin Chub Ujpan, George Di Napoli, Kimberly Duncan, Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez, Sonja Henry, David Hernandez Martinez, Carsyn Hoefling, Aryanna Irby, Khloe Jordy, Hanna Manjarrez Paredes, Victoria Manjarrez Paredes, Jackelyne Mariaca, Reja Meer, Ariel Payne, Leonardo Rojas, Jessica Sacio, Anthony Santos Morales, Zhara Snead, Holly Surerus, Fernando Turcios Garcia, Ambar Vasquez, Heaven Wilson, and Allison Yautentzi Reyes.

8th Grade

Honor Roll: Xzander Berrios, Estrella Canales, Joseph Cerone, Christopher Chavez, Michael Damms, Surey Delgado, Niyah Emptage, Valery Falcones Moreira, Janiyah Ferguson, Lydia Fontane, Leily Garcia Menjivar, Aaliyah Gordillo, Daniella Gutierrez Aleman, Riley Hobart, Ariella Irby, Katherine Juarez Cadena, Elijah Lucas, Emily Mackerley, Carlos Mazariego Pena, Victor Medina Orellana, Maria Nardi, Nelcy Orellana Mejia, Om Patel, Justin Peralta Rosa, Daniel Perez Martinez, Easton Pugh, Damion Ramos, Franklin Reyes-Rodriguez, Cristopher Rivera Flores, Jeybi Rodriguez Canales, Aileen Rodriguez, Alessandro Salguero Navarro, Katelyn Santiago, Mason Stafford-Martinez, Naroline Umanzor

Reyes, Samuel Vega Rosales, Joshua Velazquez, and Honor Wilson.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Yasmina Bache-Seraphin, Jack Bensimon, Nicolas Ciorciari, Jamila Ferreira, Alyssa Florence, Sara Flores Ramos, Amelia Forman, Leyna Greenberg, Ariyanna Laudadio, Patrick Maxwell Jr, Rebecca Moocz, Samantha Sacio, A'miyah Sellers, and Jaylisa Williams.

9th Grade

Honor Roll: Ilana Burke, Dencer Camacho Riano, Zamari Carruthers-Little, Marvin Choc Ical, Sophia Cordova, Deysi Diaz Hernandez, Carlos Granados Reyes, Jancarlos Guardado, Stephon Harris, Layla Hermann, Dalila Koljenovic, Maelyn Mann, Paola Melendez Deras, Kileen Milligan, Brianna Miranda, Melina Ortiz, Dillan Padilla Avila, Tatiana Parada, Jose Perez Castillo, Payton Pisaniello, Keily Rosales Charuc, Kiara Sauer, Luca Sinigaglia, Zayd Snead, and Helen Vasquez.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Addison Alvarado, Autumn Atkinson, Ruth Bonilla Osorto, Maddelynn DeMondo-Gernant, Natalia Evangelista, Mariama Gai, Amhara Gillmer, Melanie Gomez Perez, Isabella Gonzales, Eriberto Gonzalez Jr, Camdyn Hoefling, Sophia Jacobs, Alisso Lagos Guardado, Yasmel Leon Mota, Nazareth Manjarrez Paredes, Dayana Mendoza-Gallo, Kayden Saravia, Jiahny Sebastian, and Joslyn Smith.

10th Grade

Honor Roll: Bryan Avelar Martinez, Michael Avelar Martinez, Juliana Barreto, Lekoda Batres, Sarah Blume, Allison Frunzi, Emily Garcia-Canteros, Alison Granados-Fuentes, Chanel Han, Guiseppe King, Adryana Kozachuk, Ruth Mahnken, Conner McManus, Jozyr McNeil, Heysel Mejia Corcio, Dayana Murillo Madrid, Fabio Narkaj, Anselmo Pinzon, Coben Pittaluga, Sierra Velazquez, and Rodrigo Zacapexpan Reyes.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Emina Cenovic, Jordyn Cerone, Carissa Ciorciari, LeonJahnaeSkye Fountain, Ashleigh Fuentes Ardon, Fatoumata Gai, Riley Gorr, Eric Moocz, Robert Perrera, Efrain Rodriguez, Abigail Toledo, Alisha Tremper, and Peyton Varner.

11th Grade

Honor Roll: Katherine Alvarado Castro, Kyleigh Avery, Lillian Betancourt, Mario Cadena Romero, Justin Chavez, Xavier Curry, Bintou Darboe, Marcos

DerasLopez, Jonathan Dias Paredes, Jayden Edwards, Sebastian Fowler, Bella Gomez Lopez, Angel Gonzales, Brian Ingber II, Jaxon Ingber, Hector Jami Cocha, Azon Laurel, Eric Li, Johnarris Lopez-Landaverde, Tiffany Maccagli, Tyiese Mack, Carmen Montes Velasco, Austin Olmsted, Allanah Owens, Madeline Pantel, Axel ReyesRodriguez, German Romero Madrid, Mehakdeep Singh, Gavin Storms, Noelle Varner, Bryan Vazquez, Carlos Zavala Garcia, and Nataly Zempoaltecatl.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Angelina Alvarado, Saladin Basic, Karrine Bennett, Andrew Bensimon, Xzavier Berrios, Olivia DeGraw, Lee-Ann Di Napoli, Jacob Espinoza, Emmabella Ferreira, Treyvon Hayden, Douglas Medina Carcamo Jr, Allison Rojas, Marilyn Santos, Kierstyn Surerus, and Skylar Wright.

12th Grade

Honor Roll: Gelsey Aguilar Torres, Arkelys Alencaster, Pamela Ascencio Martinez, Yoshua Bache-Seraphin, Maya Ballard, Kyle Bland, Rubin Bonilla Jr, Arsllyn Cantave, Amerie Capicchioni, Alexander Cruceta, Nehemiah Damon, Ethan Dunn, Kenya Escalante, Luciano Esposito, Adrianna Garcia, Evyonna Gilliard, Alana Gjeka, Amanda Gutierrez Padilla, Isaac Hernandez Martinez, Hayden-Marie Herrera, Johnathan Hinton Jr, Danielle Kagan, Grant King, Isaiah Kirk, Yeliana Maldonado Navarrete, Francely Maradiaga, Nancy Martinez Cadena, William Martinez Martinez, Jamin McCullough, Daryl McPherson II, Rozana Narkaj, Danielle Olsen, Keyla Otero-Deras, Keven Padilla Perdomo, Sanayah Phillip, Julianna Ramos, Angie Rodriguez, Dulce Rubio Granados, Emy Sierra Mejia, Nicholas Storms, Elisheva Sudranski, Khimani Tisdale, Ioannis Vernezos, Christian Wesolowski, and Laura Williams.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Sanaya Aquil, Jefferson Banegas Gallo, Isabelle Batista, Esdras Canales Aguilar, Kimberly Diaz, Jeffrey Evangelista Jr, Jaiden Figueroa, Kaelyn Fuentes, Andrew Garcia, Nicole Jimenez, Hannah Johnson, Daris Koljenovic, Nazir Lopez, Erli Maldonado Garcia, Mayline Maldonado, Brianna McManus, Rachel Montenegro Sandoval, Bella Muscia, Brianna Noller, Joslyn Odell Schreier, Vivian Odonez Cabrera, Dalila Ortiz Fuentes, Kaitlyn Pedersen, Cecelia Riker Lainez, Jennifer Rios Nunez, Jaily Sebastian, and Jordyn Wall-Carty.

Share the Woods

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, mountain bikers, hunters, and trappers are encouraged to follow safety measures while afield. Regular big game hunting season in the Northern Zone begins Oct. 26 and closes Dec. 8. Bowhunting season for deer and bear is ongoing in the Southern Zone and ends at the beginning of the regular firearms season on Nov. 16. Tips for hikers and hunters venturing afield this fall include:

- o Tell someone intended destinations and return times. If plans change, notify them;
- o Dress for the weather and plan for both location and elevation changes;
- o Become familiar with planned hiking trails or hunting areas;
- o Wear bright clothing; blaze orange or blaze pink. Bright colors allow hikers and hunters to be seen more easily and from farther away; and,
- o 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.

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, with almost 600,000 New Yorkers participating. Hunting is safe and economically important, helping to manage wildlife populations and promote family traditions while fostering an understanding and respect for the environment.

Hunting is safe and is getting safer thanks to the efforts of DEC's Hunter Education program, volunteer instructors, and the vigilance of hunters. The last few years have been the safest on record with 2021 and 2022 having the fewest ever number of hunting-related shooting incidents, and 2019 and 2023 tying for second. 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

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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 for deer and moose, effecting the brain and nervous system. It is caused by a misfolded protein called a prion that is spread in deer tissues, saliva, urine, and feces. Hunters may 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.

Governor Hochul Announces \$41.5 Million in Improvements to Key Highways in Sullivan County

- *New Roundabouts at Exit 105 Interchange and Resurfacing Along State Route 17 Improve Mobility Along Vital Catskill Connector*
- *Pavement Project Getting Underway on State Route 52 in Village of Liberty*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that major construction has been completed on a project that modernized the Exit 105 interchange along State Route 17 in Sullivan County, enhancing safety and improving traffic flow along a major artery for travelers headed to and from the scenic Catskills Region. Two additional projects are also resurfacing and making other improvements to key segments of State Route 17 and State Route 52. Together, the three projects represent a \$41.5 million investment, 80 percent of which includes federal funding - the majority coming from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - in Sullivan County's infrastructure that will improve connectivity and mobility for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

"New York State continues to make historic investments that will create safer, more resilient roads that will help keep our communities connected and our economy growing," Governor Hochul said. "These projects in Sullivan County will make it easier for residents and visitors alike to travel through the Catskills and experience all that the region has to offer."

The \$30.8 million project at Exit 105, which began in the summer of 2022, modernized the existing cloverleaf interchange that connects State Route 17 with State Route 42 in the Town of Thompson by adding two new roundabouts that improve traffic flow headed from the highway into the nearby Village of Monticello. Additionally, dedicated bicycle lanes and new sidewalks were added to State Route 42 to strengthen connections between local residential neighborhoods and the commercial district of Monticello. New guiderails were added and drainage systems were also repaired along parts of State Route 42.

Roundabouts are engineered to maximize safety and minimize congestion. They are safer, more sustainable, and more efficient than traditional intersections. Crashes in roundabouts are less severe, resulting in fewer injuries and fatalities. Roundabouts also eliminate the need for electric-powered traffic signals. For tips on how to safely navigate a roundabout, check out this helpful instructional video.

Work is also nearing completion on a \$7.7 million project that resurfaced a 4.8-mile stretch of State Route 17 between exits 101 and 102 in the Town of Liberty and the Town of Thompson. New guiderails will be installed on that stretch of highway during the 2025 construction season.

Additionally, work recently got underway on a \$3 million project to resurface a nearly two-mile stretch of State Route 52 beginning at the intersection of West Street in the Village of Liberty and continuing east to the interchange with State Route 17. The project, which is expected to be complete in the summer of 2025, will also upgrade curb ramps to modern standards and

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repair damaged curbs and drainage structures. Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations will be improved with newly resurfaced shoulders. State Route 52 runs through the business center of the Village of Liberty - connecting the community with State Route 17.

Assemblymember Aileen M. Gunther said, "I applaud the State of New York for committing resources to such a critical infrastructure project. Investments like this are key to modernizing our roads and improving safety for all New York drivers."

Motorists are advised to slow down, follow signs and the directions of flaggers in the work zone. Crews will be out in the village of Liberty between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. All work is weather dependent.

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Fallsburg CSD Addresses the Growing Issue of Online Threats



From left to right- Fallsburg CSD school resource officer Phil Brooks and Fallsburg detectives John Chevalier and Kyle Geraine speaking to parents during forum

FALLSBURG - Within five weeks, the Fallsburg Central School District was the target of three online threats, which were perpetrated by students from Fallsburg and outside of Fallsburg. In response, the district organized an assembly for elementary, middle, and high school students this past month to emphasize the legal ramifications and harmful impacts of making online threats.

The school district invited Fallsburg CSD School Resource Officers Philip Brooks and Jake Miller, Sullivan County District Attorney Brian Conaty, Sullivan County Judge Danielle Jose-Decker, Fallsburg detectives Kyle Geraine and John Chevalier, and Fallsburg Chief of Police Brendan Pavese as guest speakers to further illustrate the severe consequences.

Students attending the assembly were reminded that any acts of threat made online, whether meant to be taken as a joke or not, could lead to criminal prosecution.

The digital age has made it exceedingly difficult for users to remain anonymous online. Even deleting a message or post or going by a different moniker will not prevent law enforcement from finding the perpetrator. Every move made online is permanent and can be easily traced.

"Technology has advanced so much that everybody thinks they can remain anonymous and get away with everything. It is not the case," said Fallsburg detective Kyle Geraine. "I am one subpoena away [from getting every text message]."

Detective Geraine and the guest speakers stressed to students that one mistake can dramatically change their lives. Not only will it negatively affect their lives, but it will also affect the school community, friends, and family members.

The district also held a forum for parents in November, reiterating much of the same material from the assembly. The Fallsburg Police Department was invited once again to speak on the matter. They also provided preventative measures for parents and allowed a space for questions and to voice concerns.

The Fallsburg Central School District will remain proactive against online threats and encourage its school community and beyond to report any suspicious behavior to the authorities.

"We want to continue working together, as a team, to support each other to minimize future occurrences of threats," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz.

Consumer Advisory: Federal Communications Commission Warns Consumers About Websited Advertising the Affordable Connectivity Program *The ACP has ended and enrollments are closed*

WASHINGTON, November 25, 2024 - Consumers shopping for new devices and considering making changes to their existing home or mobile broadband service plans this holiday season may find that some internet service providers have not updated their websites and other marketing materials to reflect that the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and its monthly discount on broadband services ended on June 1, 2024. Some provider websites even continue to collect personal information from consumers seeking enrollment in ACP.

The FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), the ACP program administrator, have reminded providers that failing to accurately update websites and materials to reflect that the ACP has ended may violate the Commission's ACP rules that prohibit providers from engaging in false or misleading advertising of the ACP.

If you encounter a website claiming to provide an ACP benefit or seeking personal information for ACP enrollment, file a complaint by visiting the FCC's Consumer Complaint Center at [fcc.gov/complaints](https://www.fcc.gov/complaints).

If you entered your personal information, like your social security number, credit card, or bank information on a website offering ACP enrollment after February 8, 2024, visit [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov). There you'll see the specific steps to take based on the information that you shared.

Are there other FCC's programs that can help reduce monthly internet bills?

Closing the digital divide remains a priority for the Commission and consumers seeking assistance on their broadband bills may be eligible to enroll in the FCC's Lifeline program. Lifeline provides a discount on qualifying monthly telephone service, broadband service, or bundled voice-broadband packages purchased from participating providers. Please visit <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/> for information on how to apply. If you need additional assistance, contact Lifeline Support Center by calling (800) 234-9473 or emailing LifelineSupport@usac.org. The support center is open 7 days a week, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET.

What Happened to the ACP?

Due to a lack of additional funding from Congress, the ACP ran out of funds and ended on June 1, 2024. As a result, the ACP program is no longer accepting applications or providing monthly discounts on internet services.

Learn more about the end of the ACP program: <https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/ACP-Fact-Sheet-Post-ACP-Ending.pdf>

Meet the Cast of the Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley!

Rehearsals are in full swing for this year's lively holiday production, *The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley!* Written by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon, this charming sequel to last year's beloved *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* invites audiences back into the festive world of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*-with a delightful twist from downstairs at Pemberley.

Whether you're an Austen enthusiast, a holiday devotee, or just looking for an uplifting story to close out 2024, *The Wickhams* is the perfect choice. You don't need to have seen *Miss Bennet* or even *Pride and Prejudice* to fall in love with this fresh holiday tale!

Audiences will delight in seeing familiar faces including Ben Williamson (Mr. Darcy), Melody Ladd (Elizabeth Bennet), and Lena Pepe (Lydia Bennet), this production also welcomes back SHADOWLAND favorite Kathy McCafferty as Mrs. Reynolds.



Melody Ladd



Ben Williamson



Lena Pepe



Kathy McCafferty

Joining them and making their SHADOWLAND debuts are Christina Rose Yasi (Cassie), Jacob Orr (Brian), and Nicholas Wilder (Mr. Wickham).



Christina Rose Yasi



Jacob Orr
Nicholas Wilder



Nicholas Wilder

Directed by SHADOWLAND Artistic Director Brendan Burke, with understudy Lizzy Cenicola, *The Wickhams* brings you new romances, heartfelt moments, and plenty of holiday cheer.

Tickets:

\$43 (Evenings) | \$39 (Matinees)
Discounts available for groups of 10 or more!

Purchase tickets now or call the Box Office at (845) 647-5511.

Performances:

December 6 - December 22
@ SHADOWLAND MainStage,
157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY

Special Holiday Schedule:

Fridays & Saturdays at 7 PM

Saturdays & Sundays at 2 PM

Don't wait-matinees are already selling fast!

Celebrate the holiday season with warmth, laughter, and classic Austen charm. We can't wait to see you there!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW
THE WICKHAMS: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY
By Lauren Gunderson & Margot Melcon
Directed by Brendan Burke
Running December 6th - December 22nd
on The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES

The Wickhams brings warmth, humor, and a touch of holiday scandal to the stage. When Mr. Wickham, the dashing troublemaker and Mr. Darcy's old nemesis, makes an unexpected entrance, the servants at Pemberley must juggle their holiday duties, personal ambitions, and the task of keeping the peace. With the help of Mrs. Reynolds, the steadfast housekeeper, Cassie, the spirited new servant, and Brian, the hopelessly romantic groomsman, the holiday bustle at Pemberley becomes a heartfelt journey of family, class, and forgiveness—all wrapped in the spirit of giving.

Make SHADOWLAND part of your holiday tradition and experience the joy, warmth, and fun of *The Wickhams* this season!

Ulster County Legislature Unanimously Approves Purchase of Joys Lane for Office of the District Attorney, Victims' Advocacy Centers

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Legislature voted unanimously on Tuesday to approve the purchase of a new office building located on Joys Lane in Kingston - pending a full environmental review, to consolidate the various offices of the Ulster County District Attorney, the Family and Child Advocacy Center, and the Crime Victims program of the Probation Department at one centralized location.

The resolution was submitted by Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, and the Legislature approved the purchase for \$3.6 million and approximately \$105,000 in closing costs.

The property includes a 17,000-square foot office building, which previously served as the headquarters of the Kingstone Insurance Company, and is in close proximity to the Ulster County Courthouse - an important precondition for a property housing the District Attorney's Office. The Office of the DA is currently spread across three locations, including the former Key Bank building next to the Courthouse, which is leased by the County, as well as offices at two other locations.

The building to be purchased was constructed in 1985 and has an on-site back-up power system and ample parking. The purchase would also include a duplex that is also owned by the current property owner just next door, and would serve as the new home of the Family and Child Advocacy Center (FCAC) and Crime Victims Unit. The FCAC is currently in leased space on Hurley Avenue in Kingston and the Crime Victims Unit is currently in a County-owned building on Pearl Street.

The new facility will enhance operations and improve efficiency in the DA's Office and in its coordinated work with the FCAC and Crime Victims Unit.

The Family and Child Advocacy Center (FCAC), a partnership of Social Services and the District Attorney's Office, seeks to employ the resources and experience of the Ulster County Department of Social Services, the New York State Police, the Ulster County Sheriff's Department, the Kingston Police Department, and the Ulster County District Attorney's Office to investigate incidents of child abuse, domestic violence, and assaults on the elderly. The FCAC, which will relocate to this facility, will benefit from a multidisciplinary team approach in a non-threatening, child-focused environment.

The Crime Victims Unit of the Probation Department will also be relocated to this facility, ensuring that interactions with children, families, and crime victims take

place in a setting that meets the highest standards for privacy, comfort, and support. This consolidation will enhance privacy for both staff and victims and improve coordination between units with related work areas.

"I want to thank the Legislature for recognizing the positive impact this purchase and move will have not only for the District Attorney's Office, FCAC and Crime Victims Unit, but for all the residents who utilize these critical support services," said County Executive Metzger. "Importantly, this purchase will produce long-term savings to taxpayers by consolidating the offices into one location and terminating leases for two other buildings."

"The acquisition of the Joys Lane properties will enhance the efficiency of our District Attorney's Office and Victim Advocacy Center by bringing the entire team together under one roof. This move will better support staff and strengthen the critical services they provide to our community," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature.

"Today marks a significant day for the Ulster County District Attorney's Office," said Gina Hansut, Ulster County Legislator and Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee Chair. "We will finally house the District Attorney's Office, including the Family and Child Advocacy Center and the Crime Victim's Program of the Probation Department, at one location. The building itself, as well as its proximity to the courthouse, is ideal. This has been a priority of the legislature and to see it pass with unanimous bipartisan support illustrates our commitment."

"Ulster County is fortunate to have the opportunity to invest in the property and buildings at Joys Lane," said Kathy Nolan, Ulster County Legislator and Chair of the Committee on Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation. "The ideal location, the unique layout and features of the buildings, and the turn-key status of the site and its equipment make this a purchase that will immediately benefit Ulster County residents."

"I am elated about this; it is uplifting for our office morale. This has been a longstanding need for our dedicated staff, the public, and victims for many years. I included the goal of housing 'Under One Roof' in my mission statement when I took office in January 2024," said Ulster County District Attorney Emmanuel Nneji. "County Executive Jen Metzger, County Legislature Chair Peter Criswell, and Law Enforcement Committee Chair Gina Hansut, and their staff, have worked collaboratively, diligently and persistently to acquire County property to resolve our space nightmare. The purchase of the Joys Lane property represents Ulster County Government's commitment to public safety, the men and women of the District Attorney's Office, crime victims of all abilities and ages, and appropriate working environment for the rigorous and challenging work we must do. On behalf of everyone under the DA's Office umbrella, I express our gratitude to our County Executive and Legislature leaders and their staff for the time, energy, and dedication to achieve this necessity. Salute!"

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE O (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

If interested in donating please contact Westchester Medical Center and speak with a Living Donor Coordinator at 914.493.1990

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

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

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**Claryville Reformed
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Gingerbread BASH

**A Sweet Celebration
of Jesus' Birth**

Where: Claryville Reformed Church Hall

946 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY

When: Sunday Dec. 15, 2024

Time: 1:30-3:30 PM

Cost: FREE

**Space is limited! Sign up at
the link below or find our
event on Facebook!**

<https://forms.gle/4UhBGwaAyQCTqeN16>

Monticello Elks Donate \$2000 to Homeless



(Monticello, NY) Monticello Elk Lodge #1544 has donated \$2000 to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. The Federation is a not-for-profit organization established in 1987. It provides food and advocacy to individuals and families in crisis situations. The funding is from a 2024 Elks National Foundation Spotlight Grant, made possible by donations from Lodge members to the Foundation. Pictured (from left) are: Inner Guard Ben Schlau, Treasurer Sue Mapledoram, Esquire Ryan Walker, Leading Knight Lis Bringle, Secretary/PER Ronni Scannell, ER/PDD Jim Gerrard, Federation Program Administrator Kathy Kreiter, PER/Trustee Mike Brennan, PDD/Trustee Jim Sheerer, Loyal Knight David Welsch, PER/Chaplain Bob Linzer, PER/Trustee Brian Bock and Lecturing Knight Julie Brennan.

Seasonal/Holiday Art Sale Wayne County Arts Alliance

Art Under \$100+
Artwork Priced under \$100 and More

The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA) announces their 8th annual seasonal/holiday art sale, Art Under \$100+. This year's ArtUnder\$100+ is a month-long seasonal pop-up event that takes place at WCAA Headquarters throughout both floors, located at 959 Main Street in Honesdale. The sale opens November 30 on Small Business Saturday and winds up December 29th. Hours of operation are Wednesday-Sunday from 11-5 and open until 6 Fridays and Saturdays. We are closed Mondays and Tuesdays and December 25/26, reopening Dec 27-29 (FR-SU).

This year, ArtUnder\$100+ showcases artworks by 35 Wayne County Arts Alliance's member artists. As a benefit of membership in the organization, the project provides retail opportunities and support for member artists. The organization aims to make ArtUnder\$100+ a month-long holiday shopping event-destination for the coming years in Wayne County!

This year, 75% of the artwork is priced up to \$99 and 25% priced over \$100; hence, ArtUnder\$100+ -- offering a perfect opportunity to choose original and unique artwork for holiday and year-round gift-giving and enjoyment. The event provides a varied shopping experience for buyers as well as a broader selling opportunity for the artists. Choosing art for

holiday gifts this year is a win-win-win: selecting unique and one-of-a-kind gifts, shopping local, and supporting talented artists and the Wayne County Arts Alliance. This shopping opportunity makes it easy to check someone off your list, and give the gift of Art this holiday season!

ArtUnder\$100+ includes a wide variety of choices in painting, ceramics, collage, fiber and felted works, jewelry, mixed media, photography, printmaking, sculpture, and more. Participating artists include Rita Argiros, Norma Bernstock, Trish Blauth, Elizabeth Johnson-Borowski, Nannette Burti, Colleen Campbell, Rachel Caudell, Barbara Carpenito, Phyllis Chekenian, Joseph Colucci, Dale Emmart, Sue Foster, Janet Gaglione, Pauline Glykokokalos, Cynthia Hanson, Heather Hogan-Spencer, Jay Hostetler, Bozena Janiszewski, Beth Johnson, Linda Krause, Xenia Kugler, Laura Lippay, Buff McAllister, Barbara Morcerf, Nancy Palubniak, Joan Polishook, Matt Povse, Lynn Rideout, Victor Salib, Sandy Schoenholtz, Jasmine Andrea Schwenk, Cynthia Shaw, Nan Siegmund, Ellen Silberlicht, Elizabeth Tilley, and Bill Westmoreland.

When and Where:

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Wayne County Arts Alliance is located at 959 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431.

Admission to the sale is free.

AAUW & SSIP BUS TRIP

Sunday, December 8th

**for New York City's MAD:
the Museum of Arts and Design**

(Check out their special exhibits at madmuseum.org)

with

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

**Cost: \$75 (\$69 for members of AAUW and SSIP)
includes bus, driver tip and Museum entrance
\$50 for bus alone to Christmas shop in NYC**

**For an elegant Brunch, upstairs at Robert's, call 212.299.7730
*one month in advance!***

**The bus leaves the Kingston Plaza (behind Hanneford's)
at 9:00 AM and picks up at New Paltz Park-n-Ride at 9:30.**

**For reservations, call ViVi at 845-331-0155 or write Vvhlavsa@aol.com
then make out a check to AAUW-Kingston Branch and send it to:**

ViVi Hlavsa, 191 Lapla Road, Kingston 12401

Deadline for Reservations: December 1st

Open to all, the AAUW supports educational opportunities for women and girls locally, nationally and internationally. SSIP help people to stay in their own homes and keep active in their own communities.

JOSEPH P. DWYER
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Free Christmas Trees for Veterans

December 1st - December 15th

To reserve your tree voucher please contact
our Veteran Peer Advocates,
Matt and Vinny at 845-794-4228.

Limited quantity available!

Trees Donated By:
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Brushstrokes

with Bob & Bert

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

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

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

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

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

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

in the

Robert D. Norris Community Room

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

Monticello-Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library
479 Broadway Monticello, New York 12/01 1300 (845)794 4660
<https://ebcpl.org>



Winter Paintings:

Wintertime Blues (Season
Blue Winter (Season 21 Episode
Winter Mountain (Season
Winter Evergreens (Season

Supplies:

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

Nourishing Futures: Sullivan 180 Attends 2024 NYS Farm to School Summit Collaborating for healthier school meals in Sullivan County

[LIBERTY, NY] Sullivan 180 participated in the 2024 New York State Farm to School Summit held on November 21 and 22 at The Oncenter in Syracuse, NY. This premier event brought together stakeholders dedicated to advancing farm-to-school initiatives, supporting local agriculture, and promoting healthier food systems in schools.

Members of the Sullivan 180 team joined fellow educators, policymakers, and advocates to exchange insights, explore partnerships, and learn strategies to enhance local food sourcing in schools. Keynote speaker, Dr. Jennifer Gaddis, author of *The Labor of Lunch* and *Transforming School Food Politics* around the World, highlighted the often-overlooked history of U.S. school food systems. She explored how early 20th-century visionaries saw school lunches as opportunities for community care, quality employment, and hands-on learning, while also discussing current efforts to fulfill that vision.

Staff enjoyed participating in additional sessions on agricultural clubs in elementary schools, promoting Farm to School initiatives to school administrators and officials, and including local foods in scratch cooking and its impacts on education.

“We are thrilled to be one of multiple partners who are collaborating with Sullivan County Schools to expand access to fresh, local foods. The NYS Farm to School Summit will assist us in achieving our goal of two healthy, hearty, free meals each day for our students,” said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness at Sullivan 180. “This partnership reflects our shared commitment to fostering healthier, more sustainable food systems while empowering students to make informed choices about their nutrition.”

“I am looking forward to bringing some of the ideas that I have heard here at the conference back to Sullivan County schools, specifically a Farm to School Volunteer Ambassador Program, and continuing to support building principals, staff, students, superintendents, boards of education, and the larger community on farm to school efforts,” said Christy TerBush, Healthier Generation Program Manager at Sullivan 180.

If you are interested in supporting farm to school efforts in your community, reach out to Sullivan 180 or your school district’s Wellness Coordinator.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

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

<p>12 p.m., December 4, 2024</p> <p>10:30 a.m., December 6, 2024</p> <p>11:30 a.m., December 11, 2024</p> <p>12 p.m., December 12, 2024</p> <p>10:15 a.m., December 13, 2024</p> <p>1 p.m., December 13, 2024</p> <p>11:45 a.m., December 16, 2024</p> <p>1 p.m., December 16, 2024</p> <p>10:30 a.m., December 17, 2024</p> <p>1 p.m., December 17, 2024</p> <p>10:45 a.m., December 18, 2024</p> <p>12:30 p.m., December 18, 2024</p> <p>10:30 a.m., December 19, 2024</p> <p>12 p.m., December 19, 2024</p> <p>10 a.m., December 20, 2024</p> <p>12 p.m., December 20, 2024</p>	<p>Livingston Manor High School Band and Chorus</p> <p>Chase Elementary School Chorus</p> <p>Fallsburg High School Instrumental Chamber Groups</p> <p>Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Chorus</p> <p>Sullivan West Elementary Chorus</p> <p>Roscoe Elementary and High School Choirs</p> <p>Liberty High School Jazz Band</p> <p>Liberty 5th & 6th Grade Chorus and Liberty Middle School Honors Band</p> <p>Mackenzie Elementary School (Eldred) Band & Chorus</p> <p>Monticello High School Emerging Ensembles and Chamber Singers</p> <p>Sullivan West High School Select Choir</p> <p>Liberty Mixed and Honors Choirs</p> <p>Sullivan BOCES Choir</p> <p>Fallsburg High School Treble Choir and Chamber Choir</p> <p>Tri-Valley Secondary School Holiday Band</p> <p>Monticello Middle School Groups</p>
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My Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act Passed the House

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HU1b1knTJA>

Americans are increasingly being used as leverage around the world while being held hostage or wrongfully detained by terrorist groups. This includes NY-24's own Ryan Corbett, who is wrongfully detained by the Taliban in Afghanistan, and numerous Americans held by Hamas in Gaza. Tragically, some of these individuals could face additional hardship upon their return: tax penalties imposed by the federal government.

The Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act addresses this injustice. It ensures that Americans who have endured unimaginable circumstances abroad are not burdened with back taxes from the IRS upon their return. Furthermore, this legislation strengthens our fight against terrorism by revoking the tax-exempt status of any organization found to be financially supporting or providing resources to designated terrorist groups.

I am glad that this critical legislation has passed the House. It represents a significant step in supporting American citizens who have endured the horrors of captivity while reinforcing our nation's unwavering stance against those who threaten our security and values.

Standing Up For Second Amendment Rights

Mexico's lawsuit against American gun manufacturers is not just legally flawed-it's an insult to our Constitution and our sovereignty. This week I joined some of my colleagues on the steps of the Supreme Court to discuss the amicus brief we submitted supporting American firearm manufacturers in their efforts to have their case heard by the Supreme Court in Mexico v. Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc.

Rather than scapegoating American gun companies, Mexico should focus on fighting corruption and dismantling the criminal cartels benefitting from violence and chaos. The tragic human, drug, and weapons trafficking orchestrated by cartels stems from Mexico's failure to enforce law and order, not from lawful American businesses. This lawsuit represents a dangerous attempt to deflect responsibility and shift blame onto law-abiding American gun manufacturers.

As a Constitutional Conservative and an attorney, I am extremely alarmed by this lawsuit's violation of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act-a law designed to prevent

exactly this kind of legal overreach. The PLCAA ensures that manufacturers cannot be held responsible for crimes committed by individuals using their products. Blaming gun manufacturers for cartel violence ignores the root cause of this issue, which is the disintegration of law and order in Mexico.

This lawsuit is also an assault on our constitutional rights. Americans should not be subjected to Mexico's restrictive firearm laws, which deny its citizens the right to bear arms. This case is an unprecedented attempt by a foreign government to infringe upon America's Second Amendment rights and sabotage our domestic firearms industry.

Enhancing and Improving the Department of Veterans Affairs

The House passed the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act this week to fulfill our nation's promise to the men and women who have served our country by ensuring that they receive the high-quality care and services they earned without unnecessary bureaucratic interference. Supported by over 40 veterans' organizations, this legislation provides essential reforms to the Department of Veterans Affairs, streamlining and strengthening the services and benefits relied upon by our veterans and their families. Additionally, this bill expands home and community-based services at every VA center, allowing our veterans the dignity of receiving care in their own homes. This bill, which I cosponsored, is a crucial step toward honoring our promise to those who have served, ensuring they receive the timely, efficient, and comprehensive support they have earned.

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

S.3610 - Pregnancy Center Support Act of 2024 - This bill would provide a tax incentive for individuals that donate to pregnancy resource centers. Pregnancy resource centers provide valuable resources to pregnant women, such as pregnancy testing and sonograms. It is vital that pregnancy centers continue to be able to effectively support mothers and their babies which is why I cosponsored this important bill.

H.Res. 609 - the Expressing opposition to Central Business District Tolling Program of New York City - This resolution disapproves of the Central Business District Tolling Program of New York City, which would place an immense cost on hardworking American families.

H.R. 10071 - the Evidenced-Informed Health Promotion Act - This bill will make evidence-based programs focused on health promotion and disease prevention more accessible for our seniors, especially those with limited access in rural areas, though new federal funding opportunities for Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). AAAs are local nonprofit agencies dedicated to addressing the health needs of seniors by providing aging and caregiving resources. This bill would expand options for these agencies to support new evidence-based programs better tailored to address the specific needs of their communities.

Transparency in Congress and a well-informed electorate are vital to preserving our self-governing Constitutional Republic. My constituents deserve to know how their members of Congress vote, which is why I have explained every vote I have cast in Congress since I was first elected. (Contd. Pg. 54)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 53)

I voted “Yes” on my bill, H.R. 9495, the Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act. The bill does two things: (1) It allows the IRS to waive penalties for late taxes on Americans held hostage abroad. While the IRS can waive penalties on the back end when the taxpayer returns home, this would allow them to do it on the front end to ensure that returning hostages and their families, who have endured unimaginable hardship, don't have the burden of having to deal with it upon their return. (2) It directs the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of a nonprofit found to be providing financial support to a terrorist organization. Right now, an entity must be deemed a terrorist organization itself to lose tax-exempt status. This bill says that if a nonprofit provides material support to a designated terrorist group, they will also lose that status. HR 9495 passed unanimously out of Ways and Means in September (by a vote of 38-0), including with the support of Ranking Member Neal. The portion of this bill, to terminate the tax-exempt status of non-profit organizations supporting terrorist groups (H.R. 6408 led by Rep. Kustoff), passed unanimously out of Ways in November of last year as a standalone (by a vote of 41-0) and the House passed it overwhelmingly by a vote 382-11 this past April. Legislation preventing the IRS from imposing fines and tax penalties on Americans held hostage upon their return was approved by unanimous consent in the Senate. Unfortunately, many of my Democratic colleagues chose to put their hatred of President Trump and the needs of terrorist adversaries ahead of helping American hostages and their families and stopping the flow of cash to terrorists that are actively working to harm the United States. This is a critical time for Congress to act and make it clear that we stand by our fellow citizens who have endured unthinkable circumstances abroad - like Ryan Corbett of Dansville, New York who remains in the illegal custody of the Taliban. He is husband to Anna and father of his three children, Ketsia, Miriam, Caleb. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 219-184.

I voted “Yes” on H.Res. 915, Urging the Government of Ukraine to review and modify its decision to suspend adoption by foreign nationals with a view to resuming such adoptions, particularly in cases where the mutual concerns of the Governments of Ukraine and of the United States can be substantially addressed. After Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, Ukraine suspended the adoption of minors, both domestically and abroad, as it dealt with the displacement of Ukrainian children and the invasion. Since then, Ukraine has restored its domestic adoption process, but has not restored the ability of United States citizens to adopt Ukrainian children if they wish. This resolution encourages Ukraine to restore their international adoption process. This resolution passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 372-6.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 3012, the North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act. Since 2004, the North Korean Human Rights Act has authorized the President to promote human rights, democracy, freedom, and market economic principles within North Korea. This includes authorizing the President to support non-state sponsored media, such as Voice of America, and providing methods of circumventing government censorship. This bill reauthorizes these important programs through 2028 to continue this important work. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 335-37.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 8368, the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts Authorization Act. This bill would codify the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts position and designate them to be the individual in charge of programs focused on resettling our Afghan allies in the United States and facilitating the departure of U.S. citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents from Afghanistan. Importantly, this position would expire after three years ensuring the bureaucracy is not permanently and needlessly grown. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 334-63.

I voted “Yes” on H.Res. 1449, Condemning the global rise of antisemitism and calling upon countries and international bodies to counter antisemitism. This resolution condemns the global rise of anti-Semitism and calls upon international bodies and countries to adopt the Global Guidelines against Anti-Semitism. We must always unequivocally denounce anti-Semitism and work together to condemn bigotry targeting the Jewish people. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 388-21.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 1449, the CLEAN Act. This bill requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct yearly lease sales for geothermal energy, hold replacement sales for any sales that are missed in a given calendar year, and expeditiously process applications for geothermal drilling permits. This will increase domestic energy production and bolster new alternative energy options, allowing the United States to gain energy independence. This bill passed the House by a vote of 244-171.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 8371, the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act. This bill will ensure that the men and women who have served our nation receive the high-quality care and services they have earned without unnecessary bureaucracy. Supported by over 40 veterans' organizations, this legislation provides essential reforms to the Department of Veterans Affairs, streamlining and strengthening the services and benefits relied upon by our veterans and their families. Additionally, this bill expands home and community-based services at every VA center, allowing our veterans the dignity of receiving care in their own homes. I cosponsored this important bill as it is a crucial step toward honoring our promise to those who have served, ensuring they receive the timely, efficient, and comprehensive support they have earned. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 389-9.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 5658, the Vote by Mail Tracking Act. This bill requires all mail-in ballots to contain a USPS barcode that allows the envelope to be tracked and to include the official election mail logo. As patriots across this country rightfully raise election integrity concerns, we must do more to strengthen the security of our elections. As the Chair and Founder of the Election Integrity Caucus, I am committed to rooting out election fraud and restoring faith in our democratic process. This bill will ensure that individuals can track their mail-in ballot, ensuring that it is received and counted by the board of elections. While this bill is a good first step, Congress must do more to secure our elections and restore voters' faith. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 396-6.



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Fighting to expand Social Security benefits

Retired teachers, firefighters, and police officers deserve access to the Social Security benefits they've earned.

That's why this week, Kirsten urged the Senate to pass the Social Security Fairness Act. This bipartisan legislation would increase Social Security benefits for 2.5 million Americans by repealing provisions that unfairly reduce Social Security benefits to public servants.

Read more. <https://www.mytwintiers.com/news-cat/state-news/gillibrand-calls-for-senate-to-pass-bill-expanding-social-security-for-public-sector-workers/>

2. Building the next generation of cyber professionals

This week, Kirsten traveled to six universities across New York to encourage students to apply to the Department of Defense Cyber Service Academy scholarship program.

Kirsten created the Cyber Service Academy program to help fill the nearly 30,000 open cyber positions within the Department of Defense. By granting one year of free college for every year of subsequent public service, this program will create a pipeline for a talented, highly trained cyber workforce to help protect our nation from cyberattacks.

Read more about the program and find out if your school qualifies to host scholarship recipients here. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/cyberacademy/>

3. Accelerating chips manufacturing in Upstate NY

Kirsten is committed to making sure Upstate New York continues to be a hub for cutting-edge semiconductor manufacturing.

This week, she announced \$1.5 billion in guaranteed federal funding for GlobalFoundries to expand its current chip manufacturing facility and build a new state-of-the-art fabrication plant in Malta, NY. Together, these facilities are expected to create roughly 1,000 jobs. This funding was secured through the historic CHIPS and Science Act, which Kirsten fought to pass in 2022.

Read more <https://money.usnews.com/investing/news/articles/2024-11-20/us-finalizes-1-5-billion-chips-award-for-globalfoundries-to-expand-production>

4. Listen to Kirsten on The Brian Lehrer Show

Kirsten made her monthly appearance on The Brian Lehrer Show on WNYC to talk about her priorities for the next Congress, her work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, and much more.

Listen here. <https://www.wnyc.org/story/call-your-senator-sen-gillibrand-on-election-results-israel-and-more/>

5. Helping service members

When a retired New York Air National Guard member needed to secure his military service records to retire from his federal job with 20 years of service, he contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted the Air Force, and he received his NGB-22 within weeks.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with a federal agency, contact her here. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/>



As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to say how truly thankful I am for our fire crews and first responders for their valiant efforts over these past weeks battling against wildfires and protecting our cherished home here in the Hudson Valley. I also want to thank our local leaders and officials for their grit and steadfast leadership. I'll keep working with partners from all levels of government and across agencies to ensure our communities have the support and resources they need to continue to recover from this outbreak of wildfires.

From improving veterans' ability to access community and home-based healthcare, to supporting our caregivers and military families, here's some more of how I fought for Hudson Valley families this past week:

USHERING IN FEDERAL RESOURCES TO COMBAT WILDFIRES

I want to thank our brave fire crews who are continuing to battle back the wildfires devastating the Hudson Valley and heroically protecting our communities, as well as County Executive Steve Neuhaus and our local officials for their unwavering leadership.

Last week, I joined with Governor Hochul to secure a declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that will usher in federal funding to assist in containment and recovery efforts. The unprecedented wildfires raging across the Hudson Valley are devastating and simply too much for any one municipality to handle alone.

This declaration is crucial to getting our community the support it needs and deserves and I'll keep working to bring in every possible federal resource.

HELPING A WWI VETERAN RECEIVE THE LONG OVERDUE HONOR HE EARNED

In 1917, Ulster County's John Lodge Stoneman answered our nation's call as the U.S. entered World War I. We owe him a debt we can never repay and his legacy deserves the absolute highest place of reverence and honor.

But for the 62 years since his passing in 1962, Lodge Stoneman's remains went unclaimed.

Through tireless efforts, Wiltwyck Cemetery volunteer Kathy Wade pieced together the story of John's life and I am grateful that my office was able to assist her in obtaining his military records so that he could finally receive the honorable burial he was long overdue.

It was an honor to deliver a speech on the House floor to thank Kathy and the countless others who made it their mission to lay Lodge Stoneman in his rightful resting place, alongside his fellow heroes at the Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery, and ensure his place in American history is recognized for years to come. Watch the speech here.

MY STATEMENT ON H.R. 9495

Over the last week, I've had countless conversations with folks and non-profit leaders from across the Hudson Valley. I heard their concerns about how H.R. 9495 could be weaponized by the Trump Administration loudly and clearly.

And I agree.

That's why this week, I voted against H.R.9495 and I'll continue to do everything I can to protect and deliver for Hudson Valley families.

DELIVERING FOR OUR VETERANS AND CAREGIVERS

Our veterans made huge sacrifices in the line of service - our nation owes them the care and support they need for the rest of their lives.

That's why I was proud to help pass the improved and expanded Elizabeth Dole Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act last week. This was an especially fitting way to wrap both National Caregivers Month and Military Family Appreciation Month!(Contd. Pg. 56)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 55)

This bill will help veterans access more community and home-based care as well as deliver critical support for caregivers of veterans.

I'll keep working every day to ensure that our veterans have the benefits and healthcare they earned.

HONORING A DUTCHESS COUNTY HERO

I join our entire community in mourning Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff Nicholas Gasparre.

Nick represented the best of the Hudson Valley. He was a Marine, a public servant, a loving husband to Kellie, and a proud father to Addie.

Nick, you will be missed, but never forgotten.

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES

Military families make huge sacrifices for our country - they deserve our country's full support.

That's why I introduced my Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act. During this Military Family Appreciation Month and always, I am fighting for the legislation that provides them with the resources and healthcare they deserve.

DELIVERING FOR POUGHKEEPSIE FAMILIES

Family Services, led by CEO Leah Feldman, has forged a critical support system that uplifts Poughkeepsie families at its Family Partnership Center.

Last week, members from across our community joined with the Environmental Protection Agency to celebrate the nearly \$5 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding we secured to help rehabilitate the building. Watch here .

I'm grateful to have worked alongside community partners and officials at every level of government to secure these funds that will add on to the \$1 million in federal funding that I secured for the Center earlier this year.

I will keep fighting for the resources needed to complete the restoration and allow Family Services to continue expanding its invaluable work in our community.

FIGHTING TO MAKE INSULIN MORE AFFORDABLE

No one should go without the insulin they need due to its cost.

That's why I was inspired by Hudson Valley teen and Type I diabetes advocate JT Crawford to introduce my Stopping Pharma's Ripoffs and Drug Savings for All Act to make it easier for diabetics to access lower-cost, generic insulin.

During this National Diabetes Month, I'm proud to also cosponsor the Affordable Insulin Now Act and will keep fighting in the months ahead to protect the \$35 per month insulin cap for seniors.

WORKING WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS TO BOLSTER PUBLIC SAFETY

The Real-Time Crime Center will bring data-driven crime response and prevention to Dutchess County - it will be an absolute game-changer for public safety.

That's why I'm currently fighting to secure \$1.1 million in federal funding for the project and am proud to have dedicated partners at every level of government working to get this over the finish line! Read more about our joint efforts here .

THANKING OUR TEACHERS

Last week marked American Education Week - I want to thank all of our teachers and school administrators dedicated to preparing our students for bright futures and inspiring a love of learning.

This week and always, I have your backs and am working to deliver the resources you need.

CONGRATULATING A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT

I want to give a huge congratulations to Ulster County Planning Director Dennis Doyle on 50 years of profoundly impactful service to our community.

Your commitment to improving our neighborhoods and uplifting Ulster families is truly inspiring.

Thank you for your decades of public service and here's to many more years ahead!

MAKING APPRENTICESHIPS MORE ACCESSIBLE

Last week also marked National Apprenticeship Week.

Apprenticeships can be a gateway for veterans to enter into successful civilian careers after their military service.

That's why my former West Point classmate Congressman John James and I will keep fighting to get our Veterans' Entry to Apprenticeship Act passed and make these transformative opportunities easier for our veterans to access.

Congressman Pat Ryan Honors Ulster County WWI Veteran John Lodge Stoneman in House Floor Speech

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WWI veteran Lodge Stoneman's remains went unclaimed since his passing in 1962; Ryan's office obtained his military records that allowed for his long overdue burial at the Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Pat Ryan honored Ulster County World War I veteran John Lodge Stoneman in a speech on the House floor. Lodge Stoneman joined the U.S. Army in 1917 to serve during World War I. He passed away in 1962, but his remains went unclaimed for the 62 years since. Wiltwyck Cemetery volunteer Kathy Wade spearheaded efforts to give the WWI veteran a proper burial and coordinated with Congressman Ryan's office, who obtained Lodge Stoneman's military record, allowing him to be buried at the Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery. Lodge Stoneman was finally laid to rest Thursday, November 7, 2024, with the recognition and honor he earned through his military service. Ryan's full speech can be viewed here.

"In 1917, John Lodge Stoneman answered our nation's call as the U.S. entered the Great War - we owe him a debt we can never repay and his legacy deserves the absolute highest place of reverence and honor," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "Through tireless efforts, Wiltwyck Cemetery volunteer Kathy Wade pieced together the story of John's life and I am grateful that my office was able to assist her in obtaining his military records so that he could finally receive the honorable burial he was long overdue. I want to thank Kathy and the countless other community members who made it their mission to lay John Lodge Stoneman in his final and rightful resting place, alongside his fellow heroes and ensure his place in American history is recognized for years to come."

"John Lodge Stoneman's military records had been lost in a fire, but Congressman Ryan's office was able to obtain the Certificate of Military Service that we needed for him to be buried at the Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery," said Wiltwyck Cemetery volunteer Kathy Wade. "Thanks to Congressman Ryan's assistance, we were finally able to lay John Lodge Stoneman to rest with the honor he deserved."

"Growing up in the Hudson Valley shaped the values that guided John Lodge Stoneman down a path that would ultimately lead him to serve his country," said Matthew Sirni, Wiltwyck Cemetery Superintendent. "We honor more than his service and his work; we honor the entirety of his journey. It is our privilege to ensure that John's memory lives on, that his story is told, and that he rests with the dignity he deserves. May we always remember him and the countless others who, like him, contributed to the fabric of our community and our country." (Contd. Pg. 57)

Congressman Pat Ryan Honors Ulster County WWI Veteran John Lodge Stoneman in House Floor Speech

(From Pg. 56) “It was our honor to lay to rest Army Private John Stoneman in the Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery on November 7th,” said Mark Cozzupoli, Retired Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant and current Director of the Ulster County Veteran Services Agency. “Anytime we can bring a veteran home and provide him or her with the dignified burial he or she deserves, we are going to do whatever it takes to make it happen.”

John Lodge Stoneman joined the U.S. Army in 1917 when the United States entered WWI. After his death in 1962, his cremated remains went unclaimed. Volunteer Kathy Wade made it her mission to identify him and ensure his proper burial. Wade contacted Congressman Ryan's office for assistance in obtaining a Certificate of Military Service for Lodge Stoneman; his full military record was destroyed in a fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis in 1973. The St. Louis fire is estimated to have destroyed approximately 16-18 million Official Military Personnel Files.

Lodge Stoneman was buried on Thursday, November 7, 2024, with Wade in attendance, as well as other community members whose efforts were critical to ensuring Lodge Stoneman received the burial he was due.

Congressman Ryan's team of skilled caseworkers offer assistance to veterans with, but not limited to, obtaining military records, applying for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and healthcare, receiving lost military medals and awards, and planning military funerals. Veterans and their loved ones in need of assistance are encouraged to contact Ryan's caseworkers by calling (845) 443-2930 or on his website.

Congressman Ryan graduated from the United States military Academy at West Point in 2004 and is the first West Point graduate to represent the Academy in Congress. He served two combat tours in Iraq with the U.S. Army. In Congress, Ryan is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and has prioritized fighting to ensure military veterans receive the support, resources, and honor they deserve.

Congressman Ryan recently invited veterans from across the Hudson Valley to join him for a breakfast in their honor. He brought together dozens of community partners for an all-in-one veterans and military families resource fair in May and has utilized his mobile office, the C.A.R.E.S. Van, to deliver direct assistance to veterans at Veteran Service Organizations across the Hudson Valley. Earlier this year, Ryan delivered \$1 million for the Rumshock Veterans Foundation's Veterans Village Project that is currently constructing affordable housing for homeless veterans in Orange County.

Ryan has fought for legislation that delivers for veterans and servicemembers - including introducing the Never Forgotten Korean War POW Act, the Expanding Home Loans for Guard and Reservists Act, and the Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act.



Senator Peter Oberacker & Assemblyman Joe Angelino Announce Signing of Specialist Herman Emil Anders, Jr. Memorial Bridge Bill

State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenectady) and State Assemblyman Joseph Angelino (R/C - Norwich) announced the signing of S5937-B/A4924-B, legislation renaming a bridge spanning the Chenango River, connecting the Town of Greene (Chenango County) and the Town of Fenton (Broome County), in honor of decorated Vietnam veteran and American hero SP4 Herman Emil Anders, Jr..

“Today, we honor Specialist Herman Emil Anders, Jr., a true American hero whose courage and ultimate sacrifice stand as a testament to the highest ideals of service. Facing unimaginable danger, he led his fellow soldiers to safety with selfless bravery until his final moments. Thank you to Assemblyman Angelino, a veteran and this bill's Assembly sponsor, and to Governor Hochul for her signature. Together, we ensure Specialist Anders' valor will live on in our hearts and in the memory of this grateful community,” said Senator Peter Oberacker.

“Specialist Anders is an American hero, plain and simple, and naming this bridge after him is the least we can do as a thankful state and nation. I am very proud to be the Assembly sponsor of the legislation responsible for renaming this bridge, and I also want to thank the Senate sponsor, my good friend Sen. Oberacker, whose hard work is greatly appreciated. I truly hope this bridge serves as a timeless memory of Specialist Anders. We must always remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation, and this act of renaming a bridge to honor Specialist Anders should work to do just that,” said Assemblyman Joseph Angelino.

Specialist Anders was a true hero whose courage and dedication shone brightly in his service during Operation Junction City. A decorated soldier, he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the National Defense Service Medal—a testament to his bravery and commitment to his Nation. In the face of intense enemy fire, he selflessly put himself in harm's way, identifying targets and leading his unit to safety. Despite overwhelming odds, he continued to defend his fellow soldiers, engaging enemy forces until his last moments. Specialist Anders rests now in Sylvan Lawn Cemetery in Chenango County, forever honored and remembered for his heroism and sacrifice.





Songs of the Season



With Cris Spinner, Featuring Steve Schwartz & Ken Windheim

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

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

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

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

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1:00pm—2:00pm

in the Robert D. Norris Community Room

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Join us for a musical performance by
Fisher and Kean



For this special holiday performance, the duo will be performing holiday classics.

Songwriters Deborah Anne Fisher & Paul Kean began playing together in 2017. They accompany each other in harmony & varied instruments, switching off on guitar, ukulele, bass & washboard percussion.

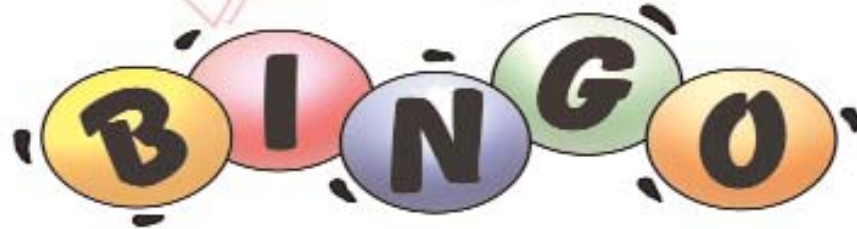
****Tuesday, December 17th, 2024***

6:30 p.m.

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

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

First come, first served; registration is recommended.
Please go to ebcpl.org or Call (845)794-4660 x4

**Wednesday, December 18th,
3:00pm-4:00pm**

**In the
Robert D. Norris Community Room**

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Montigram President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

If we could talk with the animal, imagine what a wonderful world it would be? Well, thanks to Richie Chiger and Matt Frumus, members of the Monticello Rotary Club learned not only can we speak to animals, but they will also speak back.

The program on parrots was filled with interesting information on the bird's behaviors and intelligence. In addition, the club members learned how interactions with the parrots can shift their behaviors demonstrating the higher level thinking skills of this animal breed.

The program for tonight is a pre Thanksgiving Friendsgiving Meeting in which we will enjoy fellowship and share stories of gratitude.

Turkey Drop Off:

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James delivers the first flock of 34 turkeys donated by the Sullivan County Long Beards Annual Turkey Hunters Care Program - A Youth & Wounded Veterans Activities Program to Sullivan County United Way Executive Director Julian Dawson in preparation for the Monticello Rotary Annual Food Drive. Non-perishable food items, frozen turkeys and hams were collected for distribution by the United Way and Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless.

Turkey Pick-up

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James was on hand on Friday November 15, 2024 at Peck's Market in Livingston Manor to pick up the 34 turkeys donated to the Monticello Rotary Annual Food Drive by the Sullivan County Long Beards Annual Turkey Hunters Care Program. SCLB's Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation provided 130 Frozen Turkeys for distribution across Sullivan County. They are proud to be able to make this contribution through partnering with the Rotary Food Drive and providing to local schools, churches, fire departments and the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition to ensure those in need receive a turkey for Thanksgiving. The Monticello



Back Row: L-R Eugene Adolph, Rich Decker, Chris Delong, Matthew Janik (Pecks Market), Greg Feeney - Dick Coombe
Front Row: L-R Lejon Vinigre, Terri Specht, Randy Peers, Butch Kortright, Larry Wipple, Walter Zeitschel, Lori Orestano-James, Mark Puerschner

Rotary Food Drive is on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 9am - 1pm at the Ted Strobel Recreation Center, Jefferson Street, Monticello. Non-perishable food items, frozen turkeys and hams will be collected for distribution by the United Way and Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless.

Livingston Manor 70th Anniversary Celebration, Liberty Elks Lodge. Please RSVP to Lori Orestano-James by December 1st.

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

Monticello Rotary Board of Directors Meeting - December 17, 2024 at 5pm.

Monticello Rotary Annual Holiday Party, December 17, 2024, 6pm.

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

With Rotary Pride,

Lori Orestano-James

President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

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Monticello Rotary Food Drive Fills Local Pantries

Thank you Sullivan County!! As always, we come together for our community! #ServiceAboveSelf

The Rotary Club of Monticello, NY Monticello Rotary Annual Food Drive is officially in the books! Thank you to the entire community for making this year's event a huge success

Here are the totals: (Drum Roll Please) 72 Cases of Food; 98 Turkeys; and 8 Hams

All foods collected went to United Way of Sullivan County and Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless .

Congratulations on a job well done! Thank you to first year Chairperson Cris Cirillo Spinner and Committee Members President Lori Orestano-James (Lori James), Orshii Boldiis , Jackie Rutledge , Brad Rutledge , Bradlyn Brooks , Les Kristt , and Peter Alan Chester for running such a successful event. Thank you to Kathy Kreiter from SC Federation for the Homeless and Julian Dawson of United Way of Sullivan County for your help in reaching out to those in need and your constant support and assistance in helping us do our service. Thank you Village of Monticello, New York and Village Manager James Snowden for providing us the use of the Ted Strobel Building as well as assistance for set-up and clean-up. A great shoutout Monticello High School Interact students who assisted us. Without getting the word out, we would have never done this well. Thank you to Paul Ciliberto , Eddie Wilson , Mike Sakell , and Dawn Chernow Ciorciari from Bold Gold Media Group ; Derek Kirk and Fred Stabbert from Sullivan County Democrat; Jim Sebastian Mid Hudson News, and Bill Liblick and BettyJane Stevens for all the social media opportunities. And, the day would not have been complete without Joe Kavanaugh and his friends (AKA Pluto, Elmo, Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, and The Cookie Monster) for provided great support and opportunity for kids of all ages become engaged in this important work.

Special thanks to all the amazing Rotarians who helped throughout the day. And, most importantly, thank you to YOU - our community!!! We couldn't do this without you!

(Link with additional pictures can be found here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/1NpFFuXgoVEwddvu7>)
Alzheimer's Walk Donations Still Welcome

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

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

MURPH'S TOY DRIVE

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

Agenda for November 26, 2024

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - VP Cris Spinner
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Guest Speaker/Program: Friendsgiving Meeting
5. Committee Reports:

Food Drive - Cris Spinner

Interact - Cris Spinner

Rotary Radio - Rick Stein

Murph's Toy Drive - Les Kristt

Senior Comfort Closet - Lori Orestano-James & Cris Spinner

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

6. Regional Updates/District Updates -

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Happy Dollars

10. 50/50 Raffle

11. Adjourn

Link for Zoom Meeting Sign-on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506100931?pwd=MUNmWnhZanR6M2lCSy9McjNQTzBudz09>

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Governor Hochul Signs Legislation Expanding Legal Protection in Domestic Violence Cases

** Melanie's Law S.6288/A.6026 Allows Courts To Issue Orders of Protection to Immediate Family Members or Household Members of Named Victims, Regardless of Age*
** S.6288/A.6026 Closes Loophole That Limited Protections to Children Under 18*

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation expanding protections in domestic violence cases in criminal and family court. This legislation recognizes that domestic violence does not just impact a person who is or was in an intimate relationship with an abuser -- it impacts their family and household members as well. Under this legislation, all family and household members will be afforded the same process in court, including the ability to obtain an order of protection. Previous laws only allowed unrelated children under the age of 18 to be included on the adult family member's order of protection. Additionally, this legislation will allow these family and household members to file family offense petitions in Family Court. Today's action, on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, expands on Governor Hochul and the Legislature's commitments to keeping all New Yorkers safe and combating domestic violence.

"Melanie Chianese should be standing with us today, along with countless New Yorkers lost at the hands of senseless and preventable acts of domestic violence," Governor Hochul said. "By signing Melanie's law, we are committing New York State, our law enforcement and our legal system to the fundamental principle that every person deserves to be protected."

Melanie's Law is named after Melanie Chianese, who was tragically killed by her mother's ex-boyfriend while he was awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to a domestic violence felony. Melanie's mother, Cheryl Chianese-Cavalli, was able to get orders of protection for herself and Melanie's four-year-old son, but Melanie was ineligible because she was 29. Governor Hochul was joined at the signing by Melanie's mother. Melanie's Law recognizes the importance of protecting those close to a victim, as in many cases, those who harm will use any method to establish power and control over their partner, including hurting those who matter most to them.

Mother of Melanie Chianese, Cheryl Chianese-Cavalli said, "Today is a big step forward for domestic violence. Melanie's Law will save lives and her legacy will live on forever in our hearts."

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Today, thanks to one mother's extraordinary courage and advocacy for change, Melanie's Law, championed by her mom, Cheryl, is now law. Domestic violence leaves a trail of trauma that impacts entire families, and when people come forward for help, they deserve a legal system that offers protection and compassion. I'm proud to sponsor Melanie's Law, which will help do that, allowing orders of protection to now extend to relatives of DV victims, providing a safeguard for those who often bear the ripple effects of abuse. My deepest thanks go to Governor Hochul for signing this vital legislation and Cheryl Chianese, whose advocacy has provided families with a stronger voice in their fight for safety through Melanie's Law."

The signing comes one month after more than 250 profession-

SLAC Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County Rescheduled Monthly Meeting

2 P. M., Thursday, December 5, 2024, in the Legislative Meeting Room, at the Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello NY

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

Kenneth Walter,
Co Chair

Agenda

1. Meeting schedule for 2025.
2. Review of the Department of Health's October inspection.
3. List of talking points

als from across the state arrived in Albany to attend "Learning the Signs: Assessing the Risk of Lethality in Domestic Violence Cases" - the state's first-ever summit of its kind - hosted by the state Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) and the State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). The two-day training provided law enforcement agencies, attorneys, social services staff, gender-based violence services providers and other professionals with the necessary training and tools to assess danger in domestic violence cases and respond in a survivor-centered, trauma-informed and culturally responsive manner.

Earlier in October, Governor Hochul announced a record-level, \$35 million state investment to improve the public safety response to intimate partner abuse and domestic violence and better address the needs of victims and survivors.

The New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence is the country's only cabinet-level executive state agency dedicated to the issue of gender-based violence. Follow OPDV on Facebook, Instagram and X.

The Division of Criminal Justice Services provides critical support to all facets of the State's criminal justice system, including, but not limited to: training law enforcement and other criminal justice professionals; analyzing statewide crime and program data; providing research support; and managing criminal justice grant funding. Follow DCJS on Facebook, Instagram and X.

New York's Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline is available 24/7: 800-942-6906 (call), 844-997-2121 (text) or @opdv.ny.gov (chat). OVS Resource Connect also allows individuals to find state-funded victim assistance programs in their community by their specific need or concern.

Homeschooling Group

4th Tuesday of each month

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at the Daniel Pierce Library

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

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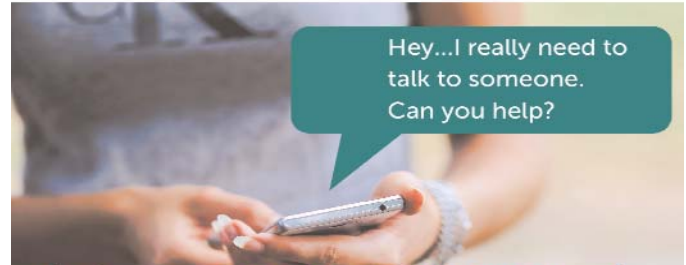
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@ 6:30 PM

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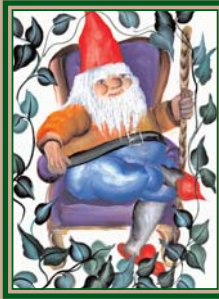
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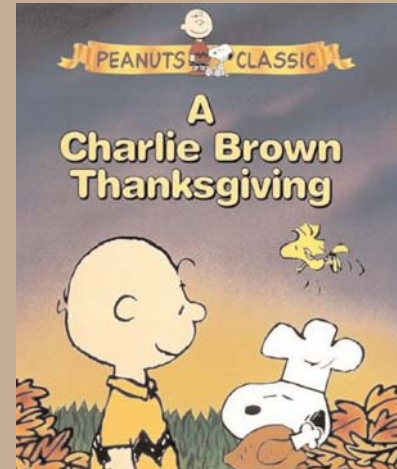
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A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving



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Peppermint Patty shows up unexpectedly at Charlie Brown's house with a group of hungry friends. It's Thanksgiving. Linus, Snoopy and Woodstock along with good ol' Chuck prepare an unimaginable feast for Thanksgiving - toast, jellybeans, and pretzels. It was not the food and drink that Peppermint Patty had in mind and she rebukes Chuck for such a lean meal. She winds up eating more than her words thus gaining emotional nourishment.

Winner of an Emmy Award, A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving is digitally mastered for excellent sound and picture quality. (Contd. Pg. 79)



Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *It's a Wonderful Life*

This weeks' Trivia question:

True or false: Rosebud is the name of Charles Foster Kane's daughter.

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Miracle on 34th Street
(1947 / Rated G / 97 min.
Comedy / Drama)

From 1947, starting with Thanksgiving and ushering in the Christmas Season, *Miracle on 34th Street* is still one of America's favorite movies.



Miracle on 34th Street was shot on location in New York City, with the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade sequences filmed live while the 1946 parade was happening

The movie is about a six-year-old, Susan Walker (Natalie Wood) who is skeptical of the Christmas myth surrounding Santa Claus, a trait she perhaps learned from her mother, Doris Walker (Maureen O'Hara).

Doris is faced with a dilemma when an older man, Kris Kringle complains to her that the Santa she had hired was intoxicated. She persuades Kris to take his place. He does so well that he is hired to play Santa at Macy's New York City store on 34th Street.

When Kringle surprises customers and employees alike by claiming that he really is Santa Claus, it leads to a court case to determine his mental health and, more importantly, his authenticity.

Miracle on 34th Street is a 1947 American Christmas comedy-drama film released by 20th Century Fox, written and directed by George Seaton

and based on a story by Valentine Davies. It stars Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Natalie Wood, and Edmund Gwenn.

Miracle on 34th Street won three Academy Awards: Gwenn for Best Actor in a Supporting Role, Valentine Davies for Best Writing, Original Story, and George Seaton for Best Writing, Screenplay.

The film was nominated for Best Picture, losing to *Gentleman's Agreement*.

Miracle on 34th Street received positive reviews from critics. Bosley Crowther of *The New York Times* said: "For all those blasé skeptics who do not believe in Santa Claus –and likewise for all those natives who have grown cynical about New York –but most especially for all those patrons who have grown weary of the monotonies of the screen, let us heartily recommend *Miracle on 34th Street*. As a matter of fact, let's go further: let's catch its spirit and heartily proclaim that it is the freshest little picture in a long time, and maybe even the best comedy of this year."

In 1985, it became one of the first full-length black and white films to be colorized.

In 1993, this version was released on VHS and LaserDisc, and was followed four years later by a "50th Anniversary Edition" on both formats

In 2005, the film was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant". The Academy Film Archive preserved *Miracle on 34th Street* in 2009.

Miracle on 34th Street was listed as the fifth best film in the fantasy genre in the American Film Institute's "Ten top Ten" lists in 2008.

May the miracle of the season
Bless you with
Peace and Love as you celebrate a
Happy Thanksgiving!

