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## Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!



(Left to right): back row- Sophia Horton, Emily Hadden, Payton Evans, Logan Hendrickson, Tyler Graham, Caleb Davison; front row- Kayla Bickham, Brea Sheeley, Thomas Verbert, and Mason De La Cuadra

On Tuesday, November 21, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll for the first quarter.

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Shelby Carroll and Lilia Murden won awards for Academic Excellence, Grace Nichols and Jiya Patel won awards for Leadership, Avery Carrier and Christopher Parken won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, AJ Etayyem, Gerard Kingeter, and Dino Radoncic won awards for Most Improved, Gage Houghtaling, Sanaa Lawrence, and Madeline Uhl won awards for Outstanding

Participation, and Angelina Flores and Julia Sweetman won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

In the 7th grade, Brea Sheeley and Sophia Horton won awards for Academic Excellence, Mason De La Cuadra and Thomas Verbert won awards for Leadership, Caleb Davison and Peyton Evans won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Alexa Russo and Kayla Bickham won awards for Most Improved, Logan Hendrickson and Tyler Graham won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Carl Sweatt and Emily Hadden won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!



(Left to right): back row- Lilia Murden, Sanaa Lawrence, Angelina Flores, Madeline Uhl, Julia Sweetman, Christopher Parken, Gage Houghtaling, Dino Radoncic; front row- Jiya Patel, Avery Carrier, Grace Nichols, and Shelby Carroll

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St. Matthew 10:16

## OBITUARIES

**Thomas Kitson**, 65, died November 13, 2023, at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, NY.



Born January 21, 1958 in New York City, Thomas was the son of John and Anna Gilmore Kitson. He graduated from Delaware

Valley Central School in 1976, and SUNY Delhi in 1977.

Before retiring to become a semi-professional grandpa, he was co-owner of Thomas Electric Company. When not reading the most recent novel that he was able to get his hands on, he could be found tending to his garden or completing a woodworking project in his basement.

He is survived by his three sons, Brian (Kristen), Matthew, and John (Missy); a daughter, Megan; four grandchildren, Dominic, Gianni, Andrew, and Flora; two sisters, Anna Altbach and Marie Graby, one sister-in-law, Pam Kitson; and numerous nieces, and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Linda; his parents; his brothers, John, Willy, and Martin; his sister, Margaret MacIsaac; and two brothers-in-law, Arch MacIsaac, and Bill Graby.

At his wish, there will be a small private ceremony with his family.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Thomas's name to the Upper Delaware Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 258, Hankins, NY 12741.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home Railroad Avenue, Roscoe, NY 607-498-4929 or 845-439-5200 or [www.Harris-FH.com](http://www.Harris-FH.com). Dignified cremation provided by Harris Crematorium, LLC.

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

#### December 2, 1953

Miss Charlotte M. Gay, daughter of Mrs. Charles Gay of Scotia and the late

Mr. Gay, and Norman Yonker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Yonker of Ellenville, were married at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Scotia on November 14th. The Rev. Gerald Miller officiated at the Nuptial Mass. They will make their home in Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight entertained Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck and children, June and Douglas, at dinner at Finch's Restaurant on Friday evening in honor of the latter's 24th wedding anniversary.

#### November 27, 1963

David C. Groo, 76, a retired farmer, died suddenly on Thursday, November 21st at his home in Claryville. Mr. Groo was born in Grahamsville on August 23, 1887, the son of Harrison and Lucy Morton Groo. He married the late Eleanor Brundage Groo June 13, 1915. Mrs. Groo died in 1962. Mr. Groo was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

#### December 19, 1973

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curry who are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Saturday, December 15th at Horton Memorial Hospital, Middletown. Daniel Todd weighed 7 lbs. 15 1/2 oz. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gil Kelder of Grahamsville. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Curry of Neversink.

#### December 8, 1983

Geralyn Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murray, and Terrance O'Loughlin, son of Mrs. John F. O'Loughlin of Syracuse were married recently in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. A reception followed at Taphaels Restaurant. The bride attended Upstate Medical Center at Syracuse, earning an associate degree in radiation therapy technology and SUNY College at Oneonta earning a bachelor's degree in education. She is employed as a radiation technologist and adjunct instructor. The bridegroom earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at Siena College in Loudenville, N.Y. He is employed as an auditor for Onondaga County.

## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley  
Published December 4, 1997

December may be one of the coldest months of the year but it's also the season that holds more than its share of warm and wonderful memories.

Looking back to the early 1900's, in December, Orchard Lake usually froze solid and it was a favorite place for us school kids to slide during our noon hour lunch break and we often met there after supper. We could be found gliding together on the ice under the starry skies, memories never to be forgotten.

What fun it was to gather greenery to decorate our schoolhouse for our Christmas programs that were held every year. Our schoolhouse looked especially beautiful on the night of our program. Lights from our kerosene lamps shone through the windows, making shadows on the white ground. The maple trees, weighted down with snow, always seemed to say "shake me" and there was a limb on one of the trees low enough for me to reach and shake. I always ended up with a shower of snow and I loved it.

December brought snow and that brought the young and the young at heart to Koon's Hill after supper with their sleighs. At the word "go", we would all run and belly flop on our Flexible Flyers and King of the Hill sleds. Those who didn't bring sleds hopped on the pair of Bobs which were always ready and waiting for a wild ride down the hill. Cumbersome clothing cushioned the flop and our wool scarves, wet with snow, iced our faces all the way to the finish line.

December was the month that "Jack Frost" made his first appearance on our windows and traced beautiful scenes for our enjoyment.

Then look at what Santa brought. Was there ever a morning "more exciting than Christmas? Not for us kids and not for the "kid" in all of us who still get a kick out of that magical day which is right around the corner. The month of December is seasonably cold but the thrill of the holiday and the fun of getting together with family and friends certainly chased away the chill.

### Household Hint:

Holiday Cleaning – Clean the microwave

Clean t your microwave by boiling a solution of 1/4 cup of vinegar and 1 cup of water in the microwave. This will ill loosen splattered on food. Use paper towels to remove the loosened food. This will also deodorize you microwave.

## Nature Column - L. Comando

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

### The Majesty and Magic of a Christmas Tree

This beautiful big evergreen tree grew up in Vestal, NY. Watch the story of this majestic tree that has brought the magic of Christmas all over the world as it was lit on Wednesday evening.

<https://www.today.com/video/learn-the-story-behind-the-2023-rockefeller-center-christmas-tree-197566021568>

In reality every evergreen is the perfect Christmas Tree. Just think - as cold and dark as winter might be, a Christmas Tree remains green the year around. – thus they are named, "Evergreens".



For early Christians evergreens symbolized everlasting life because their boughs stayed green all year. Thousands of years before Christianity, in the Northern hemisphere, as the Winter solstice approached, the ancient people observed the air becoming colder, the days getting shorter and the deciduous trees, bushes, and crops dying. They became afraid as they believed the sun was disappearing and that the Earth would eventually freeze. They

did notice that some plants and trees remained green all year long and believed that such trees and plants had magical powers that allowed them to withstand the cold of winter.

Once evergreens covered the whole world. It took millions of years for the evergreen trees to perfect three magic tricks on behalf of all evergreen trees to come.

The first and most important is photosynthesis or transforming sunlight into green chlorophyll.

Think of one sunbeam composed of tiny particles of electromagnetic radiation energy called photons. Each wee little photon has zero rest mass and charge plus spin of one. Sound a little 'out there'? That is how it changes sunlight into chlorophyll - a technology called photonics. Here's what happens:

As a sunbeam shines on a pine needle filled with water, the photons radiant energy splits each molecule of water into hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen is discarded back into the air. The hydrogen mixes with air inside the needle or leaf and builds a new molecule of chlorophyll, which is a carbohydrate (sugar). The whole process takes thirty seconds!

To split the water molecule requires the color bands of red, orange and blue - from the rainbow light spectrum. Only these colors transform light into chlorophyll or a carbohydrate (sugar). The middle of the rainbow, where green is located is mostly reflected. This is why a pine needle looks green.

Evergreen trees store little packages of carbohydrates as liquid sugar cells everywhere in the tree - needles, limbs, trunk, bark and roots - and in cold weather convert the sugar into an alcoholic substance slow to freeze. Pioneers actually made a tasty drink called Spruce Beer by boiling young twig tips in water and adding molasses and yeast to taste.

The second magic trick performed by evergreens is transporting the alcohol throughout the whole tree in long pipeline cells whose woody sidewalls thicken in winter weather.

The last trick is that all evergreens except tamarack and cypress keep sap flowing through needles year around. Broadleaf trees by contrast make cork cells at the end of the leaf stem, thus blocking water and causing the leaf to drop off in autumn. Not the Evergreen - they simply look elegantly green all year around making them very special this time of the year, especially after the new snowfall.

We are so fortunate living in the Catskills. With so many evergreen trees in our forests and countryside, despite the cold and darkness of winter, we are certain to begin to feel the magic of Christmas knowing that evergreens are just as green now as they were on a sunny day last summer! May your holidays be a little brighter every time you see and feel the magic of another Christmas Tree whether it is in your home, in a neighbor's window or front yard or standing tall and green in our forests and countryside. They are all filled with the same magic.

And don't forget the Annual Tree Lighting Festivities and visit from Santa at Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville this Sunday, December 3 at 5 pm.

## Grahamsville Reformed Church Food Pantry Donation



SUNY Sullivan's Food Pantry has a new stand-up freezer, thanks to a generous \$1,500 donation from the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Pastor Ken Ronk presented the check to Officer in Charge Dr. Casey Crabill and Coordinator of Student Activities Jamie Brooks.

"The Food Pantry is a lifeline that allows many of our students to continue their education by providing food to nourish their bodies," said Brooks, who is a member of the Grahamsville Reformed Church. "I can't express how thankful we are for this generous donation."

## Green Building Technology Student Dominique Etienne presents Algal Bloom/CyanoHAB Research at Biomedical Research Conference in Phoenix

By now many Hudson Valley residents are pretty wary of harmful algal blooms in area waterbodies and the health impacts they can have on humans and pets. This month SUNY Sullivan Green Building Technology major Dominique Etienne will travel to Phoenix, AZ, to present the results of her research on these algal blooms or CyanoHABs at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Students (ABRCMS).



Etienne's poster talk, "The Effects of Climate Change on CyanoHABs," explored the impact that seasonal temperature changes can have on these algal blooms or CyanoHABs. Her study is the result of research she did this past summer in the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program at SUNY Purchase, a paid eight-week summer research program funded by the National Institutes of Health.



"My project was very interesting to me because we really looked into the human and environmental causes and impacts of harmful algal blooms and CyanoHABs," said Etienne. "The Bridges program did a really good job of preparing us for everything that we did. For example, we had our first practice symposium recorded so we could watch our feedback and we talked with the mentors on how we could improve ourselves. The feedback and repetitive practicing really made me improve throughout the program so I feel that I'm ready for ABRCMS!" (Contd. Pg. 12)

## Fine Art, Crafts, Books, Music and More Coming to Sullivan County Museum December 10 Frederick Cook Society Hosting Open House from 11 to 4



Hurleyville, NY - Join neighbors and friends on Sunday, December 10 for a first-ever Frederick Cook Society Open House at the Sullivan County Museum! The holiday-themed event will include live music, as well as fine art, crafts, books and photographs available for purchase.

On display will be a special exhibition of wood-fired pottery, donated by the late Robert Segall, who visited Sullivan County many a summer. The Ohio native pursued a career in art in New York City, where his work has been exhibited in numerous public and private spaces. He taught ceramics at Hunter College, College of the City of New York, and Marymount Manhattan College. Major influences for his work include Pueblo Indian pottery and Japanese Bizen Ware. Proceeds from sales of his pottery will be donated to local non-profit organizations.

The music will include performances by Sullivan West senior Henry Simon, Rounder Recording artist Van Manakas, and members of the band Little Sparrow.

Doors open at 11 a.m., and the event runs until 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. Call 845-434-8044 for more information, or visit the Frederick Cook Society Website at [www.frederickcookpolar.org](http://www.frederickcookpolar.org).

Earthenware pottery by Robert Segall (representative - these items will not be for sale)

## Lisa Titus Publishes First Book of Poetry



Congratulations to SUNY Sullivan Professor Lisa Titus! Professor Titus' debut book of poetry, "First Time, Every Time," will be published in December and is available now for pre-order at Brick Road Press.

Professor Titus was the 2020-2021 Poet Laureate of Sullivan County, NY; the recipient of a 2021-2022 DVAA Individual Artist Fellowship; and a 2020 Pushcart Prize nominee. Her poems have appeared in "Barrow Street," "The Carolina Quarterly," "The Packingtown Review," and elsewhere. "First Time, Every Time" was a recent finalist for the Brick Road Poetry Prize.

## The RJC Dreidel House this Sunday

Quick, check your calendar. Do you have Sunday December 3rd from 11AM - 1PM blocked off? No? Well you should! It's the RJC Dreidel house, the best destination in Dutchess County for getting into the Chanukah spirit! With free admission, refreshments, and crafts ranging from \$1-\$8, there's something for everyone to enjoy. And of course, participants will learn about chanukah in the process. What's not to like?

So, please join us nSunday, December 3rd from 11am - 1pm at The RJC, 102 Montgomery St.

Questions? Call 845-876-766 or email [info@rhinebeckjewish-center.com](mailto:info@rhinebeckjewish-center.com)

## Music on Market Coffeehouse presents *The Heartstrings Project*

Join us live, in-person on Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 pm for Music on Market Coffeehouse presents The Heartstrings Project.

Luke Wygodny (vocals / guitar / percussion / harmonica) & Sam Quiggins (cello / vocals) and guests.

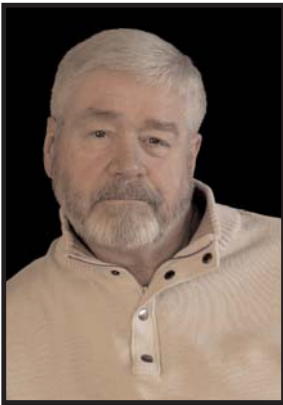
The Heartstrings Project writes songs about what's happening within the heart. Indie Folk tunes with cinematic elements. Each song another world; guided by raw storytelling

Suggested donation \$10.

MISU is located at 40 Market St. in Ellenville.

We hope to see you there.

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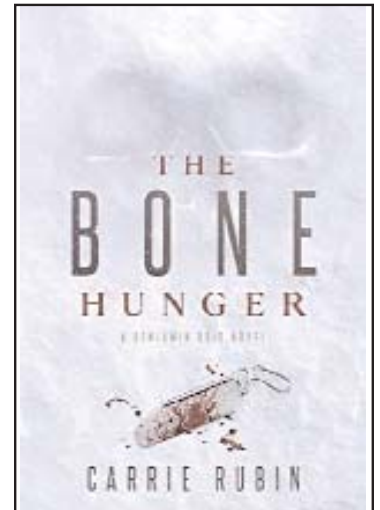


## The Bone Hunger

### Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 64 Mysterious Book Report No. 415

Published December 2, 2021

by John Dwaine McKenna



All novelists are bright. That's because writing is a craft that demands much, and promises nothing more than thousands of hours of solitary and challenging work, putting together what we hope will be a story with an engaging plot, interesting characters and a few surprises along the way that will entertain and involve our readers, maybe even get them back for more of the same character. *It's a tough row to hoe*, as my old granny used to say . . . but that, I think is what gives writing its allure. It's hard to do well. Damned hard.

Then, along comes a writer with such talent that she makes the near-impossible look easy . . . which is a mark of genius. Her name is Carrie Rubin. She's a physician-turned author, whose newest, *The Bone Hunger*, (Indigo Dot Press, \$25.99, 305 pages, ISBN 978-1-7328541-4-7) is a genre-bending medical thriller, murder mystery and paranormal hair-raiser, all rolled into one. It features a second year orthopedic surgery resident named Benjamin Oris, who's the star pupil on a knee and hip replacement team under the tutelage of the illustrious Dr. Kent Lock, at Philadelphia's Montgomery Hospital.

The novel—and the trouble—begins when Ben discovers the severed leg of one of his former patients while out for a run in the park. Not only is the leg severed, it shows bite marks, a roadrunner tattoo . . . and the surgical implant Dr.

Oris helped install just two weeks earlier. But the patient, who hadn't been following orders to exercise, had died in front of Ben from a blood clot in one of his lungs. The police, the hospital administration, and the surgical team all question Dr. Oris, who's had some problems in the past. Then, more body parts start showing up . . . and the killings and mutilations become more frequent . . . while the tension and suspense ratchets up with every page. Each new revelation deepens the mystery and enlarges the suspect pool in this complex medical thriller. It will leave you feeling as if you're ready to scrub in for the next orthopedic surgery with the same team that recently survived a plane crash in wintertime in Alaska, and five days without food, while on a humanitarian mission. *The Bone Hunger* has more twists and turns than the Iditarod Race. It'll keep you guessing until the end and hollering for more from Carrie Rubin, a woman with a special gift for writing and a serial character you'll admire, if not love, named Dr. Ben Oris!

Like the review? Let your friends know, *you saw it in the Mysterious Book Report*, because the greatest compliment you can give is to share our work with others.

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## Let the Decorating Begin



Okay. It is now culturally okay to begin the decorating for the holiday season. I know a number of people have jumped the starting line marked by Thanksgiving. This is not only the weekend of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, it is officially OKAY to drag out the decorations and lights.



Many will be out cutting down Christmas trees (and Hanukah bushes) and putting them up. When my kids were little, we did this in friendship groups. We would trek over the bridge to Redhook and cut our real tree down. I remember the last one we did cost \$25, and we all complained how the cost keeps rising.

Now I think you need to apply for a small personal loan to do this. Then we would gather at the Boiceville Inn in the back room and have a potluck celebration.

This year and almost every year, I put an artificial tree just outside my living room sliders. It sits in my umbrella stand that goes through my mom's metal picnic table. It has lights on it but is actually a bird feeder with popcorn and cranberries and pine cones with peanut butter and birdseed.

Which brings me to my real topic of discussion. I must have seven bins full of my holiday paraphernalia. Dishes, linens, ornaments, lights, cards, wrapping paper, do-dads, and tins that I no longer unpack. I have found that Mother Nature has reminded me that there is nothing prettier than a vase of holly, boxwood, and red swamp berries. Pine cones fill bowls and my live poinsettia, the stockings, and my supermarket little tree, which has now become a two-foot Norfolk pine, is about all the inside decoration I need.

The woodstove and candles add to the holiday glow.

I will enjoy seeing all the lawn decorations, lighted windows, and trappings of other neighbors,

### 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*



but my decorating is almost done, effortless, and just fine for me.

Enjoy the season, but, please do not get so caught up in the details that you miss the big picture. These started out as religious holidays before Commercialism took over. Decorate and give from the heart, not the pocketbook.

## A LIVE RADIO PLAY"

BY: JOE LANDRY

*Directed by Linda Burkhardt*

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**Daniel Pierce Library**

*Between the Bookends*

## Festive Vibe at the DPL Brings Holiday Cheer

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Technically, winter doesn't begin until December 21, but there sure has been a nip to the air lately. It's November in upstate NY, so yea we're all familiar with it and know it's not going anywhere until at least mid-April. That's the bad news. The good news: we have plenty of warm, cheerful holiday vibes to go around here at the Daniel Pierce Library, complete with a warm, festive atmosphere we are busily decorating and a plethora of great books and movies to curl up and dive into.



this column) regarding this and all of our comings and goings.

We've brought out the holiday movies for checkout-both adult and children-to get everyone in the holiday spirit as well as books on display for adults, young adults and children. If you are in need of a new cookie recipe to try out for a swap or a heart-warming "Hallmark-esk" romance novel, we are here for you. If you are intrigued by Pinterest pins, imploring you to read 25 days of holiday books to your children, we are here for you (and in a much more budget friendly and eco-conscious way than purchasing said books). If you're in need of suggestions, holiday or otherwise, we can help you out there too. That's one of our favorite superpowers-matching good reads with the right people!

With so much going on, there's a little bit of something for everyone. Keep in mind, a lot of our special programs and events, like Holiday Felting (which is full), fill up fast, so keep tabs on what's going on here for things that interest you. And, if you have an idea for something that you would like to see on rotation, please let us know. We're always happy to hear from our patrons and to be as accommodating as possible.

A final thought-with the hustle and bustle of the holidays and with the upcoming school vacation-we make a wonderful respite from chaos. We have books and toys galore for little ones to look at and play with as you sit back and have a moment, we're a great place to stop by and chat especially if you're feeling a little lonely and it's warm and cozy!



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"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"

I implore you to come check out the library if you haven't in a while; first and foremost, for the aforementioned vibe. Our upstairs reading room is just breathtaking-a room ripe for pure literary magic (if you have a book in hand) or a beautifully serene room (if you need to work). As the season unfolds we will continue to deck the halls with special decorations, including those thoughtfully done by the 4H Puppy Pals and more amazing artwork brought to us by Tri-Valley CSD sixth graders.

Secondly, as we wind down from Thanksgiving and our fall appointed activities, we're also gearing up for our special holiday events. We have four nights of musical performances in the works; with more information coming as the days get closer. So, please check out our website and social media platforms (and as always,





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## The Scene Too

— By Jane Harrison

The worst part of having this 'foot problem' is the realization that I have to slow down. I was with my bestie in Saugerties this weekend and I fought so hard to not to slow down that I ended up being really grumpy...not towards her but towards myself. It was then I realized that I needed to adjust because this bone bruise isn't going to magically disappear, so I may as well just relent and take it easy. Just that little adjustment in thinking has made my life a lot easier.

I had been to Saugerties before, but on the outskirts to see a musician I knew perform but this was the first time I had been to Saugerties proper. We had lunch at The Valley Diner that I have to say was a cut above. My Caesar wrap was amazingly fresh as was my friend's vegetable stir fry. If you find yourself there, I highly recommend it. AND it's just down the street from the incredible INQUIRING MINDS bookstore. (Whenever Felicia and I 'hang out' we find bookstores.) This one has a large selection of gently used books of all genres from the classics to the modern, children's books, religions, you name it. Big comfy couches to sit and a coffee bar with interesting, sweet delights. We could have spent the entire afternoon there!!

But onward we went to the WOODSTOCK ART EXCHANGE. Having spent more than a decade doing stained glass, any glass works appeal to me. This store was stocked with blown glass items, most created by the owner, who had the chance to talk to, and some by other artists. I was surprised by the number of useful pieces along with decorative ones! Drinking glasses, salad bowls, serving bowls...the list goes on. And the prices were very reasonable considering what it takes to actually make one of these.

And of course, I didn't get pictures \*pout\*. Too focused on my foot.



I did, however, get pictures of the POISON LOVE band at the HASBROUK TAVERN on Sunday. The time was a bit weird (they started at noon) but it didn't seem to matter to them. JOANNE WASSERMAN BRINKERHOFF on guitar, DAN BRINKERHOFF fiddle, and SAMMY ALEXANDER electric percussion provided their usual excellent show.

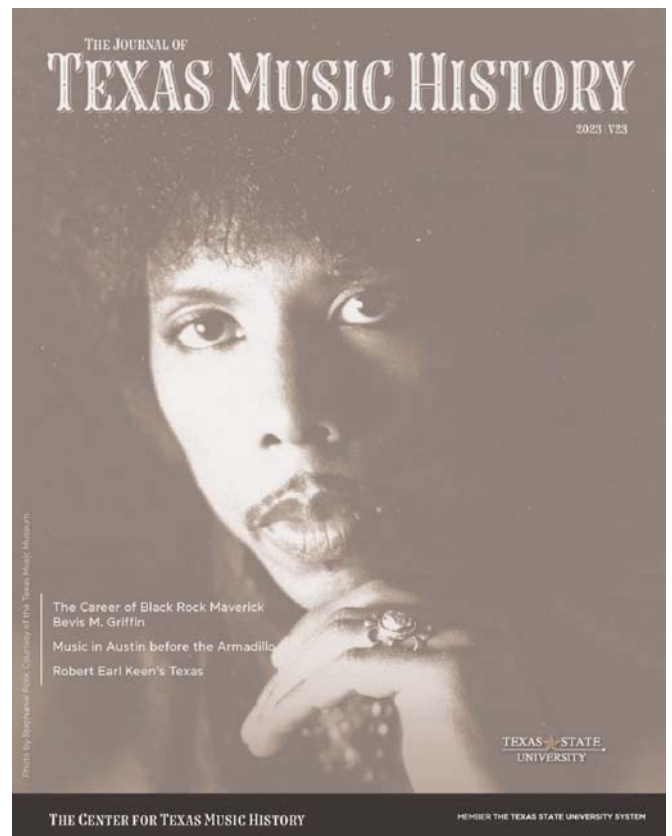
The majority of the songs one hears are written by Joanne and Dan and are the 'slice of life' lyrics that are intimately relatable. 'Making My Way Through Texas' based on Dan's travels in the state. Joanne is an observer which comes through in 'Maybe' and 'When I Used To Give A Damn'. Some with Cajun undertones, some with Country and a lot with humor and all just downright enjoyable.

This is one of the groups I try to see anytime they are around the area. One is never disappointed.



SHANE RENNISON, another of our native sons, is making quite a name in the music circles with his EP NICE TO MEET YOU. He will be at the RUSSIAN MULE Saturday, December 2nd at 5pm.

And last week I told you about December 10th at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM with LITTLE SPARROW and the Jazz duo of VAN MANAKAS and WAYNE LOPES sponsored by the FREDRICK COOK SOCIETY. Imagine my surprise, when scrolling through the news on my phone I ran across the promo in MID HUDSON NEWS! This is a free event with the doors opening at 11am.



And in Texas, my good friend BEVIS GRIFFIN, who was given the keys to Austin several years ago now, is being featured in THE JOURNAL OF TEXAS MUSIC HISTORY. Congratulations!

And that's it for this week.

Stay safe, stay well and keep that hand sanitizer handy.

## Green Building Technology Student Dominique Etienne Presents Algal Bloom/CyanoHAB Research At Biomedical Research Conference in Phoenix

(From Pg. 4)

"I'm so happy that I get to be part of Dominique's experience at SUNY Sullivan," said SUNY Sullivan Bridges Program Coordinator Kathryn Scullion. "I'm proud of the research she has done through the Bridges Program and thrilled that she was chosen to present her work at ABRCMS. I feel very fortunate that she works in the labs with me and participates in the Garden Club because she's so hardworking, intuitive, and inquisitive, and just a pleasure to be around."

In addition to her studies at SUNY Sullivan, Etienne, a Middletown resident, works in the science labs, is a member of the Garden Club, and is interested in the Crochet, Art, and Gaming clubs. She also likes to hike on the campus's nature trails.

"Life at SUNY Sullivan for me is super fun and educational, and my professors have been super helpful with providing me support when I reach out to them with questions I have with coursework and provide me with extracurricular opportunities like the Bridges program," said Etienne, who hopes to work in the sustainability field after she graduates.

For over 20 years, the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS) has been the go-to conference for historically excluded community college, undergraduate, and postbaccalaureate students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program is an intensive eight-week summer research program at SUNY Purchase for underrepresented community college students interested in science seeking hands-on research experience. The program includes on-campus housing, a \$4,800 stipend, professional development, workshops, and off-campus field trips. Interested SUNY Sullivan students should contact Bridges Program Coordinator Kathryn Scullion at [kscullion@sunysullivan.edu](mailto:kscullion@sunysullivan.edu). For more information about the program, visit [purchase.edu/academics/school-of-natural-social-sciences/bridges-summer-program](http://purchase.edu/academics/school-of-natural-social-sciences/bridges-summer-program).

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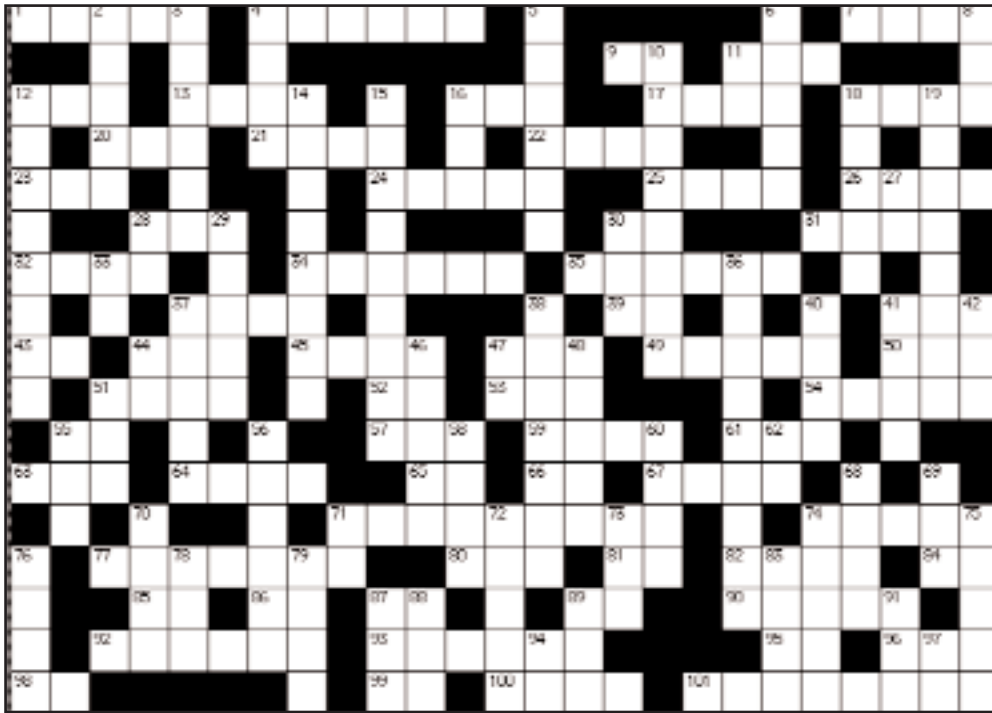
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  - 16 German grandfather
  - 17 Restraint
  - 18 What Santa has begun checking
  - 20 Head covering
  - 21 Stagger
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  - 53 In favor of
  - 54 Full range of ability
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  - 57 Character in "A Christmas Carol"
  - 59 Young goats
  - 61 Attached label
  - 63 Grass found in the manger
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  - 66 Used to introduce a conditional clause
  - 67 Lower abdomen
  - 71 Parasitic plant that bears white berries
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  - 77 People of Northern Europe
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  - 90 Wet snow
  - 92 Tableau of the Nativity
  - 93 Mythical race of very small people
  - 95 Deutschemark
  - 96 The night before an event
  - 98 Surrounded by
  - 99 European Union
  - 100 So be it
  - 101 Gifts
  - 16 German grandmother
  - 18 Reindeer herders of Northern Scandinavia
  - 19 When the winter sun reaches the lowest point in the sky
  - 27 Auto-exposure
  - 28 Associated Press
  - 29 Paper Christmas greetings
  - 30 Unwrought metal
  - 33 European Plan
  - 36 Salutation or good wishes
  - 37 Absolute
  - 38 Small baked sweet cake
  - 40 Complication
  - 41 Occupy
  - 42 Cot
  - 44 Negative
  - 46 Works hard
  - 47 Cystic Fibrosis
  - 48 Heap of snow
  - 51 Plaything
  - 55 Common Christmas dinner entree
  - 56 Garland
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- 69 Expert
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- 73 Acorn bearing tree
- 74 Purple oval fruit
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- 76 Sorcerer
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- 79 French Christmas
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- 87 Mature
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- 91 One of three sent on the Third Day of Christmas
- 94 Twelve points
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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
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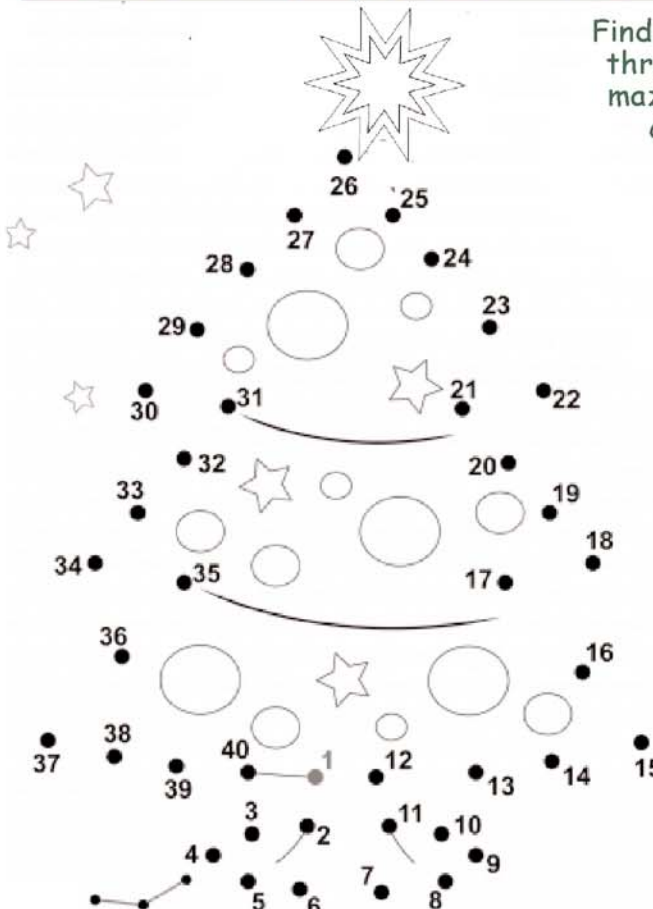
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 12th between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm at the Neversink Fire House located at 7486 State Route 55, Neversink, New York for the purpose of electing a Commissioner for one, one year term, commencing January 1st, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2024, and a Commissioner for one, five year term, commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2028. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before November 20th, 2023 and residing within the Neversink Fire District will be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office will need to have filed their names and the office they are seeking in writing with the Secretary of Neversink Fire District, at the 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 22nd, 2023.

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There are many museums and cultural centers around the state where you can learn more, including the Akwesasne Cultural Center

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The DEC Office of Indian Nations Affairs (OINA) <https://www.dec.ny.gov/public/125980.html> was created to address cultural resources, environmental concerns, and to advance shared knowledge through consultation with State and Federally recognized Indian Nations

## Warming Centers Open for the Season – New Location in Monticello

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County will be opening its two warming centers this week in Liberty and Monticello (note the location change from last year):

- 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 Saturday, April 15, 2024.

“While last winter was relatively mild, we still had significant usage of both shelters,” noted Sullivan County Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle. “Almost 150 people used the Liberty shelter, for a total of close to 1,000 stays since it opened last November. Monticello opened in December and served 123 people, for just under 500 stays overall. Because of a sharp increase in evictions in recent months and a shortage of affordable and supportive housing inventory, we expect utilization to be higher this winter. Fortunately, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) supported our requests for additional funding to expand our operations this year.”

Warming centers in Sullivan County exist to protect unsheltered individuals and families from the cold of the winter. Warming center 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 additional funding granted by OTDA this year will provide onsite security at the Monticello warming center.

Deputy Social Services Commissioner Giselle Steketee added, “We're very fortunate to have such strong community partners. The team at the New Beginnings Community Worship Center and United Methodist Church have been exceptionally reliable and supportive as we've expanded our services in Liberty. We greatly appreciate St. John's Episcopal Church stepping up to help this year in Monticello as the Ted Stroebele Center gets the renovations it needs to serve the Monticello community for years to come, and we can't thank enough Kathy Kreiter and the Federation for the Homeless for stepping up once again to provide life-saving services to those in need.”



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## SHADOWLAND STAGES Presents "Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley" - A Holiday Classic

[ELLENVILLE, NY] - SHADOWLAND STAGES is excited to bring audiences the much-loved holiday production **Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley**. Written as a delightful sequel to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon, this romantic comedy hilariously reunites cherished characters at the Darcy home for a festive celebration. Recognized as one of the most produced plays in the U.S., **Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley** will grace the MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES from December 1st through 17th.

This family-friendly romance stars Laura Cable\* (last seen at SHADOWLAND in the 2023 hit comedy **The 39 Steps**) as Mary, the bookish middle sister coming into her own. Making his SHADOWLAND STAGES debut is Michael Raver\*, portraying the anxious introvert Arthur de Bourgh, who Mary finds to be a kindred spirit and intellectual equal.

Directed by Brendan Burke, *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* unfolds two years after the events of Jane Austen's masterpiece. Mary, growing weary of her role as the dutiful daughter amid her sisters' romantic escapades, discovers a potential love interest in Arthur - a "single man in possession of a good fortune." Mary must learn to be the heroine of her own story that the San Francisco Chronicle calls a "perfectly constructed love story".

Also in the cast are Melody Ladd\* as Elizabeth "Lizzie" Darcy, Katharina Schmidt as Anne, Ben Williamson\* as Mr. Darcy, Devon Caraway\* as Jane Bennet, Lena Pepe\* as Lydia Bennet Wickham, and Matthew Zimmerman\* as Charles.

Don't miss the chance to experience the charm and warmth of *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* - a heartwarming tale of love, family, and self-discovery set against the backdrop of the holiday season. "An unstuffy, highly entertaining and warm-spirited work, the kind of thing multiple generations can enjoy together." (Chicago Tribune)

For this holiday production, SHADOWLAND performance times will feature an earlier evening curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays at 7 PM (\$43), and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 PM (\$39). Preview performances are scheduled for December 1st at 7:00 PM and December 2nd at 2 PM, with tickets priced at \$35.

Tickets for *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* are now on sale and can be purchased online at [shadowlandstages.org](http://shadowlandstages.org). For more information, contact SHADOWLAND STAGES at (845) 647-5511.

SHADOWLAND STAGES, now in its remarkable 38th year, continues to be a beacon of artistic excellence in the Hudson Valley. From May to December, the theatre presents a diverse season of seven shows, including two musicals and a heartwarming holiday production. Alongside its mainstage presentations, SHADOWLAND STAGES proudly hosts the Academy at SHADOWLAND STAGES, an esteemed education program that offers a wide range of classes in acting, dance, and music for individuals of all ages. For more information about SHADOWLAND STAGES and its upcoming events, please visit [shadowlandstages.org](http://shadowlandstages.org).

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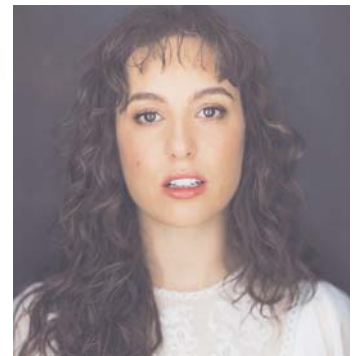
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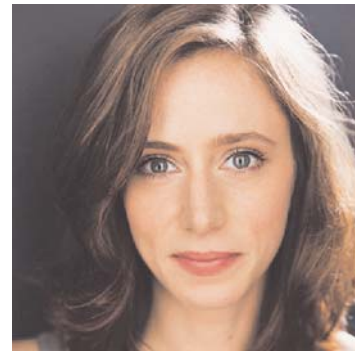
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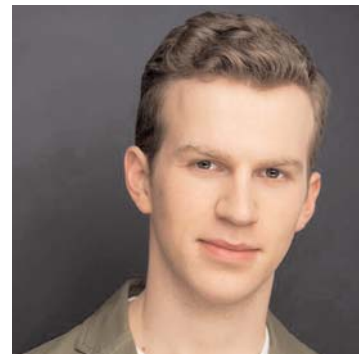
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*Many items from the Indoor Yard Sale will be available for sale at the Supper. Come check them out.*

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Holiday Craft Fair  
December 2, 2023  
from 10:00 to 3:00  
Fellowship Hall**

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

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R21JYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>  
 Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740  
 Dial by your location  
 +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
 +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

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

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
 845-985-2041

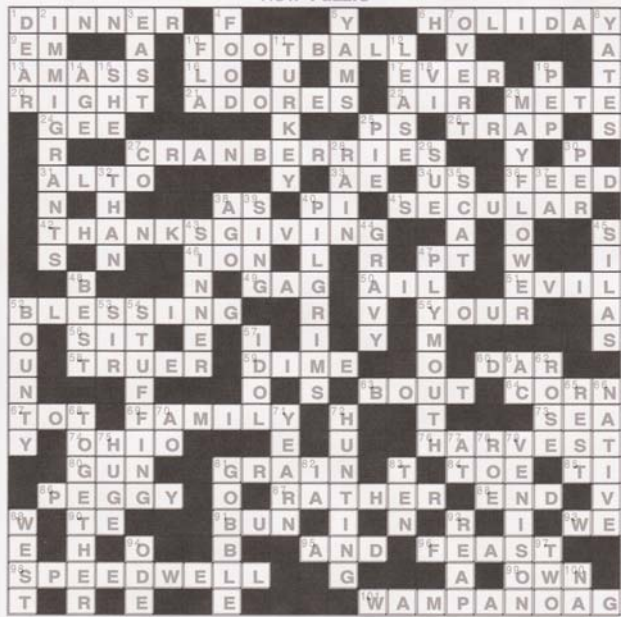


Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
**Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor**  
 Church Hall available for rent  
 Call - 845-985-2041 for information

**Loucks Funeral Home**  
**Geoff and Heather Hazzard**  
**"Celebrating Life, One Family at a Time"**  
 79 North Main Street  
 Ellenville, New York  
 (845) 647-4343

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
 Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY  
 Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
 Holy Days 5:30 pm  
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
 Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



**All Aboard!**  
 Join the Fun!  
**Play Mexican Train**  
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm  
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

9	4	5	3	8	2	1	6	7
2	7	6	5	9	1	8	3	4
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**GRAHAMSVILLE UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

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

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

**Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper**  
**Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 5:30 pm at the Church Hall**  
*Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale*  
 (Covered Dish Suppers are held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

**Holiday Craft Fair**  
**The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall**  
**Local artists and craftsman will be selling their jewelry, ceramics, pottery, and much more...**  
**Chili, soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available for take-out only**  
**The church is located at 356 Main Street (Route 55) in Grahamsville**  
**For more information call, 845-985-7427 or 845-985-7222**

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<http://gnomehomeinc.com>

**VETERANS** always Free search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/2/23	<b>Grahamsville UMC Holiday Craft Fair</b> 10:00 am - 3:00pm Fellowship Hall
12/2/23	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
12/5/23	Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
12/6/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
12/12/23	Claryville Fire District Election 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
12/12/23	Neversink Fire District Election 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
12/12/23	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/13/23	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
12/19/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
12/21/23	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/21/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm

**Save the Date!**

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

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

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

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

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of November 27 - December 1, 2023

**Monday, November 27**

- o **5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; & via Zoom, Meeting ID: 891 4034 8986; & by Phone: (646) 558-8656
- 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 28**

- o No Meetings

**Wednesday, November 29**

- o **4:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **4:30 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation Board of Directors**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee: Vote on Budgetary Appeals & Amendments**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Housing Policy & Oversight Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center; and Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571

**Thursday, November 30**

- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Governance Committee**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Office, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board Meeting**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Office, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

**Friday, December 1**

- o No Meetings

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1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$64.00 per week

(6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week

Full Page - 8" x 10" -  
\$100.00 per week

Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 -  
\$100.00/week

•• Full Page Flyer for  
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we will publish it each week  
through the week of the event)

As in the past, there is no fee for  
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**Low Rates  
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# HOLIDAY CONCERTS

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

11 a.m., December 6, 2023  
10:45 a.m., December 7, 2023  
1 p.m., December 7, 2023  
10:30 a.m., December 8, 2023  
12:30 p.m., December 8, 2023

11 a.m., December 11, 2023  
12:45 p.m., December 13, 2023

10:30 a.m., December 14, 2023  
11 a.m., December 15, 2023

11:45 a.m., December 18, 2023  
11 a.m., December 19, 2023  
10:30 a.m., December 20, 2023

12 p.m., December 20, 2023  
10:30 a.m., December 21, 2023  
12 p.m., December 21, 2023

Fallsburg Senior High School Band  
Sullivan West HS Select Choir  
Fallsburg Junior High Chorus  
Chase Elementary School Chorus  
Livingston Manor High School Band  
and Chorus  
Sullivan BOCES Student Chorus  
Benjamin Cosor Elementary School  
Chorus  
Sullivan West Elementary Chorus  
Liberty High School Mixed Choir and  
Honors Choir  
Liberty High School Band  
Tri-Valley High School Jazz Combo  
Monticello Middle School 6th Grade  
Chorus, 7th-8th Grade Chorus and  
String Ensemble  
Monticello High School Emerging  
Ensembles and Chamber Singers  
Eldred 6th Grade Chorus, 6th Grade  
Band, High School Chamber Groups  
Minisink Valley HS Mixed Choir,  
Treble Choir, Chamber Choir, and  
Bass Ensemble

# Report: First-of-its-kind Guaranteed Income Program in Rural Area Improved Financial, Physical, and Mental Well-being

*In a report authored by the Center for Guaranteed Income Research at Penn's School of Social Policy & Practice (SP2), findings from the Ulster County, NY, pilot program show connections between the receipt of unconditional cash and improved financial security and quality of life in a rural context*

KINGSTON, NY AND PHILADELPHIA, PA - People who received monthly cash payments for 17 months as part of the Ulster County Project Resilience guaranteed income program reported improved quality of life as a result of increased financial assistance, according to a report by SP2's Center for Guaranteed Income Research (CGIR).

Based in Ulster County, New York, Project Resilience is the first county-led guaranteed income program in the United States. "Ulster County encapsulates in microcosm the difficulties facing the American labor market, even before the impact of the pandemic," write the report's authors, Elizabeth DeYoung, Amy Castro, Nidhi Tandon, Allison Thompson, and Stacia West of CGIR. The study analyzed the impact and role of guaranteed income over time in a rural area.

The first in a series of CGIR reports collectively named The American Guaranteed Income Studies, the study found that despite the pandemic and rising cost of living, guaranteed income enriched participants' lives in several ways:

1. Improved financial health - Guaranteed income increased people's household income and savings, providing them the ability to respond to financial emergencies and elevating their sense of self-worth and mattering.
2. Increased sense of self - Participants felt an increased sense of hope, agency, and control over their ability to achieve their goals.
3. Enhanced quality of life - Study participants experienced improved physical and mental health, along with increased access to food and affordable, stable housing.

In the face of an affordability crisis in Ulster County, with skyrocketing housing costs and stagnating wages, participants were better able to afford necessities like housing, food, and transportation, even as costs increased throughout the study period.

"Ulster County's first-in-the-nation basic income experiment showed the importance and the impact of providing direct relief to our residents," said U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan, who represents the Hudson Valley region. "These funds helped lower the cost of housing, groceries, medical bills, and college debt."

One participant commented, "Something as simple as \$500 a month... changes the mindset a little bit. People can breathe a little bit more. They're like, OK, well, I have a little bit of flexibility. I can do this. I can get back on track. It gives them hope." Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger remarked that the results of the study add to a growing body of empirical research showing the benefits of direct cash assistance for struggling individuals and households. "We now have measurable data from our own county indicating that direct cash assistance helps reduce

poverty and its associated risks and harms while enabling our residents to gain more agency and control over their lives. I want to thank Congressman and former County Executive Pat Ryan for spearheading this important initiative for our County residents," said County Executive Metzger.

Metzger drew a comparison between the potential of guaranteed income and the success of the Biden Administration's one-year expansion of the child tax credit. Extending fully refundable tax credits to families with little or no taxable income, the policy resulted in a historical decline of 46% in the nation's child poverty rate.

"Now that we've seen the Expanded Child Tax Credit lift millions of children out of poverty nationwide, direct cash assistance is a tool our state and federal lawmakers should consider to help and empower struggling families while minimizing red tape," Metzger said.

Project Resilience was a partnership between the Ulster County government, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and Ulster Savings Bank, and funded by private donations. It provided 100 Ulster County households with monthly cash payments from May 2021 to September 2022.

Recipients' annual income was at or below \$46,900, which was 80% of the area's median income level, and recipients were permitted to use the money as they saw fit. Researchers measured participant impact against a randomized control group of 84 other county residents who did not receive payments.

Initially slated for 12 months of \$500 payments, Project Resilience was extended for an additional five months as the financial repercussions of the pandemic continued, with the payment amount decreasing during the five-month phase-out period. The amount decreased as the program titrated, with participants receiving \$400 in July, \$350 in August, and \$250 in September of 2022.

"Against steep odds, the treatment group saw improved levels of financial well-being, which served as a catalyst for broader mental and emotional well-being. Guaranteed income contributed to self-worth, self-determination, and a newfound sense of freedom among recipients. People felt empowered to build skills and pursue long-term aspirations, to take risks and reclaim time for themselves," the authors write.

## About the Center for Guaranteed Income Research

The Center for Guaranteed Income Research (CGIR) is an applied research center specializing in cash-transfer research, evaluation, pilot design, and narrative change. CGIR provides mixed-methods expertise in designing and executing empirical guaranteed income studies that work alongside the existing safety net. Headed by its Founding Directors, Drs. Amy Castro and Stacia West, CGIR is housed at the School of Social Policy & Practice at the University of Pennsylvania.

## About Penn's School of Social Policy & Practice (SP2)

For more than 110 years, the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice (SP2) has been a powerful force for good in the world, working towards social justice and social change through research and practice. SP2 contributes to the advancement of more effective, efficient, and humane human services through education, research, and civic engagement. The School offers five top-ranked, highly respected degree programs along with a range of certificate programs and dual degrees. SP2's transdisciplinary research centers and initiatives - many collaborations with Penn's other professional schools - yield innovative ideas and better ways to shape policy and service delivery. The passionate pursuit of social innovation, impact, and justice is at the heart of the School's knowledge-building activities.

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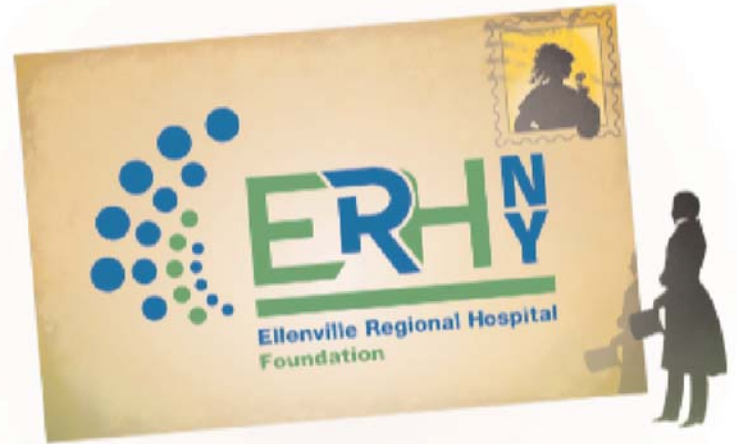
**AT GABY'S CAFE &  
SHADOWLAND STAGES**

**December 10, 2023**

**Lunch at noon  
Show at 2:00pm**

**Miss Bennet: Christmas At Pemberley**  
**\$100 per person**

**Contact Rich Bradford at (845) 807-3043 or  
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Make check payable to ERH Foundation and mail to  
ERH Foundation, 10 Healthy Way, Ellenville NY 12428**



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## Governor Hochul Announces NY Awarded Nearly \$24 Million in Federal Funding to Strengthen and Modernize State's Electric Grid

- U.S. Department of Energy Grant Provides Support for New York Projects that Help Ensure Reliability of Infrastructure and Access to Affordable, Reliable Clean Energy
- Supports The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act Goals to Transition to 100 Percent Zero-Emission Electricity by 2040

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced New York was awarded nearly \$24 million in federal funding to strengthen and modernize the State's electric grid to reduce the impacts of extreme weather and natural disasters. The Grid Resilience and Tribal Formula Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy under the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will provide support for New York projects that help ensure the reliability of the State's power sector infrastructure and access to affordable and clean electricity for New Yorkers. Today's announcement supports the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act goals to transition to 100 percent zero-emission electricity by 2040.

"As we've seen, the severity of extreme weather events is not slowing down and requires ongoing preparation and the buildout of our infrastructure to minimize the impacts of climate change on communities," Governor Hochul said. "This funding underscores the benefits that New York's productive partnership with the federal government continues to bring to the state and will help us modernize our electric grid and its associated infrastructure as part of future powered by clean energy."

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), which submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on behalf of New York State, will administer the grant funds over a two-year period with the opportunity to apply for three additional years. NYSERDA plans to launch a competitive selection process in the first quarter of 2024 for projects that address goals in compliance with the award, which include:

- o Storm Hardening: improving the resilience of the electric grid against disruptive events such as power outages due to storms that impact critical operations;
- o Predictive Analytics: development of advanced data and metrics to detect electric system conditions before they become issues to support system reliability and resiliency;
- o Climate Justice: reducing carbon emissions to ensure benefits of investments flow to communities that are underserved, marginalized and overburdened by pollution;
- o Energy Affordability: deploying tools and technologies and ensuring optimized utilization of resources and electricity grid assets to reduce total system costs and address the burden of inadequate electricity distribution infrastructure; and
- o Job Creation: increasing access to NYSERDA's comprehensive workforce development portfolio of services for skilled clean energy workers.

New York is one of nine states and five tribal nations

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that were awarded a combined total of \$125 million as the seventh cohort of Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants and will provide 15 percent matching funds through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative as part of DOE's grant requirements. To learn more, visit NYSERDA's website and the Grid Deployment Office's website.

Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer said, "Winter is coming for New York State, and New Yorkers know all too well how powerful storms can knock out electricity and put communities at risk. This major nearly \$24 million federal investment will help strengthen and modernize our state's electric grid to become more resilient in the face of extreme weather, all while creating jobs and increasing access to affordable and clean electricity. Our Bipartisan Infrastructure & Jobs Law is powering a brighter, stronger electrical grid for New York, lowering costs for families and creating good-paying, clean-energy jobs"

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "Every New Yorker should have access to reliable and affordable clean energy. This funding from the Department of Energy will be used for projects that strengthen and protect New York State's electric grid from the impacts of climate change, helping ensure communities have reliable access to clean electricity during extreme weather events. I am proud to have worked to help secure this funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for New York State and I will continue to fight to expand access to affordable, resilient, and clean energy for New Yorkers."

Funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and administered by DOE's Grid Deployment Office, the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants distribute funding to states, territories, and federally recognized Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Alaska Native Village Corporations, over five years based on a formula that includes factors such as population size, land area, probability and severity of disruptive events, and a locality's historical expenditures on mitigation efforts. Priority will be given to projects that generate the greatest community benefit providing clean, affordable, and reliable energy.

*Vet 2 Vet Sullivan County  
Free Christmas  
Trees for Veterans*

*December 1st-December 15th  
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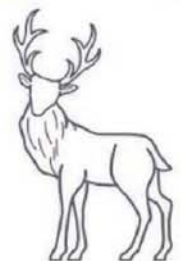
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# HOLIDAY IN HURLEYVILLE



DECEMBER 2ND

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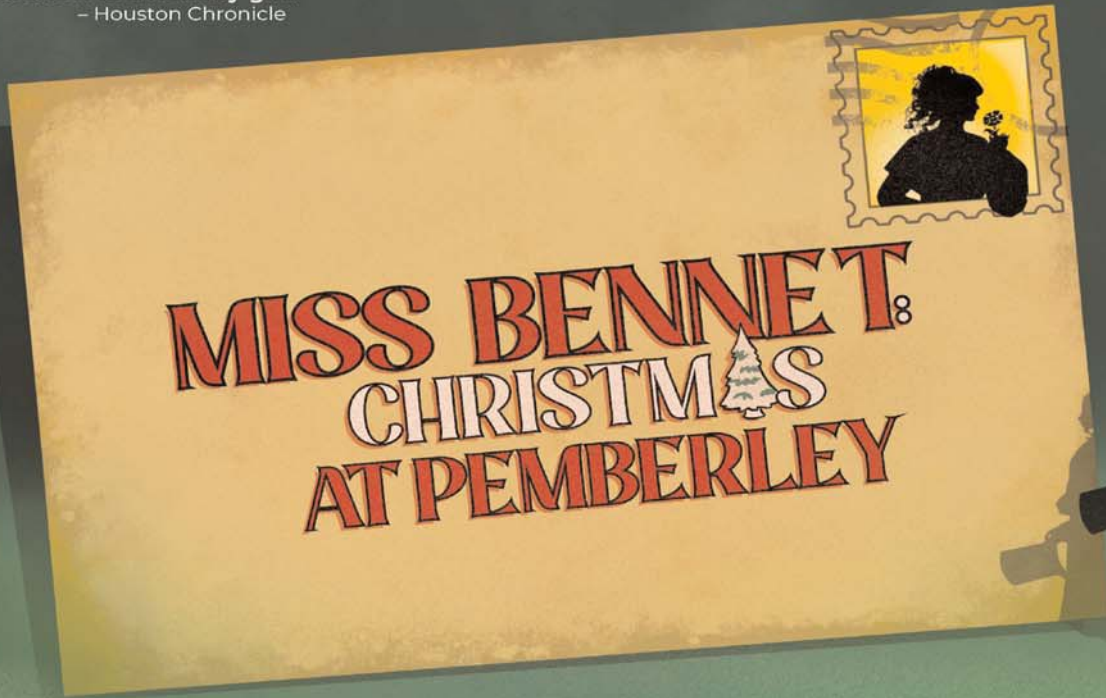


MOVIES AND DANCE



# SHADOWLAND STAGES

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**DEC 1 - 17**

## ArtUnder100 Artwork Priced \$99 and Under *Seasonal/Holiday Art Sale* Wayne County Arts Alliance

The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA) announces their 7th annual seasonal/holiday art sale, Art Under \$100. The sale takes place for two weekends: December 1, 2, 3 and December 8, 9, 10 at The Dorflinger Factory Museum in White Mills/Hawley, PA.

The December 8 -10 weekend is an event held in conjunction with Hawley Winterfest.

ArtUnder100 showcases artworks made by Wayne County Arts Alliance's member artists and is a benefit of membership in the organization. The project provides retail opportunities and support for their member artists.

Artwork is priced up to \$99 and offers 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 your 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 some off your list, and give the gift of Art this holiday season!

ArtUnder100 includes a wide variety of choices in painting, ceramics, collage, fiber and felted works, jewelry, mixed media, photography, printmaking, sculpture, and more, and features the artwork of thirty member artists of the Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA). At the time of this writing, participating artists include Alicia Alvarez, Rita Argiros, Kat Beisel, Liz Borowski, Jill Carletti, Colleen Campbell, Barbara Carpenito, Phyllis Chekenian, Janet Gaglione, Jeff George, Pauline Glykokokalos, Denis Folz, Hana Gorman, Cynthia Hanson, Bozena Janiszewski, Laura Lippay, Buff McAllister, Monique Milleson, Barbara Morcerf, Nancy Palubniak, Paul Plumadore, Joan Polishook, Matt Povse, Deb Rentler, Tom Ricotta, Tina Rosinski, Jasmine Andrea Schwenk, Claire Shickora, Nan Siegmund, and Laurie Tintle.

### When and Where:

ArtUnder100 will be held for six days in the Dorflinger Factory Museum's Blue Room (ground floor) located at 8 Elizabeth Street (off Route 6), in White Mills, PA 18424. Admission to the sale is free.

oDates: December 1, 2, 3 and December 8, 9, 10.

oHours: Friday/Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday 1-5 PM.

oGPS: 670 Texas Palmyra Hwy, Hawley, PA 18428.

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is a not-for-profit organization governed by volunteer members of artists and people interested in the beneficial effects of the arts. WCAA is committed to developing a dynamic, art-friendly atmosphere in the community, one that enhances and enriches the lives of its citizens. ArtUnder100 is one of many events and programs that WCAA hosts, promotes, and sponsors throughout the year including the popular "Artists' Studio Tour" in July. WCAA recently purchased and established a permanent home for the organization in downtown Honesdale at 959 Main Street, made possible through grant support from the Wayne County Community Foundation and matching support derived from members, patrons, community businesses, and friends. For further information visit: [waynecountyartsalliance.org](http://waynecountyartsalliance.org)

## "Paint the Town" in Hawley - call for art submissions-

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

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

1. The theme is "Paint the Town". We are seeking a variety of artistic styles and subject matter.
2. Please submit up to 3 images per artist for consideration. Low resolution images are requested for judging (72 dpi and 650 pixels on longest side). Those selected to participate will be required to submit a high-resolution image for printing (300 dpi and 5000 pixels on longest side). All images should be jpegs; indicate title, medium and year created for each submission.
3. Submissions must include full contact information including name, phone number AND email. Submissions which do not follow all guidelines will not be considered.
4. Selections will be made based on artistic quality and graphic strength. The banners will be viewed by drivers in cars as well as pedestrians, so strong graphic qualities and vivid colors are important to be effective. All submissions should be vertical. Finished dimensions of the banners will be 28" x 60". Some cropping may be necessary.
5. Make your submission via email to [waynecountyartsalliance@gmail.com](mailto:waynecountyartsalliance@gmail.com). Please put "Paint the Town" in the subject line.
6. Deadline for entries is January 20, 2024. Selections will be announced soon afterward and the banners are scheduled to be installed in April 2024.
7. If your artwork is selected, artists will be asked to grant permission for one print to be created on a banner to be placed on public display in Hawley, PA. Images of these banners will be used for publicity to promote downtown Hawley and this "Paint the Town" project. Ownership of the original artwork remains with the Artist. Artists' names will be included in promotions and credited on the WCAA website.

Show the world what you've got and submit your work!

## Hawley Winterfest December 8 - 10, 2023



Looking back at our Winterfest 2022 - our town was bustling, music was playing, kids were laughing, and adults were smiling. From the bonfires to the Santa Parade to the small businesses and the carriage rides - what a great time we all had!

Mark your calendar for Hawley Winterfest 2023 to be held on Dec. 8th thru 10th.

Follow us on social media - Downtown Hawley Partnership for event updates. If you would like more information, please call our office at 570-226-4064.



# Youth Vaping Prevention Program Launches in Sullivan County

[LIBERTY, NY] Sullivan 180 recently held a training for educators, school nurses, school resource officers, and community members to become facilitators of the evidence-based CATCH My Breath Vaping Prevention Program. These facilitators are now able to access the complete curriculum and guide young people, grades 5 - 12, through a program that is known to reduce the chances of youth starting a lifelong addiction to nicotine.

The presentation also partnering organizations from Garnet Health, the Center for a Tobacco Free Hudson Valley - American Lung Association, Tobacco Free Action Communities Reality Check Youth Engagement Program, and Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster. Facilitators gained a toolkit of resources to implement in their schools and communities. Educators will receive CTLE's for completing this training thanks to an agreement with Sullivan BOCES.

Managing Director of Sullivan 180, Amanda Langseder, shared that "Students don't have the education or information they need to make an informed decision about vaping, let alone have the resources to get interventions when they are already hooked. Children have a right to understand what these vaping companies are doing. They have a right to understand what marketing tactics these companies are using on them, and that's what today [was] all about."

CATCH My Breath is currently being implemented at Sullivan BOCES in their alternative education program. For the past 6 weeks, BOCES students have been learning the curriculum and have shown interests in understanding the marketing tactics of the vaping industry, the dangers of vapes and e-cigarettes, and stress relief resources to handle their busy lives as students. Last Friday, November 17th, the students participated in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout where they joined thousands across the county in taking an important step toward a smoke-free life. Students assembled "quit kits", filled with anxiety and stress relief items, mints and candies, and quitting resources, to distribute to their peers and family members.

If you would like the CATCH My Breath program brought to your school, organization, or youth group, please reach out to Nicole Blais, Sullivan 180 Prevention Coordinator atnicole@sullivan180.org or 845-295-2684.

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

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# Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Keep Kids Safe From Cardiac Emergencies

*Legislation S.7424/A.366A Requires Camps and Youth Sports Programs to Establish an AED Implementation Plan*

*Legislation Supported by Buffalo Bills Safety Damar Hamlin Aims to Save Lives, Protect Youth*

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation S.7424/A.366A requiring camps and youth sports programs to establish automated external defibrillator, or AED, implementation plans and to have at least one person trained to properly use the AED at camps, games and practice.

"We all remember the terrifying moment when Damar Hamlin was injured last February, but young athletes at schools and camps could be exposed to similar risks," Governor Hochul said. "By requiring camps and youth sports programs to establish an AED implementation plan, kids will be safer and teams will be prepared. I want every parent in New York to know: we're doing everything we can to keep your kids safe."

Buffalo Bills Safety Damar Hamlin said, "Growing up, in all the years that I played football, I don't remember thinking about where an AED was located or who was trained to use one. I think that many people have had the same experience. My journey has shown us that no one expects cardiac arrest to happen - and we all need to be prepared. By requiring that at least one person is trained to properly use an AED at every sports event, camp and practice, this new law will help protect tens of thousands of kids in New York State - and is a really important step in saving lives."

Legislation S.7424/A.366A, pursuant to changes agreed to with the Legislature, will require camps and youth sports programs with five or more teams participating to establish an AED implementation plan. Such plans will detail how AEDs will be made available or reasonably accessible at every camp, game or practice. The AED implementation plans will also detail how the camps and programs will ensure that when practicable at least one employee, volunteer, coach, umpire or other qualified adult who has successfully completed a training course in the operation of an AED is present.

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I am pleased that New York State will now require camps and many youth sport programs and leagues to develop a plan for AED access at all of their practices, games, and other events. More than 7,000 children experience cardiac emergencies each year, and too often an AED is not available. This legislation will make these programs safer and provide parents and young athletes with peace of mind. This issue is personal to so many New Yorkers -- Dana Colasante and Alice Schoen, two of my constituents, advocated for this bill after their close family members went into cardiac arrest at youth sporting events. Dana's husband and Alice's son thankfully survived because an AED was available, and they could receive immediate care. I am proud to have fought for this legislation alongside them and Assemblyman Otis to ensure other lives can be saved. I want to thank Governor Kathy Hochul for signing it into law today."

WMCHHealth Network President and CEO Michael D. Israel said, "We know that when sudden cardiac events strike, the odds for survival are greatly improved when CPR is deployed and automated external defibrillators are nearby. As the founders of Project ADAM in New York where we work with area schools and sports teams on sudden cardiac arrest preparedness, we are delighted to partner on this bill with Gov. Kathy Hochul, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblyman Steve Otis, the American Heart Association and Damar Hamlin to make AEDs more widely available as well as equip, train and prepare others to join our cause of saving lives. The

progress we're making to raise awareness about sudden cardiac events in children is a testament to Alice Schoen and Dana Colasante, who co-founded Project ADAM here at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital."

Project ADAM New York at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital Co-founders Dana Colasante and Alice Schoen said, "After five years of advocating for awareness on the signs and risks of sudden cardiac arrest in children and how schools and youth sports leagues can prepare with accessible automated external defibrillators and CPR/AED training, we are thrilled that Governor Hochul signed Bill S7424 into law that will improve the cardiac chain of survival. There have been too many children on athletic fields and courts, at camps and at schools, who died and whose lives might have been saved had an AED been readily available. We are so grateful to Assemblyman Steve Otis and to Senator Shelley Mayer for championing this life-saving legislation."

American Heart Association Westchester Board President Dr. Patrick Thomas said, "The American Heart Association goal is to turn bystanders into lifesavers, so that in time of cardiac emergency anyone, anywhere is prepared and empowered to become a vital link in the chain of survival. We applaud the advocacy of Project ADAM NY in taking a step towards ensuring more access to AEDs at camps and youth sports program and we look forward to working with Governor Hochul and the legislature to continue to work to pass policies that will increase survival from sudden cardiac arrest."

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# Grahamsville Youth Program

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One Saturday a month

5 pm to 7 pm



October 14, 2023 - Flood Buckets for UMCOR  
November 4, 2023 - Operation Christmas Child  
December 9, 2023 - Nursing Home Christmas Gifts

Join us for a night of playing games, short messages, crafts, music, dinner and community service projects.

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall**

**Who: Ages 8+**

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**For more information contact Amanda 845-538-6145 (text) or  
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## Find Your Adventure- November 2023 Fire Towers, First Day Hikes, and More! 2023 Fire Tower Challenge Deadline Approaching

The end of the 2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge is coming up on December 31, 2023- have you completed the list? All you need to do are visit the fire towers at:

Take some fun photos, download and complete the Challenge Log

[https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration\\_pdf/firetower-challengelog23.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/firetower-challengelog23.pdf)

and email it to [CatskillsChallenge@dec.ny.gov](mailto:CatskillsChallenge@dec.ny.gov) along with your favorite photo(s). The Challenge Log can also be submitted by mail to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1020, or you can also complete the log at SurveyMonkey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFTC2023>

The first 1,000 finishers will received a one-year subscription to the DEC's Conservationist magazine, and every finisher receives a commemorative patch and will be entered to win great prizes. Entries are due January 7, 2024.

## First Day Would Be a Very Good Day Just To Have a Good Day!

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/112174.html>

Many are jumping and waving their arms with excitement. Finished the Fire Tower Challenge? How about planning your 2024 First Day Hike? Come join State

<https://parks.ny.gov/events/first-day-hikes.aspx>

the Canal Corporation

<https://www.canals.ny.gov/trails/index.html>

and DEC for this annual, family-friendly event on January 1st, 2024. The hikes and walks are usually between one and five miles, depending on location and conditions. We'll have a full list of participating state parks, historic sites, wildlife areas, trails, and public lands all across the state posted soon! Upcoming Events:

Sun, Dec. 3: Hither Hills State Park - Trails Less Traveled  
<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/hitherhills/details.aspx>

Fri, Dec. 8: Grafton Lakes State Park - Luminary Walk  
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Sat, Dec. 9 : Five Rivers:

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## Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge Every Tuesday at 7 PM 46 North Street in Monticello For information

contact

Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell at (845) 701-0695

How To Do It: Bird Watching

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1980.html>

Sat, Dec 16: Golden Hill State Park

<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/goldenhill/details.aspx> -

A Golden Christmas Bird Count

<https://parks.ny.gov/events/event.aspx?e=143-37465.0>

Save the Date:

Sun. Dec 31, 2023- Final day to complete the 2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge

Sun. Jan 7, 2024 - Final day to submit Challenge Logs for the 2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge

Mon. Jan. 1, 2024- First Day Hikes, 2024

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/112174.html>

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## White and Black T-shirts or T-Shirt Fabric



Maureen Hamilton is making another hooked rug! This time she needs enough **Black and White T-Shirt Fabric** to complete this project

When the rug is finished it will go on sale  
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All proceeds from the rug will be for the benefit  
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*T-Shirts can be dropped off at the Sundown UMC Hall on Tuesdays from 1 - 3 pm*



Coffeehouse presents

## The Heartstrings Project

Saturday, December 2 @ MISU at 7:30 PM

Folk/Americana, Storytelling

This event's refreshments will be sponsored by Morning Sunshine

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# Latkes and Applesauce

at the Daniel Pierce Library

Students Grades 1-6

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Snow Date: Wednesday, December 6th

How do you feel about potato latkes?

We like them a-latke!

Come in from the cold for some holiday cheer, stories, crafts, music, games and LOL (Lots of Latkes)!

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

Participants will take home the secret recipe!



If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than Monday, December 4th.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.

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# Sundown United Methodist Church

(Sundown UMC Hall-Intersection of Sundown Rd.,  
Peekamoose Rd. & Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740)

## Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, December 2, 2023  
5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share.  
Enjoy good food and fellowship.  
... and don't forget to check out the tables  
filled with holiday items that will be  
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# Daniel Pierce Library

## Holiday Felting Event!

Come explore the world  
of wool with us.

For Adults

Thursday, December 7, 2023

6:00-7:00 pm



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

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

A \$5 supply fee is due before event to secure your spot. Space is limited.  
Tri-Valley residents only. Advanced online registration is required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

***To register for this event go to:***

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# **Kiwanis Club of Monticello 2023**

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

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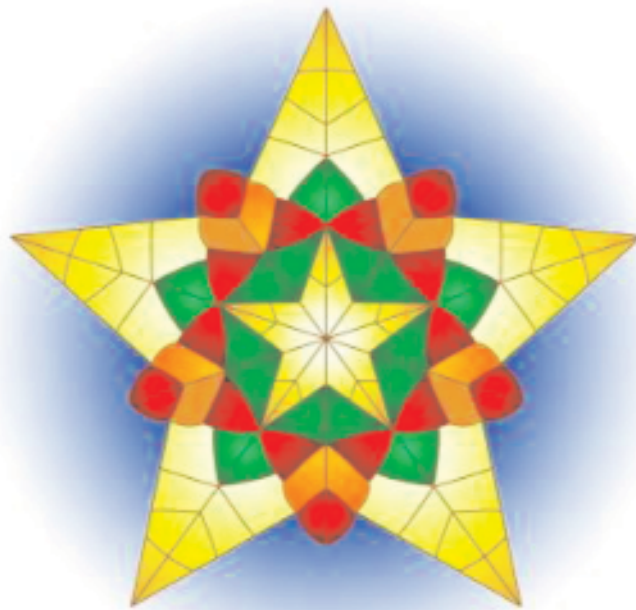
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# *Holiday Craft Fair*



**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

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*United Methodist Church Hall*

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## For Second Year in a Row, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Donates Portion of Salary to Support SUNY Ulster Scholarship Program

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has again committed \$7,200 of her annual salary to the SUNY Ulster President's Challenge Scholarship (PCS) program, which will cover tuition costs for a first-generation college-bound student for two years. The County Executive supported the scholarship program at the same level soon after taking office earlier this year, and recently had the opportunity to meet the Ellenville student she sponsored at a SUNY Ulster gathering for PCS participants.

The President's Challenge Scholarship Program, administered by the SUNY Ulster Foundation, identifies eighth-grade students who would be the first in their families to attend college and provides them with mentorship and college-readiness support throughout high school. Upon graduation, these students are then granted the opportunity to attend SUNY Ulster tuition-free for two years. The scholarship program aligns with Metzger's vision to promote equitable opportunities for Ulster County youth to follow their dreams and realize their full potential.

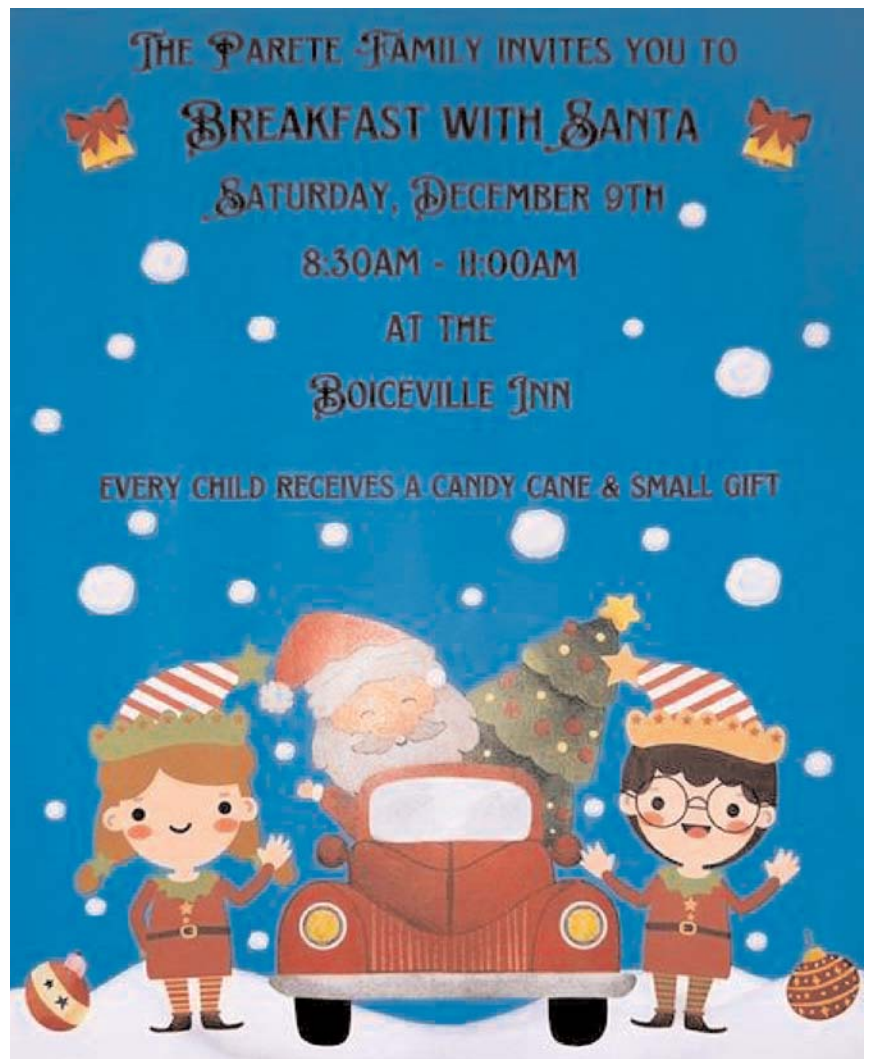
"I believe strongly in the power of education to expand opportunities and change lives, and everyone should have the chance to continue with their education after high school if they so



*Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger with the Ellenville High School Student she sponsored through the PCS program*


choose," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "The SUNY Ulster President's Challenge Scholarship program provides a pathway for students who aspire to be the first in their families to attend college and would not otherwise have the means to attend, and I am thrilled to be able to personally support this program."

Anyone interested in sponsoring a student for the program can contact Executive Director Lorraine Salmon at 845-687-5093 or [SalmonL@sunyulster.edu](mailto:SalmonL@sunyulster.edu).





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

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

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

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## Congressman Pat Ryan Secures Major Funding for Ulster County Public Safety

*Ryan delivers \$400,000 for Ulster County to implement a crisis intervention team to combat the addiction and overdose epidemic*

KINGSTON, NY - Today, Congressman Pat Ryan secured \$400,000 for the Ulster County Sheriff's Office to implement a crisis intervention team to combat the addiction and overdose epidemic. The crisis intervention team will partner with the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, and the Opioid Response as County Law Enforcement's High Risk Mitigation Team (ORACLE). The federal funding comes from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant programs.

"Our local law enforcement officers are on the front lines of the opioid epidemic - we need to get them the proper resources to carry out the enormous responsibilities entrusted to them. These federal dollars will go a long way to combatting the addiction crisis and keeping Hudson Valley families safe," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "I'm proud to have supported the ORACLE program since day one - what Sheriff Figueroa and the entire Ulster County Sheriff's Office have done is nothing short of remarkable. I will continue to use every tool at my disposal to combat the opioid crisis."

"For the past five years this office and our communities have been aggressively battling the Opioid epidemic. Our local, state, and federal partners have assisted us with this endeavor taking a multi-front approach of combating supply and demand while simultaneously using innovative ideas and strategies to connect those with the resources for help and recovery," said Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa. "The frontline work of our ORACLE team identified that 28 % of all non-fatal overdoses were intentional in 2022. The Federal DOJ COPS grant will establish a behavioral health co-response team fully embedded with our law enforcement. This co-response team will be known as the Support and Advocacy through Frontline Engagement (SAFE) Team. Together with the partnership of behavior health providers they will bridge the gap and help connect those with mental and behavior health issues associated with substance use disorder. We look forward to working with the County Executive, the Department of Mental Health, and our local and federal partners for the betterment of our community."

"I want to extend my congratulations to Sheriff Juan Figueroa and his team at the Ulster County Sheriff's Office on receiving the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Policing Development grant, and express my gratitude for their dedication to our community's safety and resilience, and for continuously innovating to address the public safety challenges we face today," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "With these additional funds, the ORACLE team will be able to expand collaboration with community organizations on the ground and ensure that law enforcement responds appropriately and effectively in crisis situations

involving mental health and substance use disorder."

The new team will be made up of 2 CIT trained Officers, 1 Crisis Clinical Social Worker, and 1 Mental Health Peer Advocate. In September, Congressman Ryan secured a \$300,000 COPS grant for the Middletown Police Department to upgrade the Department's technology investments. Congressman Ryan also cosponsors the Invest to Protect Act of 2023 to extend COPS grant opportunities to smaller police departments as well.

Congressman Ryan has long advocated for increased funding for law enforcement and first responders, including making repeated calls for increased funding to combat fentanyl trafficking and cosponsoring legislation to establish a grant program to provide additional assistance to local law enforcement agencies. Last October, Congressman Ryan joined with local law enforcement to announce that over \$2.6 million in federal funds were secured for local law enforcement agencies through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

## Congressman Pat Ryan Fights to Lower Prescription Drug Prices, Introduces the "Stopping Pharma's Ripoffs and Drug Savings For All Act"

*Legislation will make it easier to produce generic drugs, lowering prices for Hudson Valley families*

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY - Today, Congressman Pat Ryan introduced legislation to lower the price of prescription drugs for Hudson Valley families. The "Stopping Pharma's Ripoffs and Drug Savings For All Act" would stop Big Pharma's abuse of current U.S. patent law and make less-costly, generic alternatives easier to produce.

"For too long, Big Pharma has been allowed to game the system, rake in record profits, and rip off hard working Hudson Valley families. I'm pushing relentlessly to finally hold Big Pharma accountable and lower the cost of prescription drugs," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "Hudson Valley families are feeling the pressure of making ends meet - this is a straightforward fix that will provide direct relief. I'll keep fighting to make healthcare more affordable for everyone in the Hudson Valley."

"I've had Type 1 diabetes since I was 12 years old. I've had to rely on insulin and medical necessities on a daily basis to keep me healthy. I loathe the fact that kids like me, that already have so much on their plate, also have stress about affording insulin" said JT Crawford, a 15 year-old NY-18 resident and Type 1 Diabetes Advocate. "Thank you to Congressman Ryan for listening to my story and fighting alongside kids like me across the Hudson Valley."

"As the CEO of Cornerstone Family Healthcare, I strongly support Congressman Ryan's 'Stopping Pharma's Ripoffs and Drug Savings For All Act' (H.R. 6436). This crucial legislation addresses the inflated costs of prescription drugs caused by the misuse of the patent system by pharmaceutical companies," said David Jolly, President & CEO of Cornerstone Family Healthcare. "By ensuring that brand name drug companies must justify additional patents, this act promotes affordable healthcare, aligning with our mission to provide accessible services to underserved communities. We commend this effort to make essential medications more affordable and accessible for all Americans."

"This legislation is a crucial step toward rectifying the exorbitant costs of prescription drugs that have burdened countless Americans. The bill strikes a necessary balance, preserving innovation incentives while addressing systemic changes that will help mitigate the cost pressures," said Susan Browning, Western Regional President for Nuvance Health and President of Vassar Brothers Medical Center. (Contd. PG. 53)

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(From PG. 52) "Congressman Ryan's commitment to accountability while striving for greater affordability aligns with our mission to ensure accessible healthcare for all hard-working families."

"NYSNA believes health care is a human right. Nurses work around the clock to keep New York families healthy, but too often, those tremendous efforts get undercut when patients can't afford the medications they need to stay healthy," said Dutchess County resident Margaret Franks, BSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC Lower Hudson/NJ Reg. Director, Vassar Brothers Medical Center. "Thank you to Congressman Ryan for introducing this crucial legislation that bolsters the hard work and dedication that our nurses undertake to ensure that every patient can access the quality healthcare they need to get and stay healthy."

"The price of prescription medications can often be onerous for many older adults, forcing those on a fixed income to make difficult choices," said Dutchess County Office for the Aging Director Todd Tancredi. "We appreciate any Congressional action to keep drug costs low for Dutchess County seniors, and we thank Rep. Ryan for introducing this bill."

"The cost of prescription drugs is often times so exorbitantly high, many older adults on a fixed budget struggle to afford them. This could be a life or death situation," said Orange County Office for the Aging Director AnnMarie Maglione. "The Pharmaceutical companies are long in need of regulation, review and reform. We are fortunate to have such a strong, passionate advocate working for us in Washington as Congressman Pat Ryan to address this."

"Everywhere I go I hear from neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet, and for seniors on a fixed income the rise in costs have become overwhelming," said Dutchess County Executive-Elect Sue Serino. "For most, these are lifesaving medications, and no one should be forced to decide what bills to pay so they can afford their prescriptions. Our community is facing an affordability crisis, and we need our partners in federal government to help address these serious issues and provide relief."

"Our state's seniors face soaring prescription drug costs and higher prices on everything from gasoline to food. We owe it to them to work together in a bipartisan way to bring down these costs and raise their quality of life," said State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District). "I applaud Congressman Ryan for introducing legislation to prohibit double-patenting in prescription-drug development. This will increase competition and drive down prices, allowing lower-cost generic medications to enter the market more quickly."

"Pharmaceutical companies have gamed the system for too long, extending their exclusivity and blocking consumer access to more affordable generic versions," said Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson (104th District). "We must battle the skyrocketing cost of healthcare from every angle, including the artificially high cost of prescription drugs. I applaud Representative Ryan for this legislation, which could not be done on a State level. I will continue to work with the Congressman on critical issues affecting our constituents, from Central Hudson to lead-contaminated water lines to health care."

The average American spends \$1,200 per year on prescription drug costs. While generic drugs constitute 80% of prescriptions filled for Americans, name brand drugs account for 80% of prescription drug spending by Americans. Presently, pharmaceutical companies maintain patent exclusivity on a new drug for 20 years, preventing the manufacture of generic alternatives and maintaining a monopoly on the market for that drug.

Presently, pharmaceutical companies are allowed to extend the

20 year period of patent exclusivity by making trivial changes like minor tweaks to formulations, dosing, or adding extended release that do not impact the drug's benefits. This practice of "double patenting" allows the company to maintain artificially high prices on a drug long term.

The Stopping Pharma's Ripoffs and Drug Savings For All Act would amend current patent law by forcing name brand drug companies to bear the burden of proof to demonstrate how each subsequent patent truly differs from the original patent's drug and is entitled to its own period of exclusivity.

Congressman Ryan has built a record of taking on big corporations that exploit Hudson Valley families for profit. Congressman Ryan spearheaded efforts to hold Central Hudson accountable for its egregious billing practices, demanding the resignation of its CEO and holding a workshop series to connect Central Hudson customers directly with assistance from company representatives. Ryan has since called for the utility company to suspend its planned rate hikes while its billing issues remain. Ryan has demanded big corporations that have polluted the Hudson River bear the cost and responsibility for conducting full clean ups of their pollution, including calling on General Electric to clean its PCB toxins from the River and telecommunications companies to remove networks of legacy cables found to leach toxic lead into the surrounding environment. Most recently, Ryan has led a charge to prevent big oil companies from being allowed to anchor polluting barges in the Hudson River.

Ryan has also made big deliveries to make affordable healthcare more accessible across NY-18, including securing over \$2 million for Sun River Health in Beacon and major federal funding for Cornerstone Family Healthcare. Ryan also cosponsors the Drug Shortage Prevention Act.



## Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving gives us time to pause and give thanks for the blessings in our lives and for the incredible opportunities and freedoms this great nation provides. It's our collective responsibility to uphold the values of honor, integrity, and compassion to ensure that our nation continues to flourish for future generations.

As we give thanks for the gifts of family, friends, and good health, our gratitude also extends to the dedicated servicemen and women who are spending Thanksgiving away from their families, tirelessly safeguarding our nation at home and abroad. I feel a personal connection to their sacrifice through my son Trey, a captain in the U.S. Marine Reserves. Representing the brave individuals in our Armed Forces, including over 46,000 veterans in the 24th Congressional District, is a privilege that I hold in the highest regard, and I remain dedicated to serving our veterans and active duty military members in Congress.

To all of NY-24, my family and I extend our warmest wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving filled with joy and gratitude.



## Molinaro Statement on the Passing of Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter

Washington, November 19, 2023 Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement mourning the loss of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter:

"It is with deep sadness that we mourn the passing of Rosalynn Carter.

"Mrs. Carter fought to move humanity forward. She rejected the notion that the First Lady was simply a ceremonial position and used her role to make meaningful progress on mental health, caregiving, and women's rights around the world. Her legacy of service and compassion leaves an indelible mark on our nation.

"My thoughts and condolences go out to the Carter family during this difficult time. May her memory be a source of strength and inspiration to us all."

## Rep. Molinaro Announces Over \$3.5 Million in Federal Funds For Infrastructure Improvements At Nine Local Airports

Washington, November 28, 2023 Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced over \$3.5 million in federal funding will go to nine airports in Upstate New York for infrastructure improvements.

The funds are available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). With these funds, airports will be able to make control tower upgrades, acquire and install air traffic control systems, improve airport communication systems, construct remote towers, and update other airport infrastructure. Rep. Molinaro serves on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, which is tasked with overseeing the rollout of IIJA.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I am pleased to announce these significant investments in airports across Upstate New York. This funding will support important infrastructure improvements to ensure our local airports remain competitive and continue to meet the needs of travelers."

Mark Heefner, Commissioner of Aviation at Greater Binghamton Airport said, "It is uplifting that our federal partners continue to support the infrastructure improvements that are so vital to our airport. This funding is a great example of the teamwork our airport has with federal and state stakeholders. We're grateful for the investment and will be good stewards of it."

### Recipients and awards are listed below:

Ithaca Tompkins International Airport: \$1,386,641  
 Greater Binghamton/Edwin A Link Field Airport: \$1,009,088  
 Columbia County Airport: \$294,000  
 Cortland County/Chase Field Airport: \$144,000  
 Tri-Cities Airport in Endicott: \$144,000  
 Sullivan County International Airport: \$144,000  
 Lt Warren Eaton Airport in Norwich: \$144,000  
 Sidney Municipal Airport: \$144,000  
 Albert S Nader Regional Airport in Oneonta: \$113,000

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours!

Thanksgiving is a day to gather with our loved ones and express gratitude for our blessings. This Thanksgiving - I'm sending a quick message of thanks to all of you throughout Upstate New York.

Click here to watch my full message and hear what I'm thankful for this year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGO9oij3d5c>

Sincerely,  
 Marc Molinaro (NY-19)

P.S., Don't forget to follow along for regular updates on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!



**Woodstock Holiday Open House**  
 Friday, December 1st 4-8pm  
 Shop Local this Holiday Season

Sponsored by Woodstock Brick & Mortar and The Town of Woodstock



**JOIN US FOR A  
FAMILY FUN DAY  
ICE OR NO ICE**

# THE JARED PROYECT MEMORIAL ICE FISHING CONTEST

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**SILVER LAKE AT KRIEGER PARK  
WOODRIDGE, NY 12789**

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

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**WARM UP WITH A  
CHILI LUNCHEON @**

**The Woodridge  
Fire Department  
2pm-5pm**

Salad, Chili, Rice, Corn bread, Desserts

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**Contact:  
Eric Akerley - 845.707.1483  
for more information.**

**DONATIONS  
ACCEPTED AT  
GOODWILL**

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

*Sponsored by:  
Woodridge Fire Department  
Woods Pond Rod & Gun Club*



# FOR A CHILI LUNCHEON IN MEMORY OF JARED PROYECT

**SATURDAY  
JAN. 20, 2024**



**2PM-5PM**

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

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**DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
AT GOODWILL**

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

**RAFFLES**



**50/50**

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



# Neversink Parks

& Rec Presents:

# NYC BUS TRIP

**SATURDAY, DEC 9TH**

**DEPART TOWN HALL @ 7:45 AM**

**ENJOY THE DAY IN NYC AS YOU WISH**

**DEPART NYC @ 7:00 PM SHARP!!**



## Trip includes:

- **ROUNDRIP COACH BUS**
- **DRIVER GRATUITY**
- **SNACK BAG**



**\$50**  
PER PERSON

Payment due at time of booking

**PAYMENTS ARE NONREFUNDABLE UNLESS TRIP IS CANCELLED BY ROLLING V DUE TO WEATHER.**

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**Pre Order your  
Cookie Platters- Wreaths-  
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PREORDER FORM- Checks Payable to B.I.O.F.C. Ladies Auxiliary

Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number- \_\_\_\_\_

Available pick up dates:

Sat. 12/2 11a-5p

Wed. 12/13 5:30p-7p

Sat. 12/16 9a-11a

Wed. 12/20 5:30p-7p

Amount

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cookie Platter- Approx. 2lb- \$25
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swag of Greens- \$15
- \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Wreath- \$25

Pick up date

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Mail PreOrder forms and Checks to -

B.I.O.F.C. Ladies Auxiliary in care of Pam Veitch  
27 Gossoo Road  
Shandaken, NY 12480

Call 631-838-2859 with any questions!

# Time and the Valleys Museum

## Grahamsville, NY

### Are you interested in local history?

Did you know that Museum membership is only \$25 a YEAR?  
Members receive:

- Free admission to all diverse in-person and virtual programs
- Free admission to the Museum and expanding Catskill Farm
- Invitations to exhibit openings and special events  
*(there are TWO exhibit openings in 2023!)*
- *Around the Reservoirs* Newsletter
- Monthly historical and informative emails
- 10% discount in the Museum Shop



## Join now & get 10% off!

Join at the \$100 (Patron) level for FREE admission to thousands of museums all across North America! You can use the form below, or go to [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org) to join with paypal.

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Gold	<del>\$500</del> <b>\$450</b>	

Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



## BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!

Olive Free Library  
**Holiday Fair!**

**Saturday**

**December 9 10am-4pm**

**Sunday**

**December 10 11am-3pm**

Olive Free Library

**A Town Shaped by Water**

A Bicentennial Exhibit—  
200 Years of Olive History

CLICK HERE  
to view the  
VIRTUAL  
EXHIBIT from  
anywhere!

<https://omeka.hrvh.org/exhibits/show/200-years-olive-history/introduction>

*Trivia  
Night*

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

**Makers  
Open Hours!**

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ULSTER COUNTY IN DECEMBER 2023

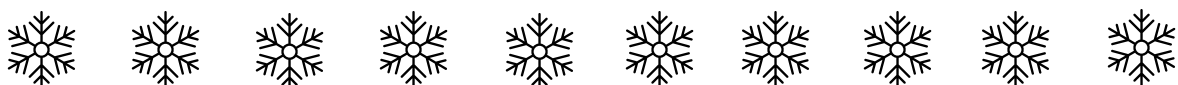
# TRENDING

NOW TRENDING... TOP EVENTS

<b>December 1</b>	<b>Snowflake Festival</b> , Kingston
<b>December 1-29</b>	<b>The Polar Express</b> , Kingston
<b>December 2-23</b>	<b>A Frosty Fest</b> , Ulster Park
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Made in Kingston</b>
<b>December 8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>119<sup>th</sup> Mendelssohn Club Winter Holiday Concert</b> , Kingston
<b>December 9</b>	<b>Darlene Love</b> , Bearsville Theater - Woodstock
<b>December 16 &amp; 17</b>	<b>Holiday Bazaar</b> , Belleayre Mountain
<b>December 16 &amp; 17</b>	<b>Hudson Valley SantaCon</b> , Multiple Winery locations
<b>December 30</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kwanzaa Celebration</b> , New Paltz
<b>December 31</b>	<b>New Year's Eve in Ulster County</b> , Multiple locations

DATE	DECEMBER 2023
<b>Please Note</b>	<b>This calendar is now digital and is no longer printed for mass distribution. To receive a digital copy via email, please contact <a href="mailto:tourism@co.ulster.ny.us">tourism@co.ulster.ny.us</a> or call 800-342-5826. Provide your name and email address. Calendar listings are based on information received prior to publication. Changes may occur after distribution.</b>
Nov 30-Dec 2	<b>A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play:</b> WRDL Radio Players bring to life scores of characters, live sound effects, vintage commercial breaks, and musical underscore to create an authentic 1940s radio experience, all in front of a live studio audience. Thu/Fri: 7:30pm Sat: 2pm & 7:30pm. \$20 / \$8 for children. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main St, Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org
1	<b>Snowflake Festival:</b> Holiday fun for everyone! Stage performances, fire twirlers, jugglers, ice carving, horse-drawn carriage rides, a tree lighting, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. 6-8pm; Historic Stockade District, Kingston. <a href="http://kuba.network/snowflake">kuba.network/snowflake</a>
1	<b>Woodstock's 41<sup>st</sup> Holiday Open House:</b> Immerse yourself in the magic of the holidays in Woodstock with beautiful, festive window displays, street performances, local shopping & dining, and music on the green. 4-8pm. Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Woodstock.brick.and.mortar">Woodstock.brick.and.mortar</a>
1, 14	<b>A Christmas Carol Dinner Theater:</b> Meet Scrooge, the Cratchets, and Ghosts of Christmas as you enjoy a fine meal, holiday show & Victorian carolers. Presented by Theatre on the Road: 845-475-7973; <a href="http://theatreontheroad.com/christmas-carol.html">theatreontheroad.com/christmas-carol.html</a> <b>12/1:</b> 7-10pm. \$85. Under 12 \$35. Hudson House Distillery, 1835 Rt 9W, West Park. 845-834-6007; <a href="http://thehudsonhouse.com">thehudsonhouse.com</a> <b>12/14:</b> 6:30pm. \$66. Under 12 \$35. The Venue Uptown at Best Western, 503 Washington Ave, Kingston
Dec 1 – 17 (Fridays – Sundays)	<b>Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley:</b> Bookish Mary has grown tired of her role as the dutiful middle sister in the face of her siblings' romantic endeavors. But things change when an unexpected guest shows up for the family's Christmas gathering at Pemberley. Fri: 7pm, Sat: 2pm & 7pm, Sun: 2pm. \$35-\$43. Shadowland Stages, 157 Canal St, Ellenville. 845-647-5511. <a href="http://shadowlandstages.org">shadowlandstages.org</a>
1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 20-23, 27-29	<b>The Polar Express-Catskill Mountain Railroad:</b> Relive the classic story aboard THE POLAR EXPRESS™ for a magical trip to the North Pole where Santa and his Elves board the train to greet guests. Hot chocolate and a delicious cookie served by dancing chefs on your trip. Caroling and on-board entertainment. \$34-\$53. Visit website for schedule and ticket purchases. Westbrook Lane Station, 55 Plaza Rd, Kingston. 845-332-4854; <a href="http://catskillmountainrailroad.com">catskillmountainrailroad.com</a>
2	<b>Bach Cello Suites for Violin: Johnny Gandelsman:</b> The Grammy award-winning violinist, composer, and producer will perform the complete Bach Cello Suites for violin – acoustic. 8pm. \$30. The Local, 16 John St, Saugerties. <a href="http://thelocalsaugerties.com/calendar">thelocalsaugerties.com/calendar</a>
2	<b>Holidays in the Hamlet:</b> Santa, festive music, choral performances, a tree lighting, artisan marketplace, and fireworks to end the day! Rain, snow, or shine. 3-7:30pm. Wallkill Public Library, 7 Bona Ventura Ave, Wallkill. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/4jf5a892">tinyurl.com/4jf5a892</a>
2	<b>Wawarsing Wassail Featuring the Joshua R. Peters Memorial Electric Fire Truck Parade:</b> Parade at 5pm. Holiday Market, Windows-on-Wawarsing decorating contest, crafts and more. Tree lighting at 6pm. 5-7 p.m. 845-647-4620; <a href="http://ewcoc.com/wawarsing-wassail">ewcoc.com/wawarsing-wassail</a>
2	<b>Winter Open House:</b> Phoenicia Miracle on Main Street Tree Lighting Ceremony, treats, and classic holiday films - <i>1936 Christmas Comes But Once a Year &amp; 1935 Scrooge</i> . 2-4pm. Phoenicia Playhouse, 10 Church St, Phoenicia. 845-688-2279; <a href="http://phoeniciaplayhouse.com">phoeniciaplayhouse.com</a>
2	<b>Winter Wonderland Parade:</b> The Town of Esopus welcomes you with an annual parade followed by a tree lighting and Holiday festivities. Parade on Broadway from Old 9W to West Stout Street. 5:30pm. Rain/snow date is 12/3. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/53huppy">tinyurl.com/53huppy</a>
2 & 3	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Craft, Art &amp; Design Fair:</b> Showcasing the region's most talented makers alongside student's work from SUNY New Paltz 10am-5pm. Free. The College Terrace at SUNY New Paltz, Sojourner Way, New Paltz. 845-255-1559; <a href="http://unisonarts.org">unisonarts.org</a>
2 & 3	<b>Kingston Model Railroad Club Train Show &amp; Open House – 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:</b> Features a complete "O" scale railroad system. Railroad museum, trolleys, circus train and Thomas The Tank Engine. 12-5pm. Adults \$6/Kids \$2 Cash only. 49 Susan Street, Kingston. 845-334-8233; Facebook: Kingston Model Railroad Club

2, 3, 9, 10	<b>Holiday Fineries at the Wineries:</b> Hop on the Shawangunk Wine Trail and taste a flight of wine at your four stops while also collecting an ornament at each winery. Self-guided tour. 11am-5pm. \$35. <a href="http://shawangunkwinetrail.com">shawangunkwinetrail.com</a>
2, 3, 9, 10	<b>Holiday Market Fair:</b> The Historical Society of Woodstock presents an annual holiday market for your shopping pleasure with local crafts & books, holiday cards, original artwork, wreaths, treats and a whole lot more! 10am-3pm. Historical Society of Woodstock, 20 Comeau Dr, Woodstock. 845-679-2256; <a href="http://historicalsocietyofwoodstock.org">historicalsocietyofwoodstock.org</a>
2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17	<b>Winter Market at Twin Star Orchards:</b> Shop local artisanal ciders and wines every Saturday and Sunday at the orchard. 11am-5pm. 155 N. Ohioville Rd, New Paltz. 845-633-8657; <a href="http://twinstarorchards.com">twinstarorchards.com</a>
2-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-23	<b>A Frosty Fest:</b> Hudson Valley's Largest Holiday Light Spectacular! Holiday attractions, live theatrical entertainment, photos with Santa, gift shops, and more! Tickets required. Availability/pricing at <a href="http://afrostyfest.com">afrostyfest.com</a> . 778 Broadway, Ulster Park. 845-339-2666 ext 10.
3	<b>YMCA 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Reindeer Ramble:</b> 5K Holiday Road Race/Walk. Benefits YMCA Strong Kids Scholarship Fund. Rain/snow/shine. Fun Holiday attire encouraged! 12pm start. \$15-\$25. YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County, 507 Broadway. 845-338-3810; <a href="http://ymcaulster.org">ymcaulster.org</a>
3	<b>Saugerties Holiday in the Village:</b> Horse-drawn carriage rides, live entertainment, caroling, and a decked-out Kiersted House, where Santa is ready to greet you! 12-5pm. Partition & Mains Streets, Saugerties. <a href="http://saugertiestourism.com/events">saugertiestourism.com/events</a>
3	<b>Happy Holigays with New Paltz Pride Coalition:</b> Gather, connect, and celebrate the Holidays! Cookie decorating, arts & crafts, snacks, and drinks. 1:30-4:30pm. \$5 suggested donation. Unison Arts, 68 Mountain Rest Rd, New Paltz. <a href="http://newpaltzpridecoalition.org">newpaltzpridecoalition.org</a>
3	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamlet of Milton Tree Lighting:</b> Visit from Santa and Milton Engine. Library activities. Music and caroling. Bring your own outside-friendly ornament. Refreshments. 2pm. Tree lighting 4pm. 56-58 Main St. 845-546-6084; <a href="http://meetmeinmarlborough.com">meetmeinmarlborough.com</a>
7	<b>Made in Kingston:</b> A marketplace highlighting a wonderful array of all things handcrafted, fabricated, or manufactured in Kingston featuring over four dozen artisans. Local food and beverages. 3-8pm. YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County, 507 Broadway, Kingston. <a href="http://madeinkingstonny.com">madeinkingstonny.com</a> <b>Lara Hope &amp; The Ark-Tones</b> to perform live at 3:00!
8	<b>Light Up the Hamlet:</b> The Town of Lloyd's annual Holiday event with Santa, lights, delicious treats, lots of hot chocolate, and more! 6-8pm. Town of Lloyd, Vineyard Ave & Main St, Highland. 845-691-2144; <a href="http://tinyurl.com/4zahwzre">tinyurl.com/4zahwzre</a>
8 & 9	<b>119<sup>th</sup> Annual Mendelssohn Club Winter Holiday Concert:</b> A locally renowned, standing-room-only, annual performance that is sure to fill you with holiday joy. The Mendelssohn Club is joined with the award-winning Kingston High School Choir and Kingston High School Brass Choir at the venerable Old Dutch Church. 8pm. \$10/\$12. 272 Wall St, Kingston. <a href="http://mckny.org/kingston.htm">mckny.org/kingston.htm</a>
8, 9, 10	<b>The Nutcracker by the Catskill Ballet:</b> The family tradition and annual production returns to the UPAC stage for the first time since 2019! Fri: 7pm/ Sat: 4pm/ Sun: 2pm. \$25-\$30. Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; <a href="http://catskillballet.org">catskillballet.org</a>
8, 9, 10	<b>Barnwood 2023 Art Show:</b> Pop-up queer art show + sale, opening party, and after dark reception. Browse 200+ original works from domestic + international artists and creators. Find schedule: <a href="http://pinkstallionevents.com">pinkstallionevents.com</a> . Camp Kingston, 36 St. James St, Kingston.
9	<b>Ole Savannah's Christmas Spectacular at The Rondout Ice Rink:</b> Ice Rink Opening & Tree lighting, ice performances by champion figure skaters and Olympians, Fire performance, Aerialist acts, Santa & Mrs. Claus, tunes by Michael Dell, a laser light show, and much more! 6pm. 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; <a href="http://olesavannah.com">olesavannah.com</a>
9	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Hoopla:</b> Celebration kicks off with a parade of floats, jugglers, the Candy Cane Crew, and more, followed by a Winter Carnival and tree lighting. 1-4:30pm. Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot St, New Paltz. 845-255-1660; <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ys4dthty">tinyurl.com/ys4dthty</a>
9	<b>Holly Berry Trail:</b> The Junior League of Kingston's annual holiday home tour with six local homes decked out in their finest holiday splendor. Raffles and prizes available! 10am-2pm. \$40 Advance ticket required. 845-481-3534. <a href="http://kingston.jl.org/events">kingston.jl.org/events</a>
9	<b>Darlene Love – Love for the Holidays:</b> Darlene Love continues to captivate audiences worldwide with her warm, gracious stage presence and superb performances. 7pm. \$60-\$125. Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker St, Woodstock. <a href="http://bearsvilletheater.com/events">bearsvilletheater.com/events</a>
9	<b>High Falls Tree &amp; Menorah Lighting:</b> Join the High Falls Civic Association for their annual Holiday event with lights, caroling, Santa, hot chocolate, and delicious soups. 4:30pm. Rt 213 & Second St/Sue Paterson Way on the Green, High Falls. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/97ywf6fu">tinyurl.com/97ywf6fu</a>
9 & 10	<b>Artists &amp; Makers Holiday Market by Circle Creative Collective:</b> Two floors of handmade items for a day of holiday shopping, food, music, hot cocoa, and more! 11am-4pm. Free entry/donations appreciated. ArtPort Kingston, 108 E. Strand St. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/5fjbxjpp">tinyurl.com/5fjbxjpp</a>
9 & 10	<b>The Fuller Market:</b> Small local makers showcasing a curated selection of goods. Shop, eat and meet the artisans! 10am-5pm. The Fuller Building, 45 Pine Grove Ave, Kingston. <a href="http://thefullermarket.com">thefullermarket.com</a>
9 & 10	<b>Into the Light Presented by Vanaver Caravan:</b> A family-friendly performance with dance and giant puppets celebrating Holiday world traditions bringing light and joy. 2pm & 4pm. \$18. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main St, Rosendale. 845-256-9300; <a href="http://vanavercaravan.org">vanavercaravan.org</a>
10	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Faire:</b> Shop, Eat, Make, and Be Merry! Locally made crafts, make-your-own crafts, photo booth, live holiday music, tasty food, and more! 10am-2pm. Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Rd, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; <a href="http://ashokancenter.org/events">ashokancenter.org/events</a>
10	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Saddles with Santa:</b> Enjoy a pony ride and photo with Santa! Food truck available and lots of hot chocolate! Event is in an indoor arena. 10am-12pm. \$20. Ridge Runner Ranch, 85 Hasbrouck Rd, New Paltz. 845-706-3637; <a href="http://ridgerunnerranchny.com">ridgerunnerranchny.com</a>
15 & 16	<b>Holiday Shorts at DENIZEN Theatre:</b> A Holiday line-up of bite-sized films for you to watch and be merry. 7pm. \$10. DENIZEN Theatre, 10 Main St, Suite 501, New Paltz. 845-437-8393. <a href="http://denizen theatre.org">denizen theatre.org</a>
16	<b>Free Movie: It's A Wonderful Life:</b> Don't miss the Holiday Classic from the Balcony at the Ulster Performing Arts Center. A happy hour precedes the film at 6pm. Film at 7:30pm. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; <a href="http://bardavon.org">bardavon.org</a>
16	<b>"A Holiday Celebration" Chamber Music by Hudson Valley Baroque:</b> Lively, festive, cheery music performed for Historic Huguenot Street's final program of 2023. 2-3pm. \$10. Crispell Memorial French Church, 60 Huguenot St, New Paltz. <a href="http://huguenotstreet.org">huguenotstreet.org</a>
16	<b>Holiday Variety Show &amp; Season Closing Party at Phoenicia Playhouse:</b> A night of music, stories, Improv, special guests and a party to celebrate the season! 7-9pm. \$20. Phoenicia Playhouse, 10 Church St, Phoenicia. 845-688-2279; <a href="http://phoeniciaplayhouse.com/upcoming">phoeniciaplayhouse.com/upcoming</a>



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16 & 17	<b>Holiday Bazaar at Belleayre Mountain:</b> Shop unique gifts, ornaments, jewelry, and more in the mountain's Discovery Lodge. 10am-3pm. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Rd, Highmount. 845-254-5600; belleayre.com/event/holiday-bazaar
16 & 17	<b>A Christmas Story, the Musical:</b> Based on the movie classic, the musical follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts—an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle. Sat, 7pm/ Sun, 2pm. \$25-\$30. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Rd, Woodstock. 845-679-6900; woodstockplayhouse.org
16 & 17	<b>Hudson Valley SantaCon:</b> Throw on your Santa Suit or other festive attire and join Benmarl Winery, Fjord Vineyards, Nostrano Vineyards, and Weed Orchards for a Holiday tour of tastings. 10am-5pm. \$60 ticket includes one glass of wine/wine cocktail from each participating winery, a commemorative wine glass and a holiday stocking. tinyurl.com/5779t3hm
16, 17, 18	<b>Voices of the Stone Rock, Jewelry &amp; Bead Show:</b> Gem show and sale: display pieces, silver and stone, semi-precious beads. Sat/Sun: 10am-5pm, Mon: 10am-2pm. Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1835 Ulster Ave, Lake Katrine. 845-336-6200. voicesofthestones.com
17	<b>Brunch with Santa:</b> After brunch, skate with your friends and family on the ice rink and enjoy beautiful views of the Rondout. 10am-2pm. Visit website for reservations. Ole Savannah, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; olesavannah.com
22	<b>Jeremy Baum Trio: Charlie "Baum" Christmas:</b> Annual tribute to Vince Guaraldi's 1965 studio album, "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Dining 5:30-9pm Show 7pm. Reservation required. The Falcon, 1348 Rt 9W, Malboro. 845-236-7970; liveatthefalcon.com
24	<b>Woodstock Christmas Eve on the Green:</b> Woodstock's village green is transformed into a holiday post card scene with a tree full of lights and music filling the air. 5pm. Santa at 5:30. Donations appreciated. Village Green, 6 Tinker St. woodstockchristmaseve.com
30	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kwanzaa Celebration:</b> Celebrate community, culture, and learn about Kwanzaa and its traditions with the Margaret Wade-Lewis Center. 11am-1pm. Redeemer Lutheran Church, 90 NY-32, New Paltz. mwlcenter.org & facebook.com/MWLCenter
31	<b>New Year's Eve at the Ashokan Center:</b> Part of New Year's Weekend 12/29-1/1/24. Jump start 2024 with great live dance music, sumptuous snacks and fun-loving folks. Dinner 6pm, sing-along 7pm, dancing 8pm-1am. Bountiful snack table 11pm-1am. Dance \$15-\$30; add dinner for \$25. The Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Rd, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; ashokancenter.org/events.
31	<b>New Year's Eve Bash at Bearsville Theater:</b> Featuring Sean Matthew Whiteford & The House Party Band, plus DJ's Dave Leonard & and Majic Juan. Ball Drop Spectacle at midnight. Prizes for Best Costume and Best Dancer! 8pm. \$35-\$500+ for groups. Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-684-7133; bearsvilletheater.com
31	<b>New Year's Eve Party at Ole Savannah:</b> Sparkle and shine on the dance floor at Ole Savannah ringing in 2024 with all of your favorites! Ole Savannah, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; olesavannah.com
31	<b>The Felice Brothers: New Year's Eve:</b> Ring in the new year with The Felice Brothers. Doors at 7pm. \$50-\$85. Colony Woodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com. <i>The Felice Brothers will also perform at Colony on 12/30.</i>
31	<b>The Helm Family Midnight Ramble New Year's Eve:</b> Celebrate the new year with this musical tribute to the founding songbook of Rock and Roll. Doors at 9pm. \$100-\$135. Levon Helm Studios, 160 Plochmann Ln, Woodstock. levonhelm.com/shows
31	<b>Ed Palermo Big Bang   New Year's Eve:</b> Kicking off 2024 with the world's zaniest eighteen-piece big band reforming the hits you know and love. Dining 5:30-9pm Show 8pm. Reservation required. The Falcon, 1348 Rt 9W, Malboro. 845-236-7970; liveatthefalcon.com



### Christmas Tree Farms

*Hours and availability are subject to change as tree farms often sell out of their supplies!*



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Nov 24, 25, 26- Dec 17	<b>Balsam Ridge Tree Farm:</b> Fresh Cut or Choose and Cut Christmas trees! Open Friday after Thanksgiving, Saturdays and Sundays, 9am-4pm, until sold out. 288 South St., Clintondale. 845-721-4195; Facebook & Instagram: BalsamRidgeChristmasTreeFarm
Nov 24-Dec 17	<b>Barthel's Farm Market:</b> Pre-cut tree selection until sold out. Open 9am-6pm daily. 8057 U.S. Route 209, Ellenville. 845-647-6941; barthelsfarm.com
Nov 24-Dec 23	<b>Bell's Christmas Trees:</b> Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30am-4:30pm; Saturday-Sunday: 8:30am-4:30pm. (closed Tuesdays, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) 647 Mettakahonts Road, Accord. 845-626-7849; bellschristmastrees.com
Nov 25-Dec 17	<b>Christmas Tree Lane:</b> Open weekends 9am-4pm. <b>11/26 &amp; 12/3: Santa</b> appearance, 10am-2pm. <b>11/27 &amp; 12/4: Grinch</b> appearance, 10am-2pm. 9 Christmas Drive, Wallkill. 845-895-3536; christmastreealanenyc.com
Nov 24-26 & Dec 2-17	<b>Garone's Mountain Fresh Farms:</b> U-cut or they-cut. Christmas items, hayrides, Santa, food, hot chocolate, cider and large outdoor firepit. Open Friday after Thanksgiving and the following three weekends, 10am-4pm. 17 Bailey's Gap Road, Highland. 845-399-2786
Nov 25, 26 & Dec 2-24	<b>Mountain View Tree Farm:</b> U-cut trees with saws available. Open Saturdays and Sundays, 9am-4pm until sold out. 69 Spurck Road Off Kelly Road (signs posted to Spurck Road), Saugerties. 845-389-1973.
Nov 24-26 & Dec 1-17	<b>W&amp;K Split Rail Nursery and Tree Farm:</b> Open Friday-Sundays. Friday, 12-4pm. Saturday/Sunday 9am-4pm. 346 Mahoney Road, Milton. 845-795-5643; facebook.com/WK-Split-Rail-Nursery-and-Tree-Farm
Nov 24-Dec 24	<b>Wallkill View Farm:</b> Fresh cut Christmas trees, Holiday show room and a variety of Holiday plants and succulents. Open 7 days a week, 9am-6:30pm. Closed Christmas Day. 15 Route 299 West., New Paltz. 845-255-8050; wallkillviewfarmmarket.com
Nov 24-Dec 24	<b>West Wind Tree Farm:</b> Open daily 9am-dusk. Closed Christmas Day. 543 Bruyn Turnpike, Wallkill. 845-895-3807; facebook.com/westwindtreefarmwallkill



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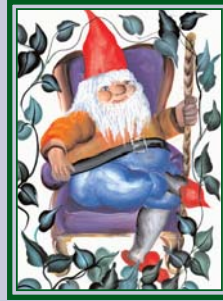
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It is the 2nd anniversary of Stephen Sondheim's leaving this world, but his music lives on. Stephen Sondheim influenced several generations of theater songwriters, particularly with such landmark musicals as *Company*, *Follies*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *Camp* which are considered among his best work. His most famous ballad, *Send in the Clowns*, has been recorded hundreds of times, including by Frank Sinatra

Six of Sondheim's musicals won Tony Awards for best score, and he also received a Pulitzer Prize (*Sunday in the Park*), an Academy Award (for the song *Sooner or Later* from the film *Dick Tracy*, five Olivier Awards and the Presidential Medal of Honor.



In 2008, he received a Tony Award for lifetime achievement. Sondheim's music and lyrics gave his shows a dark, dramatic edge, whereas before him, the dominant tone of musicals was frothy and comic. He was sometimes criticized as a composer of unhumable songs, a badge that didn't bother Sondheim.

Frank Sinatra, who had a hit with Sondheim's *Send in the Clowns*, once complained. "He could make me a lot happier if he'd write more songs for saloon singers like me."

Behind every great performance are hours of dedicated work of such was the task of Steven Sondheim when creating wonderful musical scores for all of our pleasures.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Witness***This weeks' Trivia question:** Who stars opposite Cary Grant in *Bringing Up Baby*?

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# West Side Story

A Steven Sondheim Musical

West Side Story is a musical based on a book by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein, and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. It was inspired by William Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*.



The story is set in the mid 1950s in the Upper West Side of New York City, then a multi-racial, blue-collar neighborhood.



The musical explores the rivalry between the Jets with multiple instigators bent on fighting led by an unwilling Tony vs. the Sharks, led by Bernardo. Steeped in a deteriorated Spanish tradition of fighting for your family, extended to gang and gang war because of racial differences.

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# A Steven Sondheim Musical Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street



Sweeney Todd is originally a Stephen Sondheim musical which Tim Burton used as a base for his 2007 film. Benjamin Barker has been exiled and imprisoned for 15 years in Australia. He manages to escape and is rescued from the sea by Anthony Hope, a sailor on the Bountiful from Plymouth.



For anyone going to NYC during the holidays, the play, *Sweeney Todd* is now being performed at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre located at 205 West 46th Street.

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