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Town of Neversink - Flag Exchange Ceremony Veteran's Day -2024

Veteran's Day 2024 in the Tri Valley area will be observed by the Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The program will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, November 11th, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The ceremony will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past six months, in honor of William Mitchell who served in the U.S. Navy from 1953-1956. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag to honor all U.S. Veterans, which will fly for six months.

Participating in the ceremony will be Boy Scout Troop 97 and the Girl Scouts Troop 314 and an Honor Guard of local veterans. The Flag Exchange is sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

The Scene

By Jane Harrison

Funny thing about interviewing someone. Most of the time, one gets a lot of whatever is in previous press releases and then it's up to the writer to weave that into something new. This is not a bad thing, as it somewhat insulates the artist.



But this is ultimately not what I wanted from SHANE RENNISON. Here is a young man, another native son, who is pursuing his dreams in music in a totally 21st century way. That is what I wanted to explore. Over the ensuing months, SHANE and I became friendly. Perhaps, he 'checked me out' with other musicians he trusts, this crazy lady who SAYS she writes and knows his grandmother. Whatever the reason, we sat down recently and what follows is what I had hoped to achieve....a candid interview. (Contd. Pg. 11)

Fallsburg Students Honored with the Student-On-A-Roll Award



FALLSBURG - On October 30, 2024, nearly sixty students at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School were recognized with the Student-On-A-Roll Award, also known as the SOAR Award. This award is presented to students who have demonstrated significant progress regarding attendance, behavior, and academics.

The students who were recognized are the following: Henry A Aleman Diaz, Joshua A Babcock, Jefferson Banegas Gallo, Ruth Bonilla Osorto, Erika Cadena Romero, Dencer Camacho Riano, Angie Carranza Bonilla, Marvin Choc Ical, (Contd. Pg. 5)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Destruction cometh, and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. Ezekiel 7:25

OBITUARY

Timothy J. McIntosh, age 66, of Neversink, New York, passed away peacefully at home during the early morning of October 27, 2024, holding the hand of his daughter, Samantha.



Timothy fought a long and courageous battle with lung cancer, showing strength and resilience every step of the way.

Born in the Town of Thompson, New York on September 27, 1958, to Ida Marie Wells and Leonard Colton, Timothy was a cherished father, grandfather, husband, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He spent many years working at Shop Rite Supermarket in Monticello, New York, where he left a lasting impression with his warmth and dedication. In retirement, Timothy found joy in working part-time at Nat Kagan's Meats & Seafood Company in Woodridge, NY until he could no longer continue due to his illness. Known for his hard work and genuine kindness, he left a mark on everyone he encountered.

Timothy found happiness in the simple pleasures of life. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, working, going to yard sales, driving, and watching his favorite sport, World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). He was a man who valued family deeply, and his children and grandchildren adored him, thinking the world of the man they were blessed to call dad and grandpa.

Timothy's love and legacy live on in his daughter, Samantha Damms (Michael), who lovingly cared for him in his final days; his sons, Michael McIntosh (Carmen) and Shane McIntosh (Emma), both residing in Gastonia, North Carolina; his brother, Leonard McIntosh of Madison, New York; his nine grandchildren: Kelsie Bradford (Gary), Keelie Damms, Cassandra Damms (Jonah), Kolbie Damms, Madilyn McIntosh, Hazel McIntosh, Lincoln McIntosh,

Benjamin McIntosh, and Reagan McIntosh. He was also proud to be a great-grandfather to young Timothy Bradford, named in his honor. Timothy shared a bond of 37 years with his ex-wife, Maryann McIntosh, and treasured his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who brought him joy throughout his life.

Timothy was predeceased by his parents, his stepfather Dwight McIntosh, his sister Margaret Hannold, and two brothers, Dwight H. McIntosh and Harry McIntosh. His family finds comfort in knowing that he is now reunited with those he loved.

Timothy was a man who left an imprint on the hearts of everyone who knew him. His spirit, love, and laughter will be dearly missed but forever cherished by his family and friends. As we remember Timothy, we celebrate a life well-lived, full of love, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to those he held dear.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, the West Team in particular, for the care and concern they provided to Timothy during his last several weeks.

Visitation was Friday, November 1, 2024 at the Harris Funeral Home in Liberty, NY. Memorial services were held in the funeral home. Burial followed in the Hurleyville Cemetery, Hurleyville, NY.

Dignified cremation provided by Harris Crematorium LLC. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 or www.Harris-FH.com

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

November 17, 1954

Mrs. Florence Kneip, widow of John Kneip, died in Middletown at 83 years of age. She was born in Yeagerville on May 7, 1871, the daughter of Ira Furman and Lucy Yeager Furman. She was married in Ellenville on October 24, 1900. Surviving are two daughters, Katherine Fuerherm of Woodbourne and Louise Vantran of Loch Sheldrake; two brothers, Floyd Furman of Napanoch and John Furman of Linesville, Pa. and four grandchildren.

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DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

Sgt. Walter Sheeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sheeley of Grahamsville, and Miss Elizabeth Messier of Albuquerque, New Mexico were married on November 8th at Albuquerque.

For the finest birds
For your Thanksgiving table,
Come to Krum's
As soon as you're able.
KUM TO KRUM'S

October 28, 1964

Barbara Bailey of Sundown was married to Robert Dymond also of Sundown, on October 20, 1964. Justice John McMahan performed the ceremony.

Benjamin Krum Sr. died on October 22, 1964 at Bradley, N.Y. after a long illness. He was 83. He was born in Parksville on July 18, 1881, the son of Henrietta Martin and Millard Krum. A farmer, he was a lifetime area resident. Surviving are his wife, Alvira Everett Krum; six sons: Harold, Harvey, Leslie, Benjamin Jr., George and William; seven daughters: Mrs. Roy Slater, Mrs. Alice Thurm, Mrs. Herman Huffman, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. Harold Peterson, Mrs. Robed Schollinger, and Mrs. Frank Fisher; one sister, Asa Kortright of Liberty; one brother, Jay Krum; 27 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

November 13, 1974

Art Dymond helped Tom Yager butcher twenty pigs at his place on Moore Hill Rd. last week. Art says, "That's some mess of pork chops"! On Sunday, Art butchered three good sized turkeys for Ben Miklas of Sundown.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gockel who celebrated their 39 anniversary on November 9th.

A special event coming up this week, the 59th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Erath. They will be celebrating the big day on November 17th.

November 22, 1984

Capt. Thomas M. Arielly, son of Thomas F. and Barbara E. Arielly of Neversink has completed an armor officer advanced course at the U.S. Armor School at Fort Knox, Ky. Tom is a 1980 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Anne Catino and Jennifer Scofield will represent Tri-Valley School in the Area All-State Chorus this year in Marlboro. They were selected from many who applied and represent the best that Tri-Valley has to offer.

Household Hint:

Salt Sense

.Soak toothbrushes in salt water before you first use them; they will last longer.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

What's Up With Jack?

If you take a walk through the Catskill Mountain forests this time of the year you are apt to see a bright red cluster of berries upon a stalk that is about 8 - 10 inches high. They are most likely the mature fruit of a female or bi-sexual Jack-in-the-Pulpit plant.

This native plant, also called Indian turnip, is unmistakable in our moist woods. This plant enjoys growing in open glades in the forest in rich, moist soil. They are an herbaceous perennial.

A Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyl-lum*) is classified in the Arum family (*Araceae*) along with skunk cabbage and the calla lily. They grow from an underground stem or corm. In spring it sends up a stout stem that looks like a green candle which unrolls into two three pointed leaves and a flower stalk.

Tiny white flowers cluster around a finger-like shape that we call Jack (spadix) and a leaf-like canopy arches over Jack like an old-fashioned pulpit. This pulpit (spathe) is striped with maroon and green or white and green.

Taken together, the spadix and spathe (hood) supposedly look like a Sunday-morning preacher ready to deliver his sermon from his lofty podium to any passersby.

Two large green, compound, long-petioled leaves (1-1.5' long), divided into three leaflets each, emanate upward from a single stalk and provide umbrella-like shade to the flower. The fleshy stalk and leaves lend an almost tropical aura to the plant. Flowering plants initially produce only male flowers, but become hermaphroditic as they mature over the course of several years (male flowers on upper part of spadix and female on lower part).

The plant has the ability to control how many male and female parts it produces. It has the ability to sexually express itself - male one year, female another, or monoecious (having both male and female reproductive organs) yet another year!

The plant is always the same plant, and does not change sex but it does change how its innate bisexuality is expressed, and at times is also vegetative (reproduces asexually).

Wanting to remain 'politically correct' and not make any controversial statements about whether it is easier to be male or female, the fact is when times are good on the forest floor, Jack turns into Jill and when the going gets rough, Jill turns back into Jack.

A small young plant may accumulate only enough energy during the course of the summer to put forth another set of leaves next year. After a few years the plant may accumulate enough stored energy to produce a flower. The first year the plant flowers, the flower is usually a male. Male flowers use up only a moderate amount of energy, as they are only temporary structures designed to produce pollen and do not cause much of a drain on the plant's energy.

After several seasons of producing male flowers the plant will get larger and can then produce a spadix with a mixture of male and female flowers. The female flowers and the resulting berries that we are now seeing cost the plant a great deal in terms of energy. Only with a large store of energy from the previous year can the plant afford to produce the female flowers. Finally, after more years of accumulation on energy, the plant may produce a spadix that contains only female flowers.

It requires many years to reach this stage and a plant may be twenty years old before it produces only female flowers. In undisturbed sites the average life of a plant may be about 100 years!



LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley
Published November 7, 1996

Meat is like the star in a show. It is also the most expensive item in our food budget. Very soon now, hunting season will open and our hunters will be bringing home the venison.

I have a venison recipe that I would like to share. I found it in my Aunt Bill's recipe book

Venison Steak

2 venison steaks, 8 oz. each
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 lemon
1/2 tsp Oregano
1/4 pound butter
6 oz. Madeira or Italian wine
chopped parsley
flour to dredge

Prepare venison steaks. Dust with salt and pepper. Squeeze lemon on steaks and put oregano on both sides of steaks. Dredge them in flour. Put skillet with butter on the stove, and when butter is hot, add steaks. Fry until about medium. When ready, take skillet off fire and add wine. Put back on stove and simmer about five minutes. Serve on a platter, pouring the hot sauce over the steaks. Sprinkle with parsley and serve hot with your favorite potatoes and vegetables. (George P. Gunns Retired Executive Chef, The Lord Baltimore Hotel, MD.

Big Indian-Olivera Fire Company Among Recipients of Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program Established By Senator Michelle Hinchey

Shandaken, NY - On Thursday, October 31, Senator Michelle Hinchey joined Big Indian-Olivera Fire Company in Shandaken to celebrate a \$500,000 grant awarded through the first funding round of New York's Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant program created by Hinchey in the State Budget. The grant will allow the Big Indian-Olivera Fire Company to complete the construction of a new firehouse, replacing its current building, which was first built in 1953.

Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "When it comes to saving lives, our fire services should have every tool and resource they need to answer the call. With this \$500,000 V-FIRE grant, Big Indian-Olivera Fire Company can finally expand and build the new firehouse they've needed for years. I developed V-FIRE to bring real investment into local fire departments, especially those like Big Indian, that serve rural and upstate areas with limited funding avenues for essential safety and modernization upgrades. It's incredibly exciting to see Big Indian awarded as one of the first recipients of this new program."

Fire Chief Derek Stapleton said, "Without Senator

Hinchey's dedication, support, and development of grant programs like this, volunteer firehouses like ours could not afford to grow and improve our stations and equipment. These vital improvements, such as our new building that is being built, lead to better service and protection for our community, an outcome we all benefit from."

Established by Hinchey, the V-FIRE grant program provides volunteer fire departments across New

York State with grants for equipment and infrastructure upgrades to support emergency response. Last week in Greene County, Hinchey helped announce first-round funding awards to 88 volunteer fire departments, including Big Indian-Olivera Fire Company.

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2024/michelle-hinchey/hinchey-announces-volunteer-fire-grant-awards>

The full list of awardees can be found on the DHSES website. <https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/volunteer-firefighter-grant-awards>



Senator Michelle Hinchey and March Gallagher Ulster County Comptroller with Chief Derek Stapleton who applied for the grant



Everett Erickson Director of Emergency Services



Fallsburg Students Honored with the Student-On-A-Roll Award

(From Pg. 1) Darlin R Chub Ujpan, Mildred Chun Choc, Sophia Cordova, Yohalmo Cortez Menjivar, Shanik Cruz Amarante, Juan Cruz Vasquez, Ely Cutzal Tubac, Elijah W Davis, Aaliyah Deis, Kimberly Diaz, Dylan Dubon Hernandez, Alisson Esmeralda Lagos Guardado, Alyssa Florence, Lydia Fontane, Shamiah Foy, Kelvin Garcia Giron, Charlie Giron Saravia, Bella Gomez Lopez, Karen Gomez Lopez, Melanie N. Gomez Perez, Madelin Gonzaga Moreno, Evelyn M Gonzalez-Babcock, David A Hernandez-Gallo, Mykala N Hines, Jeremyah C Hinton, Dalila Koljenovic, Juan Larrahondo Montano, Yasmel Leon Mota, Margie Madrid Castro, Annabella M Mead, Dayana G Mendoza-Gallo, Josue Mora Ceron, Brittany I. Murillo Moran, Fernanda Ortega Aguilar, Shiv S. Patel, Jose Perez Castillo, Aliyah Perulli, Christian Pinelli, Payton S. Pisaniello, Brittany Reyes Serrano, Iker Romero Canales, Marco Sarmiento-Joya, Kenny R Tenezaca Loja, Kevin A Toledo, Angel J Toxqui Hernandez, Ambar Vasquez, Jhony Vasquez Videz, Helen Vazquez, Edras Videz Zacarias, Skyler Wright, Kimberly Yautentzi-Reyes, and Dostyn Zempoaltecatl Gutierrez.

Investigation into Cocaine Distribution in Sullivan County Lead to Arrest

On Friday October 25, 2024, The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Gang and Narcotics Intelligence Unit executed a search warrant in conjunction with "Operation Hard Rock", a 2-month long investigation into wholesale cocaine distribution in Sullivan County. At about 9:15 AM, the Sheriff's Emergency Services Unit entered apartment 2-A at the Lexington Park Apartments located at 3396 State Route 42 near Cantrell Road, in the Town of



Booking photo Raheen Meredith

Thompson. At the location, Deputies recovered approximately 3 kilos of cocaine, 142 grams of marijuana and approximately 1.7 grams of pink cocaine, a new drug known as Tusi, which contains a ketamine mixture. Also seized was approximately \$132,000 in U.S. Currency. The Sheriff's Office has charged the apartment's occupant, Raheen Meredith, age 50, with three felony counts including

Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, which is a class A-1 Felony and two misdemeanor counts of criminal possession of drug paraphernalia in connection with the investigation. Meredith was taken into custody without incident following a traffic stop, a short distance from the apartment. He was arraigned before Town of Thompson Justice Sharon Jankiewicz and due to his 3 prior felony convictions, was remanded to the Sullivan County Jail without bail. The Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office, New York Field Office of Homeland Security Investigations and the New York State Police.

Sheriff Mike Schiff said that this was a significant seizure. "It's not every day that you see kilo size bricks of cocaine and a \$130,000 cash with a Sullivan County based drug dealer", said Schiff. "This was definitely a wholesale operation".

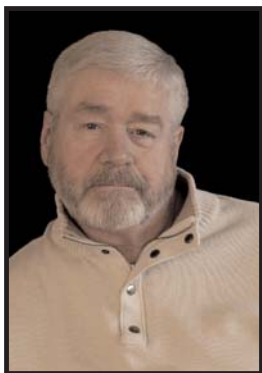


District Attorney Brian Conaty and Sheriff Mike Schiff at podium after seizure at press conferene.

Sullivan County District Attorney Brian Conaty said, "The quantity of illicit drugs and ill-gotten monies seized pursuant to this investigation highlights the magnitude of the drug epidemic in Sullivan County. I commend the officers involved for their dedication in developing leads and furthering this investigation into a major drug supply network. I look forward to continuing to work with Sheriff Schiff on our mission of ending this epidemic in Sullivan County once and for all."

Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent in Charge William S. Walker said, "Today's announcement underscores the vital importance of collaboration among partners, each of whom brings unique resources and information, in our shared pursuit of a greater goal: the safety of our Sullivan County neighbors and New Yorkers as a whole. HIS New York and our partners refuse to turn a blind eye as drug dealers threaten the safety of our neighborhoods."

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The Red Horse

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 106

by John Dwaine McKenna

Mysterious Book Report No. 425

Published November 12, 2020

If you're a fan of WWII historical fiction, as the MBR is, and lament the passing of the late Philip Kerr, as the MBR does, we'd like to bring your attention to the long-running, meticulously well-researched and award-winning Billy Boyle series by author James R. Benn.

In his newest and just released 17th adventure, *The Red Horse*, (Soho Press, \$27.95, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-64129-100-2), it's shortly after D-Day and Paris had just been liberated. But Captain Billy Boyle—the former Boston homicide detective attached to General Eisenhower's staff—and his friend, Lt. Piotr “Kaz” Kazimierz, are both casualties of the fight to retake the city. Both men have been flown back to England, where they're hospitalized at St. Albans, a secret convalescent hospital in the English countryside, where those who were engaged in clandestine warfare and espionage go to recuperate from their mental and physical wounds in a secure environment, where the secrets they carry will be safe from prying by the enemy. Kaz has a life-threatening heart problem and Billy Boyle is hallucinating due to stress, plus mental and physical exhaustion from the overuse of methamphetamines to stay alert in the days leading up to the battle for the City of Lights, as Paris is called. In addition Billy's lover, Diana Seaton, a British espionage agent helping the French underground, has been taken by the SS and sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp for women, along with Angelika, Kaz's sister and a member of the Polish Underground.

Only a few days after arriving at St. Albans, Billy sees a senior intelligence officer and patient named Holland, who's about to be released back to active duty, fall to his death from the St. Albans clock tower. The authorities are listing his death as a suicide . . . but Billy thinks he saw two people up there on the tower in the moments before Holland fell. He can't be certain though, because he was still hallucinating at the time.

Then, shortly after a medically induced sleep cure has Billy on the road to recovery, two more murders take place in quick succession and he's in an almost impossible situation; trying to avoid suspicious hospital administrators and figure out who's the killer, while not falling victim to him and, oh yeah, regaining his own health, in this twisted, suspenseful and surprising WWII mystery that'll leave readers hunting for all the other novels in this outstanding series. You won't be disappointed!

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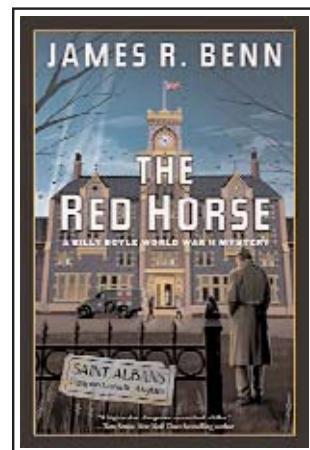
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

“Procrastination is the thief of time.”

- Charles Dickens

I admit it. I am an eleventh hour, perhaps 11:59, person. I can procrastinate with the best of them.

Yesterday, around eighteen years after we moved into the “new” house from our farmhouse, I decided to unpack the wooden box of stuff that has been living on a shelf in the garage. I thought the box contained old picture frames which I was going to pass on.

Lo and behold, the box contained yet-another of my mom's photo albums labeled 1996. Pandora's Box had been opened and the afternoon escaped into the rabbit hole of memories. I removed all family pictures, discarding scenery and strangers, and made five piles: me, my sons, and my siblings. I just need to mail or give them to their rightful owners.

The box is empty, but so is my level of ambition to tackle the plastic bin of other albums my mom carefully labeled and catalogued.

I wonder what the digital generations will do with all their photos on their phones. Will “The Cloud” will be that big cluttered album in the sky holding tons of photos of restaurant food, sunsets and sunrises, and first day of school pictures? At least future generations won't have to plow through yellowing paper and disintegrating plastic scrapbooks.

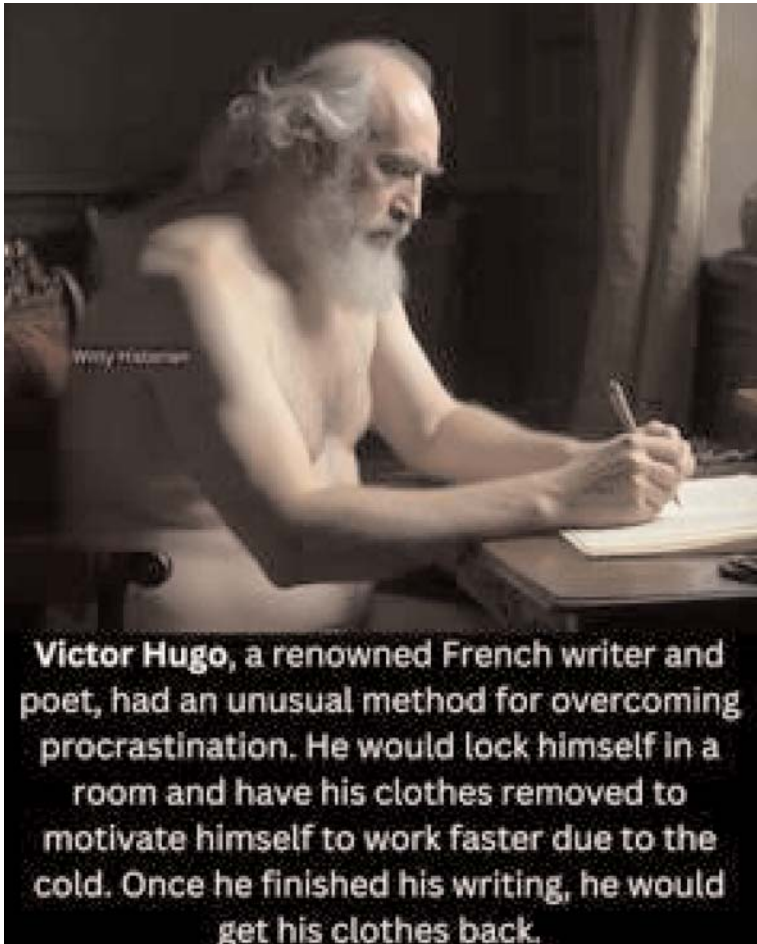
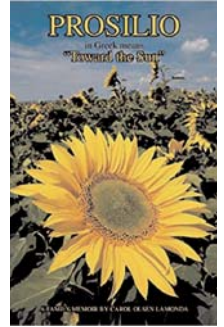
Even this column is a day late to an understanding editor who knows that it is always on its way. Just not on deadline.

I guess I could join Procrastinators Anonymous but we keep postponing our meeting date.

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*



Victor Hugo, a renowned French writer and poet, had an unusual method for overcoming procrastination. He would lock himself in a room and have his clothes removed to motivate himself to work faster due to the cold. Once he finished his writing, he would get his clothes back.

Bingo Bonanza: A Huge Success for DPL and GFD!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-It was another hugely successful Grahamsville Fire Department/ Daniel Pierce Library Sportmen's Bingo this past Saturday, November 2, at the fire house on Main Street. It was a fantastic evening; supporting great causes and winning great prizes! We'd like to thank all of our staff as well as the members of the GFD for all their hard work in making it the success it was. Additionally, big thanks go out to everyone who attended. Your support means the world to both organizations!

Our second Honey Tasting Event is scheduled for this Friday, November 8 from 6 to 7:30PM. Join us, and honey expert Donna DeFalco, in learning the nuances of local and imported honey. Much like traditional wine tasting, participants will experience the differences of each honey sample through taste, aroma and texture. It's sure to be another fantastic evening at the DPL!

Our very popular 5 Hour Pre-Licensing Class for Permit Holders is almost full, so if you were planning on attending, register ASAP! This DMV approved and mandatory (for unlicensed to be drivers 16 and up) is taught by J & J Driving School. The class is \$45 and will be on Saturday, November 16 from 10AM to 3PM, so please bring your lunch if you have registered for this course.



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And please, please, please bring in non-perishable foods to donate to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church food pantry. This is the only food pantry in our immediate area and serves many of our community's families. They have expressed a great need for items such as peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits, vegetables and soups, dry goods like macaroni & cheese, pasta, and baking mixes. There is a large basket in the front lobby of the library where these items can be placed now through November 21.

Thanksgiving

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Mains

Turkey Breast - boneless \$12.49 lb

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Sides

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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

(From Pg. 1)

Growing up in a small town can be ultimately rewarding but it also does have its drawbacks. It really does not prepare a student, even a really good student, in a graduating class of seventy two others, for the life in a major university. This is something we had in common, growing up myself in a small town in the Midwest. It was that longing for 'more' that led SHANE to the UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (Go Gators). There, the exhilaration of having 'arrived' was palpable. He had planned out. Four years here, studying Business and Finance and emerging with a strong future. Less

than two years later, he was not just treading water, the jump to life on a large campus like this, the expected overwhelming course work was swallowing him alive. His counselor understood. She recommended that he study abroad, which landed him in Paris. He could breathe again! But as that ended came the "What now?"

Back home in the Catskills, not only did he have to deal with his own questions but a terrifying pandemic. It was then that he bought his first guitar. Taught himself to play. And found a sense of peace in creation. And that this was pure love.

Fast forward to today. SHANE'S music can be found on every digital platform that supports music. (Spotify, Facebook, YouTube and many others). Sometimes it is just the music. Sometimes it is the well produced Music Videos. And for the 'old school', he has two 'Eps' pressed on vinyl...yes actual records. (An EP stands for Extended Play and is a recording that has less songs than an album but more than just a single). The digital world is how young people find the music they can embrace. And in talking about this, this is where I saw the intense, highly focused person inside this young man. He spoke about the amount of work it takes the written song through production, getting just the right balance to showcase each creation. Uploading the finished product to the platforms. The promotion necessary to get people to these platforms and to the song. And the constant search for newer, better ways of building his brand(s)- yes, more than one.

Speaking about this, his gaze was focused on the table. I couldn't help but think: He's found the 'more' he thought he'd find in Florida. He's immersed in course work, but this time it won't be swallowing HIM.

My sincerest thanks to MR SHANE RENNISON for allowing me this insight into you and allowing me to share it.

POISON LOVE will be at THE TANGO this coming Friday at 6pm

CON QUESO will be at CABERNET FRANK'S on Saturday at 8pm

Update on CABERNET FRANK'S next week.

Until next time.....



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FOOD DRIVE

HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

November 17-23, 2024

Food is a human right and is an immediate and tangible way to help someone.

We are requesting donations of specific non-perishable food items to assist in our outreach to community members facing homelessness and hunger.

Please bring items to Ellenville Regional Hospital's front entrance or join us for Sharps and Medication Collection on Friday, November 22, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Ellenville Regional Hospital's Emergency Department entrance.

Drop off sharps containers, dispose of unused or expired medications, and support our food drive with donations!

We are in need of various shelf-stable, ready-to-eat meals and snacks. For any inquiries, please don't hesitate to call (845) 647-6400 ext. 215.

Requested food items for donation:

- Protein shakes
- Canned meals
- Juice boxes
- Fruit snacks
- Cereal bars
- Fruit cups
- Canned soups
- Canned chili
- Beef jerky
- Canned pastas
- Single serving shelf-stable milk
- Hormel Completes and other ready to eat meals
- Prepackaged canned tuna with crackers
- Peanut butter or cheese sandwich cracker
- Applesauce cups
- Breakfast shakes
- Protein bars
- Snack portioned chips, crackers, cookies and cereals

***pull-tab cans, individually wrapped, and single-serving items all preferred**

SC Sheriff Arrest Monticello Woman

A Monticello woman who was released on an appearance ticket after stealing a car has been arrested again, a little over 24 hours later.



On Sunday October 27, 2024, Lindsay Houck, age 28, was arrested early in the morning, after she stole a 2006 Jeep that was gassing up at the Mobil Station on Raceway Road in Monticello. Houck allegedly drove the vehicle to the Sheriff's Office complex on Old Route 17, drove across the lawn and hit a fire hydrant. She was eventually caught near the Center for Discovery in Harris when the vehicle became disabled with a blown tire. She was charged with the felonies of Grand Larceny, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property and felony DWI. Under New York's bail reform law, Houck was issued an appearance ticket and released.

On Monday October 28, 2024 at about 8:15 am, the Sheriff's Office was called to a report of a woman trying to steal a car at King's Auto located at 76 East Broadway in Monticello. At the scene, deputies found Lindsay Houck behind the wheel of a 1964 Chevrolet pickup truck. She was trying to get the vehicle started when deputies placed her in custody. Houck was charged with felony Grand Larceny and misdemeanor Trespass. This time the defendant was taken to the Town of Thompson court and arraigned before Judge Sharon Jankiewicz who remanded Houck to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail. The defendant was due back in court on October 30, 2024 at 5:00 pm.



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Ellenville Regional Hospital's Rural Health Network November Events: Community Wellness, Fitness Classes, and Health Initiatives

Ellenville, NY -Ellenville Regional Hospital's Rural Health Network is excited to announce a series of health and wellness events throughout November. Community members are encouraged to attend these events to access resources, improve wellness, and connect with local health services. The Rural Health Network's regular fitness classes-tailored for a variety of health needs-will continue, along with special events throughout the month.

Fitness Classes:

The Rural Health Network offers regular fitness classes designed to support mobility, strength, and overall well-being. November class offerings include:

- o Tai Chi for Arthritis Fitness - Gentle exercises to enhance flexibility and joint health.
- o Yoga - Mind-body sessions focused on relaxation, flexibility, and strength.
- o Bingocize - A fun, interactive class that combines fitness with a classic game.
- o Body Building - Strength training sessions for improved physical fitness.
- o A Matter of Balance - Balance and fall prevention exercises to increase stability and confidence.

November Event Schedule:

- o November 2: Spooktacular Health Fair at Ellenville Regional Hospital, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- o November 11: Medication Take Back and Lock Box Giveaway at Catskill Pharmacy, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- o November 13: Diabetes Prevention Workshop at Ellenville Regional Hospital Board Room, 12:00 PM
- o November 14: Farm-acy Produce Distribution at Ellenville Regional Hospital, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (or until supplies last)
- o November 19: Medication Take Back and Lock Box Giveaway at Matthews Pharmacy, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- o November 21: Walk for a Smoke-Free Future, meet at Ellenville Regional Hospital, 10:00 AM

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o November 21: Farm-acy Produce Distribution at Ellenville Regional Hospital, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (or until supplies last)

o November 22: Food Drive Collection and Sharps & Medication Collection at Ellenville Regional Hospital ED Lobby, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

These events are free and open to the public, designed to promote community health, prevent disease, and support wellness for individuals and families. Join us to learn more about healthy living options, receive valuable resources, and connect with your local health community.

For more information, please contact Samantha Riley, sriley@erhny.org (845) 647-6400 Ext. 205

About the Rural Health Network:

The Rural Health Network is dedicated to improving healthcare access and outcomes for individuals in rural communities. By collaborating with local partners, we provide essential services and resources that promote overall health and wellness.

About Ellenville Regional Hospital: Ellenville Regional Hospital is committed to providing quality healthcare to the community through innovative services and patient-centered care. Our mission is to promote health and well-being in our rural region with a focus on preventive care and education.

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Daniel Pierce Library

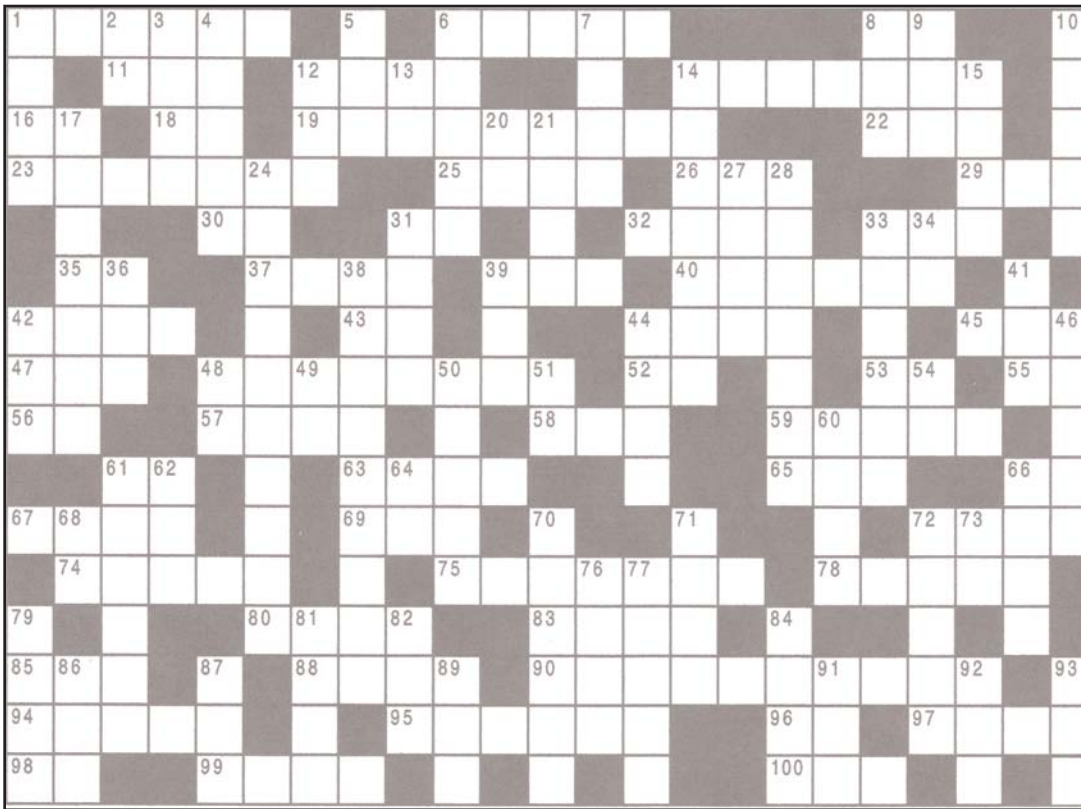
1st Friday BOOK CLUB



The first Friday of every month.

All adults welcome!

All Gave Some; Some Gave All - L. Comando



- 84 WWII site of Japanese Airbase, Iwo _____
- 86 Hack
- 87 Short substitute for a negative clause
- 89 Apex
- 91 Laboratory
- 92 Put in place
- 93 Not young

Easy Apple Cake

- 2 eggs
- 1 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup oil
- 6 Fuji or Gala apples, peeled and sliced
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- Powdered sugar for sprinkling

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, mix eggs, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and oil. Add apples, stirring to coat.

3. In a small bowl, mix flour and baking soda; add to apple mixture. Mix well until all flour is absorbed. Pour mixture into prepared baking dish.

4. Bake 50 to 55 min, or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

- ACROSS**
- 1 President who led U.S. into WWI
 - 6 Tranquility
 - 8 Battalion Commander
 - 11 Knock
 - 12 Endure
 - 14 Triumph
 - 16 Exclamation
 - 18 A thing in general
 - 19 Truce
 - 22 Archaic explanation
 - 23 Serviceman
 - 25 Let go of
 - 26 Upper
 - 29 Expression of human creative imagination
 - 30 Roman
 - 101
 - 31 You and I
 - 32 Champion
 - 33 Polite way of addressing a man
 - 35 Contration for I am
 - 37 Chronicle
 - 39 Abdominal muscles
 - 40 Allocation
 - 42 Concept
 - 43 Railroad
 - 44 Corona
 - 45 Small round spot
 - 47 Took a seat
 - 48 Foot soldiers
 - 52 Form of the indefinite article 'a'
 - 53 Printer's measure
 - 55 Doctor of Humanities
 - 56 Belonging to the speaker
 - 57 Gunfire
 - 58 Hearing organ
 - 59 Equipped with weapons
 - 61 Foot
 - 63 Image
 - 65 Metal canister
 - 66 Santa's laugh
 - 67 Frozen water vapor
 - 69 Also
 - 72 Radiate
 - 74 Courageous
 - 75 Public processions
 - 78 Dart
 - 80 Drove
 - 83 In the midst of
 - 85 Frozen water
 - 88 Ding
 - 90 Treaty that formally ended WWI
 - 94 Transceiver
 - 95 Inaudible
 - 96 Mother
 - 97 Put to death
 - 98 Pound
 - 99 Vocal sound
 - 100 16th President of the USA
- DOWN**
- 1 Who is (contraction)
 - 2 Lieutenant
 - 3 Uttered words
 - 4 Relating to the eye
 - 5 That girl
 - 6 Self-respect
 - 7 Fastener
 - 8 Constrictor
 - 9 Shed tears
 - 10 Celebration
 - 12 Armed conflict
 - 13 Exist
 - 14 Old war-horse
 - 15 365 days
 - 17 Day of observance
 - 20 Senior (abbrev)
 - 21 Mausoleum
 - 24 U.S. President who changed Armistice Day to Veteran's Day
 - 27 By word of mouth
 - 28 River that runs through Washington D.C.
 - 31 Alert
 - 33 Somber
 - 34 Surrounded by
 - 36 Made an acquaintance
 - 38 Thankfulness
 - 39 Invisible gas surround the earth
 - 41 Linear measure of land
 - 42 Distinctive philosophical ideology
 - 44 Rabbit
 - 46 Toss
 - 48 To be
 - 49 Foreign Officer
 - 50 Infantry
 - 51 Archaic form of thou
 - 54 Maine
 - 60 Essence, particularly characteristic quality of a drama
 - 61 Imposed
 - 62 Old airline company
 - 64 Commanding Officer
 - 66 Wail
 - 68 Niobian (Chem)
 - 70 Cemeteries
 - 71 Marries
 - 72 Native of Greece
 - 73 Archaic exclamation
 - 76 So be it!
 - 77 Grimy
 - 79 Female child
 - 81 Scandinavian mythological god of victory
 - 82 Ensign (abbrev)

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Kids' Fun Page

- L. Comando

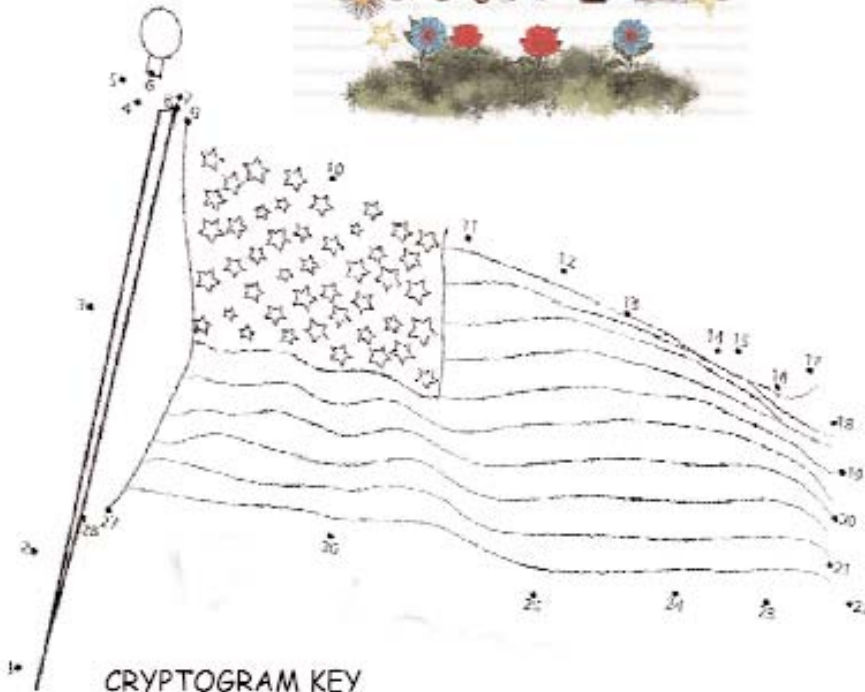
Veteran's Day word search

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- NOVEMBER
- PRIDE
- RESPECT
- SALUTE
- SERVICEMEN
- SERVICEWOMEN
- THANKS
- TROOPS
- VETERANS



Can you find 5 differences between the 2 pictures?



CRYPTOGRAM KEY

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VETERANS DAY MAZE



LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE- PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW, SECTION 108; §5-11

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET:

NOTICE is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Denning for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk where it is available for inspection by any interested person during normal Town Hall hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE of a Public Hearing to be held at 6 PM prior to the Town Board and Town Business meeting on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, at the Denning Town Hall. At such time any person or persons will be heard, in favor or against any item or items therein contained.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE of the proposed salaries for the following Town Officers, specified as follows:

- Supervisor: \$18,041.00
- Councilmen: \$1,592.00
- Supt. Of Highways: \$56,322.00
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector: \$33,014.00
- Town Justice: \$8,659.00

By Order of the Denning Town Board

Nancy Parrow
Town Clerk
October 28, 2024

10/31; 11/7

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section §274b of the New York State Town Law, the Town of Denning Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding Proposed Short-Term Rental Special Use Permit application by Owner: Shannon McGarity
Address: 24 Woodfield Road SBL: 43.3-4-5.200

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm prior to the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, November 21st, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

At SAID Public Hearing any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING PLANNING BOARD
Chairman Joseph Sibiga

October 29, 2024

10/31; 11/7

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

**Thursday,
November 14, 2024
at 7:00 p.m.
Secondary School
Lower Level Library**

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

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

Sullivan County Veterans Day Events 2024

Friday, November 8
HURLEYVILLE: 2 p.m. - Service at Morningside Park on County Route 52 (Brickman Road) in Hurleyville. All are invited.

Saturday, November 9
WOODBOURNE: 1 p.m. - The 26th Annual Veterans Day Parade hosted by the Woodbourne Fire Department #1 at 355 Fire House Road, Woodbourne. Line up at 12 p.m., parade kicks off at 1 p.m. Ceremony to follow with refreshments.

Monday, November 11
BETHEL: 11 a.m. - Sgt. Andrew Brucher-Bailey Richman VFW Post 5499 will be conducting Veterans Day Services at the Veterans Park (Bethel Town Square) on Route 55 in Kauneonga Lake. All veterans and the public are invited. Please arrive by 10:45 a.m.

ELDRED: 11 a.m. - The Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 and the Sylvan-Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will hold a Veterans Day service at Heroes Park in Eldred, in honor of all veterans. Following the service, refreshments will be served, and they will have their annual raffle drawing.

GRAHAMSVILLE: 11 a.m. - The Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will host a Flag-Raising Ceremony, followed by a ceremony at the Neversink Town Hall, both on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

LIBERTY: 5-7 p.m. - Spaghetti and meatballs dinner at the Liberty Elks Lodge, 1545 Darbee Lane in Liberty. Veterans eat free, all others \$8.
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Sullivan County Veterans Day Events 2024

(From Pg. 17)

LONG EDDY: 11 a.m. - The Allan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 and Auxiliary, and the Callicoon VFW Post 5808 will honor all who served with a luncheon, basket raffle, 50/50 and t-shirts, hosted at the Long Eddy Firehouse, 4 Church Street, Long Eddy.

MONTICELLO: 10:30 a.m. - Ceremony at the Sullivan County Government Center (in the lobby), Monticello, including NY State Police and Sheriff's Office Honor Guard with American Legion Post 73 and local first responders; public invited.

SUMMITVILLE: 9 a.m. - Summitville Firehouse, 3978 Route 209, Summitville, will host a service conducted by the Edward M. Maier VFW Post 4947.

WURTSBORO: 8 a.m. - Service held by the Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 at 26 VFW Road, Wurtsboro followed by an 11 a.m. service at the Ellenville Elks Lodge at 50 State Route 55, Napanoch.

NOTE: This list reflects all the ceremonies the County of Sullivan has been told about as of November 1, 2024. Updates and additions can be made by calling the Veterans Service Agency at 845-807-0233.

Proposed 2025 Sullivan County Budget Features No Layoffs or Program Cuts Includes Funds for EMS, Housing and Youth

Monticello, NY - County Manager Joshua A. Potosek today presented a 2025 Tentative Sullivan County Budget to the Legislature that continues to reduce debt, expands existing services and avoids layoffs or cuts to programs.

“The 2025 Tentative Sullivan County Budget prioritizes debt reduction, road and bridge investment, and cost-effective government. It carefully positions the County to maintain its fiscal stability, which taxpayers demand,” Potosek said. “For perspective, in 2019, our debt totaled just over \$169 million. By the end of 2024, that's expected to be under \$108 million, with most of that due to construction of the jail.”

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

“The proposed tax increase is due to the County's nearly \$3 million investment in improving EMS services

Countywide, and an estimated 8.5% hike in our health insurance premiums,” explained Potosek.

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

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

Highlights of the Tentative 2025 County Budget include:

- o \$21.6 million for road and bridgework throughout the County, to be achieved without going into debt by bonding
- o \$2.7 million to continue the already-successful EMS fly car system throughout the County
- o \$2 million for a Housing Trust Fund to address the housing crisis in the County, plus \$250,000 to supplement a State program that provides local renters with first/last months' rent and security deposits to ease the emergency housing crunch
- o \$2 million to provide for the design and renovation of County office spaces, including the Liberty campus and the County Courthouse in Monticello
- o \$600,000 for legislators to use towards tourism event promotion
- o \$500,000 for the Sullivan Promise Scholarship Program, which provides up to two full years of tuition-free attendance at SUNY Sullivan for local high school graduates
- o \$300,000 for the Youth Bureau to fund local organizations serving youth and their families
- o \$250,000 to develop a water resource map, to fully understand our water resources and where infrastructure should and should not be placed
- o \$244,000 for the next Legislature to offer to eligible community nonprofits via the Discretionary Funding Program
- o \$65,000 to continue the popular local workforce development partnership with BOCES, whereby area residents can learn skills like welding, car repair and construction trades, at no cost to them

New positions are proposed as well: an additional investigator in the District Attorney's Office, another dispatcher at the 911 Center, a health & wellness coordinator in the Public Safety Division, three Social Services caseworkers, two Social Services aides, and several instructors for both the Bureau of Fire and the Bureau of EMS.

“Thanks to the continually robust economy, the 2025 Tentative Budget can add staff and services while eliminating short-term debt,” Potosek explained. “Nevertheless, we are keeping a close eye on fiscal responsibility, and this budget ensures the County is prepared for fiscal bad weather, as there are some indications that revenues will start decreasing.”

Legislators now have until December 20 to review, discuss and adopt the budget, and they may make changes to the proposed version before it is adopted. Formal public hearings about the proposed 2025 County Budget will be announced soon. In the meantime, written comment is being accepted by Clerk of the Legislature AnnMarie Martin at annmarie.martin@sullivan-ny.gov or 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

Skunk Positive for Rabies in the Town of Thompson

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Public Health has confirmed that a skunk in the Monticello area tested positive for the rabies virus.

"The skunk was killed, and the property owners called Public Health, just as they should," said Acting Public Health Director Jill Hubert-Simon. "The head of the skunk was sent to Albany, and it came back positive for rabies."

Rabies occurs commonly throughout New York State, with the vast majority of cases occurring in wild animals, including raccoons, bats, foxes, skunks and woodchucks. Domestic animals account for less than 10% of the reported rabies cases, which most often include cats, cattle, and dogs. Wild animals may expose your pets if they are allowed to freely roam on your property in wooded areas.

Public Health will be working to provide another free clinic in the Monticello area; please check the County website and local media outlets for updates.

What Can People Do to Protect Themselves Against Rabies?

Be sure your pets are up to date on rabies vaccinations. Vaccinated pets serve as a buffer between rabid wildlife and humans. Protect them, and you protect yourself and family. As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to ensure your pets are fully vaccinated.

Vaccines for dogs, cats and ferrets over three months of age are effective for a one-year period. Revaccinations are effective for up to three years. Pets too young to be vaccinated should be kept indoors.

Don't try to separate two fighting animals. Wear gloves if you handle your pet after a fight. Keep family pets indoors at night. Don't leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.

Don't attract wild animals to your home or yard. Keep your property free of stored bird seed, food garbage or other foods that may attract animals. Feed pets indoors. Tightly cap or put away garbage cans. Board up any openings to your attic, basement, porch or garage. Cap your chimney with screens.

If you have nuisance animals on your property, please call a certified pest removal company for assistance. They have the proper equipment and knowledge to safely remove unwanted animals. For a list of certified pest removal experts, please visit: https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/sls_searches/index.cfm?p=live_nwco

Don't feed, touch or adopt wild animals, stray dogs or stray cats.

What if Someone Is Bitten?

Encourage children to immediately tell an adult if they are bitten by any animal. Tell children not to touch any animal except their own.

Seek treatment for all animal bites and report contact with wild animals to Sullivan County Department of Public Health at (845) 292-5910.

If you can safely do so, don't let an animal escape that has possibly exposed someone to rabies. Depending on the species, it can be observed or tested for rabies in order to avoid the need for rabies treatment for people, or to avoid euthanizing and testing exposed unvaccinated pets.

This also includes bats, as bats can be difficult to keep out of buildings because they can get through cracks as small as a pen-

cil. Methods to keep bats out (bat proofing) of homes and summer camps should be done during the fall and winter. If bats are already inside (e.g. in an attic or other areas), consult with your local health department about humane ways to remove them. Bats have small, sharp teeth and in certain circumstances people can be bitten and not know it.

For more information, please contact the Disease Surveillance and Investigation Department of Sullivan County Public Health at 845-292-5910.

HEAP Season Is Here Sign Up for Benefits Starting Today

Liberty, NY - The 2024-2025 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) season has kicked off.

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

Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and whether or not the household has a member who is under age 6, over age 60 or permanently disabled. You may qualify even if you think you won't, so to apply for a 2024-2025 HEAP grant, go to <https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin> or call 845-807-0142.

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

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

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

Income thresholds for 2024-2025 Regular HEAP:

Household Size	Monthly Income Maximum
1	\$3,322
2	\$4,345
3	\$5,367
4	\$6,390
5	\$7,412
6	\$8,434

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

Sullivan County's HEAP Office is staffed by these friendly and helpful employees! From the left are Ellen Price, Amanda Wood, Nicole Morris, Mardette Wilcox, Rosemary Wolff, Tracy Peterson, Dawn Anglin, Jaime Vetere, and Ashley Boyd.

CAS will present an exhibition of work by Robin Crookall, Lizzie Scott, David Storey, and Barbara Weissberger

Exhibition of work by Robin Crookall, Lizzie Scott, David Storey, and Barbara Weissberger. The exhibition opens on Saturday, November 2, with an artist talk from 3 to 4 p.m., followed by a reception from 4 to 5 p.m.; it remains on view through December 29.

Robin Crookall's work seamlessly blends sculpture and photography, using architectural models that she photographs and prints to craft scenes straddling fact and illusion. These images depict environments that are at once familiar yet mundane, inviting viewers to question their notions of reality, memory, and place. The subtlety of Crookall's illusion is akin to sleight of hand rather than grand spectacle, as they aim to disorient space, time, and scale with a nuanced approach to visual deception. By creating scenes that could be either real places or carefully crafted scale models, Crookall draws the viewer into an experience of subtle disorientation, prompting them to see beyond the surface and question their perception of the world around them.

Artist and curator Shirley Irons has curated an exhibition from Lizzie Scott and Barbara Weissberger, two mid-career artists who expand the fabric of painting and push it into sculpture, photography, and performance. Both have worked and/or performed with choreographers and dancers, using their work as costume and prop, but the concentration of their work is as painting, flat on a wall. Scott is a colorist, using eccentric materials sewn into giant bat-like shapes (The Drifters) that can perform on a wall, on a chair, on the floor, and live with fresh studies in Flashe and quick "rounds" that live primarily on the floor. Her cat drawings, not included here, are to die for. The work is formal, on the edge of elegance, intense, and always unpredictable.

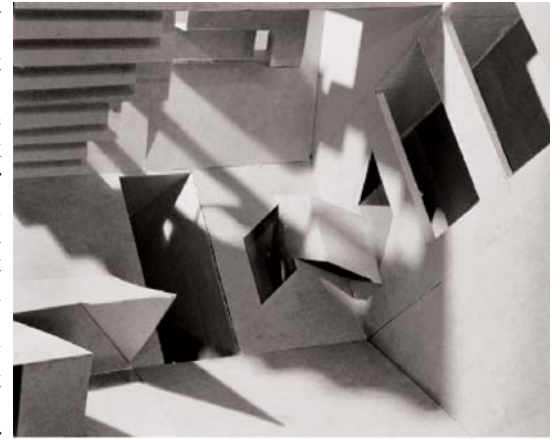
Where Scott uses color, Weissberger uses narrative. Her work comes out of soft sculpture, moving toward an unorthodox idea of quilting. She uses photography as an imprint on often luxurious fabric, draping and collaging unlikely combinations of material, to talk about optimism and futility, somewhat in the vein of Samuel Beckett. Her daily sculptures are always on the verge of collapse, but the camera keeps them stable, a way of recording time and giving hope for a continuing future. "Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again."

David Storey creates paintings that engage the fluidly permeable boundaries between image and abstraction. Invention, configuration, clarity, and the potential energy of color are essential elements that shape each painting, making it uniquely about itself. Viewing and engaging with a painting is virtually a contract for Storey. Once a viewer's terms are agreed upon, all separations dissolve. The physical laws of here and now become void, and opposites merge. His paintings transport viewers to another mysterious world within their own, collapsing sameness and difference into a universal visual moment.

About the Artists

Robin Crookall is a New York-based artist working in sculpture and photography. In 2024, Crookall received a fellowship at Lighthouse Works on Fishers Island, NY, and a residency at Light Work in Syracuse, NY. Also, in 2024, Crookall presented a solo exhibition at Morris Adjmi Architects in N.Y. She is a 2021 finalist in The Print Centers, 95th Annual International Competition. In April 2021, she had a solo exhibition at Real Art Ways in Hartford, CT. In the fall of 2020, she completed a residency and

solo exhibition at the Penumbra Foundation in New York City. Crookall is a 2019 NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellow in photography from The New York Foundation for the Arts. Crookall has participated in exhibitions at Field Projects in New York, Candela Gallery in Virginia, Art Basel in Miami, Headlands Center for the Arts in San Francisco, Gallery 4Culture in Seattle, and Friesen Gallery in Seattle. Publications featuring her work include Art Dialogues (2023), Arts in Square (2022), Muse_e Magazine (2021), Vast Magazine (2021), Real Art Ways Zine (2021), Indiefoto (2016), and The Seattle Times (2012).



Robin Crookall, *Folded III*, from the series *My Favorite Shapes*, 2022

Shirley Irons is an artist and educator whose curatorial projects include "Exurbia" and "The Way We Live Now" at Gallery Luisotti in Los Angeles, Alien Bodies at SUNY Purchase and

S.V.A., NY, and most recently an online exhibit, "The Fall," for Critical Practices, Inc. (<https://www.criticalpractices.org/cpi-vrp>), where she was on the curatorial committee with Sara Reisman and Aliza Shvartz.

Lizzie Scott has been working at the intersections of textiles, painting, and sculpture for over 20 years, exhibiting

work throughout the U.S. and Europe. Lizzie received her M.F.A. from the California Institute of the Arts and her B.A. from Brown University and attended the Whitney Independent Study Program. Her work has appeared in solo, two-person, and group exhibitions throughout the U.S. and Europe, including at Klaus von Nichtssagend Gallery (N.Y.C.), Zurcher Studio (N.Y.C.), Rachel Uffner Gallery (N.Y.C.), Kate MacGarry Gallery (London), John Tevis Gallery (Paris), The Brooklyn Museum, the Bronx Museum of the Arts, The Jersey City Museum, The University of Dallas (TX), The Ohio University Art Gallery, (O.H.), and Bennington College (V.T.). 2009-2016, Lizzie ran The Total Styrene Experience, a roving performance laboratory. Her work has been featured and reviewed in numerous publications, including Artforum and The New York Times. Scott has been a MacDowell Colony fellow and a RNew York Foundation for the Arts sponsored artist. Her work is in collections that include the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum, the Baltimore Museum of Art, and the RISD Museum.

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Lizzie Scott, *Inset*, 32 x 40", *Flashe on muslin with bubble wrap and mixed textiles*, 2022

CAS will present an Exhibition of work by Robin Crookall, Lizzie Scott, David Storey, and Barbara Weissberger

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David Storey, *Pastoral*, 38 x 52",
Oil on canvas, 2023

David Storey lives and works in New York, creating paintings, drawings, and prints that compound and condense the interaction between image and abstraction. His work is included in MoMA and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts collections. Fellowships include those from the Guggenheim Foundation, the N.E.A., and residencies at Yaddo and the MacDowell Colony. Public art projects include fourteen mosaic murals for the M.T.A. N Line subway station in Brooklyn (2019) and four murals painted on stucco walls for Ralph Pucci International in Los Angeles (2018-2020).

Barbara Weissberger stages photographs and works with textiles to consider bodies, objects, the weird, and the everyday. A Guggenheim Fellowship has supported Weissberger's work and numerous artist residencies in the U.S. and abroad, including Yaddo, MacDowell, Camargo, and Bogliasco. Her work has been exhibited at such venues as Silver Eye, PS1/MoMA, Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center, The Drawing Center, The Mattress Factory, A.D.A. Gallery, and The Missoula Art Museum. Her work has been written about in journals, including *Femme Art Review* and *The Heavy Collective*. She received an M.F.A. from the San Francisco Art Institute. She was born in New Jersey and lived in San Francisco and New York before moving to

Pittsburgh, where she is currently based.

Long-term Installations

Following a major renovation and expansion, Catskill Art Space reopened in October 2022 with a long-term presentation of James Turrell's *Avaar* (1982) in a custom-built gallery on the building's second floor. A room-sized installation, *Avaar* is an important example of the artist's early, wall-based "aperture" works, which function by creating two areas within a room. There is a "viewing space," where one stands to see and experience the work, and a "sensing space," which is an ambiguously defined area of diffused light. *Avaar* is one of the rare examples of Turrell's aperture works to make use of white lighting only; no colors will be present in the installation. This work is in the collection of the Seattle Art Museum, which has granted CAS a special long-term loan to exhibit the work. The presentation at CAS marks the first time the work has been shown since the 1970s, giving audiences from the Catskills and beyond the rare opportunity to experience a major Turrell work that has not been seen in nearly five decades.

On the second floor's central landing, Sol LeWitt's vibrant *Wall Drawing #992* unfolds in three sections, each consisting of 10,000 straight lines drawn in color marker, to create a mesmerizing arrangement of primary colors. On the fourth wall, presenting LeWitt's *Wall Drawing #991*, straight, arced, and organic lines will encompass the wall in black marker and pencil. The conceptual, minimalist artist conceived guidelines for his two-dimensional works to be drawn directly on the wall. Much like Turrell's *Avaar*, the LeWitt works were realized for CAS's space; in this instance, they are generously loaned by the artist's estate. This work was overseen by a draftsman, who determines the length and placement of the lines, and executed by five artists local to the area over nearly two weeks.

The newly realized performance space on CAS's second floor hosts British sculptor Francis Cape's *A Gathering of Utopian Benches*-an installation of meticulous copies of benches built and used by communal societies. Cape's installations have always argued that design and craft express belief. *Utopian Benches*, which has toured extensively throughout the US, was built from poplar grown near Cape's studio in Narrowsburg, NY. To be considered both as contemporary sculpture as well as furniture that visitors can actively use, the benches reference the societies who first used them, inviting visitors to utilize them for exchange, discourse, and community. The installation, which is meant to be used by visitors both for contemplation and may be used for performance seating, overlooks an expansive wall of windows onto the Willowemoc Creek.

Ellen Brooks inaugurates an intimate gallery space, framed by a partially open staircase, with *Hang* (2022), an installation suspending over 30 feet of scrolls of film negatives from the ceiling. The artist hangs transparencies and negatives in all formats and from clips attached to the ceiling, mimicking the practice of film photography. Hanging negatives reference the surrounding natural landscaping, evoking a cascading waterfall with coils of film collecting on the ground floor gallery.

About Catskill Art Space

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

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



Barbara Weissberger, *11:15*, 70" x 58",
Photographic print on fabric
(dye-sublimation), old clothes,
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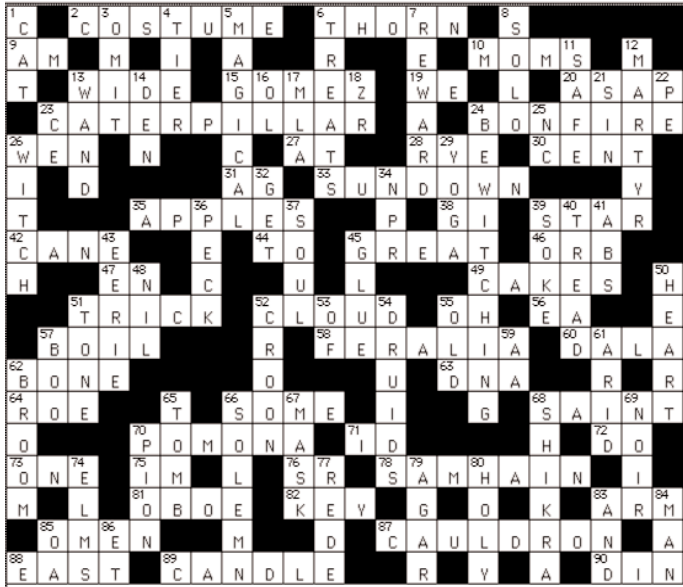
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11/6/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
11/12/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
11/13/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
11/16/24	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
11/19/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
11/21//24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
11/21/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/7/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall

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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>
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Weekly Update for The Week of

November 4 - November 8, 2024

Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at
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Monday, November 4

- o **2:00 PM - Health, Human Services & Housing Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building and Via Livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urxgTuheCqw>
- o **3:00 PM** (Or Immediately Following Health, Human Services & Housing Committee) - **Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM** - (Or Immediately Following Energy, Environment & Sustainability) - **Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, November 5

- o Election Day - No Meetings

Wednesday, November 6

- o **5:00 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board People With Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittees**, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Special Informational Meeting of the Legislature: Budget Consultant Presentation**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board**, in the UCAT Operations Center, 1 Danny Circle, Kingston

Thursday, November 7

- o **CANCELLED: Housing Subcommittee**
- o **4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; **Members of the Public May Also Attend Naurashaun Presbyterian Church 51 Sickletown Road Pearl River, NY 10965 & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 848 3374 3243 Passcode: 377703**
- o **6:00 PM - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Friday, November 8

- o No Meetings



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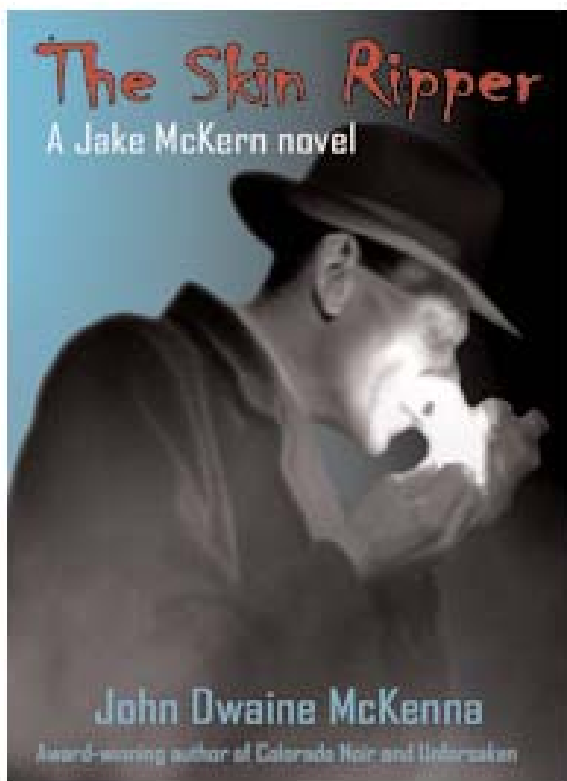

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He too is an indoor outdoor cat, but mostly indoor. I have been taking care of them for a month and have not let them outside, and they are fine with that.

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



Smokey

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If you've ever wondered whether sharing painful experiences on social media is a path to healing or if it just keeps old wounds open, this episode asks hard-hitting questions about online "trauma-sharing" culture. When people go public with their stories, the conversation explores whether they're seeking connection, closure, or even revenge. The Rabbi and the Therapist give raw insights into these motivations, shedding light on how personal responsibility and perspective can shape one's path to resilience.

This episode offers fresh viewpoints for anyone curious about the nature of resilience and recovery. Find out how sometimes, the most powerful way to heal isn't by seeking answers from others, but by turning inward and letting go. Catch up on missed episodes! Listen anytime, anywhere! **CLICK HERE TO LISTEN ON SPOTIFY** - <https://open.spotify.com/show/3waPzPJdVQO9UCSh9IBQZm?si=XAzQ5zvEQMGhZdVN17iTg&nd=1&dlsi=b980d7a2712f481e>

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Rabbi Shea Hecht

Art Show at Old Stone House



An exhibit of fiber art by artist Buff McAllister is on view at the Old Stone house in Hasbrouck. Saturdays and Sundays in November from 12:00-3:00.. Old Stone House is located at 282 Hasbrouck Road in Hasbrouck 12788

When Hotels Become Home: The growing quantity, heartache, and cost of families living in hotels in the Mid- Hudson - a New Report by Pattern

Pattern is releasing a new report today. It is called When Hotels Become Home: The growing quantity, heartache, and cost of families living in hotels in the Mid-Hudson.

This is part of Pattern's ongoing research about our housing crisis. The press release below includes some key findings from the report.

You can find the full report at the following link: When Hotels Become Home: The growing quantity, heartache, and cost of families living in hotels in the Mid-Hudson - Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

Just to put a lid on this...we are seeing more working families living in hotels because they cannot find apartments with modest rents. We are seeing a significant surge in homelessness among schoolchildren. And we are seeing a growing public cost associated with more people staying in hotels and motels, and the length of stay on the rise.

<https://www.pattern-for-progress.org/portfolio/when-hotels-become-home-the-growing-quantity-heartache-and-cost-of-families-living-in-hotels-in-the-mid-hudson/>

Ellenville Regional Hospital Supports Men's Health Awareness this November

Ellenville, NY - Ellenville Regional Hospital proudly joins the national No-Shave November movement, raising awareness for men's health issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health. This annual campaign encourages men to embrace their facial hair and start conversations about their health, while also highlighting the importance of preventive care.

At Ellenville Regional Hospital, we are committed to promoting the health and well-being of men in our community. Our comprehensive services for men include prostate screenings, cardiovascular health assessments, and mental health support. These services are designed to address the unique health challenges men face, ensuring they have access to quality care close to home.

By participating in the No-Shave November campaign, we aim to bring attention to the importance of early detection and regular health checkups. Men in our region are encouraged to prioritize their health, schedule screenings, and take advantage of the specialized services Ellenville Regional Hospital offers.

For more information on men's health services at Ellenville Regional Hospital, or to schedule an appointment, visit erhny.org or call 845-647-6400.

About Ellenville Regional Hospital: Ellenville Regional Hospital is committed to providing quality healthcare to the community through innovative services and patient-centered care. Our mission is to promote health and well-being in our rural region with a focus on preventive care and education.

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Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Proposes Renaming Ulster County Office Building in Honor of Former Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has submitted a resolution to the Legislature proposing a name change for the Ulster County Office Building at 244 Fair Street in Kingston - to be renamed the "Nina Postupack Office Building" - in honor of the County's dedicated and beloved former Ulster County Clerk, who passed away on October 10.

Postupack began her career of committed public service in 1979 in the County Clerk's office and was appointed Deputy County Clerk of the Recording Department in 1982, and then as Chief Deputy Clerk in 1990 and as Acting Clerk in 2005. She made history in 2006 by becoming the first woman elected to the office of Ulster County Clerk, and the first woman to be elected to a County-wide office. Postupack served as Ulster County Clerk until 2024, when she retired in August, after 45 years of dedicated and distinguished public service, marking the end of an extraordinary career.

The Legislature is expected to vote on moving the resolution renaming the County Office Building forward to a public hearing at its November session.

"Nina was a shining example of the very best qualities of a public servant, with an unflinching commitment to the highest standard of service and to treating every individual that walked through the doors of this building with compassion, kindness, fairness, and respect," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "For many decades and for countless residents, Nina was the face of this building, and renaming the County Office Building as the Nina Postupack Office Building is a fitting tribute to her 45 years of dedicated service to our county."

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has released the following statement in response to Ulster County Comptroller's Fund Balance Report:

As the County Comptroller noted in her press release, "we are living through unprecedented financially flush times for the County, and it is prudent to prepare for uncertainty ahead." I am happy to report that this is exactly what we've been doing. Since I came into this office two years ago, I have been working actively to steward surplus funds in a way that

will benefit Ulster County residents for years to come. In 2024, Ulster County created \$36 million worth of capital reserves as I recommended in my 2024 Executive Budget, which can save up to \$2 million a year in avoided borrowing costs for capital projects. This amount is the interest payments avoided on a 20-year bond. Similarly, in my 2025 Executive Budget, I have proposed a \$10 million Bridge Reserve for bridge repairs and \$2 million retirement reserve to offset increases in future retirement costs to the County. These reserves will reduce costs to taxpayers for many years to come, and I am glad to see that the Comptroller and I are in full alignment on the value of creating reserves.

The Comptroller notes that \$15 million of our fund balance is assigned to the Housing Action Fund that I created with the Legislature last year. Our plan is to move this fund into a housing reserve, and we are working with our State representatives on the necessary State enabling legislation.

More generally, recent independent reviews have affirmed the strength of Ulster County's financial management. Ulster County received the lowest possible score of zero in the State Comptroller's annual Fiscal Stress Score released just last month; and S&P Global Ratings has again assigned an "AA" bond rating to Ulster County, citing strong reserve balances among the reasons for the high rating. It continues to be a high priority of my administration to be a prudent steward of the County's fiscal health and keep an eye on escalating costs.



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Governor Hochul Announces \$21.6 million to Support NY's Dairy Farmers

Part of Governor Hochul's 2024 State of the State, the Dairy Modernization Grant Program Will Help Farmers and Dairy Cooperatives Install New Technologies To Improve Operations

Builds on Continued Efforts To Advance New York State as a National Leader in the Dairy Industry

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$21.6 million is available through the Dairy Modernization Grant Program to help New York's dairy farmers and agricultural marketing cooperatives expand on-farm milk storage capacity and support projects that will improve the transportation and storage of milk. First announced in Governor Hochul's 2024 State of the State address, the program will support the needs of dairy farmers and processors by facilitating the installation of critical technological and infrastructural improvements that will improve dairy supply chain efficiency and avoid the need for raw milk dumping during emergency events.

"New York's dairy farms are the backbone of our agricultural industry, and they contribute so much to our communities, our economies, and our long legacy of agricultural excellence," Governor Hochul said. "I'm proud that the Dairy Modernization Grant Program will help our dairy farmers and processors make much needed improvements to their technology and facilities, helping New York State to remain a powerhouse in dairy nationally and ultimately getting nutritious, locally produced dairy products to more New Yorkers statewide."

The Dairy Modernization Grant program is being administered by the Farm and Food Growth Fund (FFGF). Grants will range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 and will be awarded to eligible applicants for projects that seek to expand on-farm milk storage capacity; improve efficiencies; invest in milk transfer systems and cooling technologies; and more. Examples of eligible projects include the purchase/installation of milk storage tanks, including bulk tanks, and milk silos; milk tankers for transport; milk pipelines; upgraded glycol chillers; farm milk loading systems; reclaim systems for water and watering systems (e.g., on-demand tanks); and more. Full details regarding project eligibility can be found at <https://www.ffgrowthfund.org/dairymodernization>.

The request for proposals opens today, November 1, 2024. Virtual open office hours for interested applicants will be held on Nov. 13, 2024, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Dec. 8, 2024, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.; and Jan. 15, 2025, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Applications are due by Friday, Feb. 14, 2025.

Funding for this program comes as part of Governor Hochul's overarching commitment to the dairy industry, including additional funds dedicated in the FY25 Enacted Budget to support several major dairy manufacturing facility projects and a number of promotional efforts designed to educate consumers about New York dairy products. Further, this invest-

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ment builds on the commitment that Governor Hochul has made to support sustainability in the agricultural industry, including for dairy farms. Under the Governor's leadership, the FY25 Enacted Budget provides \$81.8 million through the Environmental Protection Fund, up \$4 million from last year, for agricultural programs and initiatives, such as the Climate Resilient Farming grant program, that are helping farms to implement environmentally sustainable practices and combat climate change.

Since taking office, Governor Hochul has made significant strides in expanding the dairy manufacturing sector in New York. In the last few years, New York has celebrated investments across the State, including a \$650 million fairlife production plant in Webster, \$518 million Great Lakes Cheese packaging and manufacturing facilities in Franklinville, and \$30 million expansion to the Agri-Mark cheese manufacturing facility in Chateaugay, helping New York continue to be the leading producer of milk in the Northeast. There are currently nearly 300 world-recognized dairy processing plants across New York.

About the Dairy Industry in New York State

New York State has roughly 3,000 dairy farms that produce over 15 billion pounds of milk annually, making New York the nation's fifth-largest dairy state. The dairy industry is the state's largest agricultural sector, contributing significantly to the state's economy by generating nearly half of the state's total agricultural receipts and providing some of the highest economic multipliers. New York's unique and talented dairy producers and processors contribute significantly to the state's agriculture industry, economy and the health of our communities.

Schumer, Gillibrand Announces \$360 million in Home Energy Assistance for NY Families to Lower Heating Costs this Winter

New York, NY - Today, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced that New York will receive \$360,185,996 in federal funding through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This money will help thousands of low-income households across the state afford their energy bills and make cost-effective repairs to their heating systems this winter.

“Everyone in New York should be able to come home to warmth in the winter. I’m proud to deliver \$360+ million in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funding to make sure seniors and families can afford their energy bills and repair their heating systems,” said Senator Schumer. “We all know Upstate winters can be harsh, and in the last year alone, thousands of Upstate households tapped this critical federal program. I’ve pushed to boost federal funding for LIHEAP because I know how important it is to New York’s families and will keep fighting to ensure that New Yorkers have the resources they need to be safe and warm.”

“LIHEAP provides much-needed support to New York families for their home energy costs, and I’m proud to have helped secure this \$360 million in LIHEAP funding for our state as we head into another winter heating season,” said Senator Gillibrand. “Staying warm and protected from the elements is a basic human right, and I’m committed to ensuring that all New Yorkers have the resources they need to pay their energy bills and stay warm, safe, and healthy through the winter.”

Maintaining safe indoor air temperatures is critical, particularly for households that include older adults, individuals with disabilities, and young children. By helping to reduce the costs of home heating and cooling bills, reconnecting energy services that have been disconnected, preventing energy shutoffs, and financing minor energy-related home repairs, LIHEAP helps make sure that all Americans can meet their home energy needs and stay safe in their homes.

Individuals interested in applying for LIHEAP can visit energyhelp.us or call the National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR) hotline toll-free at 1-866-674-6327. New Yorkers can also check whether their household qualifies for assistance using the LIHEAP Eligibility Tool.

Alzheimer's Awareness Month Governor Kathy Hochul announced that 14 New York State landmarks were lit teal on Friday, Nov. 1 to mark the beginning of Alzheimer's Awareness Month

“Alzheimer’s is a debilitating and brutal disease, and, like many of you, it is one that I have a personal connection with,” Governor Hochul said. “I take Alzheimer’s Awareness Month as the time to reflect on the struggles my fellow New Yorkers have faced when it comes to watching a family member or a loved one battle an incredibly heartbreaking diagnosis. I am remembering my grandfather this month as well as all of the New Yorkers and their families who are currently battling an Alzheimer’s diagnosis.”

The landmarks that will be lit include:

- o Albany International Airport Gateway
- o Alfred E. Smith State Office Building
- o Empire State Plaza
- o Fairport Lift Bridge over the Erie Canal
- o Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge



- o Kosciuszko Bridge
- o Moynihan Train Hall
- o MTA LIRR - East End Gateway at Penn Station
- o Niagara Falls
- o One World Trade Center
- o State Education Building
- o State Fairgrounds - Main Gate & Expo Center
- o The “Franklin D. Roosevelt” Mid-Hudson Bridge
- o The H. Carl McCall SUNY Building

The Office of the Aging reported - according to New York State data shared by the Coalition of New York State Alzheimer’s Association Chapters - that more than 426,000 New Yorkers aged 65 or older have been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. The 2024 New York Alzheimer’s statistics, which includes caregiving, workforce and healthcare data, can be found here. <https://www.alz.org/media/Documents/newyork-alzheimers-facts-figures-2024.pdf>

New York State is proud to have a network of resources for patients suffering from Alzheimer’s and their families. The New York State Department of Health outlines a map of counties across New York State which includes a list of Caregiver Support Programs and Centers for Excellence in Alzheimer’s Disease in each respective county. This list can be found here. <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/conditions/dementia/help.htm>

DEC Announces \$4.5 Million in New Grant Funding to Establish Large Forests Program Made Possible by USDA's Partnership for Climate SMART Commodities Grant to New York State Planting Projects Will Contribute to Governor's '25 Million Trees by 2033' Initiative and Climate Act Scoping Plan Reforestation Goals

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced \$4.5 million is now available through the Establishing Large Forests (ELF) Grant Program for private landowners to establish new forests. ELF expands on New York State's popular Regenerate NY Forestry Cost Share Grant Program and is designed to support the creation of new forests crucial for mitigating climate change, providing wildlife habitat, protecting air and water quality, and supplying timber, an important renewable resource.

"Growing New York's forests of the future is essential to boosting climate resilience and this grant opportunity supports both Governor Hochul's '25 Million Trees' initiative and ongoing efforts to reforest 1.7 million acres of land across the state," said Interim Commissioner Mahar. "Every new acre of forest land brings us closer to the State's goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050, and private landowner play a crucial role in these efforts. Thanks to this funding from USDA, these ELF grants will incentivize forest growth on private lands and maximize the benefits of forests including biodiversity, habitat, air and water quality, and carbon storage, and I encourage all eligible landowners to apply.

Under the new grant opportunity, private landowners (or their representatives) with five or more acres of unforested land in New York State may apply for a minimum of \$30,000 up to a maximum of \$750,000 to reimburse costs for establishing new forests. Eligible projects include but are not limited to preparing sites and planting trees and associated forest vegetation, removing competing or invasive vegetation interfering with seedling establishment and growth, and protecting new plantings from deer browse with fencing. Additional consideration will be given to applications with projects that cover large areas.

Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their projects and must agree to maintain the new forest for at least 15 years. ELF is managed by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests.

DEC will host a webinar on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 9 - 11 a.m., to provide information and answer questions about this new funding opportunity. Visit DEC's website for more information. A recording of the webinar will be posted on DEC's website when available.

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2025. Applications must be submitted through the SFS Grants Management System (SFS). Those wishing to apply need to establish an account in SFS. Once registered, search SFS for "Establishing Large Forests" or "ELF." For more details about the grant opportunity, including application and scoring criteria, visit DEC's website or email largeforests@dec.ny.gov. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Partnership for Climate SMART Commodities grant awarded \$60 million to five partners in New York State. DEC received \$13 million for climate smart forestry practices and ELF is the first offering from DEC under the grant. Other grant partners include the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Cornell University, and Syracuse University. A small portion of the ELF grant is funded from Regenerate NY through the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). In the 2024-25 State Budget, Governor Hochul maintained EPF funding at \$400 million, the highest level of funding in the program's history. The EPF provides funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental justice agenda.



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Montigram Presidents Corner

Lori Orestano-James

Supporting or fellow Rotary Clubs and their events is one of the best things about being a Rotarian. When you become Rotarian you become part of an amazing Rotary International family of over 1.2 million people doing good for others.

Locally, we support our clubs and the great work they do. And we were so happy to join Liberty Rotary at their Annual Spaghetti Dinner in place of our regular meeting last week. While there, we still took care of some business, as we were proud to present a check to Gary Silverman, Co-President of the Liberty Club toward sponsorship of the Monticello Teachers' Association Tinsel Trot, raising money for scholarships for students in the Monticello Central School District.

Coat Drive an Overwhelming Success

Thank you to all who participated in making our Coat Drive a HUGE success topping last year's total - SO FAR! Thank you to Share The Warmth Team and the Monticello High School Interact Club for a "Magic of Rotary" job well done. (Please see story below).

Please don't forget - Help with Hurricane Relief Drawing, Tuesday, November 4, 2024

After some follow up research, it was realized that the need was more from a financial point than that of specific items. I reached out to our former member Jeff Siegel who lives in one of the effected areas and has since become a member of Seven Springs Rotary in New Port Richey, Pasco County, Florida. Jeff serves as their Chair for Fundraisers/Events. We worked on a potential partnership project, and after discussion with most of the Board of Directors and those at last weeks meeting, have put in place a Hurricane Relief Raffle. Tickets are priced at a minimum of \$10 each. This way someone can donate more should they wish to. The Raffle will be a \$250 Amazon Gift Card. All funds realized will be sent to Seven Springs Rotary as a Sister Club to distribute as is needed.

We are excited that Jeff agreed and look forward to working with him to get this done. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket email RotaryMonti@gmail.com or speak to a Monticello Rotary Member to get your ticket today! Tickets will be available at the Regional Meeting and will be sold through the 1st week of November. Our Motto: Service Above Self - How have you meet that goal lately?

Dates to Remember can be found below.

Agenda for October 22, 2024

1. Meeting Called to Order - President-Elect Peter Chester
 2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Past President Les Kristt
 3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
 4. Guest Speaker - Canceled due to illness - Fellowship/Business Meeting
 5. Committee Reports:
- Coat Drive - Jackie Rutledge
 - Food Drive - Cris Spinner
 - Shop With A Cop - Lori Orestano-James & Les Kristt
 - Taste of Sullivan - Helen Diehl
 - Interact - Cris Spinner
 - Rotary Radio - Rick Stein
 - Hurricane Relief Raffle - Draw the winner
 - Humpback Friday - Friday November 15, 2024 5pm - 7pm

Location TBD

6. Regional Updates/District Updates -
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Happy Dollars
10. 50/50 Raffle
11. Adjourn

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

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Coat Drive - Monticello Interact Portion - Until November 15th at all Monticello Central School District Buildings.

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

Humpback Friday, Friday, November 15, 2024 -Location TBD

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

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

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

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

With Rotary Pride,

Lori Orestano-James

President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

Stories

Monti Rotary Coat Drive A HUGE Success!

Coat Drive an Overwhelming Success

The Monticello Rotary Coat Drive was a HUGE success topping last year's total. As of Tuesday morning, November 5, 2024,



United Way volunteers were still counting the donated coats and we have totaled 274 coats so far. Please remember the Monticello Interact Students requested to keep their portion of the drive in the Monticello Central School District School Buildings open until the middle of November. So if you have additional coats new or gently used that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the schools or contact Chair Jackie Rutledge, or committee members Cris Spinner, Brad Rutledge, or Lori Orestano-James directly or email RotaryMonti@gmail.com to arrange pick-up or delivery. (Contd. Pg. 42)

Montigram Presidents Corner

(From Pg. 41) Monti Rotary Represents At Ride 2 Survive - Sullivan Annual Gala

Monticello Rotary was out in force to help Ride 2 Survive - Sullivan County raise much needed funds to providing transportation costs to and from life saving treatments and appointments for cancer patients and their caregivers. Ride 2 Survive is a completely volunteer organization meaning every dollar raised goes directly to the cause. With the unforeseen expenses of treating cancer, Ride 2 Survive allows for those going through the most difficult part of their lives, to take a breath away from the concerns that they may have to decide between paying the rent, or the gas to fill their tank to get to their treatments.

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James holds an Annual Birthday and ReBirthday Fundraising Event. Monticello Rotary helped in the cause once again with a donation to the event for \$250 as they have done for numerous years to help Lori meet her goal of at least \$5000 per year. Over the last 7 years, Lori has raised over \$35,000 for



Ride 2 Survive and thanks her fellow Rotarians through both Club Donations and individual donations in helping her to show The Magic of Rotary.

Attending the Gala are Monticello Rotary President-Elect Dr. Peter Chester, Bill James, Lori James, Giving Funds Treasurer Les Kristt, JoAnn Chester, and Nancy Nielsen

Hurricane Help Is On The Way

With the weather cycle running wild, our friends in the South East portion of the United States need our help.

We are pleased to announce the Monticello Rotary/Seven Springs Rotary Sister Club Project of the Hurricane Relief Raffle. Monticello Rotary will sell raffle tickets at a minimum donation of \$10 per ticket (yes - that means you can always donate more to the cause.) The raffle is for a \$250 Amazon Gift Card with all proceeds to be sent to the Seven Springs Rotary Club in New Port Richey, Florida, for distribution.

We are happy to be working with our former Rotary Club

Member Jeff Siegel who has moved and changed his membership to the Seven Springs Rotary Club. We know the funds raised will be used appropriately for those in need and are happy we have gotten this moving to Make the Magic of Rotary Happen. Below - crews in New Port Richey continue on the on the ground efforts

Nearly 150 Community Members Trained in Vaping Prevention

[LIBERTY, NY] Since the beginning of the school year, Sullivan 180 has held three trainings for the evidence-based CATCH My Breath Youth Vaping Prevention Program. Two trainings took place at the Eldred Central School District; and one was hosted at the CVI Building in Liberty for agency representatives, public health staff, and social workers. These new facilitators have brought the total to almost 150 individuals trained to lead the CATCH My Breath Youth Vaping Prevention Program in schools and communities. Through a special partnership with Sullivan BOCES, all educators who completed this training receive continuing teacher education learning credits.

Over 275 Sullivan County students have graduated from CATCH My Breath and 8 programs are currently in progress, reaching more than 100 students in the Liberty, Monticello and Fallsburg Central School Districts. The CATCH My Breath program is a fun and informative program that helps students make informed decisions, set goals for themselves and learn how to resist peer pressure.

George Ross Mackenzie Elementary School held a training for their educators to be trained in CATCH My Breath, making Eldred the first school district to have a majority of their educators equipped to offer the program to their students. The teachers called the training “eye-opening” and shared that they now “know the signs to watch for to notice if a student may be vaping.”

In the 2024 CATCH Global Foundation 10-Year Annual Report, Founder and CEO Duncan Van Dusen, MPH shared that CATCH My Breath “now reaches 1.5 million youth per year and is used in 90 of the 100 largest school districts in the country. Based on our published results, we estimate that cumulatively it has prevented some 500,000 youth from initiating vaping and has helped many youth to stop vaping as well.”

Sullivan 180 will be hosting two more CATCH My Breath Facilitator Trainings on February 14, 2025 and March 14, 2025 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the CVI Building in Liberty. These training courses are open to anyone wanting to learn more about youth vaping trends, and those who complete the training will receive free access to the CATCH My Breath curriculum to guide students through the program. Partnering organizations including Tobacco Free Action Communities - Reality Check, Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster, the American Lung Association and Restorative Management Corp. will be presenting resources and opportunities available to students and the community as well.

To register for this training or to learn more, email trainings@sullivan180.org.

Homeschooling Group

4th Tuesday of each month

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

at the Daniel Pierce Library

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

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

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

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

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



**Beginning
September
24th**





Illegal Aliens Who Vote in Our Elections Should Face Jail Time

Since the start of the Biden-Harris administration, there have been over 10.8 MILLION illegal immigrant encounters nationwide, threatening our communities, our national security, and now our elections.

House Republicans are committed to protecting the integrity of our elections by ensuring that only U.S. citizens are able to vote. In July, with my support, we passed the SAVE Act, which would require proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections. However, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer has not brought it to the floor for a vote, jeopardizing election security. This week, I joined Representative Matt Gaetz and several other colleagues in introducing the Judicial Action to Impose Liability for Alien Voters Act (JAIL for Alien Voters Act). If enacted, this legislation would make it a felony, punishable by up to five years in prison or a \$10,000 fine, for illegal aliens to vote, which aligns the penalty with the consequences U.S. citizens face for unlawful voting.

If you vote illegally and tamper with our elections, you should go to jail!

Referring Disgraced Governor Cuomo to the DOJ for Lying to Congress

This week, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic submitted a criminal referral to the Department of Justice, recommending that former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo be charged with making criminally false statements to Congress in relation to his catastrophic COVID-19 nursing home policies.

During his transcribed interview with the committee in June, disgraced Governor Cuomo made THREE criminally false statements:

He falsely testified under oath that he was not involved in reviewing or drafting the New York State Department of Health Report, which was used to counter criticisms of his administration's nursing home policies during the pandemic.

He falsely testified that he had no discussions about a peer review of the New York State Department of Health Report.

He falsely testified that he had no knowledge of any external individuals outside the New York State Department of Health reviewing the Report.

He made these false statements in an attempt to shield himself from accountability while placing blame on others. His decisions to force COVID-19 positive patients into nursing homes and long-term care facilities led to the tragic deaths of 15,000 New Yorkers.

Making false statements to Congress is a crime, yet Cuomo's lies and deceptions come as no surprise to me. I have been fighting to hold him accountable since 2014, and I will not stop until he faces justice for his offenses against New Yorkers. From the damning reports of his sexual harassment of young women, to his abuse of the Moreland Commission to the negligent policies and criminal cover-up that led to thousands of seniors' deaths-enough is enough.

Cuomo has brought shame to New York, and it is long past time for him to face the consequences of his actions.

Standing Firm in our Commitment to Israel Amid Attacks by

the UN

The Palestinian Authority is intensifying its efforts to undermine Israel's status at the United Nations. Last month, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution calling for Israel to return all land and assets acquired in the Palestinian Territories since 1967. It also urged nations to suspend treaty and trade relations with Israel that involve these territories.

These attempts to delegitimize Israel are unacceptable.

That's why I joined over 100 of my colleagues in sending a letter to UN Secretary-General Guterres, reaffirming America's unwavering support for Israel. We made it clear that any action by the UN or the Palestinian Authority to diminish Israel's status will carry serious consequences, including a reduction in U.S. support-financial, material, and political.

The United States stands firmly with Israel, and we will not tolerate efforts to weaken our ally.

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

H.R. 9218, the Defining Male and Female Act - This bill would formally add the definition of "male" and "female" to the U.S. code, defining both by one's biological sex. While this bill shouldn't be necessary, radical left wing activists are actively working to redefine what male and female mean. We must codify these commonsense definitions into law to protect women's Title IX rights and recognize the fundamental difference between males and females.

H.J.Res. 167, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Agriculture relating to "Use of Electronic Identification Eartags as Official Identification in Cattle and Bison" - This joint resolution will overturn the burdensome and overreaching USDA rule that mandates electronic identification (EID) tags for interstate movement of certain cattle and bison.

H.R. 2706, The Charlotte Woodward Organ Transplant Discrimination Prevention Act: This bill prohibits health care providers from denying or restricting organ transplants based solely on a patient's disability, ensuring fair and equitable access to life-saving transplants for all. This legislation builds on the Americans with Disabilities Act to protect individuals with disabilities and ensure that they are not denied care or are subject to discriminatory practices in the organ transplant system based on their disability.

Advocating for Fort Drum to Host Small Modular Reactor

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_DITJlmwj4

Fort Drum is an ideal site for a small modular reactor (SMR) due to the Army's unique control over the installation's utilities and infrastructure. This ownership streamlines the deployment of an SMR, making it significantly easier than at other locations where the Army lacks such control. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and I have sent a letter to Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth advocating for the Army to host an SMR at Fort Drum. The base's skilled workforce, with extensive experience in on-site energy generation through its biomass facility, along with its substantial power demands and North Country's extreme temperatures, would provide valuable data for the SMR pilot program. This important investment in Upstate New York will supply the Northeast's power projection platform with secure, independent power, enhance U.S. energy security, and solidify Fort Drum's role in the Army's modernization efforts.

Read the full letter we sent to the Secretary of the Army here.

https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/Stefanik_Tenney_Letter%20to%20SecArmy%20re%20OSMR-compressed.pdf



With autumn in full force here in the Hudson Valley, it's been great spending time in communities across NY-18 and hearing directly from you about your priorities. From fighting to protect women's reproductive freedom to lowering healthcare costs, here's how I've been working to deliver for our families this past week:

PROTECTING WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Last week, the Biden-Harris Administration announced that additional contraception, including over-the-counter birth control, would now be made available at no cost through the Affordable Care Act.

This is a huge step towards ensuring that every woman receives the reproductive healthcare she deserves. We have to make sure this access is protected from the far-right's endless attacks on women's reproductive freedom.

Last week, we also saw the far-right's renewed attempts to ban the safe and effective abortion medication Mifepristone, with anti-freedom activists filing a new lawsuit against the Food and Drug Administration. This comes only months after the Supreme Court rejected their first attempt to ban medication abortion.

It's clear: the far-right will stop at nothing to ban Mifepristone on their way to implement a national abortion ban.

We must pass my Protecting Reproductive Freedom Act to safeguard women's right to access safe and effective abortion medication.

I will continue to fight to protect women's foundational freedoms.

SUPPORTING VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH

My fellow soldiers are significantly more likely to lose their lives to suicide than to combat.

In fact, four times as many post-9/11 veterans have lost their lives to the invisible wounds of war than we lost on the battlefield. It's been my mission to support my fellow veterans and ensure they have access to the mental healthcare resources they need and deserve.

In Congress, I have advanced these efforts on a national scale. Read more about my work alongside colleagues in the Congressional For Country Caucus in my op-ed here.

To my fellow veterans who may be grappling with mental health challenges:

I have never heard a buddy of mine say that they were frustrated or annoyed that someone they served with had reached out to check in on them. We need to be there to support each other through experiences we are uniquely equipped to understand. Help and resources are available. The Veterans Crisis Line is specifically for helping out veterans through the unique challenges and struggles they may face - never hesitate to call it by dialing 988 and pressing 1, texting 838255, or chatting online here .

THANKING OUR FIREFIGHTERS

I want to give a huge thank you to the Plattekill Fire Department and the more than 100 firefighters from departments across the region for their 24/7 work to combat the Hemlock Ridge forest fire.

We are lucky to have such dedicated first responders in the Hudson Valley!

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Don't let bureaucratic red tape get you spooked - my team is bringing one-on-one assistance with federal agencies to Halloween events across the Hudson Valley with the CARES Van.

If you need assistance with a federal agency like the IRS or VA, or just want to join the Hudson Valley community for some family-friendly fun, I hope you'll join us!

CRACKING DOWN ON PREDATORY PBMs

Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), the middlemen who purchase prescription drugs on behalf of health insurance plans, are ripping off our neighbors who rely on lifesaving medications and threatening to put our local pharmacies out of business. (Read about it here.)

Just three PBMs control the price of 80% of prescriptions in the United States, and they've used that power to raise prices and reap record profits. Their ripoffs have been so egregious that earlier this year, the Federal Trade Commission announced it is suing PBMs for jacking up the prices of insulin and exploiting Americans who rely on the lifesaving drug.

I'm proud to cosponsor the Pharmacists Fight Back Act to crack down on their predatory practices, protect our local pharmacies, and lower prescription drug costs for Hudson Valley families.

LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS FOR SENIORS

Next year, seniors on Medicare won't pay more than \$2,000 on their medications thanks to an out-of-pocket cap that was part of the Inflation Reduction Act.

The far-right has proposed getting rid of this and other provisions that will save seniors big on healthcare costs, like the \$35 per month cap on insulin prices.

I'll fight to protect these cost-saving measures and lower healthcare costs for Hudson Valley families.

Make sure you're ready to save on your healthcare costs by signing up for Medicare coverage during open enrollment which runs now through December 7.

Learn more at Medicare.gov or reach out to my team at (845) 443-2930 or here on my website .

REMEMBERING THOSE LOST AT THE TREE OF LIFE SYNAGOGUE

This past Sunday, we remember the 11 lives stolen 6 years ago in an act of gun violence fueled by antisemitism at the Tree of Life Synagogue.

We must stand united against the alarming rise of anti-semitism and always reject hatred in all of its forms.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE HUDSON VALLEY

The Hudson Valley is a welcoming home for everyone.

We look out for and take care of each other through thick and thin.

I'm grateful that my team and I have been able to directly assist our neighbors from across the Hudson Valley, like Sonia in Poughkeepsie. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 845-443-2930 or by sending us a message here on my website if we can assist you or a loved one with a federal agency, too.

BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Last week, work started on a major rehabilitation of Route 9W between Highland Falls and Cornwall.

This is welcome news after last year's catastrophic flooding devastated the area.

The fortification of this section of Route 9W will resolve long standing drainage issues immediately, increase safety, and improve its resilience against catastrophic weather events for decades to come.

I'll keep fighting to bring home these critical investments that improve the safety and durability of our infrastructure and create good-paying jobs for Hudson Valley families. (Contd. Pg. 46)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 45)

FIGHTING FOR CLEAN WATER FOR HUDSON VALLEY FAMILIES

Another crucial infrastructure project broke ground this week, fueled by the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The overhaul of the Tivoli sewer and wastewater treatment plant will help ensure Tivoli families have clean and safe water, create good jobs, and build climate resilient infrastructure that protects the Tivoli community and ecosystem for generations to come.

I'll keep working to bring more of these landmark federal investments home and keep fighting for the clean water every Hudson Valley family deserves.

NOMINATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS TO U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

At West Point I learned how to live a life grounded in dedication to duty, honor, and country.

Nominating the next generation of leaders to service academies is an incredible privilege.

Applications for nominations to the Class of 2029 are due by November 1, 2024 - learn more and apply here !

WORKING TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Recently, I joined with Dutchess County District Attorney Parisi, Sheriff Imperati, and County Executive Serino to announce over \$3 million in federal funding for local law enforcement and criminal justice programs across the county.

\$500,000 of this funding will help support domestic violence survivors and bring their perpetrators to justice. Read more about it here.



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Leading the world on semiconductors

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

This week, she announced \$825 million in federal funding for NY CREATES' Albany NanoTech Complex, which was also designated as the location of the CHIPS for America EUV Accelerator. This funding and designation will bring good jobs, scientific innovation, and economic development to the Capitol Region, cementing New York's place as a global leader in chip manufacturing.

<https://apnews.com/article/new-york-semiconductor-nanotech-lab-albany-42ee39316c32718c729e526354254724>

2. Funding clean energy initiatives

This week, Kirsten announced a \$347 million federal investment in the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

through the EPA's Clean Ports Program. This funding will support the installation of zero-emission equipment and promote good-paying and union jobs at the Port of New York and New Jersey, helping our state combat climate change through the use of clean energy technology.

Kirsten is a longtime advocate for clean energy initiatives. She was an original cosponsor and champion of standalone legislation to create the Clean Ports Program, and she helped secure its enactment as part of the Inflation Reduction Act.

3. Keeping New Yorkers warm

Kirsten is dedicated to making sure all New York families stay warm during the winter.

This week, she announced that New York will receive over \$360 million in federal funding through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This money will help thousands of low-income households across the state afford their energy bills and make cost-effective repairs to their heating systems this winter. Use the LIHEAP Eligibility Tool to find out if your household qualifies for assistance.

<https://liheapch.acf.hhs.gov/eligibility-tool>

Read more:

<https://cbs6albany.com/news/local/new-york-secures-360-million-in-federal-aid-to-help-families-heat-homes-this-winter>

4. Cyber Service Academy applications now open!

Applications for Kirsten's Cyber Service Academy scholarship program are now open! Kirsten created this program to address a widespread shortage in government cyber personnel that leaves the U.S. vulnerable to cyber-attacks by foreign adversaries. The program grants successful applicants a free college education in return for public service in a cyber-related discipline with the Department of Defense (DoD) or the Intelligence Community (IC) after graduation.

Interested? Apply here

<https://www.dodemergingtech.com/dod-programs/cyber-service-academy-csa/>

5. Getting illegal guns off New York streets

Kirsten's anti-gun trafficking statute in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act continues to take illegal weapons off New York streets.

This week, two traffickers pleaded guilty on charges related to illegal gun trafficking in Syracuse, and their weapons were seized by law enforcement.

Read more. <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/pr/syracuse-man-pleads-guilty-federal-drug-and-firearms-crimes>

6. Supporting New York fashion designers

On Monday, Kirsten joined the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) to honor those who help make New York the fashion capital of the world.

7. Delivering for constituents

When a constituent needed to urgently secure her passport in order to attend the funeral of a family member abroad, she contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team reached out to the passport agency and, on the same day, the constituent was able to secure an in-person appointment to get her passport.

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



SENATOR OBERACKER DELIVERS FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS; Announces over \$4.1 Million in V-FIRE Grants to the 51st Senate District

ONEONTA, 11/1/24 - Today, State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) proudly announced \$4,153,719 in V-FIRE grant awards to strengthen local fire and emergency services across New York's 51st District, directly benefiting first responders in Chenango, Delaware, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster counties. This vital funding will provide fire and emergency service personnel with the resources they need to enhance response times, ensure our community's safety, and modernize life-saving equipment.

"Every dollar invested in our first responders is a dollar invested in the lives and safety of our families, neighbors, and friends across Upstate New York," said Senator Oberacker. "As a first responder myself, I know firsthand the challenges these brave men and women face every day. These grants mean our communities will have the resources to respond faster, stronger, and with the modernized equipment needed to save lives when seconds count."

County-by-County Breakdown:

- o **Chenango County:**
 - o Village of Greene Fire Department - \$157,057
 - o Village of Oxford Fire Department - \$1,000,000
 - o TOTAL AWARDED: \$1,157,057
- o **Delaware County:**
 - o Arkville Fire District - \$61,191
 - o Kortright Rural Fire District - \$30,000
 - o Sidney Center Fire District - \$650,000
 - o Stamford Joint Fire District - \$300,000
 - o TOTAL AWARDED: \$1,041,191
- o **Schoharie County:**
 - o Central Bridge Fire District - \$132,900

- o Richmondville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. - \$95,945
- o Schoharie County Office of Emergency Services - \$375,000
- o TOTAL AWARDED: \$603,845
- o **Sullivan County:**
 - o Beaverkill Valley Volunteer Fire Company - \$98,850
 - o Highland Lake Fire Department - \$46,201
 - o Jeffersonville Fire District - \$18,000
 - o Youngsville Fire Department - \$118,250
 - o TOTAL AWARDED: \$281,301
- o **Ulster County:**
 - o Cragsmoor Volunteer Fire Company - \$70,325
 - o Shawangunk Valley Fire District - \$1,000,000
 - o TOTAL AWARDED: \$1,070,325

"Our first responders embody courage and commitment every day, and these grants are a crucial way to support their tireless service," Senator Oberacker continued. "We are reinforcing the backbone of our communities, equipping our fire and emergency service personnel with the resources needed to save lives and protect the public."

DEC Declares Drought Watch for 15 New York Counties Map of New York State Drought Conditions

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quantity/current-drought-conditions>

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) declared a drought watch for 15 New York counties because of a significant shortage of rainfall and declining levels of streamflow and ground water. Following the declaration, DEC briefed the State Drought Management Task Force and federal partner agencies. New York State is encouraging residents in affected counties, particularly those dependent on private groundwater wells, to conserve water whenever possible during the coming weeks.

DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said, "Recent unseasonably warm weather and lack of precipitation have led to dry conditions for many counties in New York, resulting in some downstate (Contd. Pg. 48)

Watch for 15 New York Counties

(From Pg. 47) areas being put under drought watch. Local water restrictions and educating residents about how to help conserve our water resources are crucial steps to help prevent a more severe shortage until conditions improve."

The counties under drought watch are Bronx, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Kings, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester. A watch is the first of four levels of State drought advisories, which are watch, warning, emergency, and disaster. No mandatory restrictions are in place under a state Drought Watch.

New York City also issued a citywide drought watch after a historic lack of precipitation, ordering city agencies to update water conservation plans and prepare to implement them, and urging the public to help conserve water. Conserving water will slow the depletion rate of the stored water in the city's reservoirs and can potentially postpone or eliminate the threat of a serious shortage.

To protect water resources, homeowners in regions under drought watch are encouraged to voluntarily reduce outdoor water use and follow these tips:

- o Water lawns only when necessary, choose watering methods that avoid waste, and water in the early morning to reduce evaporation and maximize soil hydration;
- o Reuse water collected in rain barrels, dehumidifiers, or air conditioners to water plants;
- o Raise lawn mower cutting heights. Longer grass is healthier with stronger roots and needs less water;
- o Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks; and
- o Fix leaking pipes, hoses, and faucets.

State Drought Index

The drought watch is triggered by the State Drought Index, which reflects precipitation levels, reservoir/lake levels, and stream flow and groundwater levels in the nine drought regions of the state. Each of these indicators is assigned a weighted value based on its significance to various uses in a region. The State Drought Index is attuned to the specific attributes of New York and may differ moderately from some national technical drought assessments.

DEC and the U.S. Geological Survey are partners in evaluating hydrologic conditions across New York State. In addition, DEC supports efforts by local governments and stakeholders to undertake water conservation measures based on specific local circumstances.

Wildfire Risk

New York State continues to encourage New Yorkers and visitors to follow the recommendations below to

reduce the risk of wildfires. The Catskills, Hudson Valley, and Long Island are currently at high risk for fires. Any outdoor fire can spread quickly, especially if the wind picks up. It is illegal to burn leaves anywhere in New York State. Brush of a certain size may be burned. See the burning regulations for details.

Campfires are among the top five causes of wildfires. While camping in the backcountry, New Yorkers are advised to:

1. Use existing campfire rings where possible;
2. Build campfires away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps, logs, dry grass, and leaves. Pile extra wood away from the fire;
3. Clear the area around the ring of leaves, twigs, and other flammable materials;
4. Never leave a campfire unattended. Even a small breeze could cause the fire to spread quickly; and
5. Drown the fire with water. Make sure all embers, coals, and sticks are wet. Move rocks as there may be burning embers underneath.

For more water saving tips, visit DEC's webpage. For more information about drought in New York, visit the Water Use and Conservation webpage.

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quantity/drought>

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NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE 0 (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

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

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

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

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BIZZY COY, writer, *The New Yorker*, *Vulture*

Bill Fellenberg will present excerpts from his memoir, *Sayonara Cowboy*, followed by a Q&A with the author. Please join us for a book signing and reception following his reading.

Born in Yokohama, Japan, Bill immigrated to America when he was four. He resided in New Jersey most of his life. After enjoying a career in marketing and communications, Bill pursued his long-held dream to write full-time. *Sayonara Cowboy* is his memoir about his childhood in Post-War Japan and transition to life in the USA.



Bill has been featured at readings with the Hudson River Poets of Upstate New York. His poems and short stories have appeared in *Clementine Unbound*, *The Narrowshurg Literary Gazette*, and other literary magazines.

For more about the author go to sayonaracowboy.com. There will be books available for purchase at the event.

Please register at cbcpl.libcal.com/event/13260444 or call (845)794-4660 x4.

Saturday, November 9th, 2024
at 1:30pm

in the Robert D. Norris Community Room

Snow date: Saturday, November 16th

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 <https://tinyurl.com/3s4uhzc9>



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Contact Rebekah at rumarbashar@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY


@ 6:30 PM

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JOIN US!






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

Contact Anne-Marie at afreitas@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM

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

Activate your creativity and imagination
keeping fall 2024 in mind!

"LEGO Mayflower" Grades 2-3
Wednesday, November 6th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Try your skill at building a LEGO Mayflower!



"Thanksgiving Feast" Grades K-1
Wednesday, November 13th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

What's Thanksgiving without a turkey, pie and a pumpkin
or two?



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

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



'Dance Across Cultures' Series

Natya Anubhava Dance Academy – Dance from India



Dr. Nalini Rau established Natya Anubhava Academy in 1993 in New York, an academy for the art form Bharatanatyam. The art form is an oral tradition, passed from teacher to student through centuries. It has to flow like a river to grow, and allow new material to mingle with the old seamlessly. The intense practice sessions, discussions, and recitals have infused in them a passion to give back to the community through dance with positive messages of peace and hope.

Registration Recommended <https://ebcpl.libcal.com/event/13268964>

This program series is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and with the support of the Friends of the Library.

Saturday, Nov. 16th at 11:00am

In the

Robert D. Norris Community Room

(Snow date: Saturday, November 23rd at 1:30pm)



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Honey Tasting Event

at the Daniel Pierce Library

For Adults

Taste Honey Like a Sommelier!

Friday, November 8, 2024

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



You may "BEE" familiar with wine tastings, but what about honey tasting? Just like wine, honey tasting is quite nuanced and a complete sensory experience! During this event participants will be introduced to the art of honey tasting as you learn to identify honey by experiencing taste, aroma, and texture. Come explore and savor local and Italian honey like an expert.

Enjoy a fun evening with friends as you immerse yourself in this complete sensory experience as you learn to see, stir, smell, smear and savor honey with honey expert, Donna DeFalco!

A \$20 fee is due day of event. Space is limited.

Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

Honey Lovers Event Registration

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNV7ry6_o8X_ahCupHV9AZnSnKF6Zaf05KGS9BRGlqswPGAg/viewform

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Daniel Pierce Library

5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING CLASS FOR PERMIT HOLDERS

DMV approved class and mandatory for unlicensed students 16 and up looking to get their license. Students must hold a NYS "photo" permit to attend.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Looking to get your license? This 5 hour DMV approved course will provide you with a certificate good for 1 year. Brought to you by J & J Driving School, instructed and owned by Jerome and La June Black with over 25 years experience.

Class fee is \$45 per student. To secure registration submit checks to DPL payable to J & J Driving School prior to class date.

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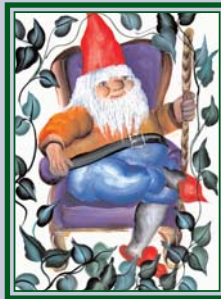
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"THE STRANGE LOVE
OF MARTHA IVERS"**

The Strange Love of Martha Ivers"
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First and only film noir directed by Lewis Milestone (All Quiet on the Western Front), first film for actor Kirk Douglas, a screenplay written by Robert Rossen (The Hustler), THE STRANGE LOVE OF MARTHA IVERS is the kind of film any movie buff should have the desire to see. It's enchanting, exciting, passionate, fearful, seeking the all good of humanity, and then Satan comes down the stairs, and life becomes



competition, for all who defy God shall parish and be banned from heaven, only those who in some way have true contrition will see heaven as all realize in the end. A 1946

American film noir drama, from a screenplay written by Robert Rossen (and an unaccredited Robert Riskin), based on the short story "Love Lies Bleeding" by playwright John Patrick. Produced by Hal B. Wallis, the film stars a superb actress Barbara Stanwyck, and one of my favorite (musketees), Van Heflin, the exciting and stunningly beautiful Lizabeth Scott, and features the fabulous Kirk Douglas in his film debut.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: False - St. Bernard

This weeks' Trivia question:

Name the movie about the man who escaped devil's Island, played by Steve McQueen.

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The remakes of these epic films fall very short and are mediocre at best. War films that cannot live up to the originals are a burden to watch. Like "Tora! Tora! Tora!" "Midway," and "The Longest Day" follow the true stories very closely.



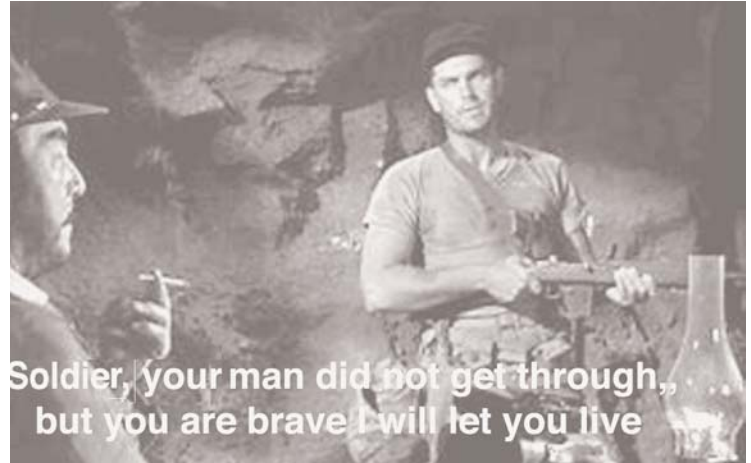
The "Longest Day" features an all star cast including Henry Fonda, Robert Mitchum, and Robert Wagner.

While first "Tora! Tora!" and "The Longest Day" are war classics, the remake of *Midway* falls short in many aspects as many other war remakes do. Be sure to view the 1976 version of this film.

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From Hell to Eternity



This time it's a Mexican American as another congressional metal of honor winner Gary "Guy" Gabaldon.

A film about Galbaldon’s involvement as an interptator. Able to communicate with a Japanese genera he was able to talk the general into surrendering thousands of Japanese Imperial Marines in the battle for the control of the island of Siapan.



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