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## Reconstruction of the 1930s Catskill Farm Sunday, October 27th 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A talk on the reconstruction of the 1930s Catskill Farm by historic restoration carpenter Zeke Boyle of Beechwoods Barns of Callicoon, will be held Sunday, October 27th 2 p.m. at the 1930s Catskill Farm Pavilion at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.

Join historic restoration carpenter, Zeke Boyle, in a discussion about the relocation of the 19th century structures donated by local families to their new home at the Museum. Together these buildings give a glimpse of 1930s daily life on a Catskill farm. In the 1930's, often referred to as the time of "the takings", whole villages



- Barn, electric plant and milkhouse at the 1930s Catskill Farm.  
 Photo by Dennis Muthig of Parksville



were removed in Sullivan and Ulster counties by eminent domain to build reservoirs. These reservoirs provided drinking water for the growing population of New York City. (Contd. Pg 4)

## SCCO to Perform: "Farrenc and Vaughan Williams"

(Monticello, NY) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) would like to invite you to two performances of piano quintets composed by French composer Louise Farrenc and English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. The performances are on Saturday, October 26th, 2024 at 7 p.m. at Saint John's Episcopal Church, 15 St. John St., Monticello, NY, 12701 and on Sunday, October 27th at 3 p.m. at the Landfield Avenue Synagogue, 18 Landfield Ave., Monticello NY 12701. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$25 and will be available at the door, or, to reserve tickets online visit: <https://linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts>. Please email: [contact@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:contact@nesinculturalarts.org) or call (845) 798-9006 for further information. (Contd. Pg. 13)



SCCO will perform Piano Quintet No. 1 in A minor by composer Louise Farrenc at two locations in Monticello on October 26th and 27th.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** He revealed the deep and secret things; he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

Daniel 2:22

## OBITUARY

### Obituary for Susan N. Smith

It is with great sadness that the



family of Susan N. Smith announce her passing on October 6th, 2024. Susan N. Smith was born in the

Bushwick section of Brooklyn, NY on March 10th, 1948, to Harvey W. Smith and Carol A. Irwin. An only child, Susan and her family moved to Westbury, NY around 1951. She attended Bowling Green Elementary School and eventually W. Tresper Clarke High School in East Meadow. The daughter of a professional boy scout, Susan spent countless summers at Ten Mile River Scout Camp in upstate New York, developing a love for the outdoors and the Catskill Mountains area. As a teenager, Susan also travelled to Puerto Rico with a church group to teach Sunday school during one of her summer breaks.

Upon high school graduation she enrolled in Sullivan County Community College in Loch Sheldrake, NY where she met her future husband, both graduating in 1969. Susan and Tom Ambrosino were married that same year and had two children, settling in the town of Neversink, NY. Susan worked at Sullivan County Community College briefly and eventually became a teacher's aide at Tri-Valley Elementary School. She was a busy member of the community and an integral part of the Storyhour program at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. Furthering her love of education and children, Susan returned to college, eventually earning her Master's in Education from Mount St. Mary College in Newburg, NY. For the coming decades, Susan would be a devoted educator, serving the students at Tri-Valley Central School. Her compassionate and understanding nature, drew her to take special interest in any underprivileged and underserved students.

In 1997 Susan remarried, and in a few years bought property and built a house in Claryville, NY with her husband, Dwayne Smith of the same town. Susan and Dwayne enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, gardening, feeding the wildlife, entertaining friends on their wrap-around porch and taking on the role of grandparenting like consummate professionals. Susan could often be found with binoculars or a flashlight scoping out the local flora and fauna, only to generate thousands of photos which eventually made it into the hands or inboxes of her children and grandchildren.

Susan was an avid reader, book-giver and inscriber, nostalgic, storyteller, foodie and chef, Nana, friend, neighbor, colleague, honorary boy scout, grandparent, wife, daughter, mom, and whatever else crossed her path. Later in her life, she found herself a dedicated volunteer at the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville NY, a town she so dearly loved.

Susan is survived by her husband, Dwayne Smith, her children Chris Ambrosino (Kerry Ambrosino) and Erin Parker (Mark Parker), Stepdaughter Jeanne (Smith) Butler (Roger Butler), Grandchildren Liam Shea Ambrosino, Macey Elizabeth Parker, Laney Grace Parker, Daphne Hall Ambrosino, Jackson Thomas Parker, John James Williams, and Lucas Lee Butler. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in her name to the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville, NY using this link: <https://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/>

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**Nina A. Postupack**, 67, of Kingston



passed away peacefully at home on October 10, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on September 22, 1957 in Kingston to Alice (Ruzzo) Albany and the

late Anthony J. Albany, Sr.

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## LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

Published August 10, 1995

Almost everything was different in the early 1900's from the way things are today. I know, for I was there. When I was a child I didn't have the new-fangled games and toys that cram the homes of today, but we always found things to do to occupy our time, and very seldom became bored. Take for instance the morning Mother had the Ladies Aid from Livingston Manor and Grooville Presbyterian Churches in for tea, and cautioned us about playing outside quietly. We went out to our playhouse in the woods. It was a nice sunny morning in autumn. We gathered a few blackberries and squashed them on birch leaves to make sandwiches, and went in the Post Office and got Mary Ann cookies and peanuts from Dad to break up in tiny pieces and serve on our broken dishes. Then we played doctor and made smartweed tea and fed it to our baby brother until he refused to take anymore.

Then Kathryn said she knew where we could get some nice apples. My mother's uncle had moved on the farm adjoining our property, so we took a large water pail and went across the cow pasture to Uncle Ranee's orchard. No one seemed to be around, so we filled it with nice juicy apples. The sun was hot and the apples were heavy, but we managed to get them to the playhouse and were chopping one up when Mother came out to check on us. Then we were in trouble. She asked us where we found the apples, and when we told her she took them away from us and walked us to her uncle's to confess what we had done. He said he had seen us gathering apples and that there was plenty for us all, but Mother didn't agree. That afternoon we children learned the lesson of "anything that is worth having is worth asking for," and Mother took our apples and used them up by making apple sauce and pies.

### Household Hint:

#### Fall Housekeeping Tips

Deep clean the kitchen. Fall means the holidays will be here before we know it, and holidays often bring guests. Deep clean all of your appliances - refrigerator, oven, and dishwasher. Organize your cabinets and drawers to make sure you can easily find what you need

### 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.*

## The Quirky Oak Tree and the Quercus Family

Remember the especially noisy sound of acorns cracking beneath your tires last fall? Not so this year. If you want to look for acorns in our back yard for this year's Thanksgiving crafts, they are few and far between. According to scientists, last year was a mast year, when oak trees produce a large crop of acorns. Mast years occur every 3-5 years, as the trees use so much energy to produce the acorns that they have little left to produce more the following years. This means the next mast year should take place between 2026 and 2028.



Here is another quirky fact about oak trees. The oak tree has a long enduring history. In a study done during the spring 2007 and 2008, Stephanie Y. Searle, a Washington, D.C., environmental researcher and her colleagues planted seedlings in northeastern Central Park, near 105th Street; in two forest plots in the suburban Hudson Valley; and near the city's Ashokan Reservoir, in the Catskills. They cared for all the trees with fertilizer and weekly watering. Maximum daily temperatures around the city seedlings averaged more than 4 degrees F higher; minimum averages were more than 8 degrees higher. By August, the city seedlings had developed eight times more biomass than the country ones, mainly by putting out more leaves.

It seems even though city streets can be mean to the environment, the oak tree grew far better in Central Park than its country cousins! According to Searle this was mainly due to chronically elevated city heat levels. The study, just published in the journal *Tree Physiology*, shows that common native red oak seedlings grow as much as eight times faster in New York's Central Park than in more rural, cooler settings in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains.

Perhaps the urban forest will help improve the air quality and remove pollutants, however another report shows that if this is true, and the air quality does improve, air temperatures will also be reduced.

There are approximately 500 species of oaks worldwide and 75 are native to America. All belong to the family *Quercus*, a name from two ancient Celtic words, *quer*/line and *cuex*/tree that truly fits this long lived tree as most oaks mature at age 100! In England, there are some quercus trees that are older than 1,000 years and still standing!

The oak is a common symbol of strength and endurance and has been chosen as the national tree of many countries. In Norse mythology, the oak was sacred to the thunder god.

Oak wood is durable, fine grained and a lovely golden color. It's used in cabinets, shipbuilding, construction, flooring, furniture, tool handles, baskets and cooperage. The bark has a very high tannic acid content which is good for tanning leather and also an effective insect repellent. Commercially, White Oak is one of the most valuable timber trees in America. And acorns - they too are a source of food. Native Americans mixed acorns with dried berries and smoked meat into small patties of pemmican, a staple food. Pioneers ground up sweet and plentiful White Oak acorns into flour for tasty bread. Boiled acorns were also nutritious frequent meals cooked in colonial kitchens.

To think that even that 1,000 old mighty oak came from a little acorn that fell in just the right place.

## Days of Yore... Today's History

**November 3, 1954**

Mountain tops and exposed areas were blanketed with snow Monday morning. On Tuesday the whole area experienced its first snowfall of the season. Temperatures were relatively high.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hulse at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville last Sunday. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. Her name is Kathyne Marie. Mrs. Hulse is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sheeley of East Mountain.

November winds bring snow and sleet

To soak and chill unwary feet.

In fall and winter "well shod" means

Wearing Ball Bands and Woverines.

KUM TO KRUM'S

**October 14, 1964**

In the horse pulling contest held at Parksville on October 3rd, Mr. Frank Vurckio's new team of Belgian mares won first prize and also was awarded a handsome trophy. Mr. Vurckio recently purchased this team, Jane and Judy, at Michigan and they are the heaviest pulling team in New York State, weighing 2500 lbs. each.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yeager who were married Saturday afternoon at St. Peter's R.C. Church in Liberty. Mrs. Yeager is the former Janice Short, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Short.

Annette Marie DuBois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew DuBois Jr. was christened at the Methodist Church on Sunday. Godparents were her uncle, Thomas Henderson, and an aunt, Caroline DuBois. After the service, twenty-five guests were entertained at a buffet luncheon at the DuBois home.

**October 30, 1974**

Richard A. Weigand, 54, of Woodbourne, a lifetime area resident, died Saturday in Community General Hospital in Monticello. He was born November 30, 1919 to Frank and Mary Miller Weigand. He married Rosemary Nagoda in Ellenville. He is survived by his wife; a son, Richard T. Weigand; a daughter, Miss Donna Weigand of Woodbourne; three brothers, Harold and Arthur of both of Woodbourne and Walter of Livingston Manor; three sisters, Mrs. Frances Hill of Grahamsville, Mrs. Mildred Roosa of Woodbourne and Mrs. Dorothy Osterhoudt of Divine Corners.

Patricia Herrmann was home with her family for the weekend. Her rank is now Airman First Class. Pat was transferred to the Veterinary Medicine Division in Aerospace Medical Laboratory of the Air Force Systems Command at Wright Patterson AFB. Her new classification is Veterinary Surgical Nurse Technician.

**November 8, 1984**

Andrew Hall, a 1982 Tri-Valley graduate, was selected as the first annual recipient of the Robert E. Crosby Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a Junior majoring in Computer Science at Marist College. Selection is based on academic achievement and extra-curricular participation.

Sharon Scofield and Darrel Foss were married September 30, 1984 in Spring Hill, Fla. With the Rev. Jeffry Cooley officiating. The bride is the daughter of David and Marie Van Valkenburg of Sundown. The bridegroom is the son of Gilbert and Geraldine Foss of Rock Hill and Zephyrhills, Fla. The couple will reside in Spring Hill, Fla.

## Reconstruction of the 1930s Catskill Farm

(From Pg. 1) Afterwards, experience the architecture of life on the "Lost Catskills Farm", a faithful reconstruction of the buildings necessary to support a farm family in the Catskills by visiting several of the buildings currently open. Tours of the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm include the farm house, barn, milk house, electric plant and working waterwheel building with educational and interactive activities and two floors of interactive exhibitions. Held rain or shine, admission to the program is \$5 for adults, and \$2 for children, Members free.

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:**

Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

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

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities, including the new exhibition As the Wheel Turns: Water Powered Industries in the Catskills.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org). To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



*Zeke Boyle of Beechwoods Barns in Callicoon working on the 1880s barn at the 1930s Catskill Farm*

**OBITUARY**

(From Pg. 2) **Nina Postupack** –Nina married the love of her life, Duane L. Postupack on October 25, 1980, a marriage of 43 years. Her greatest joy came from being surrounded by family, and her love created lasting imprints in each of our hearts, leaving us with cherished memories to hold forever.

Nina began her career at the Ulster County Clerk's office only a few months after graduating with a bachelor's degree in Economics from Marymount College in 1979. Over the next few years she held various positions within the office. Then, in 1982, she was appointed as the Deputy Clerk of the Recording Department where she oversaw daily operations and supervised all the employees within that department.

Eight years later, in 1990, Nina was appointed as the Chief Deputy Clerk and took on the responsibility of supervising the Recording Department, Motor Vehicle Department, and the Records Management Program. She maintained this position until she was appointed by Governor Pataki as Acting County Clerk in September of 2005, following the retirement of the then current County Clerk, Albert Spada. Two months later, Nina was elected to a four-year term, becoming the 45th County Clerk of Ulster County. She was serving her fifth term as Ulster County Clerk when she retired in August of 2024.

Throughout her time in office, Nina continually implemented new and exciting initiatives to bring Ulster County government to the people. Some of these initiatives included: The Installation of the Archives Gallery on the second floor of the County Office Building in the fall of 2008; Bringing Naturalization Ceremonies back to Ulster County after a 16-year absence; The campaign to "Keep Your Tax Dollars in Ulster County" which encourages the public to renew their driver's licenses and vehicle registrations locally for Ulster County to retain a portion of those fees; Expanding Motor Vehicle office hours (opening each morning at 8:00 a.m. and staying open until 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays) at no additional cost to the County; Implementing a subscriber access system that allows users to access County Clerk records online; Co-creating the Return the F.A.V.O.R. Veteran's Discount Program for Veterans living in Ulster County; Coordinating and staffing the County-owned Matthewis Persen House Museum for seasonal public tours.

Continuing her commitment to her official duties, Nina was a member of a number of professional organizations including: New York State Association of County Clerks, New York State Association of County Clerks Court Committee, New York State Association of County Clerks DMV Committee, Lower Hudson Conference of Historical Agencies and Museums, Ulster County Association of Town Clerks, and Ulster County Assessors Association.

For Nina, service to the community did not end at the County Clerk's Office. She was actively involved in several areas of community services including: Chairwoman and member of the Board of Trustees for John A. Coleman Catholic High School, President of St. Joseph's HSA, Member of the Benedictine Ladies Auxiliary, Member of the Friends of Historic Kingston, Member of the Board of the Senate House, President of the Boys and Girls Club Board, Founding member of Hopes Fund, Member of the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce, Member and Co-chair of the Ulster County Quadricentennial Committee, Member of the League of Woman Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region, Member of the Health Alliance Board, Mary's Avenue Campus, and Vice President of the Ulster County Italian American Foundation. She has earned numerous accolades, including the Roger W. Mabie Award, the Martha Washington Woman of History

Award, the YWCA of Ulster County's 2008 Tribute to Women Award, and the 2014 Clement I. Angstrom Distinguished Citizen Award.

Nina's greatest pride was her family. In addition to her husband Duane, Nina is survived by her mother Alice Albany, her children Dana (Postupack) Hilpert and her husband Casey, Drew Postupack and his wife Nicole, her siblings Anthony J. Albany Jr. and his wife Deborah, Alice Lawlis and her husband Reggie, John Albany, Alex Albany and his wife Betsy, and her nephew Anthony Lawlis. She is also survived by her mother-in-law Alice P. Postupack and many other cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ulster County Boys and Girls Club

## **Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has released the following statement on the passing of former Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack:**

"I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Nina Postupack and to the many people who loved her. Nina touched countless lives during her many years of public service, and her generosity of spirit was unmatched. She embodied everything a public servant should be - professional, fair, compassionate and responsive. I deeply enjoyed every moment working with Nina, and feel fortunate to have had such a wonderful colleague. Flags at County buildings will be flown at half-staff in honor of her. Nina will be profoundly missed and forever remembered."

## **Molinaro Mourns Loss Of Longtime Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack**

Ulster County, NY -- Congressman Marc Molinaro released the following statement:

"Nina Postupack's passing is a profound loss for Ulster County. Her tenure spanned over three decades, and I had the privilege of knowing her for even longer. As County Clerk, Nina was the face of government for many, and with a focus on customer service, she made sure her office ran effectively, efficiently, and provided essential services to all who needed them.

"Nina's commitment to public service went far beyond daily duties. She was a dedicated steward of our history and a champion for community outreach. Whether preserving the Matthewis Persen House or bringing county services closer to the people, she always put Ulster County first. Her legacy is one of dedication, passion, and unwavering service. May she rest in peace"

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# The Man In Milan

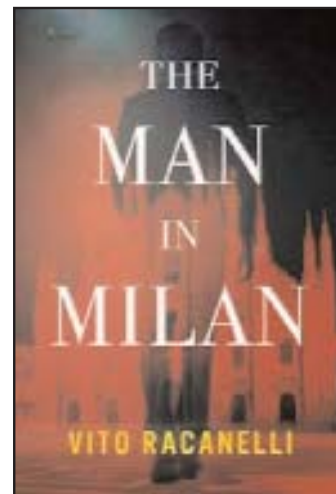
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by John Dwaine McKenna

### Mysterious Book Report No. 422

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An execution-style murder of an Italian air force officer and diplomat on Sutton Place – in one of New York City's most expensive mid-Manhattan neighborhoods – begins author Vito Rancanelli's electrifying new thriller entitled, *The Man in Milan*, (Polis Books, \$26.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-951709-11-1).



As NYPD Detective Paul Rossi and his partner, Detective Hamilton P. Turner investigate however, they're pulled ever-deeper into an intriguing and sinister plot with political overtones and roots that go back decades . . . to the worst air disaster in Italian history. Eighty-one souls were lost when an airline crashed on the island of Ustica, between the shin of Italy and the island of Sicily, in June of 1980. The cause of the crash has never been determined, but foul play may have occurred, because Russian-backed Libyan MiG fighters, French Mirages, as well as NATO and Italian warplanes were all in the same airspace at the time. It's suspected that a crime may have been committed and covered up . . . but no one knows for certain . . . because the Italian Government continues to investigate but still hasn't determined a cause, more than twenty years after the crash. And the man who was assassinated in NYC? His name was Gaetano Muro, and he was flying an Italian fighter jet in the melee where the ill-fated airliner went down.

Trying to fit together the pieces of an insanely complex puzzle Rossi and Turner are thwarted by the NYPD bureaucracy and stonewalled, obfuscated and misled by the Italian Consulate in New York City. The two detectives are joined by Gaetano Muro's sister Laura, a policewoman from Italy who comes to America to claim her brother's body and return it to the old country for burial. And that's when another element known as the Gladio, a powerful and shadowy Italian political cabal whose tentacles extend all the way across the Atlantic Ocean to the innermost circles of New York's political, social and ruling classes steps in to try and prevent the Sutton Place murder from ever being solved.

Based in part on actual events, *The Man in Milan* is stuffed full of action, intrigue and enough plot twists to satisfy Niccolo Machiavelli himself, and announces the arrival of a major new talent in thriller fiction. Read it for yourself and see why the MBR is calling it one of the best first novels we've seen in quite some time!

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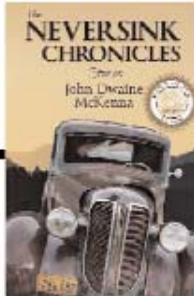
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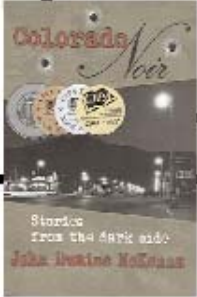
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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## Playing the Market

When I hear the phrase, "Playing the Market", I think of rich tycoons gambling in the stock market and sending off profits to tax sheltered foreign bank accounts on tropical islands. Then I realized we "play the market" in our every day lives as we shop for food, fill our tanks with gas, purchase clothing and home goods, and do our banking.

Our great great grandparents grew their own food and shopped at a local grocer or butcher (with cash), fed the horse that pulled the wagon,

bartered with the dry-goods store, and kept their savings in a sock. Now an advanced degree in economics, a background in finance, and the cunning of a gambler, we all play the markets.

Shopping at my local supermarket involves going with my credit or debit card, my rewards card or number, digital coupons, and the eyes of an owl to spot sales or good buys. One also has to be a warehouse manager to remember what is in the pantry, fridge, and freezer. If all these aspects come together, one might not have to pay "full price."

A stop at the gas station also involves timing and strategy because the prices at the pump are subject to the stock market commodities and futures. One must literally scout out the best price and time the purchase accordingly. Again, cash is not used. A credit card offering cash back or points is a necessity.

Which brings me to finance. My purchases go through Fetch which gives me points on money spent. I usually use those points and the points on my credit card to use on Amazon with Prime. My wealth is measured in points and gift cards.



Shopping, online or not, involves sales, coupon codes, avoiding shipping costs, and the savvy of a comparison shopper. The choices are endless.

Money, as we used to know it (anyone still use coins?) exists in cyberspace. We have ACCOUNTS with credit card companies, financial planning institutions, and banks. We can invest with interest bearing accounts, tax sheltered annuities, bitcoin, precious metals, bonds or stocks. We can even pay our debts with endless ways: Debit, Credit, Pay Pal, Venmo, Zelle, etc. I guess this is the modern version of IOU and You Owe Me.

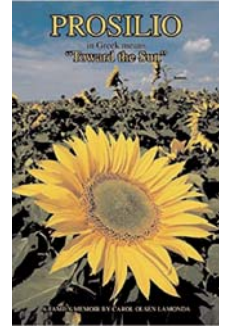
Now that restaurants are charging surcharges for credit cards, I actually am carrying cash. Perhaps we will come full circle although I doubt if I shall be self-sufficient. My rosemary plant and basil plant will be the extent of my self-sustaining farming.

And why do they call it "Playing" the market? It is hard work.

### 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*.

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## I Want a Book With...

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-One might imagine that working in a library would be a readers' dream come true. And for a lot of reasons it is! Getting to share my opinions of books, my recommendations,-all without spilling the beans on plot twists-is one of my favorite parts of this job. But then there are the days when I aimlessly walk the stacks longing for a "just right" book.

You know the ones. The ones that create that certain feeling, while cuddled up in the very best reading chair with a cup of hot coffee or glass of wine (sometimes I have both going at once; totally living on the edge) with the book that gives you angst or makes you swoon or has you bawling uncontrollably while your husband watches *Deadliest Catch* (which happened to me last week and I highly recommend *Reminders of Him* by Colleen Hoover).

So I'm aimlessly walking the stacks and a bunch of books jump out at me. One looks great; Look on the *Bright Side* by Kristan Higgins. I love her writing style...but, the temperature is dropping outside and the cover screams summer so no. I have this thing where if the season is a blatant part of the book (or depicted on the cover) it has to be read during said season. Call me crazy, it's just how I roll. So, of course I get into a conversation with my excellent co-worker, Michelle, who enjoys much of the same genres and writers I do, though I have a higher penchant for "happily ever after's" than her, and we discuss our crazy reading no-no's, like reading books out of seasonal turn (me) or book plots depicting a time long before she was born (her). While our conversation is great it's not particularly helpful in my quest-though most of the time we're great at pointing out great reads to each other so no harm done. I ended up grabbing *two-Too Late* by Colleen Hoover and *Funny Story* by Emily Henry-because there's no way I'm going into a three day weekend empty handed.

But trying to figure out the exact "perfect fall book with plenty of plot twists and maybe a murder but definitely some kind of hook up," is like trying to figure out what to make for dinner on a random Thursday when you've eaten everything in the world already and you're not entirely sure if you're hungry anyways...or like an itch that you scratch but is still just itchy.

So for me, that's where apps like Goodreads come in handy in that they will assist a reader in finding books that are similar to their current tastes or authors like their favorite ones. For that, those kinds of apps are perfect because you already know you like a particular author and it's pointing to others like them. However, if you're trying to scratch that itch, it's just not helpful. But there's this really cool database available to all Daniel Pierce Library



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card holders on our website that is just incredibly awesome. It's called NoveList Plus and can be found under the Research Databases tab on our website (and then you need to go further by clicking on All Library Databases A-Z, and then clicking on N). All you need to access this plethora of literary goodness is your library card number. Once you hit submit you can search for any kind of book plot you're interested in. For example, say you're dying to read about a fall, small town bakery romance...you just plug that into the search engine and bam, 26 titles come right back. Searching for "hate love office murder" garnered me 35 titles and "Alaskan survival" showed 321 results. All of these searches could then be further refined by plugging in different filters. While NoveList Plus has the ability to refine results based on age groups like children, tweens, teens and adults, if a child in grades kindergarten through eighth wanted to utilize the database they would chose NoveList K-8 Plus also listed in our available databases and they would only see material for their age group.

NoveList Plus (and NoveList K-8 Plus) is just a great little gem of information that a lot of our patrons may not know about and is a fun way of finding that specific plot you're jonesing for.





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# The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

What a week!!!!

The reveal of new music by a musician or group is nothing new with the plethora of brilliant musicians and groups in Sullivan County. But, rarely does this come about in a Los Angeles or New York City sort of way.

The reveal of LIVE AT THE OUTLIER INN took place at the HURLEYVILLE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (HPAC) on Thursday evening. For those who have never been inside, it's a



Shane's fans

deal of interest from somewhat surprising areas. Seeking a more 'online musical presence' than a physical one certainly worked for him. And then he did something even more unprecedented...he released that EP (Extended Play which means "a musical recording that contains more tracks than a single but fewer than an album



Mini live warm-up

cian but as a lyricist? You know I'm a lyrics kind of person.

The first jewel of this night was, for me, LIVE AT THE OUTLIER INN. It was SHANE and a group of excellent musicians performing together live. In all my time in recording studios from LA to NYC, I have never seen this done successfully. And yet here it was, on the screen in the movie theater of HPAC! I know several producers that would have sold their soul to have this happen, in the face of difficult artists and studio musician egos. This too, was available on vinyl.

jewel unto itself combining the modern world with hints of eras gone by. Against this backdrop, the 'meet and greet' prior to took place. And my goodness, the amount of people who were there specifically to support another native son SHANE RENNISON and this newest project.

His first release IRRATIONAL garnered a great



Mini live warm-up

or LP record" according to WIKIPEDIA) on VINYL! Yes, a 'real' record. Did I tell you that his song, IRRATIONAL, was what perked up my interest in SHANE not just as a musi-



My friend Steve and his new purchase



Claire Rennison, beautiful birthday girl!

The second jewel was a new music video for THE LONG ROAD. The visual build in this is exceptional from the simple to raw emotion. Absolutely brilliant! I'm not going to tell you



Another friend, Angel



Denise, Faith Kelly and Janna

video)" and see for yourself!

In other news, my friend Bonnie was finally able to contact me. She moved to Asheville, North Carolina about two years ago and I had not heard or was able to contact her since Hurricane Helene tore through the city September 28. All these weeks later, finding drinking water or even water is a problem. Some homes have electricity but no water. Some have water but it can't be used for anything without boiling first....which can't be done since there is no electricity. Some places, many in fact, still have neither. People who were going to lose everything in their freezers and refrigerators cooked whatever they could, often over open fires and feed as many as they could. And as of this past Sunday, everyone was still in 'survival mode' but with a sense of community'. She even said a small group of musicians played for a small gathering at an open restaurant's outside seating in downtown. With a backdrop of scattered debris, a bit of normalcy.

My other friend came through her surgery fine.

DEBBIE FISHER and PAUL KEAN (FISHER AND KEAN) are headed to Pueblo, Colorado for both a gig and to paint a mural (!) Mark your calendars for November 13th. Debbie will be hosting the absolute very last OPEN MIC at THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE for the season. 7pm

CASWYN MOON and FAITH KELLY will be hosting the Open Mic on October 28 at THE CATSKILL BREWERY ( 6 to 9pm) in Livingston Manor. And THE DALE on Thursdays in Mountaintale. That is...until they go on tour again!

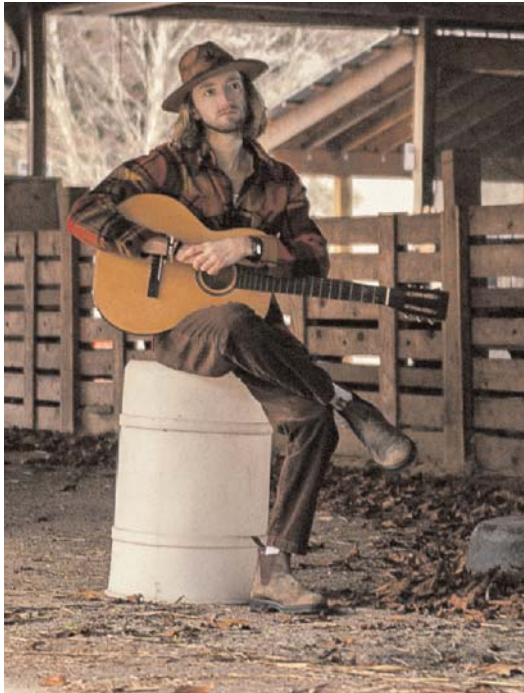
It was one of those weeks where I felt extremely blessed! Aaaaand now this laptop is acting up.

Until next time.....



Big screen premiere

# Shane Rennison Announces Release of Live at the Outlier Inn 2, Featuring Interpretations of IRRATIONAL in a Captivating Live Setting



Grahamsville, NY - Indie singer-songwriter **Shane Rennison** is excited to announce the release of **Live at the Outlier Inn 2**, a unique live music project set to debut on **October 25th, 2024**. Recorded at the iconic **Outlier Inn** in New York's **Catskill Mountains**, this project is the second installment in Shane's **Live**

**at the Outlier Inn** series, which invites top-tier musicians to collaborate and reimagine his songs in a live setting.

In January 2024, Shane gathered with a group of world-class musicians at the Outlier Inn for two days of immersive, spontaneous music-making. With no specific agenda beyond exploring new interpretations of songs from his debut album **IRRATIONAL**, the group captured a series of raw, authentic performances, all documented by filmmaker Brandon Worden.

“The magic of these sessions lies in the collective energy of everyone involved,” Shane reflects. “It’s not just about playing the music, but about the conversations, the vibes, and the inspiration that comes from being in a space like the **Outlier Inn**. I’m grateful every time I get to be part of such a musical tapestry.”

**The Outlier Inn**, a 12-acre retreat in the southern **Catskills**, provided the perfect backdrop for this creative journey. With its world-class recording studio, surrounded by serene nature, the setting offered a peaceful and inspiring environment for this project.

The musicians joining Shane for **Live at the Outlier Inn 2** include **Eamon Lebow** on guitar, **Janna Pelle** on piano, **Joe Giaimo** on bass, **Jacob Schaub** on drums, and **Julian Giaimo** on guitar, piano, and vocals. Together, they breathe new life into Shane's songs, creating fresh, live versions that retain the emotional core of **IRRATIONAL** while adding layers of spontaneity and innovation.

**Live at the Outlier Inn 2** will be available on all major streaming platforms on **October 25th**.



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# SCCO to Perform: “Farrenc and Vaughan Williams”

(From Pg. 1) Louise Farrenc's Piano Quintet No. 1 in A minor was composed in the same year as her Nonet in Eb major (performed by SCCO in June, 2024) and brought into being her golden age of compositions. SCCO Artistic Director Andrew Trombley said, “The Quintet has a notable blend of classical with romantic elements and characterized by its formal clarity, thematic development, and expressive depth. Ralph Vaughan Williams Piano quintet, by contrast, was composed early in his career during his early 20's. The three-movement work reflects his admiration for late romantic style and his own emerging voice as a composer. The piece, which was composed during a period of intense study and artistic development, reveals the young composer's burgeoning talent and sophisticated understanding of chamber music. The quintet, completed while Vaughan Williams was still at the Royal College of Music, is an impressive display of his ability to blend melodic invention with structural rigor. SCCO is thrilled to be performing this concert on a Mason and Hamlin grand piano recently donated by cellist Clay Ruede, a 25-year member of the Arden trio and a well-established musician performing with many ensembles including the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.”

SCCO is a Nesin Cultural Arts supported project. Programs are made possible in part by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathleen Courtney Hochul and the NY State Legislature, Episcopal Charities, St. John's Episcopal Church, Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation, Laura Jane Musser Fund, Sullivan County Legislature, Sullivan County Youth Bureau, M&T Bank Charitable Foundation, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, NY Life Foundation, Walmart Community Foundation and Stewart's Shops.

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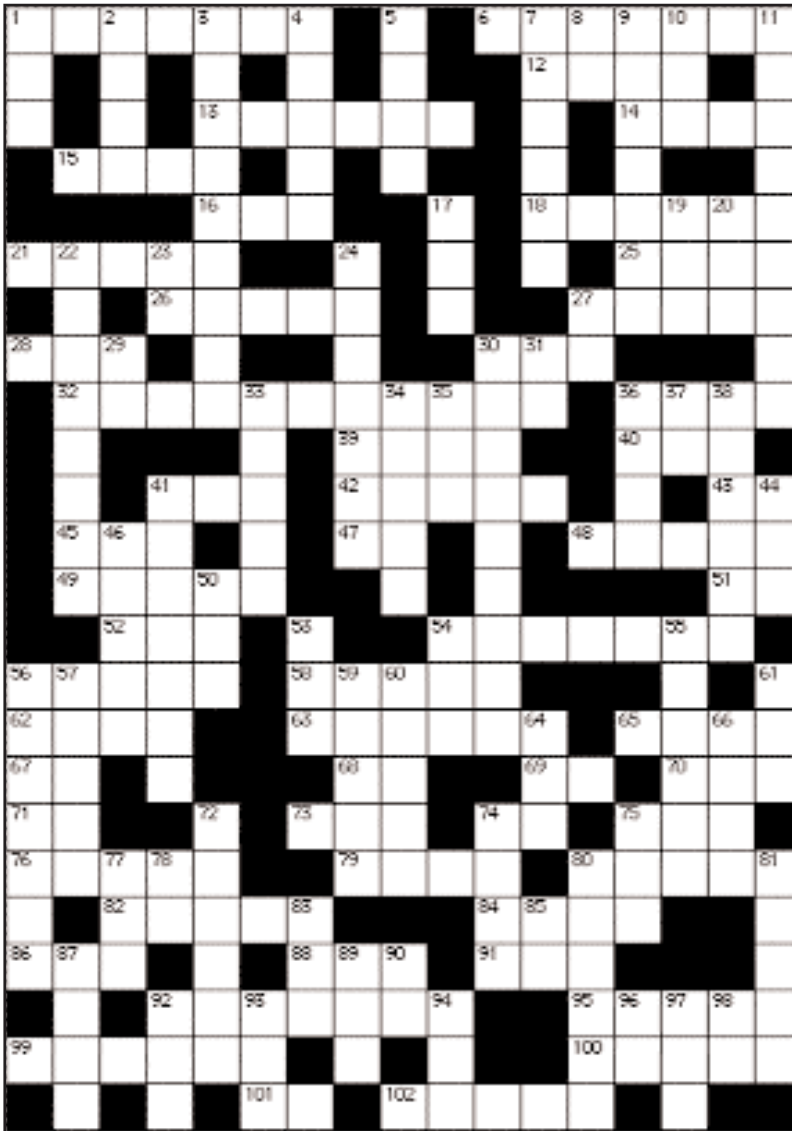
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- 37 Exist
- 38 Main organ of photosynthesis
- 41 Leafage
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- 55 The environment
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- 60 Go into
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- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 cups cubed fully cooked ham
- 8 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
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- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook spaghetti according to package directions; drain.

In a large skillet, heat butter and oil over medium heat; saute garlic 1 minute. Stir in ham and bacon; heat through. Add spaghetti and parsley; toss to combine.

Remove from heat. Stir in olives and cheese.

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  - 84 Pain
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  - 101 Perform an action
  - 102 Structural unit of an organism

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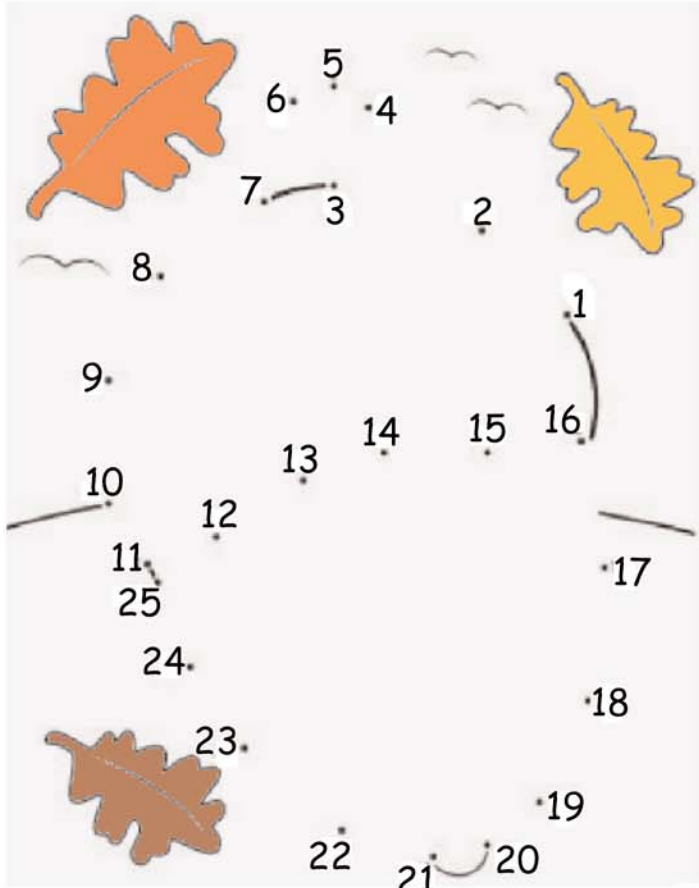
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- PUMPKIN
- HALLOWEEN
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- FOOTBALL
- SWEATER
- APPLE CIDER
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, in the County of Sullivan, State of New York, on October 9, 2024, duly enacted Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2024, entitled "A local law to override for fiscal year 2025 the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law section 3-c for the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York," and entered it in its minutes.

The aforesaid local law enables the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Section 3-c, to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2025 that exceeds the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law section 3-c.

Dated: October 10, 2024  
Staci Conjura, Town Clerk

10/17

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**

Supervisor Chris Mathews has called a Work Session of the Town of Neversink Town Board for Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main St., Grahamsville, NY.

The purpose of the work session is to discuss the 2025 Town of Neversink Tentative Budget and any other business that may legally come before the Board.

Staci Conjura, Town Clerk  
Dated: October 10, 2024

10/17

**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/UCKI224vKO8nAWWhR6N%20%20Vao24w/live>

**NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT****NOTICE OF 2025 BUDGET HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Budget Hearing to vote on the upcoming year's budget will be held for the Neversink Fire District on Thursday, October 17th, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Neversink Firehouse located at 7486 State Rt. 55 Neversink, NY 12765. There will be a regularly planned Commissioners' Meeting to follow.

Dated: September 27th, 2024

Dana M. Vogler, Neversink Fire District Secretary

9/26 - 10/17

**2024 FALL CLEAN-UP**

**OCT. 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**In order to Participate, you will need your BLUE 2024 Permit Card, cards will be punched for each load.**

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who reside (*have their household and generate their waste material*) in the Town of Neversink.

**OWNERSHIP OF VACANT LAND DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR USE OF THE FACILITY.**

**Limitations:**

**\*\*Two (2) Pick-up/small trailer load per permit holder.**

**\*\*TVs and other Electronic equipment when disposed of must be paid for with SW coupons. Please bring these items at a different time. No batteries, ballasts or CFLs.**

**\*\*Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers and Air Conditioners WILL NOT be accepted during this time. Please bring them at a different time.**

**\*\*Scrap Metal can be taken at any time. Please separate your scrap metal out and bring it at a different time.**

"The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Taxpayers of Sullivan County."

## Amy Poux Appointed as the new Managing Director of ASK



The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) is pleased to announce the appointment of Amy Poux as the new Managing Director. With decades of experience as a development professional, veteran arts educator, theater director and filmmaker, Amy is set to bring transformative leadership and creative vision to ASK as it enters a new era of expanded programming, exhibitions, and performances.

Amy's background in both the private and public sectors makes her uniquely suited for this role. Her recent positions include Director of Education at Film at Lincoln Center, Coordinator of Arts Education and Talent Development at Ulster BOCES, and Youth Access Advisor at Stockade Works. Additionally, she is the founder of the award-winning Youth Ensemble Theater and has a distinguished career as a theater director.

Amy has been recognized for her innovative use of the arts with accolades from the New York Times' Neediest Fund, the Annenberg Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, as well as an Award of Merit from the New York State Council on the Arts, among others. Her work has also been acknowledged by the Consortium of International Arts Educators, the NYC Department of Education, and the NY Thespian Society.

"I am thrilled to join the Arts Society of Kingston and to support their vision for the future," said Amy. "I look forward to working with the dedicated board and creatives at ASK to further its mission and enrich the community's cultural experiences."

### CALL FOR ART RECENT WORK

November 2024 Exhibition of Photography in the Spotlight and Front Galleries

Submission deadline:

Saturday, October 26, 2024, 11:59PM ET

Click here to learn more & register

<https://askforarts.org/recent-work-2024-2/>

## RESCHEDULED Red Feathers Drummers Event

Through Native American drumming, dance, song and storytelling, the Red Feather Drummers will teach about Native American traditions and lore. Grandmother Judith Laughing Owl, Susan Singing Rain, and Deborah Leaping Fawn, members of the Association of Native Americans of the Hudson Valley, demonstrate, teach and lead participants through an immersive experience of Native American culture.

Free and open to the public, the program is from 1:30 - 2:30 PM on Sunday October 18. Or more information go to: ASK 97 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401 - 845-338-0333.

## Latinos in Local Politics, a Panel Discussion October 17th, 6 to 8pm Kingston City Hall, 420 Broadway

### What are the advantages, disadvantages, and responsibilities of being called Latino in local politics?

La Voz magazine and Ward 4 Alderwoman for the City of Kingston, Jeanne Edwards, with the support of Radio Kingston, invite you to a roundtable discussion with Hispanic community members who are active in local politics to answer these and other questions. Moderated by Mariel Fiori, co-founder and director of La Voz magazine, and host of La Voz con Mariel Fiori on Radio Kingaton.

Thursday, October 17th at 6 pm in the Council Chambers of the City Hall of the City of Kingston, 420 Broadway, 2nd floor. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public.

Panelists include

Sandra Cuéllar Oxford, Co-Chair and Secretary of the NY Working Families Party, and Political and Community Organizer at the NYS Nurses Association

Ruben Estrada, Founder and Chairman of the Latino National Republican Coalition of New York State

Juan Figueroa, Ulster County Sheriff

Kevindaryán Lujan, Orange County legislator

Eddie Monroy, Deputy Campaign Manager & Field Director: Michelle Hinchey for NY

Genesis Ramos, Orange County Legislator

Radio Kingston will also livestream the panel to its Facebook platform. Flyers attached. Conducted in English, with interpretation into Spanish.

More information, from La Voz magazine October 2024 Editorial:

Latinos in Local Politics 2024

According to the Voto Latino platform, every 30 seconds a Latino person turns 18 in the United States. Most experts estimate that 16.6 million Latinos voted in 2020, or 30.9% more than in the 2016 presidential election. NALEO, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, expects more than 17.5 million Latino voters (11%) to cast ballots nationwide in November. And that's when Latinos eligible to vote exceed 36.2 million according to Pew Research Center statistics. Why the discrepancy between those who could vote and those who are actually expected to vote? Has everyone registered to exercise their right to vote?

In terms of representation, according to NALEO there are over 7,000 Latino elected officials nationwide, of which 6 are senators and 47 are congressional representatives. In the Hudson Valley we have several of those elected officials, as well as people working in other areas of local politics, such as unions and campaigns. On Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m., at the Kingston City Council Chambers, 420 Broadway, several of these Latinos will participate in a panel discussion to talk about their vocation, the advantages, disadvantages and responsibilities of being considered Latino in local politics. There will also be time to answer questions from the audience. (Contd. Pg. 19)

## Latinos in Local Politics, a Panel Discussion

(From Pg. 18) Presented by La Voz Magazine and Kingston Ward 4 Councilwoman Jeanne Edwards, with the support of Radio Kingston, and moderated by yours truly, Mariel Fiori, here's who the panelists will be.

Sandra Cuellar Oxford is the Co-Chair and Secretary of the Working Families Party of New York, and Political and Community Organizer for the NYS Nurses Association. She currently resides in Hurleyville in Sullivan County. She was appointed to several government boards and has volunteered on numerous non-profit boards dedicated to health care, legal representation of the indigent, youth services and immigrant advocacy for three decades. She is enthusiastic about helping new progressive and grassroots leaders take their rightful place in electoral politics, Sandy values her role with WFP.

Ruben Estrada is the Founder and Chairman of the National Republican Latino Coalition of New York State. He is a highly experienced and recognized community and government relations leader with a 30-year career in community and government relations, public affairs, marketing, sales, advertising, Hispanic media and broadcasting. He was recognized by the New York State Assembly and Senate by legislative resolution for his contributions to the advancement of minority communities, including special initiatives focused on the Hispanic/Latino community. His efforts have led to the creation of the NYS Office of Minority Health and the Puerto Rican Hispanic Business Development Center within the NYS Urban Development Corporation.

Juan Figueroa is the Sheriff of Ulster County. The son of Puerto Rican parents, he grew up in the Bronx before the family moved to Plattekill, Ulster County. As a Chief Warrant Officer in the Marine Corps, he had responsibilities in aviation logistics support, budgeting, training, deployment and overseas base installations. In 1988, he joined the New York State Police. During his 25-year tenure with the State Police, he assumed key leadership roles, from Police Academy Instructor and Field Training Officer, to Investigator for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Figueroa believes in enforcing the law while working with the community and applying proactive, innovative and sensible approaches to the county's most pressing problems, such as the opioid epidemic.

Kevindaryán Luján is an Orange County Legislator, a first-generation Colombian-American and resident of the City of Newburgh. He began his career in politics as a deputy field organizer for Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney in 2014 and has since worked on numerous local, state and federal campaigns throughout the Hudson Valley. He was elected to the Orange County Legislature, representing Newburgh's 4th legislative district in 2017. He is the first Latino elected to represent his district.

Eddie Monroy is the Deputy Campaign Manager and Field Director: Michelle Hinchey for New York. The son of Honduran immigrants, Monroy is an experienced political and business strategist with a proven track record of working in the management consulting industry, non-profit organizations and political campaigns. With an MBA focused on Business Administration and Management, General from SUNY New Paltz, he is a former Executive Director of the Next Gen Chamber of Commerce and past President of the Westchester Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Genesis Ramos is an Orange County Legislator, first generation Latina and proud daughter of Honduran immigrants. She has extensive experience working with local non-profits in the Hudson Valley region, particularly in the City of Newburgh,

where she was the founding Executive Director of the Desmond Center for Community Engagement and Wellness at Mount Saint Mary College. Currently, Genesis is a special advisor to the vice president of programs at PolicyLink, a national public policy and research think tank focused on equity for all in the United States.

We look forward to seeing you!

## Groundbreaking for Affordable Housing at Golden Hill on October 18

KINGSTON, NY - New York State Homes and Community Renewal, in partnership with Ulster County, the City of Kingston, and with co-developers of the project Pennrose and Family of Woodstock, will together celebrate the start of construction for Golden Hill Apartments on Friday, October 18, at 2:30 p.m. at 63 Golden Hill Drive in Kingston.

Golden Hill Apartments, a 164-unit affordable housing project in Kingston, is a multi-site development to be built on the 20-acre site that was formerly the Ulster County Jail, and will be a cross-generational community for families and seniors. All apartments will be energy-efficient and will be available to households earning between 30 and 80 percent of the area median income, with nearly half of the apartments reserved for senior households aged 62 and older, and 48 apartments set aside for households in need of onsite support services provided by Family of Woodstock, including survivors of domestic violence and elderly individuals.

WHEN: Friday, October 18, at 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: 63 Golden Hill Drive in Kingston


All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.

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NOVEMBER 2nd - DECEMBER 1st 2024



"RECENT WORKS" - ALL STYLES OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Members - Free

Non-members - \$10


Student & Vets - \$5

For more information: <https://askforarts.org/recent-work-2024-2/>

Art Society of Kingston

97 Broadway - Kingston NY 12401

845-338-0333



## SHADOWLAND STAGES PRESENTS WORLD PREMIERE WESTERN- 'THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM'



Eilis Cahill

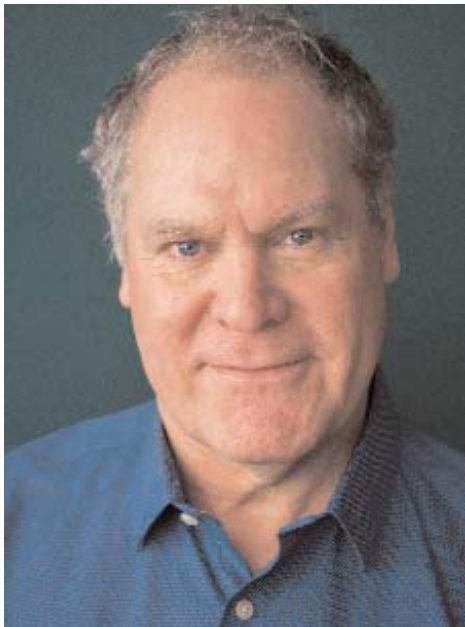
Ellenville, NY – SHADOWLAND STAGES is thrilled to announce the world premiere of *The Road to Jerusalem*, a gripping new play by Nicky Glossman, running from October 4th through October 20th. Closing out SHADOWLAND's MainStage Season, this production boasts an all-star cast and tells seven interconnected stories set in Jerusalem, Arizona, in 1889.

Leading the cast are acclaimed performers Adam LeFevre, Jay O. Sanders, Eilis Cahill, and Ken Marks. Adam LeFevre is known for his roles in *The Manchurian Candidate* (2004), *Fool's Gold* (2008), and *She's Out of My League* (2010). He has also recently appeared in TV series such as *Ozark* and *The Sinner*. Broadway veteran Jay O. Sanders ('Purlie Victorious', 'Girl From the North Country') is also recognized for his performances in such films as *The Day After Tomorrow* (2004), *Kiss the Girls* (1997), and *Edge of Darkness* (2010) and most recently in the new hit netflix film *His Three Daughters* alongside Natasha Lyonne and Elizabeth Olsen. Eilis Cahill stars in the British indie film *Mind-set* and the



Ken Marks

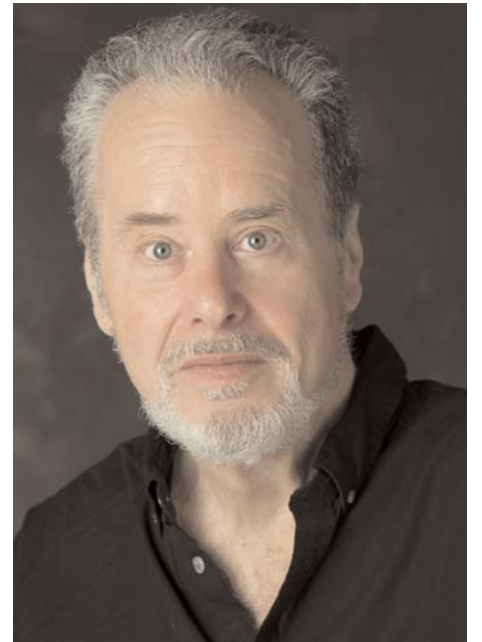
American indie film *MAD*. She was last seen at SHADOWLAND in *Safe Home* and *The Cripple of Inishmaan*. Ken Marks has had an illustrious Broadway career, with credits including *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark*, *Airline Highway*, *Spring Awakening*, *Hairspray* (Wilbur Turnblad), and *Dancing at Lughnasa*. His TV work includes recurring roles in *Elementary*, *The Exorcist*, *Life on Mars*, and guest appearances on *Billions*, *Blue Bloods*, *The Good Wife*, *Madam Secretary*, and various *Law & Order* episodes.



Jay O. Sanders

SHADOWLAND veteran director James Glossman directs. "This exciting western tells seven stories- some dark, some comic; most are both," states Glossman. "It's a thrill to bring this story to life with this all-star cast."

*The Road to Jerusalem* intertwines the stories of rugged characters as they navigate hope, hunger, and destiny in the unforgiving American West. Glossman's world premiere promises an emotionally charged, thought-provoking journey through the challenges of making a new world from the remnants of the old.



Adam LeFevre

*The Road to Jerusalem* will run Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 PM and Sundays at 2 PM, with the final performance on October 20th. Tickets are now on sale, with evening show

tickets priced at \$43 and matinee tickets at \$39. Tickets can be purchased online at [shadowlandstages.org](http://shadowlandstages.org) or by calling the SHADOWLAND STAGES box office at (845) 647-5511.

SHADOWLAND STAGES, entering its 39th year, is a professional Equity theatre located in New York's beautiful Hudson Valley. The theatre produces a season between May and December of seven shows, including two musicals and a holiday production. Shadowland also houses the Academy at Shadowland Stages, a separate education program providing classes in acting, dance, and music for kids and adults.

## MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

We have reached a time to celebrate!

As we come from the High Holidays with confidence that we have been signed and sealed for a great year ahead, Sukkot and Simchat Torah are the season of our rejoicing.

Join us for our Sukkot dinner under the stars, and Simchat Torah Hakafot celebration. See full schedule below.

Wishing you a Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Hanoch Hecht

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sukkot Eve - October 16

Services 6:00 pm

Dinner Under The Stars 6:30 pm

Sukkot 1st Day - October 17

Morning Service: 9:30 am

Kiddush & refreshments in the Sukkah after prayers

Light Holiday Candles: after 6:53 pm

Sukkot 2nd day - October 18

Morning Service: 10:00 am

Kiddush & refreshments in the Sukkah after prayers

Shabbat Chol Hamoed - October 19

Morning Service: 9:30 am

Kiddush & refreshments in the Sukkah after prayers

Shemini Atzeret Night - October 23

Light Holiday Candles: after 5:45 pm

Evening Services and small celebration: 6:00 pm

Shemini Atzeret Day - October 7

Morning Services: 9:30 am

Yizkor Memorial Service: 11:00 am

Simchat Torah Night - October 7

Light Holiday Candles: after 5:45 pm

Evening Services and Grand Hakafot celebration: 6:15 pm

Simchat Torah Day - October 8

Morning Services: 10:00 am

Hakafot: 11:00 am

### SUKKOT DINNER UNDER THE STARS

Friday evening, October 18

Evening Services 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm

Send your RSVP to  
RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com or call 845-876-7666.  
Sponsorship opportunities available.

### ROVING LULAV AND ETROG

Stop by the RJC to fulfill the unique Mitzvah of Lulav & Etrog  
- Or spot us in the village!

This mitzvah that is unique to Sukkot is the taking of the Four Kinds: an etrog(citron), a lulav (palm frond), at least three hadassim (myrtle branches) and two aravot (willow branches). The Midrash tells us that the Four Kinds represent the various types and personalities that comprise the community of Israel, whose intrinsic unity we emphasize on Sukkot.

### SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Sing! Dance! Celebrate!

Sing and dance in celebration of the annual completion of the Torah reading. Young and old become the legs of our holy Torah, enabling it to dance. Enjoy a lavish Kiddush, refreshments and plenty of L'chaim as we dance with the Torah!

Date: Shabbat evening, October 7

Time: 6:15 pm

Location: 102 Montgomery Street , Rhinebeck

The Rhinebeck Jewish Centero Email: rabbi@6minut-  
erabbi.como Phone: 845-876-7666  
www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

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**Sundown United Methodist Church  
Covered Dish Supper**

**5:30 pm  
Nov 2, 2024**

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

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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

**Mass Times**

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

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

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

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

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

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday  
Mass at 8:30AM.  
Thursday, 3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplete followed by Mass

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sale**  
**Oct 28, 2024**  
**9 am to 12 noon**

**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches**

Come and Join us for  
in person Worship on Sundays.

Sundown UMC 8:30 am  
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am  
350 Main Street, Grahamsville

Pastor Harriet Wilkin  
845-985-2283

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*

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

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:15 am  
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor  
Church Hall available for rent  
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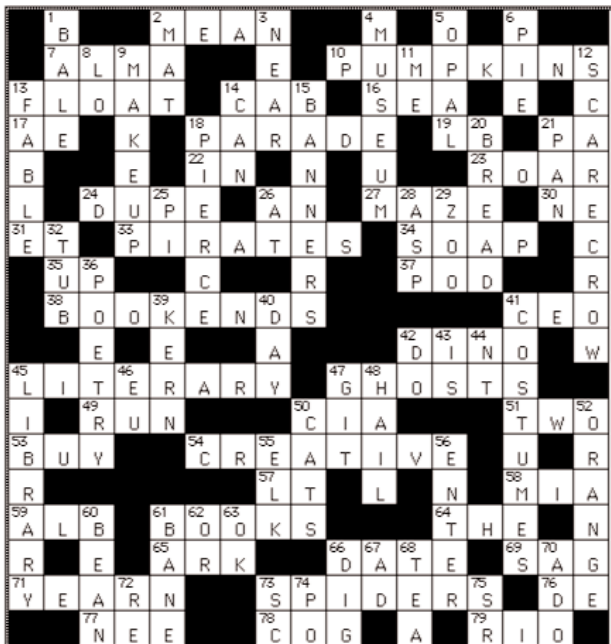
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm  
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also  
**WANTED**  
 People to  
 play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

3	4	9	1	6	2	8	5	7
5	7	2	8	9	4	6	1	3
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7	3	5	2	1	9	4	6	8
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9	2	4	5	8	6	3	7	1

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**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
 356 Main St. P.O. Box 86  
 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
**Thrift Sale Schedule 2024**  
 Oct 28th  
 Nov - 2nd and 18th  
 Dec 7th - **Holiday Craft Sale**  
 All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
 Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays,  
 starting March 14, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by  
 appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.  
[grahamsvilleumc.org](http://grahamsvilleumc.org) - [grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)



**Sundown**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**Covered Dish Supper**  
 Saturday,  
**November 2, 2024 5:30 pm**  
 at the Church Hall  
*Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale*  
*(Covered Dish Suppers are held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)*

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**Do you want 4 free Covid Tests Kits?**  
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COVID-19 testing can help you know if you have COVID-19 so you can decide what to do next, like getting treatment to reduce your risk of severe illness and taking steps to lower your chances of spreading the virus to others.  
 Your order of COVID tests is completely free - you won't even pay for shipping. Want to know when your tests are coming? Sign up to receive email alerts when you order!

**\$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money**

Every day New York State returns \$1.5 million to those who file claims here. Is any yours? To find out, go to:  
<https://osc.state.ny.us/ouf> or <https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf>  
 Many have checked, and sure enough after following the directions and filing a claim, have received a check from the NYS Comptroller's Office. It only takes a few minutes to find

**Check the air quality where you are at:**  
<https://www.airnow.gov/>

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

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/17/24	Claryville Fire District Budget Meeting and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
10/17/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
10/17/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
10/28/24	<b>Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale</b> 9 am - 12 noon
11/6/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
11/2/24	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
11/6/24	Claryville Fire District Budget Meeting and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
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

## Save the Date!

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

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

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

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

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>

Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update

### for the Week Of

October 14, 2024 - October 18, 2024

Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at  
<https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

#### Monday, October 14

- o Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day - County Offices Closed

#### Tuesday, October 15

- o **5:30 PM - Caucus, Democrats**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM - Caucus, Republicans, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Legislative Session, in Legislative Chambers**, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via livestream at  
<https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

#### Wednesday, October 16

The following Industrial Development Agency and Capital Resource Corporation meetings will be held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston:

- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee**
- o **9:30 AM (Or Immediately Following IDA Governance) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee**
- o **9:45 AM (Or Immediately Following UCRC Governance) - Ulster County Industrial Agency Finance Committee**
- o **10:00 AM (Or Immediately Following IDA Finance) - Ulster County Capital Resource Corporation Finance Committee**
- o **10:15 AM (Or Immediately Following UCRC Finance) - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Regular Board Meeting**
- o **10:45 AM (Or Immediately Following IDA Board Meeting) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Regular Board Meeting**
- o **3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Turnpike, Cottekill, 12419**

#### Thursday, October 17

- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Board**, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

#### Friday, October 18

- o No Meetings



## SONG CLUB at MISU

Every last Saturday of the month  
All ages and voices welcome

Song Club is a drop-in singing experience that builds community through singing original arrangements of familiar songs in a safe and welcoming environment.

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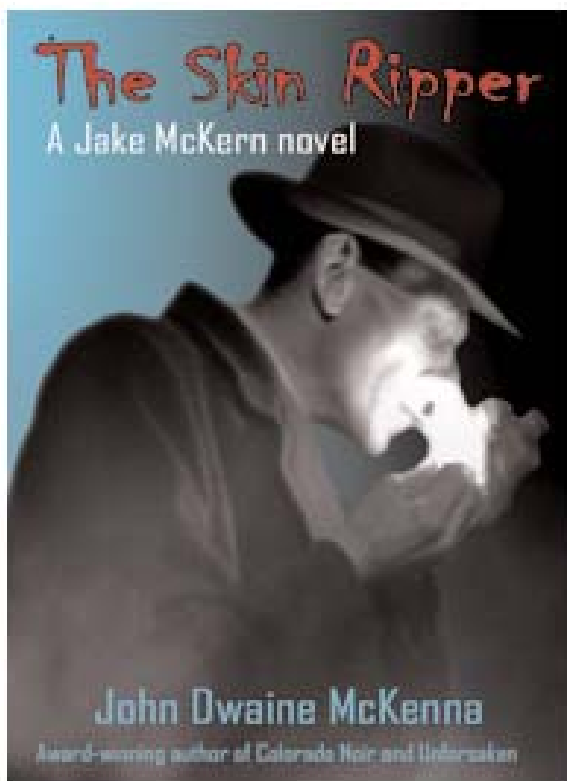


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# BIG EDDY FILM FESTIVAL

WHAT: 13th Annual Big Eddy Film Festival

WHEN: October 18th - 20th, 2024

WHERE: Tusten Theatre (unless otherwise noted)

210 Bridge Street  
Narrowsburg, NY 12764

TICKETS: All Access Pass: \$100  
Film Screenings: \$10  
Animation Workshop: \$5

Advance Tickets Sales Recommended

Emerging from the picturesque wilds of Sullivan County - the Big Eddy Film Festival (BEFF) is a cinematic celebration of counter-current narratives. Produced by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, this immersive festival sparks new cultural possibilities at the juncture of film, art, and rural imagination.



2024 marks the 13th year of the festival. This year's curated line-up features visionary story tellers, first time filmmakers, unflinching documentaries, chilling tales, and more that will excite everyone from the die-hard cinephile and the casual filmgoer.

## FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

10/18 OPENING DAY

6:30 PM Opening Night Feature Event  
Happy Campers - Feature Documentary  
Followed by a panel discussion.

10/19 BIG EDDY BIG SATURDAY

10:00 AM Kids Make Film\* Free Entry for Under-16s  
Followed by Q&A with young film makers  
12:30 PM Prodigal Daughter - Feature Documentary  
2:30 PM Space Cowboy - Feature Documentary Followed by  
Q&A with the film's editor  
5:00 PM Rural Shorts\* Followed by Q&A with film makers  
7:00 PM Start Them Young - Narrative Short Hummingbirds -  
Documentary Feature  
9:30 PM Scarlet Winter - Narrative Feature

10/20 CLOSING DAY

10:00 AM Drawing On Film Animation Workshop At Tusten  
Community Center

11:00 AM Too Short To Suck\* Followed by Q&A with filmmakers

3:30 PM Dory Previn: On My Way To Where Followed by Q&A  
with the film's director

\*Full listing of shorts programming on  
[www.bigeddyfilmfest.com](http://www.bigeddyfilmfest.com)

## FILM SELECTIONS/SCREENINGS

Full film descriptions are available on  
[www.bigeddyfilmfest.com](http://www.bigeddyfilmfest.com)

Dory Previn: *On My Way To Where*

Documentary Feature

"If you've never heard of Dory Previn, prepare to be ashamed of yourself." -Rex Reed, 1970. Co-directed by Callicoon-based filmmaker Julia Greenberg and Dianna Dilworth, this unflinching documentary which premiered at the 2024 SXSW Festival, follows Previn's trajectory from an Academy Award nominated lyricist for Hollywood musicals to a cult artist in the Laurel Canyon scene.

## Happy Campers -Documentary Feature

In a waterfront campground off the coast of Virginia, residents spend their summers living spitting distance apart in rust-bitten RVs. They chuckle about the modest rent they pay



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Directed by Amy Nicholson who was previously featured at the Big Eddy Film Festival in 2013 with her documentary feature "Zipper".

## Hummingbirds -Documentary Feature

In Hummingbirds, Silvia and Beba tell their own coming-of-age story, transforming their hometown on the Texas-Mexico border into a wonderland of creative expression and activist hijinks.

## Kids Make Film

A festive celebration of local young filmmakers' work produced in programs led by Icehouse Arts and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

## Prodigal Daughter Documentary Feature

Filmmaker and former punk artist Mabel Valdiviezo reunites with her family in Peru after 16 years of estrangement, confronting her troubled past as an immigrant in the United States.

## Rural Shorts\*

A unique collection of short films celebrating local New York makers and the rural imagination. This year's shorts includes "The Lift" by Tina Spangler; "Spoon" directed by Joshua Conkel; "This Time We'll Stay" by Moh Azima, among others. Some of the filmmakers will be in attendance!

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## Lulu and Smokey - Two Beautiful Cats Need a Good Caring Home



Lulu

Two beautiful cats are in need of a good, caring home. Lulu is a female black and white cat. She's about 13 years old. She is an indoor outdoor cat, but mostly indoor. She is very lovable and loves to play and be petted.

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

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

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



Smokey

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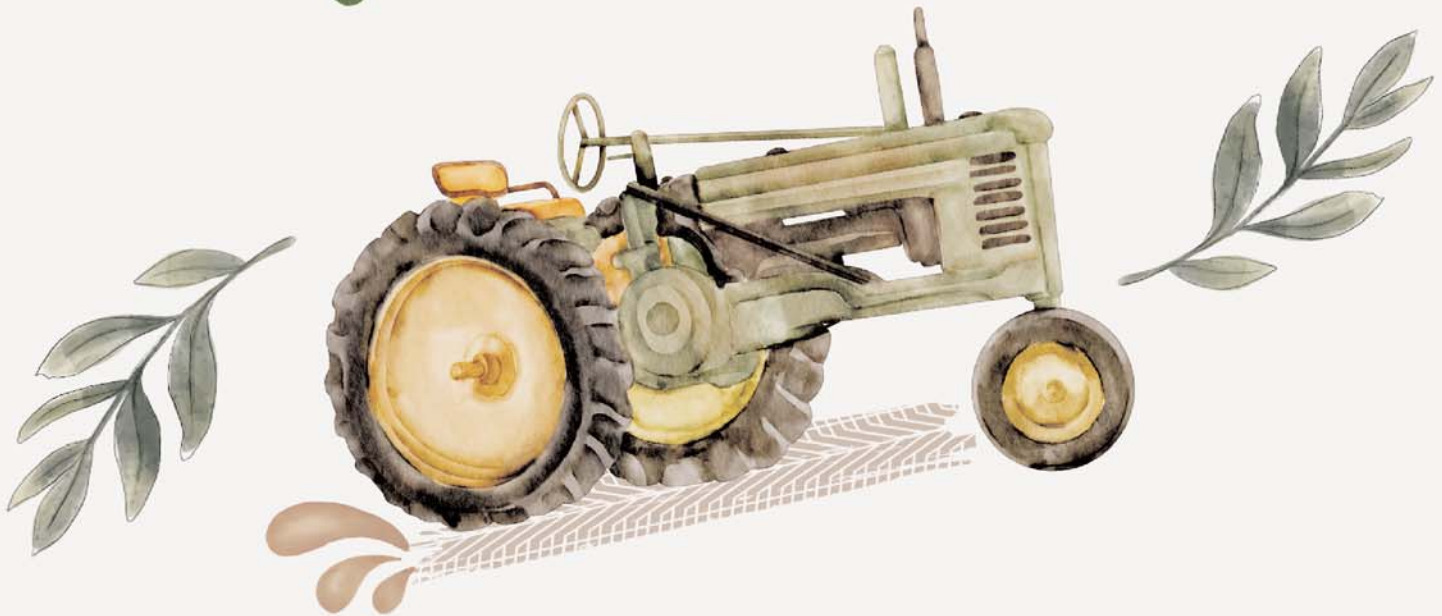
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# BIG EDDY FILM FESTIVAL

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## Scarlet Winter - Narrative Feature

After waking up to find his girlfriend murdered in bed, Mark must cover up her death while trying to piece together events from the previous night to find her murderer. Filmed on location in Rochester, NY, this atmospheric noir thriller is director's Munjal Yagnik first feature film.

## Space Cowboy - Documentary Feature

Joe Jennings, an innovator in the world of skydiving, has spent decades capturing breathtaking aerial moments with his camera for extreme sports competitions, Super Bowl commercials, and Hollywood blockbusters. Driven by a passion for "camera flying" in his youth, Joe cultivated a deep friendship with fellow skydiver Rob Harris, partnering to become one of the most influential skysurfing teams in history. Flying at the top of their game, Joe's world was shattered when tragedy struck, leaving him to navigate the skies alone. Directed by Bryce Leavitt and Marah Strauch, and featuring cinematography like you've never seen before; "Space Cowboy" premiered last month at the Toronto International Film Festival. In attendance at the Big Eddy will be the film's editor Eric Bruggemann.

## Too Short To Suck\*

Originally screened in July 2024 at New Memories (Parksville, NY), BEFF is thrilled to welcome guest programmers Ali Azios and Marcus Brooks to host this encore presentation. Prepare to be immersed in this adventurous shorts program! \*Full listing of shorts programming on [www.bigeddyfilmfest.com](http://www.bigeddyfilmfest.com)

## TICKETS & LOCATION

Film screenings and events take place at The Tusten Theatre unless otherwise noted.

Screenings are \$10 unless otherwise noted

# Fraud Task Force Announces Arrests

Liberty, NY - The Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has made the following arrests:

August 23, 2024 - Sage Pere, 26, of Monticello, was arrested for



Sage Pere

Criminal Use of a Benefit Card in the 2nd Degree, a Class A misdemeanor. It is alleged that Pere sold her SNAP benefit card, issued by the Sullivan County Department of Social Services, for \$50 cash. The card had \$100 worth of benefits on it. Pere was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

September 10, 2024 - Zerlinda Velez, 38, of Wurtsboro, was arrested and charged with Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony, and Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that between April 8 and September 30, 2022, Velez was employed by a private company at the same time she was in receipt of SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services. On a recertification SNAP form dated May 10, 2022, Velez failed to report her income, which resulted in her stealing \$1,000 in SNAP benefits. Velez was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



Zerlinda Velez

September 27, 2024 - Andrea Mungin, 57, of Rock Hill, was arrested and charged with Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony.



Andrea Mungin

It is alleged that between October 26, 2022, and August 31, 2023, Mungin stole \$2,778 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to disclose on her HEAP application that she was in receipt of Social Security Disability Benefits during the same time period. Mungin was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

October 3, 2024 - Lourdes Rivera, 47, of Liberty, was

arrested and charged with Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree, a Class D felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that between December 9, 2019 and September 30, 2023, Rivera stole \$18,670 in SNAP Benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to disclose that her husband was living in the household during the same time period and was gainfully employed. Rivera was processed and released to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



Lourdes Rivera



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- Create programs for children and adults

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## Harvest Festival at Liberty Museum

The 30th Annual Liberty Harvest Festival and Chili Cook-Off will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2024. at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center, Noon until 4 PM: rain or shine.

The now renowned and very popular Catskill Chili Cook-Off will kick off at noon at the museum with judging to start at 2pm.

There will be a variety of home cooked chilis and, this year, there will be restaurant entries as well.

The Liberty Diner, the Munson Diner, Star Bar and Grill, Casi's, and The White Sulphur Springs Inn face off to find out who makes THE BEST CHILI IN TOWN!!

There will be a variety traditional meat chilis as well as a wide assortment of creative dishes including vegetarian and vegan options. Something for everybody!

You will be the judge for a donation of just ten dollars. Come to the Museum and taste all the fine chilis. Vote for your favorites.

If the answer to "Who makes the best chili?" is I DO!"

You are invited to bring a hot pot of your chili down to the Liberty Museum & Arts Center by noon October 19, 2024 to enter the competition.

For entry details, call Naomi Frumess at (845) 807-6656.

Enjoy the Festival's events presented by Sullivan Performing Arts which is kicking off its 50th anniversary year. On display in the main gallery is some extraordinary art by many of the most talented art educators in our county.

Liberty's Poet Laureate Marilyn Laufer will be presenting her poetry. There will be music and craft projects for the kids.

Liberty Museum & Arts Center is located at 46 South Main Street, Liberty NY, across from the Liberty Theater. There is public parking behind Key Bank. Call (845) 807 6055

## Protect Our Youth: Get Trained in Vaping Prevention

[LIBERTY, NY] Sullivan 180 will hold a training for individuals to become trained in the evidence-based CATCH My Breath Youth Vaping Prevention Program on Friday, November 1st from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the CVI Building in Liberty. Join over 100 other local facilitators in Sullivan County who lead CATCH My Breath in their schools and community. The training is open to anyone wanting to learn more about youth vaping trends; and who may be interested in leading programs for youth and parents in Sullivan.

In September 2024, new data released from the 2024 National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS),

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showed a drop in e-cigarette and vape use in U.S. middle and high school students from 2.13 million (7.7%) in 2023 to 1.63 million (1.59%) in 2024. "Vaping is everywhere and Sullivan County students have not been spared from this issue. Prevention programs like CATCH My Breath are impactful, but there is still so much more work to do to make sure young people have the truth about the dangers of e-cigarettes," said Amanda Langseder, Senior Director of Prevention Programming. Of the 1.63 million students that vape, over 25% use an e-cigarette or vape product daily and more than 1 in 3 reported using a vape at least 20 out of 30 days.

At a training recently held for educators at Eldred Junior Senior High School a new CATCH My Breath Facilitator and Eldred teacher said that the training "gives answers to questions you might not know to ask." Another shared that it is "nice to have specific information to give kids instead of 'vaping is bad.'"

Through Sullivan BOCES, educators will receive CTLEs for completing this training. Partnering organizations including Tobacco Free Action Communities - Reality Check Program, Catholic Charities, and Restorative Management Corp. will be presenting resources available to schools and opportunities for students to get involved in a youth-led movement against big tobacco. Adults trained will receive free access to the complete CATCH My Breath curriculum to guide young people, grades 5 -12, through the program which is proven to reduce the chances of youth starting a lifelong addiction to nicotine.

To register for this training or to learn more about upcoming facilitator trainings, email [trainings@sullivan180.org](mailto:trainings@sullivan180.org).

# Governor Hochul Announces Nearly 1 Million New Yorkers Enrolled in Program to Help Older Adults Save More than \$7,000 per Year in Health Care Costs

*As Medicare Open Enrollment Period Begins, Governor Encourages More New Yorkers to Enroll in Medicare Savings Program*

*Governor Expanded Income Eligibility to Ensure Program Serves More Older Adults Statewide*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that nearly one million New Yorkers are now enrolled in State-administered Medicare Savings Program (MSP), which can help eligible older adults save an estimated average of \$7,400 per year in health care costs. With the Medicare open enrollment period starting tomorrow, Governor Hochul also encouraged more New Yorkers to learn about and enroll in the MSP. Many older adults are eligible for this program following the Governor's historic expansion of the MSP, which increased income eligibility limits to ensure more New Yorkers can benefit from health care savings.

"Our work to expand the Medicare Savings Program is helping ease the burden of healthcare costs for nearly one million New Yorkers and putting thousands of dollars back in their pockets," said Governor Kathy Hochul. "I encourage older adults in New York to use the Medicare open enrollment period to find out if they are eligible for the program and to learn if other Medicare coverage options can provide additional cost savings."

The Medicare open enrollment period begins tomorrow, Oct. 15, and will remain open until Dec. 7. While New Yorkers can enroll in the MSP all year round, the open enrollment period is a great time to learn about the benefits and address any Medicare questions.

The MSP helps Medicare beneficiaries living on limited incomes by paying their Medicare Part B premiums and automatically enrolling them in the federal government's Extra Help program, which helps with prescription drug costs.

In 2022, Governor Hochul secured a historic expansion of the MSP that increased income eligibility limits for New Yorkers. The 2024 income eligibility limits for the MSP are \$2,355 per month for an individual and \$3,189 per month for a couple.

Medicare beneficiaries or Medicare-eligible individuals are encouraged to contact the state's Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) for information on enrolling in the MSP or to receive assistance with other Medicare enrollment questions. New Yorkers can call the HIICAP toll-free hotline at 1-800-701-0501.

Below is a regional breakdown of the nearly one million New Yorkers already enrolled in the MSP as of late Sept.

REDC Region	Number of MSP Enrollees	Mohawk Valley Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Schoharie	24,673
Western New York	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara	62,004	North Country Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence
Finger Lakes	Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates	49,062	20,973
Southern Tier	Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins	30,340	Capital District Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, Washington
Central New York	Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego	30,409	39,803
			Hudson Valley Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester
			71,200
		New York City	574,665
		Long Island Nassau, Suffolk	79,863
		Statewide Total	982,992



New York State Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen said, "This important milestone - nearly 1 million individuals enrolled in the MSP - is a direct result of state and local programs like New York HIICAP providing outreach and assistance for Medicare beneficiaries so that they can collectively save millions of dollars annually on out-of-pocket expenses. (Contd. Pg. 39)

# Hunting White-tailed Deer and Black Bear in New York

Hunters are required to report the harvest of deer, bear, and turkey within 7 days of take. You may report your harvest using one of these methods:

- o Begin your online game harvest report.
- o Call the toll-free automated reporting system at 1-866-GAME-RPT (1-866-426-3778).
- o Use the New Game Harvest Mobile App (see below for details).

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- o Season during which bear was taken (regular, archery, muzzle-loading)
- o Age of bear (adult, cub, unknown)
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You may report take via DECALS by calling 1-866-GAME-RPT (1-866-426-3778) toll-free or via the online reporting system.

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## Governor Hochul Announces Nearly 1 Million New Yorkers Enrolled in Program to Help Older Adults Save More than \$7,000 per Year in Health Care Costs

I applaud Governor Hochul for expanding this program in 2023, with annual income eligibility updates each year, and for supporting our network's outreach and education activities to help."

New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "The Medicare Savings Program is a vital resource to assist people with limited income in paying their Medicare premiums and individuals who may not qualify for Medicaid because of income limits can still qualify for this savings program. That enrollment has reached close to one million individuals highlights the ongoing commitment to health equity by Governor Hochul and the Department, by ensuring those who need financial help can access timely medical care at an affordable cost."

AARP New York State Director Beth Finkel said, "AARP New York worked for years with other advocates to expand the Medicare Savings Program so more low- and moderate-income older adults could afford essential health care. Now, enrollment in the program is approaching the one million mark - something all of us can be proud of. We applaud the Hochul administration for its ongoing efforts to ensure more older New Yorkers have access to the benefits they need, benefits that put money back in their pockets and alleviate financial burdens. We want people to have better lives, and this program was created to do just that."

### More About the MSP

The MSP helps Medicare beneficiaries living on limited incomes by paying their Medicare Part B premiums and automatically enrolls them in Extra Help. The U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) estimates a potential cost savings of \$5,300 per person enrolled in Extra Help. The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees is \$174.70 per month. Combined this assistance equals nearly \$7,400 in savings annually. This financial assistance can be a lifeline for enrollees, allowing them to maintain their Medicare coverage, access needed care, and afford other necessities.

In 2022, Governor Hochul announced an historic expansion of the MSP, which is administered at the state level. The 2024 income eligibility limits for the MSP are \$2,355 per month for an individual and \$3,189 per month for a couple.

Beneficiaries with income just above the posted limits should still consider contacting New York HIICAP for assistance in the application process, as individuals may be paying for out-of-pocket costs that can be deducted from their gross income to make them eligible. HIICAP offers free and objective counseling for Medicare beneficiaries needing assistance applying for the MSP or any other Medicare-related questions. Simply call HIICAP at 1-800-701-0501. Callers will be routed to their local program for assistance.

An application for the MSP is also available on the New York State Department of Health website here. The application and required documentation should be sent your local Department of Social Services (LDSS) or Human Resource

Administration (HRA). Find the address in your county here. To apply, applicants will need photocopies of their Medicare card, proof of income, documentation about health insurance premiums other than Medicare, proof of date of birth and residence. Learn more on NYSOFA's website.

### About Medicare Open Enrollment

Open enrollment is the time when Medicare beneficiaries can make changes in their health plan or prescription drug coverage and other options.

During open enrollment, or at any time of the year, HIICAP can help you:

- o Understand the Medicare prescription drug benefit (Medicare Part D) and how to select the best plan.
- o Understand low-income subsidy programs, including Extra Help and Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs).
- o Find ways to pay for your medications or medical equipment.
- o Understand and apply for the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program.
- o Choose between original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans.
- o Understand Medicare rules and your medical bills.
- o Report possible Medicare fraud or abuse.
- o Provide information on how to appeal a decision by Medicare, your managed care provider or other health insurance company.
- o Discover ways to fill in Medicare's gaps.
- o Learn how to file a Medicare or Medigap complaint.

## DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 13 Now Available: Sturgeon Thunder

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of "DEC Does What?!", the bi-weekly podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. Episode 13- "Sturgeon Thunder"-examines DEC's efforts to inspire the next generation of scientists and environmentalists through events like the 'Day in the Life of the Hudson and Harbor,' which brings together more than 5,000 students and educators for hands-on activities to encourage discovery and interest in protecting the Hudson River.

In this episode hosts Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff Erica Ringwald welcome Chris Bowser-Education Coordinator with DEC's Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve and passionate advocate for connecting people to nature-for a wide-ranging conversation on DEC's education and engagement work in communities along the Hudson River. Bowser is a familiar face to followers of DEC's social media, often hosting livestream events to engage with viewers and explain DEC's work to protect New York's fish, animals, and natural environment.

During the episode, Bowser explains his role to encourage environmental stewardship of the Hudson River through a variety of DEC programs and work with scientists and educators at the Norrie Point Environmental Center, and how New Yorkers can get involved in protecting our environment and explore New York's mighty Hudson River and estuary. He also traces his path from Rutgers University studying the biology of the New York Harbor, serving in the Peace Corps in West Africa, his time aboard the Clearwater Sloop on the lower Hudson River, and career with DEC.

All episodes of "DEC Does What?!" are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, and all major podcast platforms.

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

# Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, October 20th**

**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$13**

**Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11**

**Children Ages 5-11: \$5**

**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

**Take-outs: \$13**

**Call 845-985-7270**

**Pancakes, French Toast, 3 eggs any style, Hash brown, Sausage,  
Man-n-moon, Spud-eggo, Oj, Coffee / Tea**

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



# MONTIGRAM President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James



You never know what can come out of a small meeting week. This past week was a small Round-Table meeting in which we discussed some potential fundraising efforts to help the communities effected by the one-two hurricane punches.

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!

Our Speaker this coming week is: Alan Frishman from the Borscht Belt Museum will be on hand with our very own Peter Chester to share the amazing work going on at the Museum. Peter will be on hand as President-Elect to run the meeting and the Board Meeting as I am unable to attend this weeks meeting.

Board Meeting Reminder: Board of Directors Meeting at 5:30, October 15, 2024. Agenda sent under separate cover.

Our Motto: Service Above Self - How have you meet that goal lately?

Dates to Remember can be found below.

Agenda for October 15, 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 - Alan Frishman, Borscht Belt Mueseum
5. Committee Reports:  
Coat Drive - Jackie Rutledge  
Food Drive - Cris Spinner  
Interact - Cris Spinner  
Rotary Radio - Rick Stein  
Hurricane Relief Raffle - Peter Chester on behalf of Lori Orestano-James  
Humpback Friday - Reminder Peter Chester on behalf of Lori Orestano-James
6. Regional Updates/District Updates - Learning - Rotary Learning Center Live
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=MUNmWnhZanR6M21CSy9McjNQSTBudz09>

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Coat Drive - Month of October

Monticello Rotary Board of Directors Meeting - October 15, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Humpback Friday, Friday, October 18, 2024 - El Sombrero, Rock Hill, NY

Liberty Rotary Scholarship Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner, Tuesday, October 29, 2024 5pm - 7pm at the Liberty High School Cafeteria (We will be holding a social meeting that night at the Liberty High School in place of our regular meeting.) See Les for tickets.

Rotary Learning Center Live - October 26, 2024. To learn more and register, click here: <https://rotarydistrict7210.org/page/learning-center-live>

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

### 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.

### SHARE THE WARMTH

#### OUR COAT DRIVE IS ACTIVELY HAPPENING!

It began on October 1st and will run until October 31st. Boxes have been placed in many community locations. We are very grateful to the following friends of our Rotary who are hosting a Drop Off Box.

Jeff Bank - Route 42 & Anawana Lake Road

Office of Assembly Person Aileen Gunther 18 Anawana Lake Road

Kristt Company - 369 Broadway Monticello

The Black Library - 318 Broadway Monticello

Ethellbert B. Crawford Library - 479 Broadway Monticello

Sullivan County Government Center - 100 North Street Monticello

Albella Restaurant - Jefferson Street Monticello

Wayne Bank - 4353 Rt. 42 Liberty

We are looking forward to our Interact students participating in coat collections in our schools as well!!

Please encourage friends and family to donate a new or gently used coat! Please help the members of our community who are in need!

Thanks to Jackie Rutledge, Brad Rutledge & Cris Spinner for collaborating on this effort on behalf of our club!

# 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**



# Governor Hochul Announces on Time Completion of \$21 Million Infrastructure Improvement Project on the NYS Thruway in Ulster and Greene Counties

**• Project Included Full-Depth Repairs and Resurfacing on More Than 60 Lane Miles of I-87 Safety Improvements Included New Guide Rail, New Reflective Line Striping and Drainage Upgrades**

**• Project Completed Under Budget and Part of More Than \$451 Million in Capital Investments Dedicated on the NYS Thruway System in 2024**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the on-time and under budget completion of a \$21.3 million infrastructure improvement project on the New York State Thruway (I-87) in Ulster and Greene counties. The project included full and partial depth repairs, along with pavement resurfacing on a 15.5-mile section of I-87 from milepost 93.8 to milepost 109.3, between exit 19 (Kingston - NY Route 28 - Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge) and exit 21 (Catskill - Cairo - NY Route 23). Approximately 40,000 motorists use this stretch of I-87 in both directions every day. The project is part of more than \$451 million in capital investments dedicated to the Thruway system in 2024.

“New York is committed to investing in infrastructure projects to maintain a resilient and dependable transportation system that connects communities and supports our local economies,” Governor Hochul said. “The repairs and resurfacing as part of this project will improve rideability on a busy section of the Thruway in the Hudson Valley and improve quality of life.”

The project included full and partial depth pavement repairs using 48,431 tons of top course asphalt placed, as well as shoulder reconstruction in isolated locations. A mill and inlay was also performed at the parking area located at milepost 103.1, fuel areas at the Malden Service Area as well as the on and off ramps, including shoulders, at exit 20 (Saugerties - Woodstock - NY Route 32). Additional work included the relocation of a U-Turn at milepost 98.0 and safety enhancements such as new guide rail, new reflective line striping, and upgrades to drainage and culverts.

Callanan Industries, Inc. of Albany, NY was the contractor for the project.

Thruway Authority Executive Director Frank G. Hoare said, “This corridor of I-87 is used by thousands of motorists daily connecting them from the Capital Region to the Lower Hudson Valley. These improvements will extend the lifespan of the roadway and maintain a safe and reliable transportation system.”

Senator Michelle Hinchey said, “Keeping our Thruway in top shape means safer, more reliable travel for the thousands of people who depend on it daily. These upgrades on I-87 will translate to smoother commutes and a big quali-

ty of life boost, especially for our neighbors in Greene and Ulster counties. I thank Governor Hochul and Thruway Authority Executive Director Hoare for advancing these improvements, which will make our roads safer for everyone.”

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said, “We are thrilled to see these major improvements and enhancements to the stretch of I-87 through Ulster County, and I want to thank Governor Hochul for securing the \$21.3 million needed to undertake this critical work. “With approximately 40,000 motorists on this stretch of the Thruway every day, a well-maintained interstate roadway is vital to the safety of travelers and also contributes importantly to a flourishing tourism industry and economy in our county and region.”

Greene County Legislature Chairman Patrick Linger said, “Greene County is very thankful and appreciative for the State's investment in maintaining and improving the most vital transportation corridor in our region. We thank and commend Governor Hochul for prioritizing the safety of our traveling public with these upgrades.”

About the Thruway Authority

The Governor Thomas E. Dewey Thruway, built in the early 1950s, is one of the oldest components of the National Interstate Highway System and one of the longest toll roads in the nation. The maintenance and operation of the Thruway system is funded primarily by tolls. The Thruway Authority does not receive any dedicated federal, state or local tax dollars and is paid for by those who drive the Thruway, including one-third of drivers from out of state.

The Authority's approved 2024 Budget invests a total of \$451 million to support its Capital Program, which is expected to invest \$2.4 billion into capital projects over the next five years—a \$500 million increase following the toll adjustment that was enacted in Jan. 2024. The increased investment will lead to work on approximately half of the Thruway's more than 2,800 lane miles as well as projects on approximately 90 of Thruway's 817 bridges.

The Thruway is considered one of the safest roadways in the country with a fatality rate far below the nationwide index, and toll rates are among the lowest in the country compared to similar toll roads. The Thruway's base passenger vehicle toll rate is less than \$0.05 per mile, compared to the Ohio Turnpike (\$0.06 per mile), the New Jersey Turnpike (\$0.11 and \$0.31 per mile) and the Pennsylvania Turnpike (\$0.14 per mile).

For up-to-date travel information, motorists are encouraged to download the `_mobile` app which is available to download for free on iPhone and Android devices. The app provides motorists direct access to real-time traffic and navigation assistance while on the go. Travelers can also visit the Thruway Authority's interactive Traveler Map that features live traffic cameras. Motorists can also sign up for TRANSalert e-mails, which provide the latest traffic conditions along the Thruway.

For more information, follow the Thruway on Facebook, X and Instagram, or visit our website.



## Adult Education Fall 2024

(October 14th - December 19th)

To sign up visit: <https://www.trivalleycsd.org/district/about-us/adult-education/>



### Hall Walking Monday - Thursday - 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m

*Enjoy the benefits of regular exercise in a comfortable and safe environment. Indoor walking is perfect for all fitness levels and provides a great way to improve your cardiovascular health and boost your mood.*

### Basketball Monday 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (SS gym)

Open rec basketball is open to all skill levels. Come join the fun!

### Painting Monday - 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. (ES Art Room)

*Four painting projects. Sign up for one or all four! (\$10 supply fee, per project, paid to instructor)*

### Woodshop Tuesday- 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. (SS Shop)

*Our popular Adult Education Woodshop class is returning! Whether you're a seasoned craftsman or just starting out, our experienced instructor will guide you through every step.*

### Quilting Tuesday- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (SS Rm 51)

*Whether you are just starting or have been quilting for a while, this class is for adults interested in learning and sharing different techniques for making table runners, wallhangings, or bed quilts.*

### Yoga Wednesday- 6:00 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. (SS Library)

*Come join our adult yoga class and discover the benefits of stretching and relaxing. Whether you're a beginner or have a regular practice, our class offers a welcoming and supportive environment for all levels*

### Chess Wednesday- 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. (SS Bear Den)

*Learn the game of kings from a master! Join our Adult Ed chess class taught by a member of the UCSF and former tournament director. Benefit from expert guidance and insights as you develop your strategic thinking skills. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, our instructor will tailor the class to your level and help you improve your game.*

# Governor Hochul Gives Update on Response to Potential Intravenous Fluid Shortage in New York State Due to Hurricane Damage

**State Department of Health Has Issued Guidance to Hospitals, Long-term Care Providers and Agencies and Emergency Medical Services Officials Assessing Provider Supply Status To Identify Critical IV Fluid Needs**

Governor Kathy Hochul today issued an update on the State's response to the potential disruption of intravenous fluid supply in New York State following the impact of Hurricane Helene. While there is no official shortage of IV fluid in New York State at this time, the State is actively coordinating with federal officials and local health officials to assess the impact of any current or future disruption. As this situation develops, the State stands ready to receive additional supplies of IV fluids that may be procured by the federal government based on local needs. Additionally, the State will continue to closely monitor this situation following any additional issues that may result from the impact of Hurricane Milton.

"The safety and wellbeing of New Yorkers is my top priority - and I'm closely monitoring the supply of IV fluids in our state," Governor Hochul said. "Our administration will work with the federal government, local counties and health care facilities across the State to ensure our medical supply needs are maintained."

State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "The State Health Department is working hard to ensure facilities are able to provide vital, lifesaving care amid this potential nationwide shortage of IV fluids. By issuing this guidance, we are ensuring the current supplies of IV fluids are available for the most critical patients until the supply chain is stabilized."

The current disruption to the IV fluid supply chain has been caused by the remnants of Hurricane Helene, which forced the closure of the Baxter plant in Marion, North Carolina. Baxter is working with the federal government to manage their inventory and minimize supply disruption as they work to fully restore their manufacturing operations. Baxter supplies upwards of 60 percent of IV fluids used in the United States, including in New York State.

The New York State Department of Health issued guidance on October 9, 2024 to health care providers statewide as part of a multifaceted response to limitations on shipments of intravenous fluid (IV) as a result of the impact of Hurricane Helene. Guidance has been distributed to hospitals and diagnostic and treatment centers, including ambulatory surgery centers and end stage renal disease facilities and clinics; long-term care facilities including nursing homes, adult care facilities and home care and hospice providers; and emergency medical services.

While there is no official shortage in New York State at this time, these entities are being asked to adopt proactive strategies to conserve IV fluid to ensure available stock is used effectively and efficiently.

In addition to providing guidance, the State Department of Health is gathering information from providers to assess provider supply status and identify critical needs.

The State Department of Health is also coordinating with organizations that represent health care facilities to ensure that it has a complete picture of the situation. In addition to this, the

Department has implemented its incident command system in response to this situation which allows expedited response and coordination activities to take place.

# Governor Hochul Launches First Phase of Empire AI, Powering Critical Research for the Public Good Just Six Months After FY25 Budget

- **New York is First in the Nation To Establish a Consortium of Public & Private Research Institutions Advancing AI Research for the Public Good at This Scale**
- **Major Philanthropic Contribution From Simons Foundation Allows Researchers To Start Soon and Provides Some of the Strongest Computing Power in the U.S.**
- **Leading Supercomputer Expert Dr. Robert Harrison Appointed as Empire AI Interim Director; Inaugural Board of Directors Named To Ensure Strong Governance**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced New York's first-in-the-nation Empire AI Consortium will commence research this fall, just six months after it was included in the FY25 Enacted Budget. The Simons Foundation made a philanthropic contribution of initial computing power and expert staffing, allowing Empire AI to jumpstart their research. Housed at the University at Buffalo, this initial phase of Empire AI represents some of the most robust computing power in the nation. On behalf of the Consortium, the University at Buffalo has also launched a request for proposals to advance the permanent home of the full-scale state-of-the-art artificial intelligence computing center.

"New York is writing the next chapter of human history with our historic Empire AI initiative - putting innovation, research and technology at the forefront of our investments," Governor Hochul said. "Empire AI is centered in the public interest, and this step brings us closer to using this technology to shape a better future for New Yorkers."

Empire AI Consortium members will leverage the initial research capacity, starting this fall, to advance research aimed at addressing major societal challenges for the public good. These efforts will focus on critical areas such as climate change and resilience, health disparities and interventions, accelerating drug discovery, democratizing education for all populations, and tackling global food insecurity and urban poverty.

AI and the high-performance computing offered by Empire AI will play a pivotal role in solving other complex issues, including sustainable energy solutions, cybersecurity threats, advanced health care diagnostics, equitable economic development, and optimizing infrastructure for smart cities.

The Governor also announced that Stony Brook University's Dr. Robert J. Harrison has been appointed as interim executive director to lead the Consortium, while a national search is conducted for the Consortium's inaugural permanent leader. Professor Robert Harrison is the founding director of the Institute for Advanced Computational Science at Stony Brook University, which was established in 2012 with an endowment from Jim and Marilyn Simons. (Contd. Pg. 46)

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(From Pg. 46) Through his leadership, the institute achieved international recognition as a hub for AI and computer-enabled multidisciplinary research. His long career at the frontiers of science and high-performance computing has spanned academia and multiple US Department of Energy national laboratories including Brookhaven National Laboratory here in New York, on Long Island, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, current home of the world's fastest open-science computer.

Governor Hochul also announced an Empire AI board of directors that will include representatives from the State and from the Consortium higher education partners - the City University of New York, Cornell University, Columbia University, New York University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the State University of New York.

Additionally, the Empire AI Consortium has been formally incorporated as a New York non-profit corporation and taken critical steps to ensure strong governance and accountability, including adopting bylaws and key policies. The computing capacity provided by Simons Foundation will provide researchers in the Consortium the opportunity to begin advanced research immediately while the larger facility is being built.

Simons Foundation President David Spergel said, "The Simons Foundation is thrilled to be supporting the Governor's effort to strengthen New York as a center for computational sciences. This week, the Nobel Prizes in both Chemistry and Physics were awarded to AI researchers. Empire AI will enable New York State researchers and students to be the innovators that create the next great ideas in science and technology."

SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr. said, "Empire AI is securing New York State's leadership in AI for the public good, and SUNY's University at Albany, Binghamton University, University at Buffalo, and Stony Brook University are proud to come together to drive research and innovation with other leading New York State institutions. We applaud Governor Hochul, and we are grateful for the expertise and commitment of the Simons Foundation, Tom Secunda, the entire board of directors, and the researchers and faculty across SUNY and higher education."

CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez said, "Governor Hochul has positioned New York as a national standard-bearer for the responsible development of AI technology and through its generous support, the Simons Foundation has made it possible for the Empire AI consortium to quickly establish a solid foundational and governing structure. CUNY is proud to contribute research expertise to New York State's trailblazing Empire AI consortium, which will harness the magnificent potential of the computational sciences to serve responsibly and equitably the public good."

Bloomberg LP Co-Founder Tom Secunda said, "Under Governor Hochul's leadership, Empire AI has positioned New York as the national leader in AI innovation by providing these impactful tools, usually reserved for only the largest technology companies, to our research institutions and their teams. This tremendous donation from the Simons Foundation will allow staff from all of the Empire AI consortium members to start their research ahead of schedule and

begin harnessing the power of AI for public good. Empire AI will not only speed up discovery but create new kinds of discovery, and now that academic institutions have this head start, we're that much closer to the next scientific breakthrough. We're grateful to all the participating institutions for their willingness to consistently commit significant time and resources to this project, and are excited to welcome Dr. Harrison to the effort."

Stony Brook University Professor and Empire AI Interim Executive Director Dr. Robert Harrison said, "It is a privilege and very exciting to join Empire AI at this formative moment. The Governor's historic investment in Empire AI will transform research and innovation across New York State. It gives our researchers access to high-performance computer technology at a scale typically reserved for only the largest tech companies or nations, positioning New York State to take the national lead on AI-enabled scientific discovery and engineering design."

University at Buffalo President Satish K. Tripathi said, "Because of Governor Hochul's visionary leadership, the generosity of the Simons Foundation, and the support of the state legislature, NYS now has the computing power needed to advance artificial intelligence research. Empire AI will put NYS at the epicenter of AI innovation. This game changing initiative will enable researchers across the consortium to use the power of AI to solve some of our world's most troubling problems. UB is very proud to be the home of Empire AI."

Cornell University Interim President Michael Kotlikoff said, "Cornell applauds the foresight of the Simons Foundation in bringing this 'first light' to Empire AI and academic researchers in New York State, as Governor Hochul has championed. We look forward to the research collaborations across Cornell and the other academic and research institutions who are driving AI research computing forward for the greatest good of discoveries and translation to society."

NYU President Linda G. Mills said, "New York University is both excited by the opportunities presented by Empire AI and proud to work alongside New York's institutes of higher learning in order to drive progress in AI and high-performance computing that will benefit both scientific discovery and help New York remain a destination of cutting-edge technology. We thank Governor Hochul for her continued leadership on this issue and for the support of our partners at the Simons Foundation."

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute President Martin A. Schmidt said, "RPI commends Governor Hochul's dedication to establishing New York as a leader in harnessing the power of AI for the benefit of all. With the governor's trailblazing vision and the generous support and collaboration of our partners, we are excited to embark on this next phase of Empire AI to accelerate critical research and innovation."

Cornell Tech Jack and Rill Neafsey Dean and Vice Provost Greg Morrisett said, "The Empire AI consortium is addressing a vital need: university researchers need access to modern computational machines for two reasons. First, this kind of research now will uncover new opportunities for AI to help solve big challenges such as affordable and equitable health care and climate adaptation in the future. Second, this kind of research community is dedicated to exploring the limitations, technologies, and policies needed to ensure that AI serves the public interest with trust."

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Columbia University Executive Vice President for Research and Professor of Computer Science Jeannette M. Wing said, “The Columbia research community is thrilled to have access to the computational power of Empire AI, with early enthusiasm expressed by researchers developing cutting-edge AI techniques to researchers who use AI to understand the brain, model the earth, or fight misinformation. Governor Hochul’s leadership combined with all of the work of Empire AI member institutions is laying the scientific and ethical foundations of AI for generations to come.”

Assemblymember Steve Otis said, “The financial commitment of the Governor and the Legislature has already resulted in expanded private sector investment in high-tech manufacturing and leadership in AI driven by SUNY and the Empire AI Consortium. Our committee visited UB this summer to meet with key players on the SUNY team leading the Empire AI Consortium. The work of Governor Hochul and Chancellor King provide a roadmap for continued economic success for New York. Our leadership in technology and innovation will bring jobs and new business partners to grow our economy.”

Tech:NYC President and CEO Julie Samuels said, “Thanks to Governor Hochul’s leadership and this generous donation from the Simons Foundation, Empire AI is up and running months ahead of schedule, allowing consortium members to fast-track their groundbreaking research and begin using artificial intelligence for the public good even sooner. New York is already at the forefront of developing AI to solve society’s problems - now, the early launch of Empire AI will create opportunities to speed up discovery and push the envelope even further. Together, alongside public and private institutions, we look forward to catalyzing safe, equitable, and accessible AI research and development, and cementing New York as a leader in responsible AI.”

### Expanding Artificial Intelligence Across New York State

Access to the computing resources that power AI systems is prohibitively expensive and difficult to obtain. These resources are increasingly concentrated in the hands of large technology companies, who maintain outsized control of the AI development ecosystem. As a result, researchers, public interest organizations, and small companies are being left behind, which has enormous implications for AI safety and society at large. Empire AI will bridge this gap and accelerate the development of AI centered in public interest for New York State. Enabling this pioneering AI research and development will also help educational institutions incubate the AI-focused technology startups of the future, driving job growth.

The Empire AI consortium includes seven New York-based founding institutions: Columbia University, Cornell University, New York University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the State University of New York, the City University of New York and the Flatiron Institute. By increasing collaboration between New York State’s world-class research institutions, Empire AI will allow for efficiencies of scale not able to be achieved by any single university, empower and attract top notch faculty and expand educational opportunity, and give rise to a wave of responsible innova-

tion that will significantly strengthen our state’s economy and our national security.

The initiative will be funded by over \$400 million in public and private investment, including a \$250 million State capital grant investment, and \$25 million over ten years in SUNY funding. The project will also receive more than \$125 million from the founding institutions and other private partners, including the Simons Foundation, whose Flatiron Institute works to advance research through computational methods, and Tom Secunda, co-founder of Bloomberg LP and the Secunda Family Foundation, which provides millions of dollars a year in grants to conservation, health care, scientific advancement and other causes.

In addition, as part of the Budget, Governor Hochul signed legislation to prioritize safe, ethical uses of AI as the state continues to build its AI footprint. The legislation includes a requirement that all forms of political communication - including image, video, audio, text or any technological representation of speech or conduct - disclose the use of materially deceptive media.

### Governor Hochul’s Innovation Agenda

Governor Hochul’s commitment to advancing New York’s leadership in artificial intelligence builds on her broader agenda to expand cutting-edge technology development in the Empire State. Earlier this year, Governor Hochul announced that IBM CEO Arvind Krishna and Girls Who Code CEO Dr. Tarika Barrett will co-chair the new Emerging Technology Advisory Board - an independent group of industry leaders tasked with informing and accelerating New York’s transformation into a hub for growth and innovation. The Governor previously signed New York’s historic Green CHIPS legislation to drive semiconductor research, development, and manufacturing in New York State and announced a \$10 billion partnership to bring next-generation chips research to NY CREATES’ Albany NanoTech Complex. The Governor has continued to advance a \$620 million Life Science Initiative to support innovation in biomedical research. And through strategic investments like the \$113.7 million Battery-NY initiative, Governor Hochul has fueled the growth of the sustainability, green technology and energy storage economies in New York State.

The Governor’s innovation agenda has catalyzed major public and private investments, transforming New York’s economy and creating good-paying jobs of the future. GlobalFoundries recently announced an \$11.6 billion investment to expand its chip manufacturing campus in New York’s Capital Region, creating 1,500 direct jobs and thousands of indirect jobs. In 2022, Micron announced a 20-year, \$100 billion investment to create a megafab campus in Central New York, creating 50,000 new direct and indirect jobs and unlocking hundreds of millions of dollars in community benefits. The Governor’s Life Sciences Initiative helped to solidify New York’s selection for the \$300 million Chan Zuckerberg Biohub New York, a biomedical research hub in New York City, and significant investments from Schrödinger, Inc., Deerfield Discovery and Development and other life sciences businesses. Earlier this year, the National Science Foundation also announced a \$160 million investment in Binghamton University’s New Energy New York Storage Engine to establish a hub for innovation, technology translation, and workforce development to grow the capacity of the domestic battery industry.



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

*For any other questions  
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# Daniel Pierce Library

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- OPEN HOUSE & HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
**October 30, 2024**  
**5 - 7 pm**  
**During Parents for Parents Support Group**

Social skills classes will be held in person at ATI Main Office at 309 E Broadway in Monticello, NY. Parents may be required to attend some sessions with their child to offer guidance and support.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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Parents for Parents is designed to support and empower families raising children with emotional, behavioral challenges, learning disabilities or Autism, in a nonjudgmental setting. Each group meeting will consist of a topic discussion, or Parent Empowerment Workshop or a creative activity. All supplies are FREE of charge.

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# Middle School Social Skills



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Social skills classes will be held in person during Parent for Parent Support Group at ATI Main Office at 309 E Broadway in Monticello, NY.



## OPEN HOUSE & HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 30, 2024

5 - 7 pm

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## Ensuring FEMA's Focus is on Natural Disaster Relief

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULYCqYO7b\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULYCqYO7b_g)

As we continue to cope with the devastating damage from Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, my thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by these storms.

Communities across the Southeast are in dire need of assistance to rebuild, and we must ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) stays focused on its mission-providing critical relief in times of natural disasters, not the resettlement of illegal immigrants. I have cosponsored legislation to end FEMA's Shelter and Services Program, which currently funds the resettlement of illegal immigrants. I believe we need to prioritize FEMA's resources for disaster-stricken American citizens and ensure relief efforts are directed where they are most urgently needed.

Reflecting on the One-Year Anniversary of the Horrific October 7th Attacks & the Urgent Need to Stand with the Jewish Community

On October 7th of last year, Hamas, an Iranian-backed terrorist organization, carried out its heinous October 7th attacks against Israeli civilians. More than a thousand innocent civilians, including Americans, were killed, raped, tortured, beaten, brutalized, or kidnapped at the hands of Hamas. October 7th was the deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust, and I continue to mourn the loss of the precious souls murdered on that day. May their memories be a blessing and their murderers be brought to justice.

This week, I attended the October 7th Night of Remembrance at Temple Concord in Syracuse alongside Rep. Brandon Williams, Assemblyman John Lemondes, and other local officials. I met with Grace Dean, the mother of Staff Sgt. Jonathan W. Dean Chaim who was killed by Hamas. Grace spoke powerfully about her son and the inspiring life he led. We honored the female Surveillance Soldiers who were captured and killed along with Oz Davidian, the Kutz Family, Amit Mann, Shaylee Atary, the Golan Family, and Yahav.

One would think that unequivocally condemning this horrific attack would be common sense. Yet, one year later, I am horrified by the pro-Hamas encampments, riots, and mobs that we have seen across our country, particularly on college campuses. Even some of my colleagues in Congress continue to refuse to condemn Hamas' terrorism. We have witnessed individuals engage in anti-Semitic chants of "from the river to the sea," calling for the erasure of Israel, the lone democracy in the region. Further, while these individuals claim to support a "ceasefire," those calls only seem to apply to Israel's attempts to defend itself and not to Iranian and Iranian-backed attacks

against Israel. These individuals also remain shockingly silent in joining calls for Hamas to release its hostages.

One year later, Hamas still holds captive over 97 hostages from October 7th, including American citizens. Throughout the last year, I have met with dozens of family members of hostages being held by Hamas, and I have joined their calls for Hamas to immediately and unconditionally release all of its hostages. We recently learned that out of fear that Israel may free him, Hamas killed Hersh Goldberg-Polin, an American citizen whom they held captive for almost a year. I continue to mourn the loss of Hersh, along with all the hostages who have been killed. I wholeheartedly support Israel's ongoing campaign to free the remaining hostages in Gaza and commend the work of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) to liberate the remaining hostages and recover the bodies of those killed by Hamas.

Sadly, one year later, the Biden administration still refuses to address the true root cause of the October 7th attacks: the brutal Iranian regime. Without the backing of the despotic Iranian mullahs, Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis could not have launched the October 7th attacks. Iran provides these terrorist proxies with critical funding, training, arms, and intelligence. Under the Biden administration, the United States has failed to enforce our existing sanctions, allowing Iran to earn an estimated \$100 billion in oil and arms sales, which fund their aforementioned terrorist proxies. The Biden administration must reinstate the Trump administration's Maximum Pressure Campaign and encourage our E3 allies to invoke snapback sanctions on Iran immediately. The Biden administration must also give their full and unequivocal support to Israel as it eliminates the terrorist leadership and infrastructure of Hamas and Hezbollah, which are not only Israel's enemies but also our adversaries.

One year later, however, there is still reason for hope. Over the last year, we have seen the promise of the Abraham Accords in action when the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan helped Israel repel an attack by Iran. Ayatollah Khamenei's worst nightmare is a peaceful coexistence between Israel and its neighbors. We must continue working to expand and strengthen the Abraham Accords to achieve a lasting peace in the region. I am hopeful that an expansion of the Abraham Accords is possible and that Israel will succeed in freeing the remaining hostages and eliminating the threat posed by Hamas and Hezbollah. I will never waver in my support of Israel, one of our greatest allies, and will continue working to ensure that Never Again truly means Never Again.

Receiving the "Friend of the Family" Award for Defending Conservative Values and Religious Freedom

The woke Left continues its assault on conservative values, religious liberty, and the sanctity of life. It is essential to stand behind legislation that defends these priorities. I am deeply honored to receive the Friend of the Family Award, which highlights my commitment to safeguarding freedom, religious liberties, and supporting Israel. This includes my support for numerous bills, including the Parents Bill of Rights Act, which ensures parents have the right to know what their children are being taught and what is happening in our nation's schools and the Protecting Women and Girls in Sports Act, aimed at preserving fairness by preventing biological men from competing in women's sports, further advocating for conservative principles and traditional values. I am grateful to the Faith and Freedom Coalition for this recognition and remain dedicated to fighting for the values NY-24 holds dear in Congress.



## Congressman Pat Ryan and House Democratic Veterans Slam Election-Denying Republicans for Attempts to Disenfranchise Active Duty Servicemembers, Ask Secretary of Defense Austin to Guarantee Troops' Voting Rights Are Protected

Last week, 6 Republican Members of Congress from Pennsylvania, who all refused to certify the 2020 election, filed a lawsuit to strip voting rights away from U.S. citizens living abroad, including military personnel

Ryan: "These Americans who raised their right hand and swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution may be stripped of one of the most fundamental rights it guarantees"

KINGSTON, NY - Today, Army veteran Congressman Pat Ryan, alongside five fellow House Democratic veterans, slammed election-denying Republicans for their attempts to disenfranchise active duty servicemembers, and asked Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to guarantee that the voting rights of military personnel stationed overseas are protected. Last week, 6 House Republicans, all of whom refused to certify the 2020 election, filed a lawsuit challenging the Uniform and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), which requires states to allow eligible Americans living abroad, including military personnel, to vote in federal elections. Secretary of Defense Austin is the principal executive official with administrative responsibility for carrying out UOCAVA. The letter, co-led by Navy veteran Congressman Chris Deluzio and Air Force veteran Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan, was also signed by Marine Corps veterans Congressman Seth Moulton and Congressman Salud Carbajal, as well as Army veteran Congressman Mike Thompson.

"Six election-denying extremists are trying to disenfranchise our men and women in uniform. It's disgraceful and anti-democratic," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "These are quite literally troops who raised their right hands and swore an oath to protect and defend our Constitution - and now extremists are stripping them of their constitutional rights. This isn't about Democrats and Republicans. It's about doing right by those putting their lives on the line for our country, and they deserve to know immediately their right to vote will be protected."

"The un-American efforts by my Republican colleagues attacking our service members' right to vote is despicable. With this letter today, we are drawing a line in the sand," said Congressman Chris Deluzio. "I will always fight like hell to ensure that every eligible American, in uniform abroad or here at home, can freely exercise their right to

vote."

"Pennsylvania is the bedrock on which the foundation of our constitution and rights as Americans was formed. I am deeply ashamed of my colleagues who are trying to prevent members of our military, who are stationed overseas from voting in this upcoming election," said Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan. "We cannot allow six Republican Pennsylvanian members, the same ones who refused to certify the 2020, to toss aside those rights and disenfranchise the very people who are serving us and are in harm's way across the globe. I stand alongside other veterans in Congress in sending this letter to Secretary Austin to ensure our servicemembers' fundamental rights are preserved and protected in this upcoming election."

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) was enacted by Congress in 1986. UOCAVA requires that the states and territories allow members of the United States Uniformed Services to register and vote absentee in elections for Federal offices. The legislation was last updated in 2010 to make voting easier for service members. In March 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order 14019, which put further steps in place to ensure service member's right to vote.

A copy of House Democratic veterans' letter to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin is included below:

Dear Secretary Austin,

We write to express deep concern about the actions of our congressional colleagues and request your support in ensuring overseas military personnel and Americans abroad retain their right to participate fully in U.S. elections. My colleagues are attempting to usurp the right to vote from our men and women in uniform, as well as their families. These Americans who raised their right hand and swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution may be stripped of one of the most fundamental rights it guarantees.

Earlier this month, six Congressmen, who all refused to certify the 2020 election, filed a lawsuit threatening the right to vote for Americans overseas. Our colleagues seek to litigate longstanding federal law at the expense of our service members. Undercutting confidence in our free and fair elections by disenfranchising our service men and women is unacceptable. Unfortunately, we must remind them that it is the Sense of Congress: that "each uniformed services voter receives the utmost consideration and cooperation when voting, each valid ballot cast by such a voter is duly counted, and all eligible American voters, regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, the language they speak, or the resources of the community in which they live, should have an equal opportunity to cast a vote and to have that vote counted."

As the principal executive official with administrative responsibility for carrying out The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), we seek further clarification on how you will carry out this Act and if this lawsuit will affect the constitutional rights of service members. UOCAVA was enacted by Congress in 1986 and was last updated in 2010 to make voting easier for service members. Executive Order 14019 puts further steps in place to ensure service member's right to vote.

While some of our colleagues are actively seeking to sow discord and misinformation, we urge you to carry out President Biden's executive order and Federal Law to the best of your ability and ensure that all Americans have their constitutionally guaranteed right to participate in federal elections.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to hearing what the Department is doing to ensure that servicemembers and Americans abroad can have confidence that their ballots will be counted.



## Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

### 1. Remembering the victims of October 7

Kirsten attended a memorial ceremony in Central Park to remember the victims of Hamas's October 7th attack on Israel. In addition to honoring the innocent victims, Kirsten pledged not to rest until the hostages still being held by Hamas are returned home to their families.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/10/07/nyregion/oct-7-nyc-protest-vigil.html>

### 2. Fighting child hunger

In the richest country on earth, no child should go hungry.



Kirsten visited Rush-Henrietta High School outside of Rochester to meet with students and talk about her Universal School Meals Program Act. The bill would provide free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack to all kids who want one - regardless of income - and eliminate all school lunch debt.

Learn more

<https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2024/10/05/gillibrand-promotes-universal-school-meals-how-would-it-work/>

### 3. Working for Veterans

After disturbing reports emerged of veteran mistreatment at

the Buffalo VA, Kirsten is demanding accountability and change.

She's calling for a comprehensive investigation of VA hospitals and care practices to make sure that no veteran - in Buffalo, in New York, or anywhere in the country - slips through the cracks ever again.

Read more about her push.

<https://www.audacy.com/wben/news/local/gillibrand-kennedy-pledge-to-hold-vas-feet-to-the-fire-demand-comprehensive-review-of-va-community-care-practices>

### 4. Keeping health care costs down

Unless Congress acts, health care premiums are about to skyrocket.

That means 20 million Americans - including 1.5 million New Yorkers - will be forced to pay an average of \$120 more each month for insurance - or lose coverage entirely.

Kirsten is introducing legislation to extend health care subsidies and keep costs lowered for all Americans.

Learn more

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/with-millions-set-to-lose-health-insurance-or-pay-thousands-more-for-coverage-gillibrand-announces-legislation-to-extend-affordable-care-act-subsidies/>

### 5. Meeting with business leaders

Kirsten held a roundtable with local business leaders and the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation at Wagner College to talk about what she's doing to help small businesses grow and thrive.

### 6. ... And with veterans

Service members are developing traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) from routine exposure to blasts from their own weapons.

Kirsten stopped by VFW Post 9587 to meet with local veterans and discuss her Blast Overpressure Safety Act, legislation that would improve research and better protect our service members from TBIs.

Learn more

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/press-releases/>

### 7. Working for New Yorkers

When a New Yorker needed to secure a new passport or risk missing an upcoming trip abroad, she contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted the passport agency on her behalf, and got the passport mailed to her the next day so that she was able to travel as planned.

Kirsten is always available to help New Yorkers with passport problems, veterans benefits, Social Security delays, or any other issue involving a federal agency.

Need help? Contact her here. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/>



## Molinaro Participates in Ulster County Candidate Forum – Josh Riley Skips Again To Avoid Questions About Open Border Plan

Binghamton, NY -- , Congressman Marc Molinaro will participate in a candidate forum with the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce.

Like he did in 2022, DC Insider Josh Riley has again declined to participate in the forum. It comes as Josh Riley has been under fire for supporting plans that keep the border open and give taxpayer funded benefits like credit cards, hotels, and housing to illegal immigrants.

Congressman Marc Molinaro said, "I'm excited to again participate in this forum and answer questions. This election is about priorities. My priority is putting Upstate New York families, farmers, small businesses first. Josh Riley puts illegal immigrants first and will support policies that keep the border open to criminals, spend billions of your tax dollars on perks for illegal immigrants, and bankrupt Social Security. That's why he's dodging voters, interviews, debates, and tomorrow's forum.

## Molinaro Joins Delaware County Acting District Attorney & Sheriff to Announce Felony Charges Against Illegal Immigrant

Delhi, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today joined Delaware County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith, Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond, and local officials to announce three felony charges against Cruz Garcia, 43, an illegal immigrant without legal status in the United States.

Cruz Garcia was indicted by the Delaware County Grand Jury for Strangulation in the Second Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the First Degree, and Rape in the First Degree. These events occurred on the evening of July 25, 2023, while the defendant was released on separate unrelated felony charges from Orange County. Those charges include Felony DWI and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the First Degree. Due to New York State's bail reform laws, the defendant was automatically released from custody.

Rep. Molinaro said, "My heart goes out to the victim and her family. I also want to thank the Acting District Attorney and the Delaware County Sheriff's office for their work to bring this perpetrator to justice. What we are seeing is a preventable tragedy, precipitated by Albany's bail reform laws and a failed migrant policy. We need to stop accepting failed policies that put families in our communities in-danger. There is nothing controversial or partisan about prioritizing the safety of Upstate New

Yorkers. I once again call for bipartisan action."

Senator Peter Oberacker said, "This case clearly highlights the dual failures of Albany and Washington. The absence of any practical immigration policy coupled with the proven debacle known as bail reform are endangering the public on a daily basis. Dangerous criminals continue to receive a pass here in New York State and our police and prosecutors are forced to continually fight upstream just to do their jobs. I commend Acting Delaware County District Attorney Shawn Smith and our law enforcement officers for their work on this case. As a sponsor and co-sponsor of several bills to end bail reform in New York, I will continue to advocate for a return to sanity and safety to our streets."

Rep. Molinaro has been an outspoken critic of New York State's bail reform laws and migrant policy. He is supporting legislation to curb bail reform laws and last month passed a bill to prevent schools from being transformed into migrant shelters.



**Smith Family Farm II LLC  
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Time: 12:00 PM**

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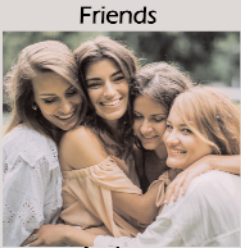
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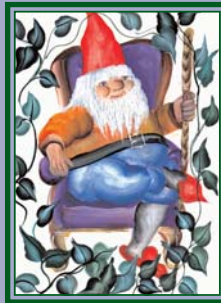
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Directed by King Vidor and starring Spencer Tracy, Walter  
Brennan, Robert Youn, plus Hussey and Pendleton

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Third*

**This weeks' Trivia question:**

*War of the Worlds* was a 1952 film remade with spectac-  
ular effects in 2005. Who wrote the book on which it  
was based?

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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S**  
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This week it's ghost time and now that we are online we can submit more information for the pleasure of your interaction!

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**The Ghost Goes West**

( 1h 22m / Comedy / TV-G / 1935)

An American millionaire disturbs a Scottish ghost when the castle he haunts is moved to Florida. The new owners are not aware the castle is haunted.



Directed by René Clair, Imlay Watts, and *starring Robert Donat, Jean Parker, Eugene Pallette.*



**The Canterville Ghost**

(1h 36m / Horror / Science-Fiction / TV-G1944)

*IMBd, Roku, YouTube*

A ghost who died a coward tries to inspire U.S. G.I.s to become heroes.



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