

(Monticello & Jeffersonville, NY) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) starts their planned celebration of American music a bit early this October. The program includes: Gian Carlo Menotti Cantelina e Scherzo for Harp and String Quartet, Jean Françaix Duo Baroque for Bass and Harp, Lee Hoiby Theme and Variations Op. 61 for String Quartet (Originally for Organ arranged by the composer) and Antonin Dvo_ák String Quartet No. 12 in F Major "American".

The performances are Saturday October 21, 2023 at 7pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 14 St. John St., Monticello, NY and Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 2 pm at Lulu's Social Club, Jeffersonville Bakeshop, 4906 State Route 52, Jeffersonville, NY.

For ticket pricing & purchasing, visit: https://linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts or at the door. For any questions, please call Marina Lombardi at: 845-798-9006 or email marina@nesinculturalarts.org. If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation. (Contd. Pg. 5)

ATI fulfills Backpack Project at Sullivan County School Districts



Tri-Valley: (Left to right) NYSEG's Gabi Matthews, Tri-Valley's Director of Pupil Services presented the last two donations to Danielle Cornish, and ATI's Children and Family Services Program Manager Akilah Sullivan County School Districts. (Contd. Pg. 4)

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY: Action Toward Independence (ATI), New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG), and volunteers from both organizations teamed up for a Backpack Project to equip Sullivan County students with tools to succeed during the 2023-24 school year.

Now in its third year, the goal of the Backpack Project to fill and distribute backpacks to eligible students in the local school districts' Special Education Department was met and exceeded when on September 26, ATI and NYSEG staff presented the last two donations to Sullivan County School Districts. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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OCTOBER 19, 2023

On the Front Burner: The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:3

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OBITUARY

Lloyd Eugene Botsford, known affectionately



unwavering love for his family and friends. He was (Hornbeck) Botsford, born on January 31,

Llovd worked as an electrician for the 3. Letters should offer worthwhile comments and avoid libel New York City DEP for nearly four decades. However, it was outside of the enthusiasm for horseshoes knew no 5. The writer must provide his/her full name, address and bounds, and he was an active participant Botsy's passion for the annual fundraising 6. Copies of letters or third-party letters will not be accepted. tournaments was unmatched, and he was

learn. When horseshoes were out of sea-To renew or receive a new subscription son, he enjoyed weekly dart games with

Lloyd extended his coaching talents to teams and boys' little league. He was unwavering at his grandchildren's sporting events, never missing a moment of their growth and achievements.

A founding member of the Old Hogs Motorcycle Club, Lloyd's love for riding A <u>change of an email address must be received a</u> just ride; he shared his passion, leading ath prior to change in order to much all member to the OB's, an avid reader, an enthusiast of music, and always up for a competitive board or card game.

But perhaps Lloyd's most enduring connect with people. He was a friend to all he met, his warm and welcoming spirit making everyone feel like an immediate friend. His charisma, kindness, and sense Photos or lucky to cross his path.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Lee Botsford; his sons, Greg and Drew Botsford; his daughter-in-law, Kimberly Botsford; his beloved grandchildren, Aubrey, Chase, and Madison Botsford; his sister, Linda Hewlett, brother-in-laws, Danny Beiling, Andrew Beiling, John Beiling, Paul Stephenson, his sister-in-laws Ann Stephenson, Lori Wheatly, Tee Beiling and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. His sister, Dona Valletta, predeceased him.

A visitation was held from Saturday, October 14, 2023, at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

Donations can be made to the Neversink Fire Department or the New York State Troopers Benevolent Association.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information, call 845-434-7363 or visit:

www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

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DAYS OF YORE.... **Today's History**

October 28, 1953

Mr. George D. Countryman passed away at his residence in Neversink on Friday. He was 90 years old. He was born in Neversink on November 30. 1862, the son of Peter Yable Countryman and Jane York Countryman.

Mr. Countryman married Emma J. Misner on December 4, 1895 in Woodbourne. He is survived by his wife; two daughters; four grandchildren and one great-grandson. (Contd. Pg 3)

Mr. Arthur F. Cole, 57, died on October 19th at his residence in Hasbrouck. He was born in Divine Corners on September 22, 1896, the son of Fred Cole and Lizzie Turner. Mr. Cole married Mildred Labagh on October 22, 1919 in Liberty. He is survived by his wife; one brother, William J. Cole of Hurleyville; two sisters, Carrie L. Eltz of Hurleyville and Margaret Radcliff of Divine Corners. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Nature Column - L. Comando

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley Published October 31, 1996

Folks often say that autumn is their favorite time of the year. Cool nights and multi-colored leaves are just a couple of reasons why so many of us love this season. As I am sitting here in my bedroom, looking out at my beautiful maple tree, all dressed up in autumn colors, a thought came to me. What ever happened to our birch trees? They seem to be very scarce. Birch trees have a special place in my heart, since I was raised among birch and beech trees with their white glory standing out against the blue sky. This was always a beautiful sight to me. My rope swing hung from a limb of a birch tree and I quite often found the young, tender branch of a birch tree and chewed off the bark. It tasted real good. Wild berries pressed between the leaves made real tasty sandwiches for my sisters and me as we enjoyed "tea time" with our dolls many years ago.

I recall there were beech trees on old man Davis' farm where my husband and I set up housekeeping following our marriage. I spent many hours listening to the whine and clang of the buzz saw as it sang a simple workman's song while it made firewood of many of our beautiful birch trees. This made me really angry and then those lovely birches warmed our hearths and home all of the following winter months. As I look out of my window, I see gorgeous maple trees, my apple trees but where are the birches?

DAYS OF YORE...Today's History

(From Pg. 2) October 23, 1963

Edward M. Condon, a senior at T.V.C.S., has been invited by Governor Nelson Rockefeller to attend the State-Wide Youth Conference to be held in Albany on November 13-15. The State Conference is a culmination of regional conferences held in 1963. Delegates are selected by state and regional evaluators.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kelder and family moved into their new home over the weekend, the former Donald Rhodes residence which the Kelders bought through Charles Klothe, real estate broker.

November 14, 1973

Congratulations to John and Shirley Barlow of Deposit on the birth on their daughter, Julie Renee, born on October 10th. She weighed 4 lbs. 9 oz. The Barlows are former Grahamsville residents.

Margaret Myers, 77, of Taylor Road, Claryville, died Friday at Liberty Loomis Hospital. She was a lifetime resident of the area. Mrs. Myers was born March 1, 1896 in Red Hill to Rinard and Regina Brust Rudolph. She was a member of the Claryville Reformed Church. Surviving are her sister, Miss Edna Rudolph and several nieces and nephews.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. George Rashevich on November 18th. (Contd. Pg. 5)

Household Hint: Clean your toothbrush holder

Get the grime, bacteria, and caked-on toothpaste drippings out of the grooves of your bathroom toothbrush holder by cleaning the openings with cotton swabs moistened with white vinegar. A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater, Shirley Davis and Hulda Vernooy.

It's Leaf Peeping Time in the Catskills

Are you wondering why the leaves are just beginning to turn color, and yet we haven't had a heavy frost?

Or do you just wonder how and why a leaf changes color in the fall? Why a maple leaf turns bright red? Where do the yellows and oranges come from in some leaves? Or why the mighty oak leaves turn brown.



The annual change in tree leaf color actually starts just after the longest day and first day of summer, June 21 in the Northern Hemisphere, when the earth tilts to the point where the sun begins its return on a path back toward the Southern Hemisphere. You will not see the change then, but that is when internal changes begin to occur. Chemical changes that turn leaves from pale green in spring to dark green in summer and then to yellows and reds in fall are quite complex. The green pigment in chlorophyll. It is stored in plastids that diminish and are replaced by a pigment color without chlorophyll. The exact color is determined by each tree species. There are three major components for pigment change in leaves: Plastids- the minute leaf structures that carry green chlorophyll and color the summer forest; Carotenoids - stored in plastids; and anthocyanins - in leaf sap are the leaf paints (pigments) that color the forest of autumn.

During the summer there is so much chlorophyll in an active leaf that the green masks other pigment colors. Light regulates chlorophyll production, so as autumn days grow shorter, less chlorophyll is produced. The decomposition rate of chlorophyll remains constant, so the green color starts to fade from leaves.

At the same time, surging sugar concentrations cause increased production of anthocyanin pigments. Leaves containing primarily anthocyanins will appear red. Carotenoids are another class of pigments found in some leaves. Carotenoid production is not dependent on light, so levels aren't diminished by shortened days. Carotenoids can be orange, yellow, or red, but most of these pigments found in leaves are yellow. Leaves with good amounts of both anthocyanins and carotenoids will appear orange.

Leaves with carotenoids but little or no anthocyanin will appear yellow. In the absence of these pigments, other plant chemicals also can affect leaf color. An example includes tannins, which are responsible for the brownish color of some oak leaves.

Temperature does affect the rate of chemical reactions, including those in leaves, so it does play a part in leaf color. However, it's mainly light levels that are responsible for fall foliage colors. Sunny autumn days are needed for the brightest color displays, since anthocyanins require light. Overcast days will lead to more yellows and browns.

Looking at the weather forecast, it looks like we just might have a very colorful fall. Once there is not enough light or water for photosynthesis the leaves will thenshut down their food-making factories and will live off the food they stored during the summer. During the late fall and cold winter months the trees will take a rest before starting the whole process again next spring.

For now -Happy Leaf Peeping!

ATI fulfills Backpack Project at Sullivan County School Districts



Roscoe pic: (Left to right) NYSEG's Uthman Aziz, Roscoe Central School students and ATI's Children and Family Services Program Manager Akilah Sutphin holding just five of the hundreds of backpacks distributed to students during the project.



Fallsburg Backpacks: From the left: ATI's Children and Family Services Program Manager, Akilah Sutphin, NYSEG's Program Manager Uthman Aziz, Fallsburg's Director of Pupil Personnel Services Leighanne Russell, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Sally Sharkey, Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, NYSEG's Gabi Matthews, Dena Schulte and Travis Kelly, and NYSEG Regional Manager John Schneck.

(From Pg. 1) Partnering with NYSEG enabled ATI to donate 465 backpacks to students throughout the county. As an organization that supports individuals with disabilities, including families of children with disabilities, ATI found it most appropriate to donate directly to each school district's Special Education Departments.



Livingston Manor Backpacks 1: (Left to right) ATI's Children and Family Services Program Manager, Akilah Sutphin, NYSEG's Program Manager Uthman Aziz, Superintendent John Evans and Director of Special Services Lauren Marrero, and NYSEG's Travis Kelly and Gabi Matthews.

ATI's Children and Family Services Program Man-ager, Akilah Sutphin, reported, "We are so grateful to NYSEG and its commitment to partner with agencies like ours by providing tangible support that positively impacts our communities. NYSEG's volunteer efforts and sponsorships are commendable. ... We look forward to continuing to support parents and helping the youth in our community be as successful as possible, starting with having the essentials needed to start off the school year just right!" For more information about ATI services and programs for families and youth please call 845-794-4228, visit ATI Main Office, located at 309 E Broadway, Monticello, NY, or visit ATItoday.org.

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Days of Yore...Today's History

(From Pg. 3) On November 3rd Town Justice Harry Bailey performed a marriage ceremony for Miss Marta Hanacik of Callicoon Center and Mr. Jeffrey Zaries of Liberty in the presence of their families.

A 25th Anniversary celebration was held Sunday afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. Don TerBush. The party was given by their children and held at the First Aid Building.

October 27 1983

William D. Hadden of Woodbourne, a retired Woodbourne Correctional Facility employee, and a lifelong area resident, died October 20, 1983 in Community General Hospital, Harris after a long illness. He was 68. The son of the late Harrison and Nora Vantran Hadden, he was born Aug. 18, 1915 in Woodbourne. Survivors include his wife, Vivian Van Vleet Hadden at home; a son, Gary of Canandaigua; a brother, Earl of Leesburg; a sister, Mildred Denman of Woodbourne; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

From the pen of Tom Higgins: Tid Bits: The National Technical Service of the Dept. of Commerce notes that foreigners now own 13.5 million acres of agricultural land in the United States, or about 1% of all our farms and forests....If your child was born in 1982, it will cost a minimum of \$80,926 to rear him or her to age 18.

SCCO Presents: String a Song (From Pg. 1) Gian Carlo Menotti was long considered one of the

great American romantics and certainly enjoyed critical success, but not to the degree of his colleagues who were exploring the world of serialism. Menotti's primarily composed vocal music which is characterized by expressive lyricism that carefully sets language to natural rhythms in ways that highlight textual meaning. He composed very few instrumental works and the Cantelina is one of the most exquisite of his compositions, with strong emotions pouring from the music. Menotti was the teacher of the late great composer Lee Hoiby who resided in Sullivan County. Lee, like Menotti, championed lyricism at a time when such compositions were deemed old fashioned. He had a greater catalogue of instrumental music and Lee would often arrange his compositions for different instruments when he was inspired.

To fill in the program, two works were selected; one based on instrumentation, the other based on the theme of the program. Françaix was like Menotti and Hoiby in the sense that he rejected serialism to create music that was pleasant to the listener. He was a master of melody and playfulness that was heavily inspired by thick harmonies commonly found in jazz music at the time. Duo Baroque is a charming work for an unusual but very compelling instrumentation and is only baroque in the sense that it follows a typical baroque sonata format which showcases a very playful side of the double bass. Ending the program will be the "American Quartet" by Dvo_ák, a timeless classic. Dvo_ák was heavily inspired by the music and sights of America and resided in this country as an educator for a time. He composed this quartet on a trip to Iowa, visiting a small farming community of Czech immigrants. This piece was composed very quickly and has become a staple of the repertoire that continues to inspire performers and patrons.

SCCO is a Nesin Cultural Arts supported project. This program is 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, Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation, Laura Jane Musser Fund, Sullivan County Legislature, Sullivan County Youth Bureau, M&T Charitable Foundation, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, NY Life Foundation, Walmart Community Foundation and Stewart's Shoppes.

Public Safety Commissioner Currently Fighting Fires in Israel Schulte Is Part of Emergency Volunteer Teams

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Public Safety



Scott Schulte Commissioner knows firsthand what Israelis and Palestinians are enduring. He's in southern Israel at this very moment.

"We've already had rocket attacks," Schulte confirmed from a spot not far from the Gaza border on Friday.

The Ulster County native and firefighter has long been a member of the Emergency Volunteers Project, a disaster relief & rescue organization whose primary mission is to deploy volunteer teams

to Israel in times of crisis.

"We're under Israel's National Fire Service, approved by the Knesset," Schulte explained. "I've been deployed twice before, but this is the first time for a fully declared war."

And during this 14-day deployment, he fully expects to be assigned to areas of Israel under direct attack.

'I'm a team commander of 21 fellow volunteers [all from America], but in terms of field response, I'll just be another firefighter," he related - albeit in a war zone. "We'll all have flak jackets and Kevlar helmets on."

It's that team spirit that has kept him involved.

"I know many of the people who are here, so it's very personal to me," Schulte affirmed. "Everyone I serve with is very experienced and seasoned in emergency response."

He also wants to demonstrate the same kind of compassion and courage he's witnessed locally with Hatzolah, the various Jewish first-response agencies which serve Sullivan County and much of downstate New York.

"I think this is the least I can do, when you look at all Hatzolah does for us," he remarked.

But go ahead and ask him why he's doing this. You'll find his reply is filled with firm conviction.

"Anyone that saw what happened the day Israel was attacked can answer that for themselves."

"We're incredibly proud of Commissioner Schulte for undertaking this very dangerous mission," noted Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek. "All of Sullivan County applauds his dedication to protecting and saving lives, and we pray for his safe return and that of his teammates. We also pray for that ever-elusive peace in the Middle East, and our thoughts go to all the innocent families caught in the crossfire of this conflict."



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Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 58 Bearskin

Mysterious Book Report No. 350 Published October 18, 2018 by John Dwaine McKenna

There is a quiet, but ongoing – and growing – conflict in America, in which well-intentioned, ultra-wealthy individuals are buying up huge parcels of undeveloped land and forests, which they then put into Nature Conservancies . . . places where, they hope, all things of and in the earth will flourish as they did before the emergence of mankind. Human beings, due to their rapacious and destructive nature, are strictly forbidden from any contact with, or entry into, the designated area. Which puts the absentee owners into immediate conflict with the local, occasionally impoverished folks who've always hunted, fished, trapped and timbered on the now closed off property. It's a situation people living in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York are painfully aware of. And, it's a conflict dripping with drama that's explored in an electrifying new debut novel that will keep readers bolted in place reading, from the first page until the last.



Bearskin, (Ecco/Harper Collins, \$26.99, 340 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-274279-7) by James McLaughlin is the raw, compelling and lyrical story of a man running away from a criminal past in the desert southwest and redeeming himself by escaping into an uncertain future as a caretaker on a remote northern Virginia forest preserve. Its owned of course, by a rich, aging California woman who's an ex-hippie and nature lover.

Rice Moore is the caretakers name. He's a former mule who carried contraband back and forth across the Arizona-Mexico border, done time in a Mexican prison and is hiding out from the cartel assassins who've vowed to



kill him. The Preserve, as it's referred to, is pristine, untouched for more than a hundred years . . . and it's full of wild black bears . . . hunted for their meat by locals using hounds, and coveted by poachers who sell the gall bladders and paws to the Chinese. Rice, a bad-ass who survived a term in one of Mexico's most notorious prisons, is there to protect all the wildlife in the preserve, document the echosphere and, in his spare time, rebuild a neglected guest cabin. All-in-all, a typical non-profit job, where the workload far exceeds the pay. But when Rice discovers the remains of a bear, killed illegally on the Preserve, he takes it personally and becomes obsessed with catching the poachers . . . which brings unwanted attention from the law . . . and blows his care-fully constructed false identity. Teaming up with the woman scientist he replaced, Rice fights to save not only the wildlife, but himself in this evocative and beautifully rendered first novel from an accomplished, and exciting new writer who has with an affinity for all things wild, and many more stories to tell. We're looking forward to them!

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Che Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda **Medi-Scare**

Halloween is coming up this month, but ghosts, goblins, witches, and such do not scare me as much as the medical system

not scare me as much as the medical system one must navigate to get personal care.

I remember the good old days when the doctor or his nurse answered the phone in person and said, "come right in at such a

person and said, "come right in at such a such a time." Dr. Gertdy would even make house calls dispensing medicine from his worn, leather satchel.

Nowadays, one must first decide to go to a general practitioner, if such a person still exists, who will refer you to one or more specialists who, in turn, will each request diagnostics-x-rays, MRI, CAT scan, EKG, EEG with results you will never see unless you can access them through cyber-space portals. Not just one portal, but a portal for each mega-conglomerate owned medical system. So Nuvance has one; MAHV has one; each insurance company has one. These

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who



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same care. Unfortunately, our medical system is not medically based but financially based with business, not doctors and nurses, making the decisions that affect our well being. The scariest part of it all is that some insurance companies are invested in medical conglomerates and drug companies.

End of rant.



One also has to match the insurance coverage with participating doctors, hospitals, and medical groups. They, also, have multiple apps to track or access bills and statements.

I am fortunate to have good insurance coverage as a retiree from a school system. Insurance itself is a nightmare with paperwork and technical support. I get texts reminding me of appointments but only after I log in (another ID and password) to confirm my appointment and assure the company that four pages of personal and medical data are still current. Even after that, one must maneuver through the office scanning license and insurance cards and repeating one's name and birthday like a parrot.

My wish for this country is to have some sort of standard insurance without the opportunity for fraud and political affiliation. We each deserve the



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menace and a little bit of romance. A special shout out to lovers of Stephen King –we have so many of his books, you're sure to find one you haven't read yet. And upstairs, a whole collection of the cutest pumpkin, scarecrow and "scary" monster books available for our littlest patrons.

On top of that, we have quite the collection of suspenseful DVD's, ranging from a Sci-Fi favorite: *Moonfall*, which is about a group of unlikely heroes with a last-ditch plan who have just weeks to save the world before it collapses; to cult classics like *Hocus*

Pocus –about three awful witches who come back to life with the help of a bunch of teens-which is perfect if your preteens/teens are having a Halloween inspired sleepover. There is something for everyone here!

And you know what else is inspired by the cooler temperatures: delicious meals!

We have a treasure trove of fantastic cookbooks and bakingspecific cookbooks to ensure everything that comes out of your kitchen will be top-notch. By checking one out of the library, it also saves you money and doesn't clutter up your home, all the while giving you the opportunity to try dishes you aren't familiar with.

My personal favorite thing to do-when I have no idea what to make and everyone at home is kinda' burned out from the same ol' thing-is to close my eyes, open a cookbook to a random page and BAM!: that's what we're having for dinner. It's a failsafe plan because chances are no one [in your home] has had that particular meal so it's supposed to taste like that.

The wonders that can be provided by your local library!

We think fall is spectacular in our Sullivan Catskills

But the only way you'll really know is to check it out yourself. Find a cozy place to stay- a full-service resort, hotel or motel, charming inn, or a vacation rental for your friends and family.

If you're around on Thursday, head over to SUNY Sullivan's Catskill Hospitality Institute from 5-7 pm for their next Culinary Dinner Series and enjoy a traditional 4course dinner prepared and served by the culinary students and their chef instructors.

At 4 pm on Friday, Alton Distillery in Bethel is holding a spirits tasting of its bourbon, rye whiskeys, and Peace Vodka. The DVAA presents a screening of the classic Psycho as part of its Retro Cinema series at 6:30 pm at Tusten Theater. It's Friday Night Frights at Bethel Woods' Peace, Love and Pumpkins. Wind through the garden trails full of hand-carved jack-olanterns and glowing pumpkin art but watch over your shoulder for what's lurking in the dark starting at 6:30 pm. There's also a night market tonight until 9 pm. For more scaries, check out the Sullivan Country Dramatic Workshop's Haunted Theatre at 6 pm. In Hurleyville, there's a 6:30 pm showing of Dumb Money, a Wall Street tale.

On Saturday, two new exhibits will be on view at Catskill Art Space in Livingston Manor starting at 11 am. The two divergent sculptural presentations by Nancy Davidson and Matt Nolen explore presentations of self, personhood, and society in their life-affirming and complex works. Over in South Fallsburg, watch a block of horror shorts and a fulllength feature followed by a Q&A with some of the creators at the NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE

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Catskill International Film Festival Horror Event at the Rivoli Theatre from noon to 4 pm. Come in your best costume and be entered into a costume contest for a chance to win spooktacular prizes. The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra will perform at 7 pm on Saturday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Monticello (and again on Sunday) at 2 pm at Lulu's Social Club at the Jeff Bakeshop in Jeffersonville. Also at 2 pm, there's a showing at the Callicoon Theater of Joan Baez: I am a Noise, a brand new, critically acclaimed documentary including interviews, home movies, diaries, and audio recordings of the iconic folk singer. (The show also runs at 7 pm on Sunday and Monday).

On Sunday Funday from 2 to 4 pm, Burn Brae Mansion holds its Dark Forest Children's Matinee with games, treat bags, food, and drinks. Also, at 2 pm, the D&H Canal Interpretive Center will hold a presentation focusing on the Mamakating portion of the D&H Canal with Cliff Robinson Jr. of the Delaware & Hudson Transportation Heritage Council and Executive Director of the Neversink Feeder and Canal Conservancy. The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre presents Half-Life, a full-length drama by John Mighton, which asks the question: "What shines through when memory fades away?" This interactive workshop with cast members runs from 2:30 - 4:30 pm.

There is still some colorful fall foliage on the Sullivan Catskills golf courses. Play a round at the Monster Golf Course at Resorts World Catskills. This 18-hole championship course is a one-of-a-kind experience. Or try Villa Roma, Tarry Brae, Lochmor, Roscoe Mountain Club, Sullivan Country Golf Club, and Twin Village. Fall is a great time for hiking and there's plenty of kid stuff, too. When you get hungry, The Creek House Grill in Callicoon is still offering a specialty Oktoberfest menu and half-liters and liters of Hofbrau Beer. There is plenty more Catskill-icious food all over our Sullivan Catskills at the hands of our chefs and bakers. The Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail is always open with over a dozen wineries, breweries, distilleries and cideries. Along the way check out Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail and shopping as you wander through our charming small towns.



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The Scene Too By Jane Harrison

Looks like we might get some color in our scenery after all. I admit I cringe every time it rains in remembrance of last year Nothing was raining on Wednesday when I went out to CABERNET FRANK'S. I fully expected Karaoke (I rarely go



Nick with Steve on drums

guitar during the CoVid years, another refugee from the city. Since then, he has settled up here, becoming a major part of the music scene. I was treated to some classics like GIMME SOME LOVIN as well as an awesome song with lyrics about living in the Catskills.

Next up was JEANNE VOISON. I had not heard her before, but I had seen her in pictures, primarily from the Open Mic on



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Nick, Jay on harp and Jeanne

Sunday afternoons at RAFTERS in Callicoon. Interestingly, I had actually met her just a few days before in the strangest way. I saw my friend TERI PARIS at the grocery store and went over to say "HI", even though she was talking to someone else. JEANNE was that someone else.

Jeanne is a very interesting performer, pulling of a great cover of COLD PLAY'S 'CLOCKS', a unique song in support of Israel



in the aftermath of the atrocities, and a wonderfully theatrical rendition of 'YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE. Also very interesting was the JONI MITCHELLish feel of her voice and guitar work in each of these numbers. Viva Creativity!!

It was announced on October 16th that 17 WEST BREWERY in Liberty is closing its doors. This was an exciting new venue

that opened here and was a huge proponent of live music since the day those doors opened one year ago. They cited in their Facebook post that it was because of lack of business in the area, which I have seen happen so often here. It will be sorely missed.

For those who know DEBBIE FISHER PALMARINI (FISH-ER & KEAN), she lost her husband JOSEPH on October 11. My heart, and I know yours, go out to her in this difficult time.

Joseph A. Palmarini of Liberty, NY, a long-time area resident, died Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at his home. He was 67.



The son of the late Joseph Francis and Tina Palmarini (née Poli), he was born on February 27, 1956, in New York City.

Joe was a naturally talented musician--self-taught and well-respected by his peers. A left-handed guitarist known for his skill and unique sound, he fronted a group called JP and the Blues Boys. For years he performed at Terra Blues on Bleecker Street in Greenwich Village, where he shared the stage with notable blues artists and often played in the popular "Clapton Night" tributes.

Joe had an encyclopedic knowledge of music trivia and films. He loved collecting and listening to music of all styles & genres. Artists like Glen Campbell, Frank Zappa, Jackie Wilson, and The Beatles were some of his favorites. His enjoyment of music spanned Blues, Rock, Country, Folk, well-written Pop songs, and much more. His extensive knowledge of musical instruments and equipment allowed him to identify which guitars and amps a musician used on a song. This talent enabled him to replicate the sound of famous musicians or bands when he was hired to record instrumental versions of popular music for streaming companies.

Joe delighted in sharing his passion for music and films with his family, often hosting movie and music nights. He loved connecting with family and looked forward to the family conference call every other Sunday as well as his nightly call with his sister.

He often spoke fondly of his lifelong friends and bandmates in Vernon, NJ, and NYC. A member of several bands over the years, he recorded original music with The Pine Mountain Band, The Roadents, and Legion at the famous Electric Lady Studios.

Before his retirement, Joe was trusted by generations of customers in the safe business. He worked alongside his father for many years installing safes and later worked in a managerial position serving commercial and residential customers in the Jacob Javits Center, the Diamond District, and throughout the tristate area. (Contd. Pg. 12)

The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11)

Joe met his wife Deborah in 1999 when she hired him to play guitar in her Dallas Fisher Band. Later he joined Deborah on her In The Jungle album, playing all the songs with pristine care and selecting each guitar and amp with a specific sound in mind. Joe and Deborah also played in a local band with drummer Mike Moss who, along with his wife Karen, acted as the best man and matron of honor at Joe and Deborah's wedding. Survivors include his wife, Deborah Palmarini, at home; their sons, Andrew Palmarini and Joseph Palmarini; blended family Nick and Vinny Webbe and Elijah Allen; his mother-in-law Donna Fisher, sisters-in-law; Pam Fisher & Yvonne Williams and family; his sister, Nancy Palmarini; nieces, Martina and Sophie D'Amato; his nephew, Robert D'Amato; cousins, Ŝtephen Poli, Chris Wuerdemann, the Bonanno family and all his Palmarini cousins: Deborah Giraldo, Anthony, Vinny, Richard, Toni Palmarini and their respective children; and his dear friends, Michael, Robert, and Angela Triano, Ollie Ottens, Joe Gruber, Kevin Lutke, Bill and Steve Sgambati, Mike Medina, Mark Schaeffer, Bud Pelaez, Dave Van Fleet, many Sullivan County friends music and otherwise: David Rosenberg, Steven Schwartz, Paul Kean, David Trestyn, James Felder to name a few and many other close friends who will miss him dearly.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Father Ed Bader presiding, 262 N. Main Street, Liberty, NY on Wednesday, October 18th at 11:00 am, Linda Hauschild on church Organ. Followed by a Mercy dinner 1/2 mile away at New Munson Diner 12 Lake Street Liberty, all are welcome.

If you wish to honor Joe's memory & his love of music, in lieu of flowers, please consider one of two options:

1) Music for Humanity a

t https://musicforhumanity.org/joseph-a-palmarini-donation/ 100% will go to a yearly Scholarship recipient, which are college students enrolled in an accredited music school.

2) Steve's Music Center, to submit donation go to PayPal and enter Steve's Music Center; it will populate and then click on it and you'll be able to enter dollar amount, 100% submitted will be combined and honored via gift certificate(s) to a worthy candidate(s) from Sullivan County High School Band Student(s) who demonstrate(s) a passion for playing guitar.

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

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Joseph Palmarini, please visit our flower store.





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EDITOR NOTES: Skeleton Crew: Saturday Night at Shadowland Stages

It was another great Saturday night at Shadowland Stages!

Within a few moments the audience was captured by three co-workers in a shabby break room at a factory in Detroit at a time when the city's image was being transformed from a mighty symbol of American capitalism to the embodiment of urban American woes.

After World War II the city's African American population rose exponentially when blacks were lured to the city by the promise of high-paying industrial jobs. By the late '60's those jobs were quickly disappearing.

Three working companions –Shanita (Anique Clements), Dez (Abel Santiago), and Faye (Jammie Patton) –express with perfection, through conversation, their everyday complaints and distress. Each actor in their own way reveals their fear and their desire for self-protection.

Despite his tie and white collar, the blue-collar soul of Reggie (Chris Grant) shows just how close the contradictory pull of job and community comes to strangle him as he tries to protect the skeleton crew that remains, knowing the factory will shut down within the year.

The play is filled with conflict as each character's moral code is tested and their existential worries overlap creating larger issues.

Skeleton Crew is a play of moral ambiguity. It is a comedy contrasted by romance. It is a tragedy. It is a story that is more complex than its structural purpose suggests. *Skeleton Crew* is poetic and political. *Skeleton Crew* is classic craftsmanship. *Skeleton Crew* reveals the line that divides the blue collar and white collar workers –a man-made structure that keeps us from realizing our true power.

The actors are not just basic units expressing a moral tale, but a delight for the audience to experience. Many things are happening at once –collegiality, scorn, fear, affection - and a shared history saved for a late reveal –all come into it. What comes out of it is the richness of a great performance.

It is a lesson on the strength of love and understanding that necessity is sometimes a synonym for love.

This play was so well done that it wasn't until it was over that I had time to ask myself, "Was it a comedy or a tragedy?" Even today, I am still reliving in my mind some of the scenes, some of the lines and have decided, as in life –I am still not sure. However, I do know the play, *Skeleton Crew*, is totally real. It depicts the reality of life.

Be sure to make your reservations now as tickets will sell out quickly for this impressive production. To secure your seats, tickets are available through the SHADOWLAND STAGES box office. Contact us at (845) 647-5511 or convenient-ly reserve your seats online at: *https://shadowlandstages.org*

MISU - Annual Cecily Fortescue Memorial Scholarship Concert

Join us on live, in-person on Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 pm for our Annual Cecily Fortescue Memorial Scholarship Concert at St. John's Episcopal

Church in Ellenville. Featuring MISU FACUL-TY!

Duo Solitude (David Fiedler Violin and Anastasia Solberg Viola), Greg Dinger, Guitar, Paul Chambers, Percussion and Guest Artist

Come enjoy an eclectic selection of chamber music from the classical and contemporary repertoire.

Suggested donation \$25 all proceeds go towards the scholarship fund to benefit those who are financially compromised.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 40 Market St. in Ellenville.

We hope to see you there.



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SHADOWLAND STAGES Presents 'SKELETON CREW': An Intimate Look at Blue Collar America

Ellenville, NY - This October, SHADOWLAND STAGES is proud to present 'SKELETON CREW,' the third play in Dominique Morisseau's acclaimed Detroit Trilogy. Set against the backdrop of Detroit in 2008, this gripping drama explores the lives of a closeknit group of automotive factory workers facing the imminent foreclosure of their workplace. The production delves into themes of personal loyalty, survival instincts, and the blurred lines between blue-collar and white-collar workers in the midst of economic turmoil.

'SKELETON CREW' is described as "A very fine new play...warm-blooded, astute, deeply moral, and deeply American" by The

New York Times and as "a prime example of how theatre imitates life...intense, touching, and funny" by The Amsterdam News. Directed by SHADOWLAND favorite Jammie Patton*, who also stars in the production, 'SKELETON CREW' promises to be a timely, thought-provoking, and emotionally charged theatrical experience. Jammie has previously directed acclaimed productions at SHADOWLAND, including 'IN THE CONTINUUM' and 'THE NICETIES,' and last performed in 'FLINT' by Jeff Daniels.

Also joining the cast are Anique Clements*, Abel Santiago, and Chris Grant. 'SKELETON CREW' runs from October 13 through October 29th. Save the date for the official opening night of 'SKELETON CREW' on October 14th at 8 PM. Join us in celebrating this special occasion with pre-show festivities at 7:15 PM in the MainStage lobby. After the opening night performance, the celebration continues at an exclusive after-party at Public House in Ellenville.

Before the official opening, don't miss the preview performances of 'SKELETON CREW' on October 13th at 8 PM and October 14th at 2 PM. Preview tickets are available for \$35. Regular evening shows will be offered at \$43, and Sunday matinee performances are priced at \$39.

Dominique Morisseau's 'SKELETON CREW' explores the challenges, choices, and resilience of working-class Americans during a time of economic upheaval, all brought to life by a talented cast and the skilled direction of Jammie Patton.

To secure your seats, tickets are available through the SHADOWLAND STAGES box office. Contact us at (845) 647-5511 or conveniently reserve your seats online at shadowlandstages.org.

SHADOWLAND STAGES, now in its remarkable 38th year, continues to be a beacon of artistic excellence in the Hudson Valley. From May to December, the theatre presents a diverse season of seven shows, including two musicals



Anique Clements*



and a heartwarming holiday production. Alongside its mainstage presentations, SHADOWLAND STAGES proudly hosts the Academy at SHADOWLAND STAGES, an esteemed education program that offers a wide range of classes in acting, dance, and music for individuals of all ages. For more information about SHADOWLAND STAGES and its upcoming events, please visit shadowlandstages.org.

*Denotes a member of the Actors Equity Association.





Chris Grant.



Jammie Patton

Abel Santiago

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE OF 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 19th, 2023 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 August 24th, 2023

Dana M. Vogler, Neversink Fire District Secretary

9/21; 9/28; 10/5; 10/12; 10/19

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting Thursday, October 19, 2023

Meeting Opening/Call to Order - 6:45 p.m. Secondary School Library Lower Level Proposed Executive Session - 6:45 p.m Secondary School Library Upper Level Regular Meeting #8 Resumes - 7:00 p.m. Secondary School Library Lower Level

This Board Meeting will be on Tri-Valley's YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWh R6NVao24w/live

Road Closure in Grahamsville

Grahamsville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of <u>County</u> <u>Road 156 (South Hill Road)</u> in the Town of Neversink to replace <u>County Bridge 216</u>. The bridge itself is located approximately <u>300 feet</u> <u>east of the intersection of State Route 42 and</u> <u>CR 156</u>. This section is scheduled to be <u>closed</u> to all traffic for approximately six months, starting at 8 a.m. on May 1, 2023. This is to certify that the following roads within the **Town** of **Denning** under my jurisdiction, are designated Seasonal Use as according to NY State Highway Law 205-A. There shall be no snow removal services from December 1 to April 1. These roads are posted as such:

1. Dinch Road from turnaround located at Fisher residence to bottom.

2. Glade Hill from Barnes Road turnaround to Neversink line.

3. Cross Road from Greenville Road to Dymond Road.

4. Spencer Road to Town line.

5. Wild Meadow Road from turnaround by Hamlin camp to end.

6. Basily Road from State Parking Lot to end.

7. Whitehouse Road from Snow plow turnaround to end.

8. Rudolph Road from Rudolph Farm to Dinch Road.

9. Wildcat from snowplow turnaround to end.

By order of Superintendent Daniel Van Saders

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Fallsburg Highway Department Embarks on Many Paving Projects FALLSBURG, [10.11.2023] - The Town of Fallsburg is pleased

FALLSBURG, [10.11.2023] - The Town of Fallsburg is pleased to announce that the Fallsburg Highway Department has made significant infrastructure improvements that will enhance the quality of life for our residents. This ambitious endeavor, made possible through funding from the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Progra (CHIPS), will involve the resu facing and paving of several key roads within the town.

The following roads are scheduled for resurfacing and paving as part of this initiative:

PAVED Roads: MT. Cliff Rd; Laurel Ave (Skopps to Laurel Park intersection); East pond Rd; Park Hill Rd; Pug Mill Roads:; Loch Sheldrake shores

CHIP SEALED Roads:Loch Sheldrake shores; Muthig Rd; Karmel & Jacobs Rd; Mitter Rd; Mongoup Rd; Silver Lake Rd; Lake House Rd; Rosemont Rd; Kortright Rd *scheduled*

The CHIPS program has been instrumental in supporting municipalities across the state in their efforts to construct, maintain, and repair vital transportation infrastructure. This investment in our local roads underscores Fallsburg's commitment to ensuring safe and efficient transportation networks for our community members.

The Fallsburg Highway Department is dedicated to minimizing any inconveniences that may arise during construction. Residents and motorists are encouraged to stay updated on project progress and road closures through official town channels and signs posted along affected routes.

Town Supervisor Kathy Rappaport commented "I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the hardworking staff at the Highwa Department for their commitment to ensuring the safety and convenience of our residents. The results of their efforts are evident in the smoother, safer roads we now enjoy." THE TOWNSMAN

County Signs Project Labor Agreement For Construction of New Airport Terminal

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature, County Manager Joshua Potosek and Hudson Valley Building & Construction Trades Council President L. Todd Diorio are pleased to announce a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) has been struck regarding the coming construction of a new terminal at the Sullivan County Airport.

"I've been happy to work with the labor unions and the Legislature on this important agreement, which I just signed last week," said Potosek. "PLAs like this provide for stability, consistency and efficiency on major projects, keeping costs down. The last one we signed



Sullivan County International Airport is located near White Lake and Swan Lake.

Public Works Committee. "That saves time, money and plenty of headaches!"

"Skilled, organized labor is so important on projects of this magnitude, and I'm pleased to be collaborating with our local trades unions on this initiative," affirmed Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty, in whose District 1 the Airport sits. "A PLA benefits taxpayers, unions and government, making sure we can accomplish major infrastructure upgrades and deliver good-paying jobs in a County that very much needs both."

The \$24 million project - \$18.5 million of which is coming from New York State - has already begun, with the demolition of the 54year-old original terminal earlier this year. Construction bids are due to be awarded in November for the new, two-story terminal, with project completion slated for May 2025.

Fallsburg Central School to Host Fall Family Engagement Day

FALLSBURG - If you're looking for a fun and family-friendly activity this Fall, then save the date for Fallsburg Central School's Family Engagement Day Extravaganza.

All are welcome to enjoy delicious food, live music, arcade and table games, sports contests, and fun activities for children free of charge. There will also be a raffle, for school district families, where they will have a chance to win a bicycle and several gifts offered by the school district. School clubs and community organizations will be participating in this event, and will provide activities, gifts, and promotional material.

Free transportation by Rolling V school buses will be provided for this event. Here are the following pick-up times and locations:

Bus Two	
Bus One 10:00 am: Loch Shel	drake Municipal Parking Lot
10:15 am: Mountaindale Post Office 10:15 am: Hurleyvill	e Post Office
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2:00 pm: Drop-Off - Return in opposite direction 10:50 am: Main Stree	et Houses in South Fallsburg
2:00 pm: Drop-Off - 2:00 pm: Drop-Off -	Return in opposite direction

The event will be held on November 18, 2023 from 11am-2pm at Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. For more information, please contact (845) 434-6800 ext. 1220 or visit the district's website at www.fallsburgcsd.net.

was for the construction of the County Jail, and it proved to be beneficial."

"I commend Sullivan County elected officials and the County Manager for the commitment to a PLA," said Diorio. "PLAs have been successful in Sullivan County and the entire Hudson Valley, ensuring quality construction projects brought in on time, on budget, and ensuring local labor on these proj-

ects." "As a legislator and former chair of the Public Works Committee, I've encouraged PLAs to be put together whenever possible, as they eliminate problems that otherwise might cause a project to be delayed or even derailed," said District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, who chaired the Legislature's Public Works Committee when this project was first discussed.

"PLAs mean everyone's on the same page regarding holidays, pay rates, apprenticeships, and working hours," explained District 5 Legislator George Conklin, current chair of the Eight recruits from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office -Jail Division Graduate



On Tuesday October 10, 2023, eight recruits from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office - Jail Division graduated from the Delaware County Corrections Academy. The graduation took place at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in Delhi, NY. In the photo from left to right - back row: Sheriff Mike Schiff, Deputy William Lewis, Deputy Derek Cordero, Deputy James Kennedy and Undersheriff Eric Chaboty. Middle row: Deputy Hunter Taggart, Deputy Rashidi Clarke and Deputy Keyshawn Kennedy. Front row: Deputy Kimberly Stewart and Deputy Alexandrea Smith.



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THE TOWNSMAN

Monticello Elks Drug Awareness



NY) (Monticello, Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 gave out over 300 Drug Awareness items on Broadway in Monticello at the Bagel Festival on August 13th. In addition to coloring books, crayons and markers, the Elks handed out Xylazine and Fentanyl test strips to interested adults. In 2022, Sullivan County reported 218 overdose incidents, including 24 fatalities. The Monticello Lodge currently has 315 Members. For information contact Exalted Ruler Brian Bock at (845) 866-9288.

The Monticello Elks Lodge set up a Drug Awareness tent on Broadway during the Bagel Festival on August 13th. From left are: Past Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary Ronni Scannell and Lecturing Knight David Welsch.

Decision 2023 Sullivan County Legislative Debates to be Released

Catskills News and Mid Hudson News recently hosted Decision 2023, a series of Candidate Debates for Sullivan County Legislature in the seven contested races in this November's Election. The debates were recorded over three days beginning October 3rd at the Black Library in Monticello. Additionally, interviews with the two uncontested legislature candidates were pre-recorded for broadcast. Mike Sakell, News Director for Catskills News offered candidates a series of questions focusing on important local issues including concerns over the lack of local healthcare services, how to address the opioid epidemic, the future of the adult care center, the use of bed tax funds, and more.

The community can listen to the debates on the radio at Catskills News Talk 92.5FM, 94.9FM and 1240AM, online at catskillsnewstalk.com by clicking listen live, or on the free RadioBOLD App by clicking on the Catskills News Talk logo. The schedule will be as follows:

Sunday October 15th, 10am-2pm Legislative Districts 1, 2, 3, 4

Sunday October 22nd, 10am-2pm Legislative Districts 5, 8, 9 plus the final hour will be interviews with the unopposed candidates for Legislative Districts 6 and 7.

The debates will be available as podcasts on the Catskills News Podcast site which can be accessed on catskillsnewstalk.com, and on the midhudsonnews.com YouTube Channel immediately following the broadcast.

"The debate series offers a variety of viewpoints regarding local issues, and will give voters an opportunity to hear opinions and possible solutions directly from the candidates."-Mike Sakell, Catskills News Director, Bold Gold Media.

Special thanks to the Black Library, on Broadway in Monticello for hosting, and Laborer's Union Local 17 for sponsoring. Catskills News emphasized that the candidates were not offered questions or any topics ahead of the debate, while debates were pre-recorded, there was no editing of the hosts questions or candidates' responses.



Ans to last week's Crossword





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

GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com–Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

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

Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale

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

NEVERSINK FALL CLEANUP 2023

Fall Cleanup will be held on **Saturday October 14, 2023**, **Wednesday October 18, 2023** and **Saturday October 21, 2023**. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Yellow 2023 permits will be allowed 2 loads. Permit cards will be punched for the load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires per year, permit cards will be punched. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. **Due to the high volume of traffic during fall cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Fall Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.**

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who 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. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Taxpayers of Sullivan County.

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.

THE TOWNSMAN

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/19/23 Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 11/1/23 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11/1/23 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11/4/23 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am 12 noo
- 11/4/23 Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
- 11/7/23 Claryville Fire District Budget Hearing and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11/8/23 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11/14/23 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 11/16/23 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
- 11/19/23 Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am 12 noon
- 11/21/23 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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 16 - October 20, 2023

Monday, October 16

12:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
5:00 PM - Community Services Board, at 239 Golden Hill Lane, 2nd Floor
Conference Room, Kingston

o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building

Tuesday, October 17

o 4:30 PM - Ways & Means Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building

o 6:00 PM (Or Immediately Following Ways & Means) - **Caucuses: Democrats**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; **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:

https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203

Wednesday, October 18

o 2:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building

o 4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, in the County Executive's Conference Room, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; 51 Sickletown Road, Pearl River, New York 10965; 920 Broadway, New York, New York 10010; & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 859 8271 1736

o 5:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, at 5 Park Lane, Highland, 12528

Thursday, October 19

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

Friday, October 20

o 12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline

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

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THE OLD STONE HOUSE OF HASBROUCK FALL FEST

October 21, 2023 - 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 282 Hasbrouck Road, Woodbourne, NY 12788



18 – up – 1st Prize - \$100.00 13 – 17 – 1st Prize - \$50.00 1 – 12 – 1st Prize - \$25.00

APPLE PIE BAKING CONTEST

1st Prize - \$100.00 2nd Prize - \$50.00 Pre-Register for Entry in Pie Contest – 845-707-6219



Maria O. Zeno, Esq. Rolling V. Transportation Woodbourne Lawn & Garden



Vendors/Activities

Jewelry, Fortune Teller, Face Caricature, Wood Bird Houses/Feeders, Jack the Clown Balloon Twister, Bake Sale, Arts and Craft Activities, Apple Treats, Candy and Hot Cocoa!



Music by "Little Sparrow"









Join ATI & Vet 2 Vet to prevent suicide

BETHEL, NY: On Sunday, October 29, 2023, you can be part of the solution by joining with Action Toward Independence (ATI) and Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County (V2V) in the annual "Walk With Us to Prevent Suicide."

Part of the "Sullivan County Out of the Darkness Community Walk," ATI and V2V are forming a team and invite you to join them. The event will be held at the Bethel Senior Center at 3592 Route 55 in Kauneonga Lake, NY.

Check-in time is 11:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 12:00 p.m. Registration is free, and there is an opportunity to donate money towards the cause.

Join Team ATI / Vet2Vet by registering at https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID =9685.

ATI promotes the independence, inclusion, participation, and personal choice of individuals with disabilities. V2V, run by Veterans for Veterans, provides advocacy, benefits advisement, mental health and peer counseling, and runs a service dog program.

Call 845-794-4228 or 845-343-4284 for more information.

Liberty Museum & Arts Center 29th Annual Liberty Harvest Festival

The 29th Annual Liberty Harvest Festival will take place on Saturday, October 14th at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center, rain or shine, with several wonderful events.

The now renowned Catskill Chili Cookoff also in its 29th year will kick off at noon at the museum with judging to start at 2pm.

The competition is looking to be quite fearce this year, with many past champions returning to claim their title again.

You can become a judge for a donation of just ten dollars.

This year the Liberty PBA is conducting a street fair on North Main Street with vendors, live music, children's games, an apple pie contest and more starting at 10am with a parade up Liberty's Main Street.

Most everything is free of charge all day with just a modest fee for a few events.

This looks to be the most exciting fall event in Liberty in quite some time. Please come and join us, and join in all of the fun!

Liberty Museum & Arts Center 46 South Main Street, Liberty, NY.

(845) 292-2394 libertymuseum.com

Indigenous Women's Voices Series: Teaching Freedom

HPAC Announces "Teaching Freedom" Theme and Films for its Fourth-Annual Indigenous Women's Voices Series The day-long celebration on October 14th from 12pm-5pm features a cordage-making workshop followed by a film and lecture on the history and future of Indigenous education in the United States. A series of recent science fiction movies by Indigenous filmmakers will take place at HPAC Cinema prior to the event.

October 14th Event Highlights:_

12:00pm Workshop: Eco Acres Presents: Stone Age Fibercraft, Tools and Techniques:

Fiber Art is quite literally the tie that binds all else together. Learn how ancient people processed plants and trees into string, cordage, rope, nets, weaving, mats, baskets, clothing & more. In this workshop participants will learn how to make cordage and different styles of rope. Various methods with natural materials will be explored, plus discussion on respectful harvesting ethics. Along with exhibits and samples, an instructional demonstration allows participants to try hands-on techniques. Experiencing differences in textures and types of materials makes this fun for learners of all ages. Presented by Stephen Kraska and Janet Kroboth-Weber. Learn about Eco Acres Here

3:00pm Film: Dawnland: Experience the critically acclaimed, Emmy® winning documentary film on stolen children and cultural survival.

4:30pm Lecture: Mother, visionary, land protector, master seamstress, artist Educator, artist, and community activist Kaweniiosta Jock examines the Akwesasne Freedom School, an institution that has been fostering full Mohawk immersion education since its inception in 1985.

Enjoy a hearty vegan soup with bean, butternut squash and hulled white corn "Iroquois white corn project", at Tango Cafe. The Iroquois and Cherokee called corn, bean, and squash the three sisters because they nurture each other like family when planted together.

Indigenous Sci Fi Film Series:_

POSTPONED - September 14, 6pm: Rhymes for Young Ghouls (2013, dir. Jeff Barnaby)

In 1976, a Mi'gMaq teenager plots revenge against the sadistic Indian agent who imprisoned her in a residential school where abuse is common.

Winner: Best Director & Best Actor (American Indian Film Festival, 2014)

October 12, 6pm: Screening Postponed

October 13, 6pm: Night Raiders (2021, dir. Danis Goulet)

A mother joins an underground band of vigilantes to try to rescue her daughter from a state-run institution.

Winner: Emerging Talent Award (Toronto International Film Festival, 2021)

The Indigenous Women's Voices Series is made possible in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. The Indigenous Sci Fi Film Series is made possible with funding from a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. CAST

Consultants: Margaret D. Jacobs, Ph.D., Anne Makepeace, Alanis Obomsawin (Abenaki)

DIRECTED BY

Adam Mazo, Ben Pender-Cudlip WRITTEN BY

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OCTOBER 19, 2023

Old Stone House Fall Fest

We are very excited about the Fall Fest. We want to put ourselves on the map as a family friendly resource for events and activities that support our mission as a community center. This is going to be great!!

The Old Stone House announces its First Annual Fall Fest with fun for the whole family.

Cash prizes will be awarded for best costume in three age categories and for the winning apple pie in the baking contest. Pre -registration is necessary 845 707 6219 to enter your pie.

Live music by Little Sparrow and many activities to entertain and delight all ages; Arts and Crafts, Fortune Teller, Mr Balloonakis the Clown, Face Caricaturist as well as local vendors.

Hot cocoa and delicious apple treats will be available for purchase.

Event takes place Saturday October 21st from 1:00-4:00. The Old Stone House opened this year as a community center. It is located at 282 Hasbrouck Road in Hasbrouck.

Please join us We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information contact Peggy Torres President at 845 707 6219



Sullivan 180 Scholarships Recognizes Volunteerism

[LIBERTY] Jesse Ouimet has been awarded the 2023 Sullivan 180 Scholarship in recognition of his exceptional volunteer work with Livingston Manor Renaissance's community beautification project; and his efforts to maintain public spaces.

Jesse supported Livingston Manor Renais-sance in their community beautification efforts by taking care of gardens through edg-



ing, mulching and watering; and also doing regular litter cleanup throughout the hamlet. Jesse commented that beautification can positively impact the community's well-being by promoting physical activity and social connections, reducing stress, and instilling a sense of pride. Volunteering has contributed to Jesse's personal growth and helped him gain self-discipline, and agricultural knowledge, and improved his networking and communication skills. Through his involvement with Livingston Manor Renaissance, Jesse has come to appreciate the beauty of the community through the eyes and camera lenses of residents and visitors; and feels proud to be a valued member of the community.

Jesse is a senior at Alfred State College, majoring in architecture. The scholarship will be applied to his 2024 spring semester. The Sullivan 180 Scholarship Program is made possible through a donor advised fund with the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan. Applications will be available again January 1, 2024

For more information on the work and initiatives of Sullivan 180, visit www.Sullivan180.org or call (845) 295-2680.

OCTOBER 19, 2023

Sullivan 180 Hosts CATCH My Breath Vaping Prevention Training for Teachers, Youth Workers & Community Health Champions

[LIBERTY] Sullivan 180 will hold a training on November 1st, 2023 for individuals to become facilitators of the evidence-based CATCH My Breath Vaping Prevention Program. Managing Director of Sullivan 180, Amanda Langseder, shares that "big tobacco is looking for their next customers. They are spending an average of one million dollars every hour of every day in advertising to get their next smokers, our kids. We have a big fight on

educators, youth workers, and volunteers who are passionate about community health and are willing to lead this program with young people across the county in school and after-school settings as well as youth groups. Adults trained will be able to access the complete curriculum and guide young people, grades 5 - 12 through a program that is known to reduce the chances of youth starting a lifelong addition to nicotine.

The CATCH My Breath Vaping Prevention program training will take place on November 1st from 12:30 - 3:30pm at the CVI Building in Liberty. Educators will receive CTLE's for completing this training thanks to an agreement with Sullivan BOCES. Partnering organizations including Catholic Charities and Reality Check will also be on hand to provide schools with support and additional resources. Registration for this training is required and can be done by calling Sullivan 180 at 845-295-2681 or by emailing info@sullivan180.org

our hands, really a war against the vaping industry, but we can make a difference now by teaching our youth the dangers of highly addictive e-cigarettes."

The intended outcomes of CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) My Breath are to ensure that students will:

o Resist their own curiosity, peer and advertising pressure to experiment with ecigarettes

o Understand that e-cigarettes are addictive, unhealthy, and not as popular as they think

o Influence friends and peers not to use e-cigarettes

Sullivan County suffers from the highest rates of smoking in the Hudson Valley according to the Mid-Hudson Regional Community Health Needs Assessment. The average age of a new smoker in New York State is 13 years old so education for school students on the dangers of ecigarettes can play a major part in turning the tide of youth vaping and improving the health of the next generation. According to studies, 7 out of 8 students who participate in CATCH My Breath say they are less likely to use or try e-cigarettes.

Sullivan 180 is seeking



Pre-register 845 707 6219





Sullivan County Out of the Darkness Community Walk Sunday, October 29th

Bethel Sr. Center 11:00 am



The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about. Join Us.

Register/Volunteer/Donate: AFSP.ORG/SULLIVAN



Two Short Plays at the Tusten Theatre **First Drafts First** Impressions Presented by Arts and Ecology, Inc. and Catskills Creative Residency

DVAA is delighted to host Arts and Ecology, Inc. as they present "First Drafts First Impressions" which will showcase works-in-progress, by the two incredibly talented playwrights selected to take part in the 2023 Catskills Creative Residency. Tickets for the show are SUPPORT offered on a donation basis, providing further access to Sullivan grantee.

About the Catskills Creative Residency

Working with a director and local actors, the playwrights have spent the week refining their drafts and experimenting with staging, culminating in a community presentation of their plays at the Tusten Theatre.

The staged reading will be followed by a moderated discussion with the playwrights, the director, and the audience, aimed at getting audience feedback, feelings, and impressions. We look forward to a lively conversation with our enthusiastic local audience!

FEATURED PLAYS:

"PATTERN RECOGNITION" by Julie Marino

"Pattern Recognition" takes its inspiration from the cognitive science term of the same name. The play explores the human tendency to perceive and interpret patterns in daily life, sometimes even when they don't exist. The characters, set against the backdrop of an art gallery, an old French chateau, and a serene beach at sunset, encounter phenomena that they believe hold life-changing messages. However, heeding these messages and translating them into action can lead to unexpected and often comical surprises.

Julie Marino is a playwright based in New York City. Her previous work includes "Welcome to Paradise," a semi-finalist at the National Playwrights Conference, and "Wildfire Season," presented in workshop form by Pier Studios in New York City. Julie is also working on a new comedy entitled "No Pants On." Website: juliemarinon.nyc

"SUPERTALL" by Mark Steinbach

"Supertall" follows Tina and Billy, two neurotic real estate agents, as they navigate the complexities of closing a deal at The Park, a midtown highrise. Their day takes an unexpected turn when they become trapped in an elevator, leading to the collapse and revival of their deal approximately ten times. Amidst the rollercoaster of business negotiations, their partnership becomes increasingly claustrophobic as they face emotional ups and downs.

Mark Steinbach is a distinguished TV writer and playwright. His three-season tenure as a writer on Saturday Night Live earned him two Emmy nominations. Mark has also developed TV projects with

Universal and Apple and taught television writing at Wellesley College. He resides in Brooklyn with his boyfriend and cat.

Website: marksteinbach.com

Director: Jane Manwelyan

Featured Actors: Arthur Aulisi, Benno Canner, Patrice Jordan, and Aleta Kahn

TICKETS & LOCATION

The performances will take place at Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

Tickets: Suggested Donation of \$25.

Due to mature content, the event is not recommended for children. Tickets can be purchased by calling (845) 252-7576 or online at delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

This project is made possible in part by a Statewide Community the arts for local audiences. This program is an Arts for Regrant Program grant, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA).

DVAA serves as a creative hub in the Upper Delaware Valley and Sullivan Catskills Region, offering artists a platform to share their voices through galleries, stages, and festivals. DVAA plays a pivotal role as the Arts Council for Sullivan County, nurturing the arts community, fostering growth, and cultivating a vibrant regional artistic landscape.

Support for DVAA's programs is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts, the Sullivan County Legislature, the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund, the Fair Games Fund, the Heartland Embers Fund, Business Sponsors, DVAA members, and individual contributors. Stay connected with us on social media:

Facebook: facebook.com/DelawareValleyArtsAlliance Instagram: @DVArtsAlliance







DEC Reminds Homeowners and Landlords to Prioritize Home Heating Safety This Fall and Winter Property Owners Advised to Put Safety First and Utilize Assistance Program Opportunities

York State Department The New of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today advised homeowners and landlords to put safety first when preparing for home heating needs this fall and winter. DEC reminded property owners to avoid connecting occupied buildings to wells producing natural gas because doing so can be dangerous and potentially deadly. DEC also encouraged property owners who use oil for heat to inspect fuel storage tanks for potential leaks or spills before receiving shipments of fuel oil for the upcoming heating season. In addition, with the expectation of rising supply and delivery costs, DEC urged residents to take steps now to utilize programs designed to save consumers energy and money.

"New Yorkers are encouraged to plan ahead and prepare to ensure a safe and warm home this winter season," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "Property owners using oil for heat should inspect fuel storage tanks for leaks and spills before receiving shipments for the heating season and be extra cautious if connecting to a home-use well. Annual inspections and simple precautions can help prevent leaks and spills and protect people, property, and the environment."

Natural Gas Safety

Natural gas produced by a gas or oil well is odorless and difficult or impossible for a person to detect. While the primary component of natural gas is methane, gases like propane and butane may also be present in addition to water, because the gas is raw and untreated. This may result in improper and erratic combustion in appliances. The risk of an explosion due to natural gas build-up in a home is substantially greater if that gas is not provided by a utility.

If a home-use well is connected to a house or other structure:

Contact a plumber licensed to work on gas lines and have the fuel source switched to utility natural gas or consider another fuel or heating appliance;

Natural gas directly from a well is odorless and colorless, meaning it may build up to explosive levels without detection. Install methane detection alarms in any closed space where methane may accumulate;

Commercial gas suppliers always add the odorant mercaptan to natural gas before it is delivered for use. Consider adding mercaptan to natural gas from a home use well so that it can be more easily detected; and

Contact DEC if the well is not registered in DEC's database. Owning and operating an oil or gas well comes with regulatory responsibilities aimed at pro-



tecting the environment. New York is actively plugging oil and gas wells throughout the state for which there is no registered operator.

For questions and additional information about "home-use wells," contact DEC at (518) 402-8056 or oilgas@dec.ny.gov. Also, visit DEC's website for photos and additional details. Fuel Oil Safety

DEC also reminds home and property owners to inspect heating fuel oil storage tanks for leaks or spills before ordering and receiving fuel oil.

Annual inspections can prevent leaks and spills and protect property, public health, and the environment. Homeowners are advised to look for the following concerns and contact their fuel oil service provider if they see any of the items from the lists below.

For above-ground heating fuel oils storage tanks, look for:

Bent, rusty, or wobbly tank legs or tank located on an unstable foundation;

Signs of rust, weeps, wet spots, or many dents on the tank's surface; Drips or any signs of leaks around the oil filter or valves;

Fuel oil lines not covered in a protective casing - even if under concrete;

Overhanging eaves where snow and ice could fall onto the tank;

Stains on the ground or strong oil odor around the tank;

Browning, dying, or loss of vegetation around the tank; Silent overfill whistle while tank is being filled - ask fuel delivery

person;

Fully or partially blocked tank vent from snow, ice, or insect nests; Signs of spills around fill pipe or vent pipe;

Improperly sized vent pipes - ask fuel delivery person; and Cracked, stuck, or frozen fuel level gauges or signs of fuel around them. (Contd. Pg. 38)

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Governor Hochul Announces more than \$4.7 million for New Addiction Treatment Programs • Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Programs Designed to

Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Programs Designed to Increase Access to the Full Continuum of Services for Opioid Use Disorder Second Round of Funding through New York State's Opioid Settlement Fund to Support the Development of These Programs

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced more than \$4.7 million to support the development of new comprehensive integrated outpatient treatment programs for addiction. This is the second round of funding for these programs to be awarded through the state's Opioid Settlement Fund. To date, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports has awarded \$10.6 million in settlement funding to support the development of 20 of these programs, plus \$3.4 million in federal funding for 14 additional programs, for a total of approximately \$14 million.

"Far too many New Yorkers have been impacted by addiction, and my administration remains committed to addressing the opioid and overdose epidemic across our state," Governor Hochul said. "Through the Opioid Settlement Fund, we are supporting New Yorkers and families who have been affected by expanding access to important services and programs throughout the state to send a message that help is available for anyone in need."

OASAS Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham said, "Providing comprehensive addiction treatment, as well as additional health services in one location, is making it easier for us to reach people in need, and save lives. The approach offered by these new facilities is helping to address some of the barriers that people may face when seeking treatment, and increasing their access to lifesaving help and support."

Comprehensive integrated outpatient treatment programs provide more opportunities to access person-centered comprehensive services, including medication treatment for opioid use disorder. Programs receiving this funding will operate both an outpatient treatment program and an opioid treatment program (OTP) at the same site.

This initiative is part of ongoing efforts by OASAS to establish integrated programs across New York State. These programs are designed to centralize medication treatment, including methadone, and other addiction and healthcare services to make it easier for New Yorkers seeking treatment for substance use disorders to access multiple services in one location.

Awardees are listed below:

Finger Lakes - CASA-Trinity, Inc. - \$660,000; Helio Health, Inc. - \$760,000;

Mid-Hudson -St. John's Riverside Hospital, Inc. - \$373,598;

Mohawk Valley -Helio Health, Inc. - \$760,000

New York City -START Treatment & Recovery Centers, Inc. - \$400,614; Odyssey House, Inc. - \$760,000;

North Country -St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center, Inc. - \$652,644

Western NY - The Community Action Organization of Western New York, Inc. - \$401,990

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

The same legislation that established the dedicated fund also created the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board, which is tasked with making recommendations on how settlement dollars should be allocated to best serve those in need. Board members issued their first recommendations on November 1, 2022, identifying the expansion of harm reduction services and treatment as top priorities.

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

Governor Hochul was a member of the NYS Heroin and Opioid Task Force, which in 2016, recommended new, non-traditional services, including recovery

centers, youth clubhouses, expanded peer services, and open access centers, which provide immediate assessments and referrals to care. These services have since been established in numerous communities around the state and have helped people in need access care closer to where they live.

The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports oversees one of the nation's largest substance use disorder systems of care with approximately 1,700 prevention, treatment and recovery programs serving over 731,000 individuals per year. This includes the direct operation of 12 Addiction Treatment Centers where doctors, nurses, and clinical staff provide inpatient and residential services to approximately 8,000 individuals per year.

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

Available addiction treatment including crisis/detox, inpatient, residential, or outpatient care can be found using the NYS OASAS Treatment Availability Dashboard at FindAddictionTreatment.ny.gov or through the NYS OASAS website.

If you, or a loved one, have experienced insurance obstacles related to treatment or need help filing an appeal for a denied claim, contact the CHAMP helpline by phone at 888-614-5400 or email at ombuds@oasas.ny.gov.

> Donate a little of your time and have a direct impact on someone's path to recovery!



Grahamsville Youth Program Fall Dates

One Saturday a month 5 pm to 7 pm





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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall Who: Ages 8+

Accepting donations for the Flood Buckets. Please contact Grahamsville Church to arrange a drop off time. Evening sponsorships are welcomed.

For more information contact Amanda 845-538-6145 (text) or grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com TRAIN FOR FREE! BASIC WELDING CERTIFICATION

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TUSTEN JAZZ: An Immersive Weekend of Jazz in Narrowsburg, NY Presented by DVAA

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) is thrilled to invite you to immerse yourself in TUSTEN JAZZ. This exciting event, featuring a diverse lineup of local and regional world-class musicians, will take place on October 27th and 28th at DVAA's Tusten Theatre and Krause Recital Hall in Narrowsburg, New York. **ABOUT TUSTEN JAZZ**

TUSTEN JAZZ, a new addition to the cultural landscape of Narrowsburg, NY, is set to delight jazz enthusiasts and music lovers alike. This inaugural event boasts two evenings of captivating double-bill performances at the Tusten Theatre and a special solo performance in the Krause Recital Hall, all curated with the creative direction of Grammy award-winning musician Kevin Hays and celebrated trombonist Ryan Keberle.

Website: https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/tusten-jazz/ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 7-9 PM

Tusten Theatre

Kevin Hays - The Tivon Pennicott Quartet

Grammy Award-winning musician Kevin Hays (Narrowsburg) kicks off the festival, treating the audience to a mesmerizing blend of his own compositions, improvisations, and timeless classics performed on piano and multiple keyboards. Special surprise guests will join Kevin on stage.

"There are plenty of talented pianists... but few have Hays' melodic charms and sense of style." - The New Yorker

Following Hays, saxophonist Tivon Pennicott (NYC) and his quartet, fresh from a European tour, will present a soulful and engaging performance. A key contributor to three GRAMMY Award-winning albums, Pennicott appeared on Esperanza Spalding's disruptive recording Radio Music Society (Heads Up International, 2012), and Gregory Porter's Liquid Spirit (Blue Note, 2013) and Take Me to the Alley (Blue Note, 2017). collaborated extensively with such visionaries as Jon Batiste, Roy Hargrove and Ari Hoenig, and performed at The Royal Albert Hall, the Berliner Philharmonie and Carnegie Hall.

"He's a careful craftsman, a fearless improviser, one of the most fluent and engaging saxophonists on the scene today ... " -Joshua Redman

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2-4 PM

Krause Hall (2nd Floor DVAA)

Kazzrie Jaxen - Bolts of Melody: The Startling Convergence of Emily Dickinson and Connie Crothers

Pianist/vocalist Kazzrie Jaxen (Callicoon) will enchant the audience with "Bolts of Melody," an intimate performance that combines the poetry of Emily Dickinson with the compositions of her friend, the celebrated musician Connie Crothers (1941-2016).

"Bolts of Melody" is a multi-dimensional program that demonstrates the power of love, words, and music to transcend time and space.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7-9 PM **Tusten Theatre**

Sarah Elizabeth Charles & Jarrett Cherner, Tone The Sullivan All Stars Jam

TUSTEN JAZZ concludes with a dynamic double-bill evening performance. Vocalist Sarah Elizabeth Charles and pianist Jarrett Cherner (Livingston Manor/Brooklyn) will share their original duo album, "TONE." The husband-wife duo crafted the project amidst the pandemic. Between Cherner's expansive piano harmonies, Charles' intricate multi-tracked vocal parts, and subtly placed echoes and effects, Tone's sonic space is filled by growing elements. Each song touches on transcendent themes of

selfless love and living with purpose and intention.

The Sullivan All-Star Jam, featuring local, legendary musicians Thurman Barker (Jeffersonville) on drums, Kevin Hays (Narrowsburg) on piano, Ryan Keberele (Forestburgh) on trombone, and Joe Michaels (Northeast PA) on bass, will provide audiences with a showcase performance that celebrates this uniquely inherent American art form! TICKETS -VIP PASS: \$60

This all-access pass grants you entry to all 3 shows and more! Evening Performances: \$30 Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY; Daytime Performance: \$15 DVAA's Krause Hall 37 Main Street (2nd Floor) Narrowsburg, NY

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DEC Reminds Homeowners and Landlords to Prioritize Home Heating Safety This Fall and WinterProperty Owners

(From Pg. 33.) For underground heating fuel oils storage tanks, look for:

Water in the tank - ask fuel delivery person to check;

Oil or oil sheen in your basement sump or French drain;

Silent overfill whistle while tank is being filled - ask fuel delivery person;

Fully or partially blocked tank vent from snow, ice, or insect nests;

Signs of spills around fill pipe or vent pipe;

Well water has strange tastes or smells;

Complaints from neighbors of fuel oil smells; and

Using more than normal amount of fuel.

DEC offers tips on environmentally friendly home heating safety and a checklist covering many issues for home heating oil tanks in this month's Living the Green Life webpage, offering both prevention and response guidance about fuel spills. Fuel oil spills or leaks should be reported to the DEC Spills Hotline at 1-800-457-7362. For more information on home heating oil tank stewardship, visit the Underground Heating Oil Tanks: A Homeowner's Guide webpage on DEC's website.

Help for Homeowners

New Yorkers can take the following steps in their homes to help protect against higher energy costs, including:

apply for the Home Energy Assistance Program, with applications starting on Nov. 1;

be more energy efficient to lower energy usage;

receive a customized list of energy-related assistance in the State;

sign up for Community Solar;

get a free energy audit;

join a Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign;

know your rights and protections regarding utility services; and consider bill payment options, among other steps.

Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

Shot in the Dark - Sullivan County

On Sept. 21, at approximately 4:30 a.m., ECOs Doroski and Boyes received a report of a shot fired in a field in the town of Fallsburg. The caller, who had prior run-ins with poachers on his property, was able to provide a license plate number, description of the vehicle, and the last known direction of travel. Officers Doroski and Boyes recovered the targeted deer and located the suspect vehicle at a nearby house. The ECOs interviewed three subjects and uncovered multiple Environmental Conservation Law violations. ECOs charged the shooter with trespass, use of an artificial light to take deer, taking dear out of season and after hours, possessing a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, and hunting without a license. The two accomplices were charged with acting as accessories to violations, as well as trespass. The shooter's rifle, spotlight, and the deer were seized.



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ECO Boyes with an illegally killed deer and seized .308 rifle in Sullivan County

Bambino Boa

On Sept. 26, while on patrol, ECOs Ableson and Goonan received reports of a large snake in Macombs Dam Park next to Yankee Stadium. The Officers responded to the location with members of the New York Police Department and discovered a group of onlookers around a five-foot boa constrictor. The snake had duct tape around its mouth and was likely an abandoned pet. The Officers transported the constrictor to the Animal Care Centers for New York City; the snake was later placed with a rehabilitator.

Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper Saturday, November 4, 2023 5:30 pm



Bring a covered to dish to share. Enjoy good food and fellowship.

... and don't forget to check out the tables filled with holiday items and more that will be available for sale at the suppers each month

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall (Intersection of Sundown Rd, Peekamoose Rd & Greenville Rd, Sundown, NY 12740)



Honey & Cheese Pairing Event

at the Daniel Pierce Library ^{For Adults} **Taste Honey Like a Sommelier!** Thursday, November 2, 2023 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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



A \$5 supply fee is due before event to secure your spot. Space is limited. Advanced online registration is required, Tri-Valley residents only at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

stir, smell, smear, and savor honey with honey expert, Donna DeFalco!

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More about our warrior Nick....

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

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



For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

Ulster County Clerk Announces Theatre on the Road to Close Out the Season at the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is



pleased to welcome Theatre on the Road to the Matthewis Persen House on Saturday, October 21 and October 28 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for an interactive information session about their upcoming fall performances. The house is located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the historic intersection of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Stop by and meet Frank Marquette of Theatre on the Road for an informational meet & greet at the

Persen House. Marquette will be talking about the theatre's plans for October cemetery tours at the Old Dutch Church. Cemetery tours this fall will focus on some of the remarkable women who survived the burning of Kingston by the British in 1777, including a young housewife, an enslaved woman, a grieving Native American, and even a British spy!

"We are delighted to have Theatre on the Road closing out our 2023 season," said County Clerk Nina Postupack. "This season featured a diverse range of enjoyable events and educational programs, and it's an honor to host organizations that promote our community's history and heritage. My heartfelt appreciation goes to everyone who contributed to the success of 2023, and I eagerly look forward to next season!"

October 28th will be the final day the Persen House will be open this season. The house will reopen in spring of 2024, on Memorial Day weekend.

To learn more about Theatre on the Road and their upcoming performance schedule, please visit their website at www.theatreontheroad.com. For more information on the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs by the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also stay updated by visiting our Facebook page.



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Gillabrand Leads Group of Six Senators to Call for Replenishment of Iron Dome and for the U.S. to Stand Ready to Provide Additional Munitions to Israel as it Defends Itself

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, sent a letter with U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Jacky Rosen (D-NV) and Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) to President Biden urging him to take quick action to ensure Israel has the munitions it needs, including Iron Dome interceptors. The letter noted that the conflict could expand and that Israel may need additional munitions. The senators urged the Department of Defense to assess its stockpiles of munitions; to stand ready to coordinate ammunitions transfers to Israel; and to submit to Congress requests for any necessary supplemental assistance packages.

"We are grateful your Administration has already granted all of Israel's requests for military hardware and that you authorized additional intelligence sharing with the Israeli military," wrote the senators. "However, as Israel braces for a longer conflict, one that could expand to additional fronts, we urge the Administration to continue to cooperate with Israel on its military, intelligence, and humanitarian needs. Thus far, Israel has requested munitions and Iron Dome interceptors. It may soon need additional types of munitions, personal protective equipment, assistance to rebuild communities, and/or intelligence regarding Iranian cooperation with Hamas and its regional proxies."

The letter continued, "We ask that the Department of Defense holistically assess its stockpiles of these defense articles-especially Iron Dome interceptors-- so that it can quickly transfer these munitions to Israel, upon request. We further urge the Department of Defense to coordinate ammunition transfers with allies, especially those that have joined American calls of support for Israel. Finally, we urge the Administration to quickly evaluate these stockpiles, allied commitments, and near-term Israeli needs and submit to Congress any necessary supplemental assistance packages so that Congress may act quickly to get Israel the support it needs during this crisis."

Senator Gillibrand has long led a bipartisan letter in support of U.S.-Israeli cooperative missile defense programs, which advance U.S. national security interests by supporting Israel's ability to defend itself against missile and rocket attacks. For several years, Senator Gillibrand has secured at least \$500 million annually for these important programs. In the Senate, Gillibrand has led the push for these programs dating back to at least 2012.

The full text of the letter can be found here

Dear President Biden,

Thank you for your commitment to Israel as it responds to Hamas' October 7 invasion. We are grateful that you have updated the Department of Defense's force posture in the region to deter action from Iran or its proxies. We join your condemnation of Hamas' detestable attacks and hostage taking, and urge quick action to ensure Israel has the munitions and supplies it needs to defend itself and protect civilians.

Israel is countering Hamas, dismantling its command structure, and recovering hostages. Israel is successfully expelling Hamas terrorists that infiltrated parts of southern Israel. Israel has displayed remarkable resilience and ability in responding to thousands of Hamas' rockets and its initial assault. We are grateful your Administration has already granted all of Israel's requests for military hardware and that you authorized additional intelligence sharing with the Israeli military.

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Thank you for your consideration of these requests and for your steadfast support of Israel.

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• Gillibrand Leads Annual Bipartisan Senate Efforts To Fund U.S.-Israeli Cooperative Missile Defense Programs Like Iron Dome;

• Gillibrand, Jewish Leaders, and Other Faith Leaders Call For Congress To Fully and Swiftly Support Israel's Requests For Military Aid Needed To Defend Itself And Civilians

New York, NY - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand stood in unity with prominent New York Jewish leaders to call for full military aid for Israel, including replenishing of the Iron Dome air defense system, evacuation flights out of Israel for American citizens, and enhanced security funding for synagogues. Senator Gillibrand was joined by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, UJA-Federation of NY, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, The New York Board of Rabbis and other advocates and faith leaders.

"I strongly condemn the unprovoked terrorist attack launched by Hamas and stand shoulder to shoulder with the Israeli people. My heart goes out to the people of Israel whose lives have been torn apart by these savage acts of brutality. Throughout my career, I have worked with my colleagues in Congress to deliver hundreds of millions of dollars for Israel's defense systems, and now that work will be more critical than ever. Today, I'm calling for more funding and resources to replenish Israel's Iron Dome and for evacuation flights out of Israel to help Americans return home. (Contd. Pg. 54)

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(From Pg. 53) I'm also calling on the Biden administration to swiftly deliver to Congress any supplemental funding requests to aid Israel. I'm also fighting to increase funding for at-risk nonprofit institutions, including synagogues, to make security enhancements that will allow New Yorkers to gather safely. This is a moment to come together in unity and show the world that we are unwavering in our stance against antisemitism and hate," said Senator Gillibrand, member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Intelligence Committee.

"Hamas' unprecedented and heinous attack is outrageous and unacceptable, and we must all continue condemning this brutal and vicious assault on our friend and ally Israel. On Saturday night, I visited several synagogues in my district to be with our local Jewish community. Due to Shabbat and the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah, many did not know or knew very little about what happened. It was heartbreaking to break the news to them. Over the last several days, I have been leading efforts to help Americans return home from Israel since most commercial flights out of the country have been canceled. As we mourn and remember the victims of this unprovoked attack, we underscore our steadfast support for Israel, and continue to stand with our ally at this extremely difficult time," said Rep. Grace Meng (NY-6).

"Israel is experiencing one of its darkest moments in a generation," said U.S. Rep. Ritchie Torres (NY-15). "Thousands of innocent Israelis have been either murdered, wounded, abducted, raped, and otherwise terrorized at the hands of barbaric Hamas terrorists. October 7th was the largest mass murder of Jewish people in a single day since the Holocaust, and the psychological effect of what we're continuing to see unfold is reminiscent of our 9/11. As the leader of the free world, the United States has a moral obligation to provide Israel with whatever funding, humanitarian aid, and equipment it needs to rightly defend itself, just as America would, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring our unwavering and ironclad alliance with Israel to make sure our ally has the resources necessary for its survival."

"We thank Senator Gillibrand for her strong and unequivocal support for Israel in this unprecedented moment. Since learning of the barbaric attack on innocent Israeli civilians by Hamas, Senator Gillibrand has used the full power of her office to help drive Congressional support for critical defense resources requested by Israel. We are deeply grateful to the Senator for her longstanding advocacy and leadership in support of Israel," said Eric S. Goldstein, CEO, UJA-Federation of New York.

"JCRC-NY greatly appreciates Senator Gillibrand's steadfast advocacy for Israel, both in times of relative peace and especially now. After days of horrific attacks on civilians by the Hamas terrorist organization, Israel needs the assistance of its ally, America, and its friends in the global community. We ask all other lawmakers to join Senator Gillibrand in urging Congress to ensure continued, unabated, support for Israel at this time," said Noam Gilboord, JCRCNY CEO.

Senator Gillibrand is also working on letters calling for quick action to replenish the Iron Dome air defense system and ensure Israel has the resources it needs to defend itself and calling for \$500 million in funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to meet the needs of at-risk organizations, including synagogues, this fiscal year.

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Governor Hochul Directs Public Colleges and Universities in New York to Offer Additional Security Resources for Students Attending Shabbat Services Campuses Will Offer Increased Law Enforcement Presence, Resources for Jewish Student Groups Gathering for Shabbat Pravers

Governor Has Directed Law Enforcement Statewide to Increase Presence in Response to Public Reports of a "Day of Jihad;" No Credible Threat Detected at This Time

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that public colleges and universities in New York will offer increased law enforcement presence and additional resources for students attending campus Shabbat services. This builds on Governor Hochul's ongoing commitment to ensuring all New Yorkers are safe in the wake of the horrific Hamas attack on Israel last week.

"My top priority is public safety, and I'm committed to ensuring every student in New York feels secure on campus," Governor Hochul said. "While there is no credible threat to New York at this time, we are increasing law enforcement presence to ensure Jewish New Yorkers can safely gather and observe Shabbat services."

On SUNY campuses, Chancellor John B. King Jr. has directed the university police commissioner to work with all state-operated campuses this weekend to ensure there is increased security for on-campus Shabbat services. University police will also work with communities to ensure students who attend services off-campus will also have the security resources they need. For on-campus Shabbat services on CUNY campuses, law enforcement protection from local NYPD precincts has been secured, in addition to increasing CUNY Public Safety presence, to ensure these gatherings are safe and students feel protected.

Efforts to protect students on college campuses build on Governor Hochul's efforts in enhancing public safety across New York in the wake of Hamas' attack on Israel. Earlier today, Governor Hochul briefed the New York State Legislature, New York Conference of Mayors and New York State Association of Counties on ongoing security measures, and yesterday held a press conference with New York City Mayor Eric Adams to detail security measures in place. The Governor has attended a briefing at the New York State Intelligence Center with the New York State Police and has been in contact with the U.S. Department of State to ensure New Yorkers currently in Israel can return home safely.

Daniel Pierce Library Fall Children's Programs 2023 Sign Up TODAY!

The 8 week fall story hour programs will begin the week of October 16th.

Mother Goose Time (12–23 months) Wednesday, October 18th

Toddler Time (24-35 months) Thursday, October 19th

Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Friday, October 20th

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour Children will be registered at school Tuesday, October 17th

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Governor Hochul Announces \$12 Million in Assistance for Struggling Families with Children

 Households Enrolled in Public Assistance with a Child 17 or Younger will Receive One-Time Payments of \$100
Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund to Help More Than 120,000 Households Across New York State

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that \$12 million in federal funding is being used to provide a one-time Family Economic Support payment to low-income families with children. Administered by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund will provide households with children aged 17 and under that receive Public Assistance, with approximately \$100.

"Due to our success in providing assistance from the federal Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund to some of our most vulnerable residents, New York has qualified for additional funding that went unused by other states," Governor Hochul said. "This federal funding further helps households that suffered from the economic toll caused by the pandemic and gives these families a quick infusion of cash to assist with their expenses."

The payments will be issued beginning October 17 and eligible families will be notified by mail that they will be receiving a payment. About 120,000 families with children are eligible.

The Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund was created as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 with the intention to assist needy families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Per federal guidelines, the funding was required to be used for issuing non-recurring benefits to impacted households with children to deal with a specific short-term situation or need.

New York initially received \$128 million in federal funds through the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund. States that spent their full initial allocation, like New York, could elect to receive additional funding from states that had unspent funds. NYS received an additional \$12 million.

Public Assistance provides monthly grants to help low-income individuals and families meet basic needs, such as housing. This program helps more than 590,000 New Yorkers who may be temporarily unemployed or unable to work, as well as very low-wage workers, and children.

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Acting Commissioner Barbara C. Guinn said, "These modest, onetime payments will help families receiving Public Assistance provide for their children during times when all households are facing increased costs associated with basic household needs. These payments will help these very low-income households better provide for their children and I am grateful to Governor Hochul for authorizing the issuance of these payments to support families throughout the state."

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "These one-time payments will help ensure that low-income families can have some financial relief in covering their household expenses. I am proud to support Governor Hochul's efforts to support struggling families with children and share her commitment to ensuring all New York families facing economic hardships have access to basic household needs."

The Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund has already helped hundreds of thousands of low-income New Yorkers with their essential needs. In February 2022, \$19 million from the fund was provided to households enrolled in Public Assistance or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with \$140 for each child aged 3 or under to defray the cost of diapers.

In April 2022, the fund provided \$730 in food benefits to more than 28,000 multi-generational households. These one-time payments helped about 31,500 adults over the age of 55, providing more than \$23 million to families throughout the state.

In May 2022, families on Public Assistance with a child 17 or younger in their household received a payment of \$250 from the fund to help pay for housing expenses, bills, and other critical needs. Roughly 110,000 households received payments totaling nearly \$28 million, which assisted more than 216,000 children.

In August 2022, more than \$44 million was distributed to help families with children receiving Public Assistance to cover back-to-school and early life nutritional expenses. Payments totaling \$39 million were made to the households of 184,000 school-aged children. Additionally, \$5 million in payments were made to households with children ages 3 and under, benefitting about 34,000 toddlers.

In September 2022, nearly \$3 million in payments were made to more than 2,700 older adults living in multigenerational households that receive Public Assistance.

OTDA also worked with the state Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence to provide financial assistance through the fund to support low-income survivors of domestic violence. As a result of this effort, the agency was able to provide \$12.7 million to help domestic violence survivors and their families.

TC Data Shows Consumers Report Losing \$2.7 Billion to Social Media Scams Since 2021

New data spotlight shows that in 2023 online shopping scams are the most commonly reported social media scam, but consumers reported losing more money to investment scams October 6, 2023

New data from the Federal Trade Commission shows that scams originating on social media have accounted for \$2.7 billion in reported losses since 2021, more than any other contact method.

In a new data spotlight, the FTC also takes a deep dive into social media scam trends in the first half of 2023. Reports during the first half of the year show that the most frequently reported scams on social media are related to online shopping, with 44 percent of reports pointing to fraud related to buying or selling products online. Most of these reports come from people who never received the items they ordered after responding to an ad on Facebook or Instagram.

While online shopping scams are the most commonly reported scam on social media, the spotlight notes that scams using social media to promote bogus investment schemes account for larger overall losses, accounting for 53 percent of all the money reported lost to scams on social media in the first half of the year. Cryptocurrency played a significant role in the investment scams consumers reported; more than half of the reports showed that consumers paid the scammers using cryptocurrency.

After investment scams, the spotlight noted that romance scams accounted for the second-most reported scam losses on social media.

The FTC recommends that consumers take steps to limit who can see their posts or contact them on social media, and to reach out directly by phone if someone claiming to be a friend or relative messages on social media asking for money. A full list of tips for consumers is included in the spotlight.

The Federal Trade Commission works to promote competition and protect and educate consumers. Learn more about consumer topics at consumer.ftc.gov, or report fraud, scams, and bad business practices at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Follow the FTC on social media, read consumer alerts and the business blog, and sign up to get the latest FTC news and alerts.

Contact Information for Consumers: FTC Consumer Response Center 877-382-4357 or https://reportfraud.ftc.gov



The United States Must Stand with Israel

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

Rep Tenney on Special Report discussing the "Operation Swords of Iron" Iron Dome Supplemental Act

Last weekend, as millions of Israelis were celebrating Shabbat and Shemini Atzeret, Hamas launched a surprise air, land, and sea invasion of Israel. Hamas, which has ruled over Gaza since 2007, showed its savagery during this invasion by killing, raping, torturing, and kidnapping Israeli civilians, including children, women, and the elderly.

As of yesterday, the attacks have killed over 1,300 Israelis and over 1020 Israelis are being held hostage.

In response to these heinous attacks, Israel announced Operation Swords of Iron, a full-scale mobilization of troops, and a massive ground operation in Gaza. That is why I introduced the "Operation Swords of Iron" Iron Dome Supplemental Appropriations Act to appropriate \$2 billion for Israel's Iron Dome defense system. The iron dome has intercepted nearly 600 rockets, making essential we replenish this defense system and give Israel the resources they need to defend themselves.

What is happening in Israel is critical to our national security. We must stand with our greatest ally and the only democracy in the Middle East as they exercise their unequivocal right to defend itself and pursue justice for all those brutally harmed by Hamas.

READ MORE: Bipartisan Lawmakers Introduce Iron Dome Appropriations Act

https://thehill.com/homenews/house/4248883-bipartisan-lawmakers-introduce-iron-dome-appropriations-act/

Update on the House Republican Leadership Race

The American electorate has chosen Republicans to lead, and we are committed to fulfilling that duty. Currently, 70% of appropriations have been approved by the House, and more are set to follow. We must resume our legislative duties and continue passing fiscally responsible spending bills.

House Republicans are still working to select a new Republican Speaker of the House, one that works for hardworking Americans in our community and the country, not against. It's time to get to work on behalf of the American people!

The Biden Administration Refuses to Hold the Iranian Regime Accountable

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmSj7yJSyf4

Rep Tenney discussing the Gaza War on Newsmax

The Biden Administration refuses to hold the Iranian regime accountable. Just a couple of weeks ago, a massive expose revealed that Special Envoy to Iran Robert Malley hired compromised Iranian assets in his office who had access to classified top-secret information. The Wall Street Journal also reported that Iran helped plan and "green-lit" this attack. Congress must fully investigate whether Iran used classified information obtained through these compromised individuals. Regardless, Rob Malley must be held accountable for his treasonous actions!

The war in Gaza is a stark reminder of the consequences our Allies face due to Biden's weak leadership. The U.S. must reclaim its role as the strong, unwavering voice the world relies on!

READ MORE: Rep. Tenney to Newsmax: Biden WH All About Weakness, Appeasement https://www.newsmax.com/newsmax-tv/claudia-tenney-newsmax-joe-biden/2023/10/10/id/1137771/

Encouraging Fiscally Conservative Policies

Since I was elected to public office, my mission has always been to put New York taxpayers first. For America to remain competitive and free, our nation needs fiscally conservative policies that encourages work and allow the American economy to flourish.

Yet America is facing surging inflation as a result of Joe Biden the Democrats' reckless spending. Don't believe me?

Bidenomics has resulted in:

12.5% increase for a gallon of milk

29.9% increase for a new car

32.5% increase for a dozen eggs

49.4% increase for gas

House Republicans are working diligently to lower costs for hardworking Americans!

Worth Fighting For - Second Amendment Rights

When the Founding Fathers ratified the Bill of Rights on December 15th, 1791, they included the Second Amendment to ensure every American had "the right... to keep and bear Arms." They went on to affirm that this right "shall not be infringed." For more than 200 years, sportsmen, hunters, and lawful gun owners have embraced our Second Amendment rights, which we all share as Americans.

I have long championed the rights and interests of law-abiding New York gun owners and will continue to do so by fighting against any efforts to infringe on these rights, through new, unnecessary regulation.

Below are some of the ways I am working to oppose efforts by Democrats in Albany and Washington to infringe on the Second Amendment and regulate gun ownership out of existence!

Introduced H.Res. 45, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that New York State's Concealed Carry Improvement Act is unconstitutional: This resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the CCIA is unconstitutional and that the courts should immediately strike down the CCIA. After the Supreme Court struck down New York's Sullivan Law in NYSRPA v. Bruen, Albany Democrats violated the decision to pass the CCIA, an even more outrageous law. The CCIA, among other things, requires concealed carry permit applicants to turn over their personal social media accounts, mandates interviews with state officials, and broadly bans the concealed carry of weapons in a range of public and private locations. Once again, I am leading the charge to have this unconstitutional law struck down.

Introduced H.R. 5161, the Protecting Hunting and Archery in Schools Act: In July 2023, the Biden Administration's Department of Education released guidance that it was restricting federal funds for schools with hunting, shooting, or archery programs, citing language included in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BCSA) passed last year. This legislation will repeal this language, allowing millions of school-aged children to once again participate in these important enrichment opportunities and be responsibly introduced to these sports. (Contd. Pg. 58)

This Week with Claudia

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Introduced H.R.962, Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act: This legislation modifies federal bankruptcy law to allow an individual debtor to exempt from their bankruptcy estate one or more firearms up to a total maximum value of \$3,000. No American should ever have to sacrifice their constitutional rights because of their financial situation. The Second Amendment is a constitutional right for all Americans, including those experiencing financial hardship. I am honored to lead this important legislation that protects the rights of gun owners everywhere, no matter their financial situation.

Cosponsored H.R. 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act: This bill would ensure all states that allow concealed carry, such as New York, maintain reciprocity with other states with concealed carry permits. This would allow New York residents to maintain their concealed carry rights in almost every other state and visitors from other states to maintain their concealed carry rights while traveling. Cosponsored H.R. 1271, the No REGISTRY Rights Act: This bill prevents the federal government from building a federal firearms registry by requiring the Bureau of Alcohol, Tabacco and Firearms (ATF) to delete all existing firearm transaction records accumulated by the ATF. The bill would also require Federal Firearm Licensees (FFLs) to destroy their firearm transaction records once they go out of business, ensuring the ATF cannot accumulate these records. The ATF has no business maintaining a digital, searchable database of law-abiding gun owners that could be used for future gun confiscation.

READ MORE: My Second Amendment Plan https://tenney.house.gov/issues/second-amendment-pla



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

BRINGING EVERYONE HOME

As we continue to hear more heart-wrenching news out of Israel, my team and I are all hands on deck to meet the urgency of this dangerous moment. We continue to work around-the-clock to bring any constituent home safely and soon.

The State Department is now arranging charter flights for U.S. citizens who have been unable to secure commercial flights to return home. Citizens in need of assistance returning home should complete the State Department's crisis intake form here. The U.S. Embassy can be reached at 1-833-890-9595 or 1-606-641-0131.

We've already helped a number of Hudson Valley families get home, and will be continuing to help secure transportation and emergency passports for any constituents looking to leave Israel. If you or a loved one is in need of assistance returning safely back to the United States, do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (845)443-2930.

Ćheck here for the most updated information, security alerts, and travel advisories from the Embassy https://il.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/security-and-travelinformation/?fbclid=IwAR18XaVsH6cuOGjSsvbEuwB-zcmae6PLD5e1pKsOMnwSbGKf_YXcj80KbQ

CALLING ON PATRIOTS TO ELECT A HOUSE SPEAKER

With Israel and Ukraine fighting wars for their very survival

and the clock ticking down on a potential government shutdown, it's time to put an end to the chaos in the House of Representatives.

I joined with fellow Congressman and Service Academy graduate Rep. Chris Deluzio to demand that right-wing extremists end their cowardice that has paralyzed the legislative branch.

It's time for them to start being Patriots and put our country, serving the American people, and the survival of our allies ahead of their dysfunction and personal ambitions.

Read the op-ed here: https://www.lohud.com/story/opinion/2023/10/13/speaker-of-the-house-courage-must-overcomemaga-chaous/71173627007/

STANDING UNITED WITH ISRAEL

Thursday night, I joined with colleagues on the steps of the Capitol to mourn the innocent lives lost to Hamas' acts of pure evil in Israel.

We must stand united in unwavering support for our partner, Israel.

As Secretary of State Anthony Blinken told the people of Israel during his visit this week, "You may be strong enough on your own to defend yourself. But as long as America exists, you will never ever have to. We will always be there by your side." PROTECTING NATIONAL SECURITY, DEMANDING AN END TO MILITARY NOMINATION HOLDS

While our critical partner Israel is fighting a war for its very survival, MAGA extremists, led by Senator Tommy Tuberville, are more concerned with waging a culture war on our military, endangering both our allies and our own troops.

This week I introduced a resolution demanding that he immediately end his holds on the nominations of our nation's military leaders. https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/rep-pat-ryanintroduce-resolution-demanding-tuberville-lift-hold-militrcna119918?cid=sm_npd_nn_tw_ma&taid=6527025a4cd3260 0016c8336&utm_campaign=trueanthem&utm_medium=socia l&utm_source=twitter

The people of Israel are depending on us. China, Iran, and Russia are watching for signs of weakness.

We must stand together as patriots and show the forces of evil around the world that there is no greater friend and no worse foe than the United States of America.

I discussed how Tuberville's holds undermine U.S. and Israeli security on CNN this week, as well as Israel's war on Hamas. Watch here: https://twitter.com/EarlyStart/sta-tus/1712798325202636848

DELIVERING FOR THE HUDSON VALLEY ALONGSIDE THE FIRST LADY

Just one year after I announced an unprecedented \$20 billion investment in the Hudson Valley alongside President Joe Biden, last week, I joined with First Lady Jill Biden to open the new mechatronics lab at Dutchess County Community College.

The mechatronics lab will prepare hundreds of NY-18 students for quality, good-paying careers in emerging and dynamic industries.

I want all of our kids to have the same opportunity to succeed as the generations before us, and this is a huge step toward achieving that goal.

FIGHTING FOR A CRASH GATE ON I-84

We can't allow tragedies like last month's I-84 bus crash to ever happen again.

I joined with Senators Schumer and Gillibrand to demand that the Federal Highway Administration construct a crash gate which would cut down on response time and allow our brave first responders to do their job more efficiently. that our heroic first responders have been requesting for years. (Contd. Pg. 59)

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Our heroic first responders have been calling for this to happen for years - I won't stop until we get it done.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

The C.A.R.E.S. Van is delivering assistance with Social Security, the IRS, VA, and more right to you in your neighborhood.

This upcoming week is packed with opportunities to see the van in action, get help with a federal agency, and meet my team.

Tuesday the Van has stops in Red Hook and Hyde Park, Wednesday the Van will be at the Ulster County Human Services "Trunk-or-Treat" at Kingston Plaza, and Thursday it will be at the Esopus Town Hall. Hope you'll join us!

BECOMING MORE CLIMATE RESILIENT

From the haze of wildfire smoke, to sweltering days, to catastrophic floods, Hudson Valley families saw the impact of climate change first hand this summer.

I'm committed to delivering the resources for climate resilient infrastructure projects that will keep our families safe and our communities strong for generations to come.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is making an additional \$1.8 billion available in federal grants for climate resilient infrastructure projects thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

\$1 billion will go to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program which supports states and local communities to undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards.

\$800 million will be made available through the Flood Mitigation Assistance program to help states and local governments fund projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program.

For assistance accessing these grants and others, contact my office at (845)443-2930 or here on my website - https://patryan.house.gov/services/grant-applicants INCREASING ACCESS TO MEDICARE

An important message to NY-18 seniors: Medicare open

enrollment starts October 15th and runs through December 7th.

You can learn more about your coverage options and sign up at medicare.gov.

If you need assistance accessing your Medicare benefits, do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (845)443-2930 or here on my website - https://patryan.house.gov/services/help-federalagency

RAISING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Breast cancer is the most common cancer and everyone deserves access to life-saving screenings.

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, find out if you or a loved one may qualify for free or low-cost screenings offered by the New York State Cancer Services Program by calling 1-866-442-2262 or visiting its website her https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/cancer/screening/

THANKING HUDSON VALLEY FARMERS

Thursday marked National Farmer's Day and I want to thank our farmers in NY-18 for your work day in and day out to provide nutritious food for our families, drive our local economy, and sustain our environment!

WISHING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE U.S. NAVY

Happy Birthday to the United States Navy this past Friday!

As the largest, most powerful naval fleet and second largest air force in the world, the Navy has protected American freedom around the globe for 248 years.

Couldn't say Go Army, Beat Navy without you!

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

New York State recently announced more than \$60 million in capital grant funding will be available to nonprofit human services organizations through the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program to support the delivery of critical services to New Yorkers.

Eligible nonprofit organizations that provide direct programs and services to New Yorkers may receive grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 for the completion of small- and large-scale construction projects. Learn more here and check back after October 18th to watch the webinar!

The Environmental Protection Agency announced \$235 million in new grants will be made available to assess and clean up polluted brownfield sites across the country. The new grants through EPA's Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) program will advance environmental justice and help transform what were once polluted, vacant, and abandoned properties into community assets while spurring economic revitalization in underserved communities. These grants are funded by the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's \$1.5 billion investment in the EPA's Brownfields Program. Approximately 200 grants will be awarded ranging from \$500,000 to \$5 million per award. Learn more here! Applications are due by November 13.

The Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP) enables local investment in infrastructure projects that enhance community resilience to flooding, promote economic prosperity, and improve environmental quality. Through CWIFP, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will accelerate non-federal investments in water resources infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost loans to creditworthy borrowers. Learn more here https://www.dasny.org/NICIP

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)'s The Thriving Communities Program (TCP) provides intensive technical assistance to under-resourced and disadvantaged communities to help them identify, develop, and deliver transportation and community revitalization opportunities. Those communities receive in-kind support from Capacity Builders funded through the TCP to prepare grant application materials and undertake pre-development and project delivery activities including deploying innovative community engagement, workforce development, and clean technology strategies. Learn more here https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/marc-grant-application-resources#Open%20Solicitations

The Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (CFPCGP) aims to bring together stakeholders from distinct parts of the food system and to foster understanding of national food security trends and how they might improve local food systems. There are two project types:

Planning Projects: The purpose is to provide early-stage investment in new, startup projects or to invest in completing project plans toward the improvement of community food security.

Community Food Projects: The purpose is to seek solutions over the longer term rather than focusing on short-term food relief. They will seek comprehensive solutions to problems across all levels of the food system from farmer to consumer. Projects should not be designed to merely support individual food pantries, farmers markets, community gardens or other established projects. Rather, the projects should build on and encourage innovative long-term solutions to food and nutrition security.

Application deadline is October 30! (Contd) Pg 60)

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Inspire! Grants for Small Museums by the Museums for America program is designed to support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, policy development and institutional planning, technology enhancements, professional development, community outreach, audience development, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation.

The current application round will commemorate America's 250th anniversary as part of the agency's IMLS250: All Stories, All People, All Places initiative in preparation for 2026. Applications due November 15.

The Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP) provides grants to help eligible processors expand their processing capacity, which create new, better and more processing options for meat and poultry producers. USDA Rural Development designed the MPPEP to encourage competition and sustainable growth in the U.S. meat processing sector, and to help improve supply chain resiliency. Applications due November 22.

The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funds grants and rebates that protect human health and improve air quality by reducing harmful emissions from diesel engines. Eligible uses of funding include school buses, class 5 - class 8 heavyduty highway vehicles, locomotive engines, marine engines, and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at ports or airports), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps). The application deadline is December 1.

If you want to stay up-to-date on all of that my office is doing, I encourage you to follow along on our social media channels: Facebook and Twitter .

Please remember that my office is always here to help if you have a question or need assistance. You can reach us using the contact information above and below and we will do everything we can to connect you with the resources you need.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Molinaro Asks NY-19 Sheriff Departments to Help Prevent Violence Against Jewish Community Following Call to Action from Hamas Leader

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today requested that Sheriff's Departments from across New York's 19th Congressional District remain vigilant and address any potential unlawful activities targeting Jewish centers, synagogues, and the Jewish community. This comes as Khaled Meshaa, the former chief of the terrorist organization Hamas, called for global protests and for other countries to join the war against Israel.

In a letter addressed to Sheriffs in Broome, Chenango, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, and Ulster counties, Rep. Molinaro noted that the potential for violence is especially high given the recent attacks against Israel and calls to action from Hamas.

Rep. Molinaro said, "These are frightening times. Following Hamas's terrorist attack on Israel, we saw a rush of antisemitic rhetoric and disturbing displays of celebration from Hamas sympathizers here in the United States. Our Jeiwsh friends and neighbors, like all Americans, deserve to worship freely and live in peace. Our local Sheriff's Departments are best equipped to protect them and prevent acts of violence during this heighted threat environment. I'm requesting they remain vigilant against antisemitic violence and protect local Jewish centers, synagogues, and the Jewish community."

The full text of the letter can be found below:

First off, I want to thank you all for the vital work you do every day to keep our communities safe. As I'm sure you've all been following, Israel is at war after the recent horrific attacks perpetrated by Hamas. Hamas is a Foreign Terrorist Organization, as designated by the U.S. Department of State and have displayed horrific acts of atrocity.

Given the newly declared war, it's important that communities across Upstate New York and the country be vigilant against potentially unlawful activity targeting the Jewish community. Earlier this week, the former leader of Hamas called on Muslims across the world to stage global demonstrations in support of Palestine. Any call to action from the former head of a terrorist organization is not to be taken lightly. Therefore, I urge the utmost of vigilance for the foreseeable future as the potential for violence against the Jewish community is concerningly high. This is especially important in my district where I am proud to represent an abundant Jewish community.

I stand by ready to assist however I can in this endeavor and am happy to speak with any of you to discuss ways to work together towards ensuring public safety and protecting our communities during this time of global upheaval. Thank you again for the tireless work you all do to protect our communities and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Flood-soaked New York needs urgent action on climate now. Congress must act

100-year floods are supposed to happen - well, once every 100 years. That's no longer the case.

Our climate is changing, and a lost focus on resource preservation, physical infrastructure investment, and conservationbased solutions is leaving us more vulnerable than ever.

In recent months, we've seen extreme weather patterns create frightening flood conditions in New Lebanon, the Hudson Valley region, and across Upstate New York. These floods have destroyed homes, businesses, entire roadways, and, tragically, taken lives.

It's not just damage, these floods are creating serious financial burdens too. In Tompkins County, flooding has become so prevalent that homeowners may soon be forced to purchase expensive flood insurance plans due to their heightened risk.

Today, we are seeing how decades of underinvestment and a lack of focus and coordination have left us ill-prepared for these environmental challenges.

In this critical moment, we don't need more lectures; we need decisive action. We must assess our current situation, better care for our natural resources and strengthen our physical infrastructure.

One immediate step we can take is to pass the Flooding Prevention, Assessment, and Restoration Act, a bill I worked on with Rep. Don Davis, a Democrat, specifically tailored to support communities in Upstate New York.

This legislation acknowledges that the federal government cannot merely be a reactive force after a flood disaster. We must instead proactively prepare for, respond to, and prevent floods. (Contd. Pg. 61)

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Marc Molinaro

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This legislation acknowledges that the federal government cannot merely be a reactive force after a flood disaster. We must instead proactively prepare for, respond to, and prevent floods. Here's how my bill works:

First, it empowers at-risk communities to utilize the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Emergency Watershed Protection Program to construct flood prevention infrastructure that surpasses the standards of damaged infrastructure. Confusingly, current regulations prohibit communities from rebuilding infrastructure to a higher standard, inhibiting smart investments that can better prevent future flooding.

Second, my bill recognizes that the agricultural community plays a crucial role in flood protection by creating natural defenses. To mitigate flood risk on farmland and incentivize farmers to support community-wide flood prevention efforts, the bill directs the USDA to produce a report that will collect data on agricultural vulnerabilities, soil conservation practices, crop selection and other farming methods that can mitigate future floods.

Third, for communities with limited resources, my bill significantly reduces the local cost share for flood mitigation projects funded through the USDA's Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program. This will allow smaller, rural communities in Upstate New York to afford infrastructure upgrades, so the wealth of your town is never a factor in whether or not you get flooded.

While my bill does not claim to be a cure all to flooding and climate change - I do know that it can be an integral part of the solution.

I know because I saw what worked with restoring the once badly polluted Hudson River. Through my partnership on this bipartisan effort, I learned that environmental projects succeed when they have focused support from federal, state and local leaders, engagement from the agricultural community and buy-in from everyday citizens.

Preventing costly flooding, addressing climate change and preserving our planet's natural resources, are obviously much bigger projects. But the same formula that was applied to the Hudson can also apply here.

Bringing diverse partners to the table + rowing in the same direction + inspiring the public to lend a hand = making a difference.

Governor Hochul Announces All 532 Eligible Police Agencies in NY have Received StateCertification for Officer Employment as Required by the Professional Policing Act of 2021

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that 532 police agencies in New York State - 100 percent of all eligible agencies - have received state certification for compliance as required by the Professional Policing Act of 2021. This certification demonstrates that these municipal, authority, railroad and state police agencies follow comprehensive state hiring standards for police officers and requirements to report misconduct and employment information to state agencies. Each of these agencies obtained certification as required in advance of today's statutory deadline.

"Public safety is my top priority, and I'm committed to providing law enforcement in New York with the tools they need to successfully do their jobs," Governor Hochul said. "We'll continue working with our partners in law enforcement to ensure every community in New York is safe and treated with dignity." The Professional Policing Act took effect on October 16, 2021, strengthening state oversight of police departments and sheriffs' offices with the goal of ensuring that individuals employed as police officers are qualified, of good moral character and physically and psychologically fit to do the job. Before the law's enactment, agencies had their own hiring standards, resulting in inconsistent practices and criteria for employment across jurisdictions. The state did not mandate that agencies follow best practices for hiring - requiring police candidates to undergo fingerprint-based criminal history background checks or psychological exams and verifying whether an officer's training or license had been revoked for misconduct - for example, even though many agencies did. The law also gave agencies two years from enactment date to obtain mandatory certification with hiring and reporting standards.

Hiring standards require police departments and sheriffs' offices to conduct psychological assessments and background investigations for police officer candidates. The background investigation must include, but not be limited to, a comprehensive application and personal history statement by the candidate that addresses components of moral character outlined in the standard; a fingerprint-based criminal history check; and at minimum, a review of information provided by family members, personal references, educational institutions, previous employers, prior neighbors or landlords, organizations and affiliations; credit agencies; the courts; law enforcement agencies where the application has lived or worked; the state Department of Motor Vehicles, and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Police departments and sheriffs' offices must conduct in-person interviews of candidates, and request searches of the state's Central Registry of Police and Peace Officers, which is maintained by the state Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), and the National Decertification Index for training certificate or license revocations due to officer misconduct.

Agencies also must report officer misconduct to the appropriate state agency. Village, town and city police departments and county sheriffs' offices must report any officer about whom they have received five or more complaints within two years to the state Attorney General's Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office; police departments operated by state agencies must report misconduct to the state Inspector General's Office, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Port Authority police departments must report misconduct to their inspector generals' offices.

All agencies must comply with reporting requirements to the Central State Registry of Police and Peace Officers. That information includes, but is not limited, hire dates, completion of basic training dates, and removals for cause. Under state law, a police or peace officer's basic training certificate is immediately invalidated when an officer is removed for cause for misconduct, or an officer has resigned or retired subsequent to, or in connection with, allegations of misconduct. DCJS maintains a list of police and peace officers whose training has been decertified on its website and updates it monthly.

The state's Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council, to which DCJS provides staff support, oversees the mandatory certification process and a voluntary accreditation program for police departments and sheriffs' offices. The Council awarded certification on a rolling basis, beginning in December 2022, and concluding earlier this month. This allowed the 532 agencies to compile all documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance, provided DCJS staff adequate time to review those documents, and resulted in all agencies meeting the October 16, 2023, statutory deadline. Agencies must be recertified every five years.

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services_is a multifunction criminal justice support agency with a variety of responsibilities, including law enforcement training; collection and analysis of statewide crime data; maintenance of criminal history information and fingerprint files; administrative oversight of the state's DNA databank, in partnership with the New York State Police; funding and oversight of probation and community correction programs; administration of federal and state criminal justice funds; support of criminal justice-related agencies across the state; and administration of the State's Sex Offender Registry. Follow the agency on_Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter).

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THE TOWNSMAN

Halloween Bash 2023!

"The Wayne County Arts Alliance and The Cooperage Project are thrilled and chilled to collaborate for the 2023 Annual Halloween Bash!"

Event: Halloween Bash 2023! Where: The Cooperage Project, 1030 Main Street, Honesdale PA When: October 28th, 7pm to 11pm Cost: \$15 online, \$20 at the door Details: BYOB / 21+ Music by Group Du Jour! Free fries and popcorn for the people! Costume contest! Tarot readings by donation and appointment! Fabulous basket raffles!

Under the Full Blood Moon and a partial lunar eclipse, The Wayne County Arts Alliance and The Cooperage Project are thrilled and chilled to collaborate for the 2023 Annual Halloween Bash!

Dance your ghoulish hearts out and win fabulous prizes with all proceeds supporting programming and events in our community!

Get your tickets here:

https://the-cooperage-presents.ticketleap.com/wcaa-2023-halloween-bash/dates/Oct-28-2023 at 0700PM

Free fries and popcorn for the people! Costume contest! Tarot readings by donation and appointment! Fabulous basket raffles! WCAA 2023 Halloween Bash Saturday, October 28th at 7pm \$15 online, \$20 at the door BYOB / 21+ The Cooperage Project 1030 Main St. Honesdale, PA.

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is a not-for-profit organization entirely governed by volunteer members, a society composed of artists and people interested in the beneficial effects of the arts. We are committed to developing a dynamic, art-friendly atmosphere in the community, one that enhances and enriches the lives of its citizens.



Ballet Classes at The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck

Children's classes are on-going at 10:30am on Saturdays \$10 per session or \$65 for 8 classes in advance

Adult Classes will start on September 13, 20, 27 and continue through October until November 1 (8 classes)

Classes are \$10 per session, or \$65 in advance for all 8 classes.

For more information contact Alana Sherman via e-mail sherman alana@yahoo.com

The OLD STONE HOUSE, 282 Hasbrouck Rd, in Woodbourne NY Only minutes away from Fallsburg, Monticello, Liberty, Grahamsville and Ellenville

Adult dancers should wear ballet slippers, (available on line). To set the mood, black leotards and pink tights are urged but not necessary.





Sullivan County Delaware & Hudson Canal Interpretive Center 16 Bova Road, Summitville, NY

Upcoming Canal Events

Guided Canal Trail Walk

Sunday, September 10, 2023 1:00 pm

Join the Interpretive Center staff and learn what life was like on the canal, view remnants of Lock 50 and visit the Canal Interpretive Center.

Contact S.C. Parks Department to register. Email: scparks@sullivanny.us or call 845-807-0287.

Guided Canal & O&W Trail Walk

Sunday October 15, 2023 1:00 pm

Join Kerron Barnes to explore along a two-mile loop of the D&H Canal and the O&W Trail north of Summitville. Co-sponsored with the Mamakating Library

Contact Mamakating Library to register. Email: mamcirc@rcls.org or call 845-888-8004.

D&H Canal Presentation

Sunday October 22, 2023 2:00 pm

Join Cliff Robinson Jr., member of the Delaware & Hudson Transportation Heritage Council and Executive Director of the Neversink Feeder and Canal Conservancy for a presentation focusing on the Mamakating portion of the D&H Canal.

Contact S.C Parks Department to register. Email: scparks@sullivanny.us or call 845-807-0287.

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Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Latest School "Swatting" Threats

Oct. 18, 2023 -"More than 10 school districts across New York have received disturbing 'swatting' threats today including in Western New York, the Capital Region, Central New York, Long Island, the Southern Tier and the North Country. I want to reassure parents that their children are safe at school - swatting threats are false and intended to cause panic and scare students, teachers and families.

"I have directed the New York State Police to investigate these threats and work closely with all levels of law enforcement to identify the perpetrators, hold them accountable, and restore the sense of safety and security our children deserve. The New York State Intelligence Center is also monitoring the situation and State Police are prepared to provide support and necessary resources to address credible threats. My top priority will always be the safety of New Yorkers."

Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Ensure Safe Schools Legislation S.2629A/A.286A Requires All School Districts Consider Design Principles in Facilities Planning to Ensure Safe, Secure, and Healthy School Environments

Governor Kathy Hochul signed the "Safe Schools by Design Act" that will require all school districts' fiveyear capital facilities plans to consider incorporating design principles that will provide a safe, secure, and healthy school environment. The legislation also expands eligible expenses for Extended Day and School Violence Prevention Grants to include programs that facilitate and promote community involvement in school facility planning.

"A safe school environment is an essential component to providing the best education for our students," Governor Hochul said. "This legislation highlights our commitment to our students and educators by ensuring that health and safety are considered at the outset of all school construction projects."

Current law requires that five-year capital facilities plans are developed by each school district to include a building inventory, estimated expenses for building construction, repairs, or renovation, and estimated expenses for building maintenance and energy consumption.

Legislation S.2629A/A.286A amends the education law by requiring that school districts consider the incorporation of design principles and strategies, pursuant to guidance issued by the Commissioner of Education, in their five-year capital plan as part of a comprehensive approach to providing a healthy, secure, and safe school environment. In addition, the legislation includes programs which facilitate and promote community involvement in school facility planning to be eligible expenses for Extended Day and School Violence Prevention Grants.

State Senator Rachel May said, "New York's schools must provide students and staff with safe, secure environments. We also know that students thrive in welldesigned environments that encourage them to explore and learn rather than feeling confined. Smart design principles can achieve both goals, ensuring students are in safe, comfortable, and nourishing environments. The Safe Schools by Design Act addresses all these points by asking school districts to consider modern safety and security features while planning school design. Thank you to Assembly Member Paulin for her steadfast partnership on this bill and to Governor Hochul for signing it into law,"

Assemblymember Amy Paulin said, "There are ways to create safe school facilities for kids without putting bars on windows and metal detectors at entrances. The Safe Schools by Design Act takes a different approach to safety by focusing on the design of a building, which has long lasting and positive impacts on school safety. I thank Governor Hochul for taking this step which helps school districts make informed design decisions to create both safe and welcoming learning environments."

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on NYSEG and RG&E Rate Case Decision

"When NYSEG and RG&E proposed outrageous electric rate increases last year, I directed the Department of Public Service to scrutinize every number and word of the companies' proposal. I'm pleased to see the PSC was able to cut the companies' initial proposal by 50 percent, but I recognize the final electric rates are still likely to strain household budgets across New York. That's why this year, we secured \$400 million in our Budget to provide relief to New Yorkers experiencing high electric bills, and we are now expanding eligibility for utility affordability programs to include all median-income households. Energy affordability is a top priority, and I will always act to protect New Yorkers."

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I ON AMAZON, NETFLIX, IMOB The Swarm

(1978 / 1h 56m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-14)



Killer bees that attack without reason descend on Texas. *The Swarm* is a 1978 American natural horror film directed and produced by Irwin Allen, based on Arthur Herzog's 1974 novel of the same name.

A group of soldiers led by Major Baker is ordered to investigate a basement level station which they believed was attacked. After Baker contacts his commander, General Slater, they begin to investigate who drove a civilian van into the base. It is revealed to be owned by a scientist named Dr. Bradford Crane, the only survivor of the attack. Slater orders two helicopters to check, and the story evolves around this mystery.

Directed by Irwin Allen. The film stars an ensemble cast including Michael Caine, Katharine Ross, Richard Widmark, Richard Chamberlain, Olivia de Havilland, Ben Johnson, Lee Grant, José Ferrer, Patty Duke, Slim Pickens, Bradford Dillman, Fred MacMurray.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Edith Head **This weeks' Trivia question**: True or False? Larry King appeared in *Ghostbusters*. THE TOWNSMAN

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(From Pg. 70) **"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II"** ON AMAZON, NETFLIX, IMOB

The Pack

(1977 / 1h 30m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-PG)



A cute little loveable, adorable, puppy evolves into a vicious descendant of pet dogs abandoned in a resort called Seal Island. The dogs have reverted to their primal survival mode. A creepy feeling that will get you in the spirit of Halloween.



Directed by Robert Clouse and starring Richard O'Brien, Rob Narke, and Eric Knight

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III ON AMAZON, NETFLIX, IMOB

Ratlers (1976 / 1h 22m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-14)

A herpetologist links a series of deaths from snake bites to U.S. military testing. Another one of nature's creepy critters stars in this horror film.



Directed by John Mccaule and starring Elizabeth Chauvet, Ron Gold and Dan Priest Stay safe, and stay well Knarf Odnamoc Gnome