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Monticello Kiwanis Recognizes Key Club Faculty Advisor



Plaque of Recognition



From left - Kiwanis Board Member Sheila Lashinsky, Key Club Faculty Advisor Steven Raabe holding plaque and Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport.

Mr. Steven Raabe, outgoing Faculty Advisor to the Monticello High School Key Club, was recently recognized for his eight years of dedicated leadership to the Key Club, which is a service leadership program sponsored by the Monticello Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis Club President Marvin Rappaport presented Mr. Raabe with a plaque thanking him for his many years of dedication and commitment in providing leadership training to Monticello High School students. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Memorial Trees Planted to Honor Past Fallsburg CSD Employees



FALLSBURG - On October 17, 2023, the Fallsburg Central School District held a memorial ceremony on the front lawn of the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School to honor the many teachers, administrators, and staff members who have passed. As a living tribute to those employees, the district planted two dogwood trees, one at the Junior-Senior High School and the other at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School.

Several school community members, including Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ivan Katz, and Board of Education president, Michael Weiner, shared their remarks about the legacies of the past employees.

"Let us celebrate the lives they lived and the profound influence they had on all of us," said Michael Weiner. "May this tree stand as a living tribute to their memory, a testament to the enduring power of education, and a reminder that their legacy will continue to grow and flourish through the students and fellow staff members they inspired."

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On the Front Burner: And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the people. Leviticus 10:23

OBITUARY

Timothy Spears of Neversink passed away on Monday, October 16, 2023, at home. He was 60.

He was the son of Marline Davis Case and the late Albert Spears and Jay Case, born on January 20, 1963, in Newburgh, NY.

Timmy was a people person and he truly enjoyed working at Sams Club where he was around people all day long. He would often be found watching Star Wars and Star Trek in his free time. When he was younger, he would love to be outside with his siblings playing. He will be deeply missed by everyone that knew and loved him.

He is survived by his mother Marline Case, his wife Linda Litts, his brothers Thomas, LeRoy, Albert, and Leonard Spears, his sisters Brenda Hunter, Rebecca Beach, and Christin Kaminski, several stepchildren and many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Services we handled privately at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Family Funeral Homes, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbrayntfuneralhome.com.

Thank You from Sundown WSCS

WSCS Ladies in Sundown wish to Thank everyone who donated items to our yard sales this summer as well as coming in and visiting with us and buying something. We really appreciate your business and loyalty to our little community.

Our activities help to do outreach missions around the world. This is what the Lord wants. We were given a beautiful collection of *Precious Moments* by a faithful church member, Christie. Also, we were given a beautiful collection of Charles Dickens village pieces by Kathy Denman. She and her husband, Bobby have always been faithful to us for all our functions over the years. Unfortunately, Kathy passed away last year.

We still have many pieces left to sell next year. One of our loyal, long time faithful members, Gladys had a collection of *Little House on the Prairie* dolls. She had all 8 family members. We were very privileged to be able to sell them. So thank you so much Gladys.

WSCS has always been so Blessed and grateful for all. WSCS wants to give Linda Comando a huge thank you for all the wonderful spot on advertisement in *The Townsman* this summer with pictures as well.

She and husband Frank serve us well.

Several of our group members took pictures on their phones of our various displays and put it on social media to be seen and that helped as well.

So a heartfelt **Thank You** to all.

See you next year!

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

November 4, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lievre are the parents of a daughter, Ellen Ora, born October 29, 1953 at Veteran's Hospital, Ellenville and weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lievre of Sundown are the baby's grandparents. Ellen Ora has a sister, Diane and a brother, Jimmy.

A daughter, Laura Marie was born on October 25th at Veteran's Hospital, Ellenville to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Irwin of Ellenville. Mrs. Irwin is the former Hilda Marie DePew of Sundown.

Our Bad Situation (from The Pathfinder) The United States seems to be the only country in the world that proclaims obesity to be one of its chief medical problems. No other country is suffering political and economic troubles over having a surplus of food. (Sounds familiar, doesn't it?)

October 30, 1963

Miss Sandra Mickelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mickelson, was the guest of honor at a bridal shower held on October 19th. Mrs. Bette Patterson and Miss Nancy Cross were the co-hostesses. The shower was held at Mrs. Patterson's home.

Moe Rubenzahl, Paul Demetry, Karen Ulrich and Nancy Johnson received gold ribbon awards for their entries in the poster contest at Tri Valley Central School. They are all 11 years old and in Mr. Brucklacher's 6th grade class.

Edward O'Brien, TVCS senior, has been selected to sing with the All-State Chorus on December 4-7 in Rochester, New York. O'Brien has appeared in several concerts at TV as a vocal soloist. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE....Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

November 21, 1973

Gerald DuBois, 73, of Woodbourne Rd., Grahamsville, died Sunday in Community General Hospital, Monticello after a long illness. Born Oct. 4, 1900 to Harrison and Amy DuBois in Winthrop, Iowa, Mr. was married to Agnes Palmer on May 17, 1921. An area resident for 65 years, Mr. Dubois is survived by his widow; three sons: Gerald Jr. of Gardiner, Donald H. of Kerhonkson and Edward G. of Monticello. four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks who were married Friday evening at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville by Rev. Newton Ford. Mrs. Brooks is the former Pauline Dunlop. The couple will reside in Grahamsville.

As part of its overall energy conservation program, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. is encouraging its residential, commercial and industrial customers to restrict their use of lighting including holiday lights. "We don't want to dampen the spirit of the holiday season, but the seriousness of the energy situation requires everyone to conserve energy wherever possible."

November 3, 1983

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Smith of South Hill Road, Grahamsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie, to William E. Stanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stanton of Wawarsing and Mrs. Lorraine Maier of Cairo, Egypt. Miss Smith is a 1981 graduate of TVCS and is currently a member of the United States Air Force, stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina.

Her fiancé is a 1980 TVCS graduate and is also in the United States Air Force. A November 1984 wedding is planned.

Congratulations to Dick and Barbara Stewart of Neversink and to Rita (Dick's twin sister) and Delbert VanEttten of Liberty who both celebrated their wedding anniversaries on the same day, October 14. The Stewarts and VanEttens were married in a double ceremony at the Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published November 2, 1995

Granted, meals emerge from my modern-day oven in record time - but still, when I think of a cooking stove, my mind takes me back fifty years to the good old days when my children were around my feet and my stove was just a little old wood stove with a shelf built around the stovepipe. Our family life centered around that old stove.

Cool mornings bring back memories of days long gone by... of mornings when our wood stove warmed our oatmeal and didn't flicker until supper was over in the evening. The oven doors opened on each side of the stove, and quite often during the winter months two pairs of little feet would be poked inside that oven after a swift snowy ride down the hill or a game of Fox and Geese.

In my mind's eye I can see the row of small mittens on the stove shelf and hear the spatter of little icy drops as they drip down on the warm stove. Over all the years that old wood stove spent with us it asked only that its ashes be cleaned out and its flue kept clean

Yes, with our microwaves and our electric and gas cooking stoves we have more convenience, but there is a lack of one thing - the comfortable feeling of friendship and love we had around those old wood-burning stoves of long ago.

Just try to picture in your mind's eye - two friends sitting beside the microwave or electric stove to enjoy a cup of tea. (It could never happen.)

Household Hint:

Clean chrome and stainless steel

Clean chrome and stainless steel fixtures around your home, apply a light misting of undiluted white vinegar from a recycled spray bottle. Buff with a soft cloth to bring out the brightness.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Witch's Broom - Hexenbesen!

It's time for witches to fly around on their witch's brooms. During ancient times, mysterious and unexplainable occurrences were often blamed on witchcraft. For example back in that day when brooms were made from bundles of twigs, to find a ready made broom in the woods was mysterious and considered to be the product of witchery, thus the name Witch's Broom that originated from the German word Hexenbesen came about, which translated meant to bewitch a bundle of twigs.



There are still many Witch's Broom to be sighted in our Catskill forests. However after many years of research and study finding a Witch's Broom is not quite so mysterious. Scientists have found that a number of stresses, both biological and environmental, can lead to the formation of natural Witch's brooms. They occur on many different woody plant species, including deciduous trees such as hackberry, maple, willow, and conifers such as pine and spruce.

Witch's brooms occur when an organism attacks the buds of a tree causing a "disruption of the normal growth regulators, especially the plant hormone auxin, which turns off or slows down the growth of buds that are away from the tip". Environmental stresses that injure the growing points of branches can also trigger the formation of brooms. Some brooms appear to be caused by genetic mutations in the buds of the branches. Unlike brooms caused by living organisms, there is usually just one broom per tree when the cause is a genetic mutation.

Pinpointing the cause of a Witch's Broom can be difficult, especially if the formation is related to an environmental factor. Knowing the type of host plant can help determine the cause of the Witch's Broom. Analyzing the plant tissue for infectious agents such as phytoplasmas requires specialized testing. The cause of the Witch's Broom on the willow sample sent to the Plant Disease Clinic was not identified and remains a mystery.

There may be only one broom in a tree, or they may be many scattered throughout the tree. In some cases, the brooms are quite large in size and are easily spotted. In others, they are small and well-hidden.

Witch's Brooms are common in the Catskills. They can be found near or at ground level. They are great for the crafter! I keep a collection of these little treasures and use them for my Kitchen Witch creations.

If you are out walking in the woods this weekend, keep your eyes open and maybe you will be lucky enough to find a precious little Witch's Broom just in time for Halloween.

Have a happy and safe Halloween!



Monticello Kiwanis Recognizes Key Club Faculty Advisor (From Pg. 1)

Under Mr. Raabe's supervision, Key Club members participated in many community service projects, including: food collection and holiday gifts for needy families, donating items to the SPCA in Rock Hill, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, visiting and entertaining residents at local nursing homes, participating in litter plucks, raising money for the WSUL Heart-A-Thon, assisting at Kiwanis Roast Beef Dinners and at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and sending greeting cards to veterans.

Mr. Rappaport stated "We thank Mr. Raabe for the wonderful job he has done as a role model and coach to so many students during his tenure as Key Club Faculty Advisor."

Kiwanis is a service organization of local volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. For further information visit Monticello NY Kiwanis Club Facebook Page.

Final Boarding Call for Vacationland! Catch our wildly popular inaugural exhibit before it closes Nov. 12

After a successful summer season and a special extended autumn run, our pop-up exhibit Vacationland!: Catskills Resort Culture 1900-1980 will be closing on Nov 12.

The museum will reopen in the spring, and until then, there will be plenty of Borscht Belt Museum events to satisfy your kibitzing needs - including a visit to Florida!

Please consider donating to the museum.

Your generous support makes initiatives like our inaugural pop-up exhibition Vacationland! possible.

Update on the Borscht Belt

"Neon King" Puts the Glow Back into the Original Kutsher's Sign

For more than a half century, the golden yellow Kutsher's sign burned brightly atop the iconic resort in Monticello. The fragile neon tubing had survived brutal winters, a hotel fire that somehow left the sign unscathed, and a move to Long Island after Scott Eckers and Michelle Simon Conrad purchased it at auction when the hotel closed in 2013.

The sign still glowed last year when Scott and Michelle generously donated it to the museum. But when it was installed above the main gallery in July and turned on, the neon flickered and died. Efforts to find a repair person who would travel to the museum were fruitless.

We were despondent.

Then one day, recently returned Ellenville native Billy Rosenblatt strolled through the museum doors, noticed the darkened sign and offered to help. In a previous life, Billy had been "the Neon King of Long Island," before a career shift into commercial real estate. But he hadn't handled neon in 20 years.

Hard at work: Billy still has the Midas touch after all these years!

"I was really nervous I had lost my touch," Billy said. "I didn't want to disappoint."

In the weeks that followed, he spent hours on a ladder hovering over the boxy metal behemoth as he tinkered with its ancient transformers and wiring.

Then one afternoon in early October, the museum erupted in cheers as the golden yellow script flared back to life. The Neon King of Long Island had not lost his touch.

Help us build a permanent home for these precious artifacts, and the memories they hold. PLEASE DONATE TODAY

Make it a Weekend of Upstate Jewish Culture! Special Discount for Museum Subscribers

Step back to 1959 and tour an immigrant Jewish bakery that served rye, pumpernickel, challah, and its signature bread rolls to Kingston's Rondout community for 80 years. At the Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History, you'll explore original bakery artifacts, hear stories of the Sunday morning rush, and discover how Frank Reher and his six children built a business that fostered community for generations. You'll leave with a taste of local Kingston fresh-baked rolls, as the Rehers would have wanted.

Your ticket includes free entry to our newest gallery exhibition, Taking Root: Immigrant Stories of the Hudson Valley. It includes interactive content for learners of all ages.

Bakery tours are Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 AM (July 15th to November 26th).

99-101 Broadway, Kingston

For full visitor information, please go to rehercenter.org/visit.

Hungry for more? Join the Reher Center and Ulster County Italian American Foundation for a Deli Dinner featuring Jewish and Italian delicacies on Saturday, November 4th. Tickets and information at rehercenter.org/DeliDinner/

The Borscht Belt Comes to Boca!

We're flying to Florida for a fun evening with comedy historian Lenny Dave

Please join museum board president Andrew Jacobs and acclaimed comedy historian Lenny Dave for a joyful and historically nostalgic evening filled with laughter, music and countless colorful memories.

Where: Adolph & Rose Levis JCC in Boca Raton

When: Thursday, March 21, 2024

Time: 7:30 pm

Stay tuned for more exciting details in our next newsletter. Spread the news and save the date!

Keep in Touch!

Don't forget to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on our events, progress on the museum building, and of course, your requisite dose of Borscht Belt nostalgia!

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Is anyone out there old enough to remember Nancy Seaman and her store?

– Carol Smythe, Town of Neversink Historian



Margaret Van Keuren Winter of Wichita, Kansas shared these photos and her memories with us.

Portrayed by the wood stove, l to r are Omi Barnes and Nancy Seaman seated and Ethel Van Keuren standing. The store counter photo shows Nancy behind the counter and Omi seated.

Marge Winter goes on to tell us "There were extra chairs if patrons wanted to stay awhile. Bert the squirrel was in a cage beneath the front window. Patrons often gave him the last sip of their birch beer."

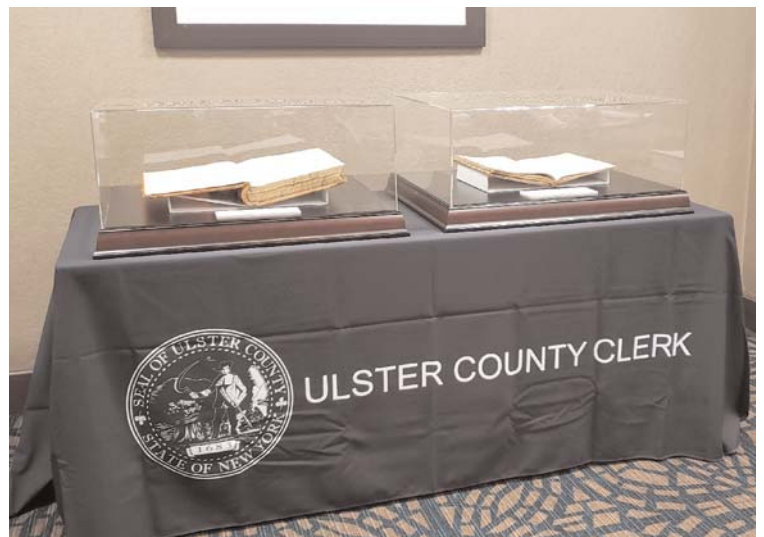
UC Clerk Celebrates 340th Anniversary of Ulster County

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack invites the public for a celebration of Ulster County's 340th birthday being held on Wednesday, November 1 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the lobby of the Ulster County Office Building at 244 Fair Street in Kingston.

Founded on November 1, 1683, Ulster County was one of the original twelve counties in the province of New York. Staff from the Ulster County Clerk's Archives division will have special artifacts on display and will be available to discuss local history questions and talk about resources and research tools the County Clerk's Office offers those looking to learn more about our rich history. Join us for a special birthday cake, which will be served at noon during the celebration.

In recognition of this important decennial, Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is additionally pleased to announce that the earliest Dutch-language records in the County's care are newly digitized and will be going live online through the Ulster County Archives' website this month. Each digitized page will be displayed alongside an English-language transcription to increase accessibility for scholars, genealogists, and the curious public. All interested in learning more about accessing and using this resource are encouraged to join the celebration on November 1st or email the Archives anytime at archives@co.ulster.ny.us.

County Clerk Nina Postupack expressed her enthusiasm, stating, "I invite everyone to join us in celebrating 340 years of history! From our founding in 1683 to the digitization of our earliest Dutch-language records, we're opening a new chapter in accessibility, inviting scholars, genealogists, and the curious public to explore our past in an unprecedented way. This celebration is not just a look back but a step forward, bringing our history out to the community and providing access to important primary sources."



The Ulster County Office Building is located at 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY 12401. For further information about this and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us.

Just in case you're wondering, we'll be re-running some of our best and most popular book reviews every other week from now on. They will be described as our Legacy Mysterious Book Reports. Send us a quick request if you have a favorite that you'd like to see again and we'll do our best to re-publish it.

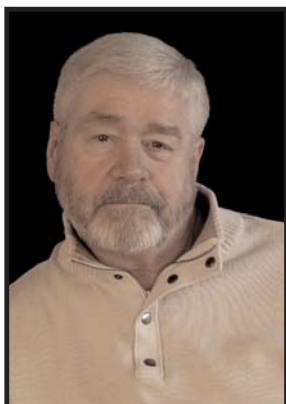
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Ink & Sigil

Mysterious Book Report No. 424

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by John Dwaine McKenna



Our Halloween treat for 2020 – the year a real Captain Trips came to town and tried to kill us all – is a dazzling urban fantasy and series launch by *NY Times* bestselling author Kevin Hearne, entitled: *Ink & Sigil*, (Del Rey, \$28.00, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-9848-2125-6), in which a beleaguered, ordinary mortal man from Glasgow, Scotland named Aloysius, “Al,” MacBharrais is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the treaties that determine how and when supernatural beings may visit the earth. Goddesses and gods down to ogres, leprechauns and sprites, all are subject to his authority . . . but aren't under his control. Al is a sigil agent. He's one of five in the whole world who have the knowledge and the ability to concoct rare, exotic inks, and draw sigils-magic signs and symbols that have the power to amplify strength, heal wounds or tear apart mountains for example. There are many others. But Al is handicapped as well. There's a curse on his head. The more he speaks aloud to someone, the more that person hates him. He's been able to work around it however, by using his cell phone. Then there's the problem with his apprentices. They keep dying. He's lost six thus far, and the seventh, named Gordie, dies in a freak accident just as the story begins.

But Gordie had a secret. To Al's horror, he finds Gordie was trafficking in Fae folk by luring them to earth with promises of work, trapping them using sigils, then selling them to

unknown buyers. It's a horrific scheme Al is duty and honor-bound to set right. He rescues Gordie's last victim – a peevish, foul-mouthed and troublesome, three-foot tall hobgoblin who says his name is Buck – and recruits him to track down the buyers and find the trafficked victims Gordie sold, as well as shutting down the other, Fae side of the scheme, in which some higher authority had to be complicit.

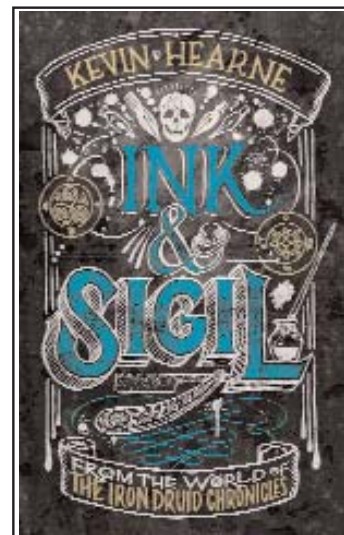
And so begins a delicate and dangerous process between two realms in which the aging widower and sigil agent has to dodge hard-pressed detectives who're determined to learn the facts about Gordie's life and death in the earthly realm . . . while at the same time not annoying vengeful goddesses or falling into the jaws of the ghostly hell-hounds that appear from black smoke and tear their quarry to pieces.

Ink & Sigil is an epic romp in an adult never-never land that will transfix your attention, engage your mind and provide a few laughs too. It's the perfect antidote to real life and the news!

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**John Dwain McKenna's Books
are now available at the
NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE**



The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

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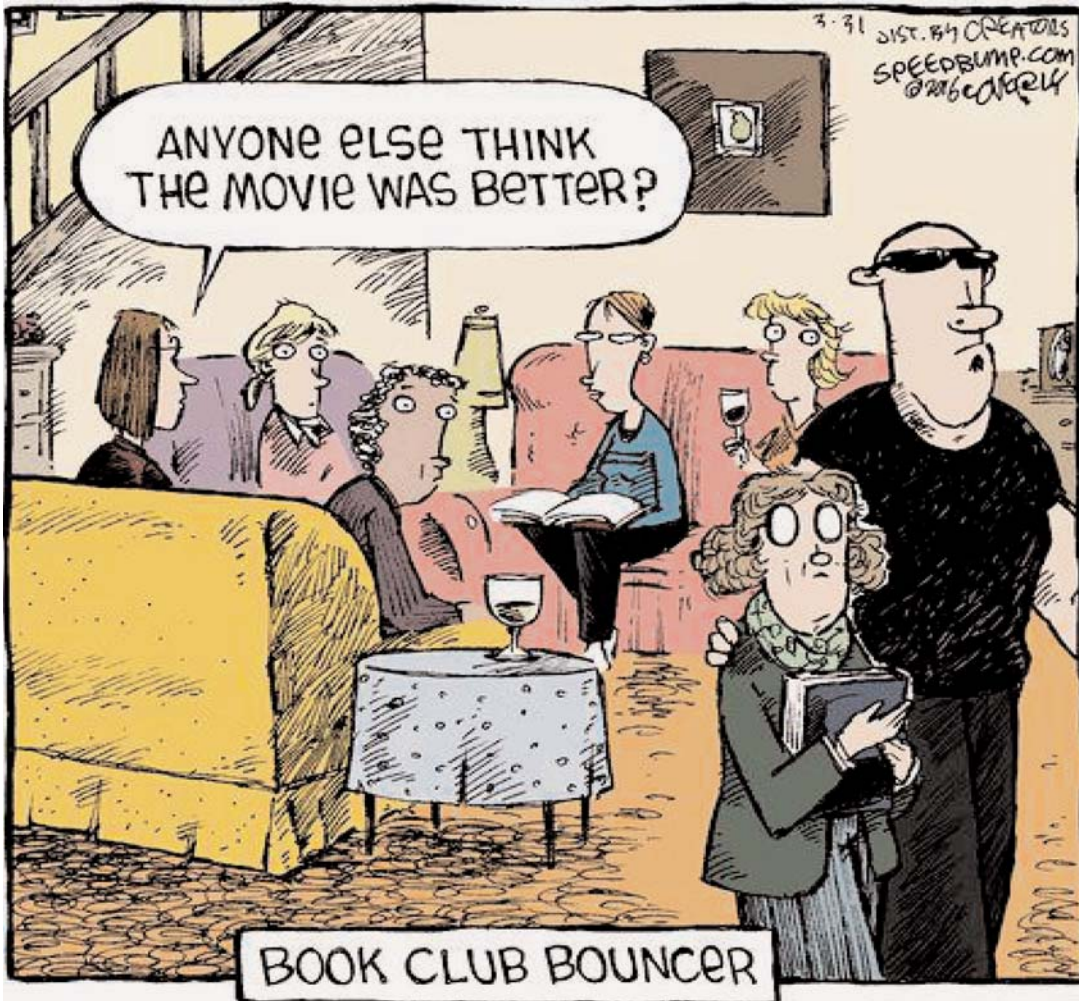
"One glance at a book and you hear the voice of another person, perhaps someone dead for 1,000 years. To read is to voyage through time." - Carl Sagan



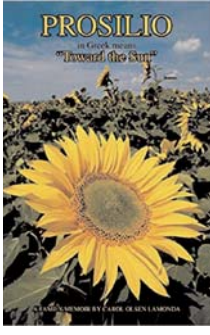
HAPPINESS IS



...talking about books with friends.



The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...
 ... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



I was just wondering why women and not so many men find such pleasure in being in a book club. Perhaps it is because we ladies have taken one pleasure and expanded it into another. Reading beyond childhood is a solitary endeavor. We escape the everyday life to enter someone else's ideas and stories.

Young children enter the world of reading by being read to. It is a social and comforting pleasure. Many teachers in elementary schools (George De Fina being one I can remember) read aloud to students. In middle school, I and other English and humanities teachers would have students read aloud to the class. Reading then was not the end of the tale, it was really the beginning as we had a common experience to discuss.

Having ideas to share furthers understanding because each reader brings personal experiences, opinions, and emotions to the reading. The expansion of the book becomes an exercise in empathy or in Malorie Blackman's words, reading becomes "an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while."

Taking a book club to the next level, most ladies add some food and drink to the experience. My first book club would pick a restaurant for lunch that would match the character or setting or plot. The one I just joined meets at homes during the supper hour with each person contributing to the repast.

Nowadays, I try to balance the chaos of the nightly news with the "other-world" of a good book that someone has recommended. It helps me put my world into perspective.

"Books and doors are the same thing. You open them, and you go through into another world." - Jeanette Winterson



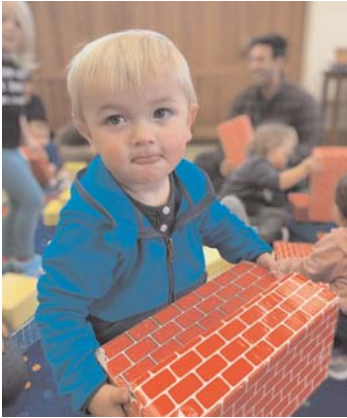
Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

Story Hour Programs in Full Swing at DPL

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE- Our Fall Children's Programs are in full swing this week.



Finley Winters, a Daniel Pierce Library Mother Goose Time program participant, plays with blocks before the Wednesday morning class begins.

“We're so happy to see our kids back,” Deirdre McHugh, Daniel Pierce Library Children's Program Coordinator, said. Wrapping up the first week, which started October 16, we're glad to have the traffic of little feet back on the floor. For the next few weeks, Wednesday through Friday mornings, we are busy with our littlest patrons-sharing books, felt stories, crafts and more!

It's so much fun-and gratifying to see-the huge piles of books that each child picks to check out as well as the friendships that are developing, even this early on. The children are so excited to be here, to meet up with their pals, to share in the activities and then to free play-most getting a little upset when their families tell them it's time to leave (which we understand, but are secretly pleased they'd rather stay than go.)



Tilden Kanbergs and mom, Natalie, finishing up the pirate ship craft during the DPL Story Hour program Friday morning.

In other news, We are hosting a Halloween event on Thursday, October 26 for Tri-Valley CSD students in grades 4 and up. Children will get to partake in a number of different fall and holiday activities, eat yummy treats and celebrate with their friends. Space is limited and online registration is required.

Also, our traditional fall Lego event is starting November 1. There will be three, separate age-group, programs meeting the first three Wednesdays of the month. Registration is online and open to Tri-Valley CSD students in grades: K-1, 2-3 and 4-6. The program will run in the community room (downstairs at the library) from 3 to 4:30PM for each group, where participants will be asked to complete Lego building tasks centered around Fall; such as, building light up Jack-O-Lanterns, designing turkeys and creating pumpkin mazes. For complete details on each individual program and registration forms, please visit our website.

As a reminder, please don't forget about the amazing “Fall Pumpkin” art show on display on the children's floor. The beautiful work adorning our windows was created by the sixth grade students in Ms. Winter's classes at Tri-Valley. It's just unbelievable the amount of talent these young artists display; definitely worth the trip.



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Joseph Lynch and Evan Lewis, two of our DPL Toddler Time students, enjoying some books during 'pick your books' time Thursday morning.

Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre Presents New Years Eve Eve Celebration: A Night of Frivolity, Dinner, and Dancing

Hurleyville, NY - The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) will be hosting a New Year's Eve, Eve celebration, in an elegant and modern 40's night club setting, infused with an art deco vibe. Join us for a night of dinner, dancing, and entertainment in the Grand Ballroom on December 30, 2023. Tickets are on sale now for this event at www.hurleyvilleartscentre.org

New Years Eve Eve at HPAC promises an unforgettable evening. Guests will be greeted with a one-hour open bar and delightful passed hors d'oeuvres, followed by a sumptuous sit-down plated dinner by Tango Café offering a choice of meat, fish, or vegetarian options. Dessert and a champagne toast to the New Year follows. The night will be set to live music from a 10 piece New York City based band, ensuring a night of dancing and revelry. Guests are encouraged to dress in their finest festive or cocktail attire, adding to the glamorous ambiance of the event. For those looking to indulge in additional beverages, a cash bar will be available.

Janet Carrus, founder, and president of HPAC, expressed her excitement about the event: "At HPAC, we believe in celebrating the human spirit through dance, music, and film. The New Years Eve Eve Celebration embodies the essence of joy and camaraderie that we foster at our center. It's not just a night of entertainment; it's an experience that will create lasting memories for everyone attending."

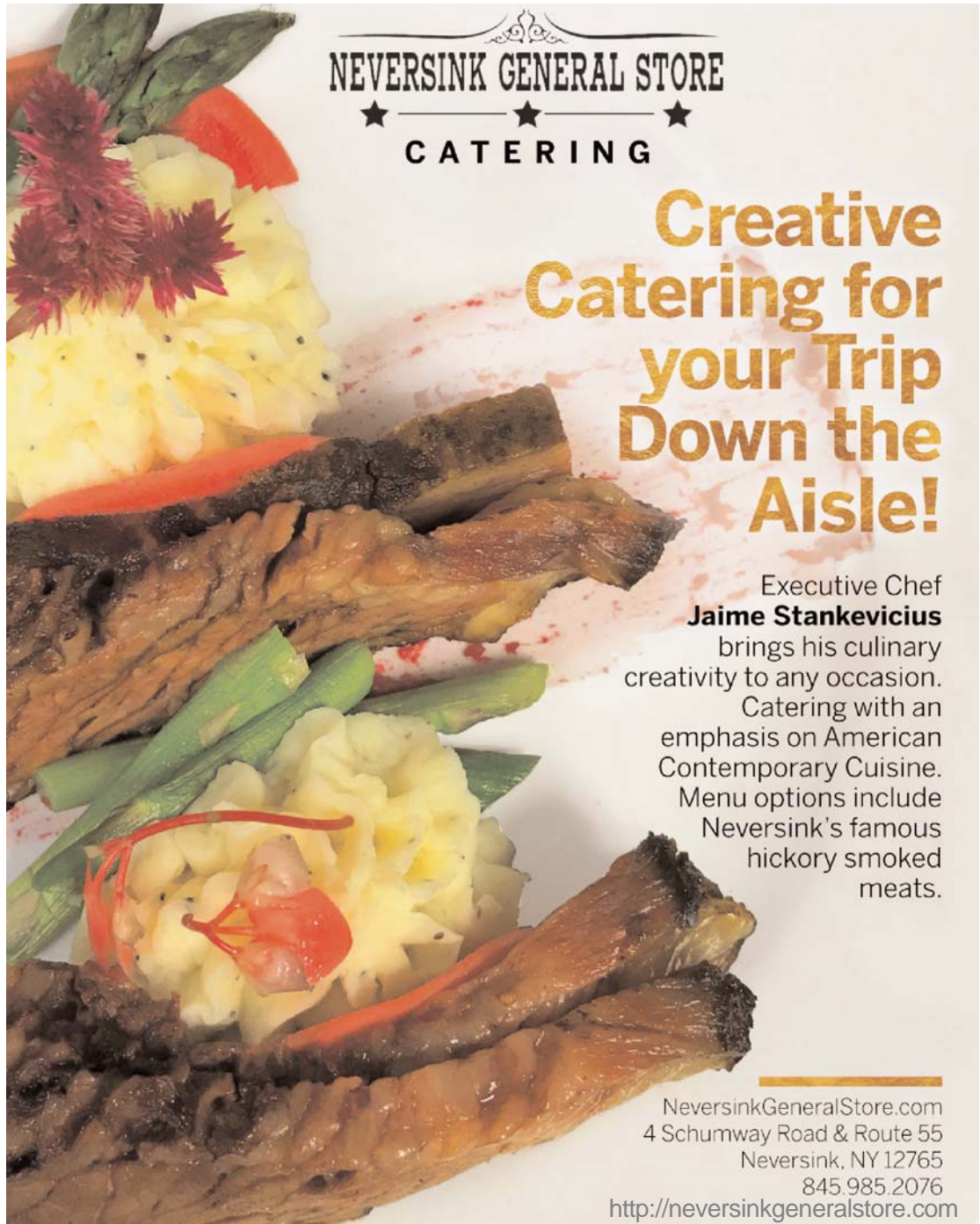
Event Details:—Date: December 30, 2023; Time: 6:30pm-11:00pm; Venue: Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, 219 Main St., Hurleyville, NY; Dress Code: Festive or Cocktail Attire

Join us for a night of elegance, laughter, and celebration as we bid farewell to the year in style at HPAC! Save the date, and stay tuned for ticket information and further event updates: <https://hurleyvilleartscentre.org/new-years-eve-eve/>

For more information, please contact:
Tialisa Whipple 845-985-4722 or tialisa@hacny.org

About HPAC:

Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) is a nonprofit performing arts center located in Hurleyville, New York. Dedicated to celebrating the human spirit through dance, music, and film, HPAC serves as a hub of cultural and artistic expression in Sullivan County, the most diverse rural county in the Catskill region. With a commitment to inclusivity and community engagement, HPAC hosts a variety of events, performances, and educational programs, enriching the lives of residents and visitors alike.



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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

THE JOHNNY JULES BAND was on fire Saturday night at the BRIDGE AND TUNNEL BREWERY in Liberty.



Even pared down, JOHNNY (guitar and lead vocals), BOBBY D on the Dobro, MANGO MIKE with his ukelele and banjo and RICK TYLER on loan from JAKETOWN ROAD on bass, really excelled. Johnny was even asking for requests and taking them on with ease.

This is another place I had not been before even though I had heard great things about it. There were a couple of reasons for this. One, I'm not a beer drinker and two, they only have live music sporadically and what is it that I write about? Well, thanks to Arthur (a helpful and very knowledgeable bartender) I chose a seltzer with REAL strawberry juice and learned the reason there is only sporadic live music is that the owner is extremely discerning in the music

he books. If the applause after each song is any indication, then THE JOHNNY JULES BAND was a good fit.

My GPS had me running in circles trying to locate this place. Obviously, it had never been there either. But once I found it (On my own) I could appreciate the total non-neon I've come to expect. I, and another woman came up the steps together and had to ask "where's the entrance?" and were pointed to the door in front of us that had a large pane of glass covered with a black curtain and blinds. I don't know what she thought, but I was thinking 'oh, this is going to be really good!' During my Manhattan days, I visited several 'after hours clubs' that had this same vibe. I wasn't wrong. Just beyond that door is what seems to be an immense space, lots of wood, but all of it with a really

cozy feeling, even in the large back room where the band was. This place really intrigues me, you can just tell someone put a lot of thought into creating it and I appreciate creativity.

For me, it was almost an 'old home week'. It's always a pleasure to see my good friend JOHNNY, that's a given. I joined the table with BILL GRIESBECK and LIL SCOLES who I hadn't seen in a while along with LOUISE, SONIA and CHAUNCY. I had a chance to catch up with MIKE MOSS and lead singer



JOE from JAKETOWN ROAD and with LORRIE FRISHMAN who I haven't really had a chance to talk to since the days of NADIA'S in Hurleyville. She was there with her husband ALAN, who joined the band on stage at the end of the first set, playing 'spoons'...and doing a pretty good job of it!



There was also a weird interlude between sets, that had nothing to do with the band, that could only be described as an attempted revival of 'old Borscht Belt schtick'. I'm sure there's an audience for this somewhere, but this wasn't it and it fell flat. At one point someone leaned over and asked "Is this supposed to be funny?" and all I could do was shrug my shoulders.

Next weekend, I will be in Cortland, New York for the induction ceremonies for the COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME. I won't be back until sometime Monday and will miss the deadline for my column so you will have to wait until the week after for my adventures.

Here's where you can catch JAKETOWN ROAD over the next few weeks:



The ROSCOE BEER COMPANY in Roscoe on Saturday October 28 from 2pm to 5.

Nov 3rd, they will be at CABERNET FRANK'S starting at 7pm

And then, Nov 4th, I will be attending the birthday dance party for my friend AMY BRIGHTHOUSE with the EMPIRE OF LIGHT.

Have a great couple of weeks!

Stay safe, stay well

Until next time.....

Navigating the Future: Start, Stay, Succeed!

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce has been honoring businesses and individuals for 49 years. The Pride Awards Gala honors individuals, businesses and organizations from throughout Sullivan County for their community involvement and their contributions to the economic development in the county.

The winners selected are Businessperson of the Year, Distinguished Service to the County, Distinguished Achievement in the County, Emerging Leader, Township Award, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Workplace Excellence; all to be honored at this prestigious ceremony that takes place on November 9, 2023 at the Villa Roma Resort, Callicoon, NY.

Everyone in Sullivan County was invited to participate in the nomination process. It is a way to honor people throughout Sullivan County that wouldn't normally get recognized, but these individuals deserve the most prestigious recognition. Our distinguished and dedicated committee of Past Businesspersons of the Year winners and our Chamber Board of Directors comprise the selection committee. It is an honor to work with such incredible contributors to the County to commend these businesses and individuals.

2023 Pride of Community Award Winners are:

Businessperson of the Year
Joseph D'Abbraccio, DVM - Catskill Veterinary Services, PLLC

Distinguished Achievement Award
Mike Taylor, Combined Energy Services, Holiday Mountain, All-Gas and others

Distinguished Service Awards
Al Frangipane - St. Jude Children's Hospital, The Lions Club and others
Julian Dawson, United Way

Emerging Leader Award
Bradlyn Matican - Insight Cipher

Township Awards
Nick & Kate Rusin, Parksville Priorities, Liberty Rising - Town of Liberty
Joel Weinberg - Mountain Mall - Town of Thompson
Denise and Rob Lombardi - Hurleyville General Store, Town of Fallsburg
Doug Doetsch and Susan Manning, Seminary Hill, Town of Delaware

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Workplace Excellence Award
Joan Patterson, RN, MSN Crystal Run Healthcare

The Annual Meeting & Pride Awards Gala will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Tickets are \$80/person - couples \$150. Sponsorship Opportunities are available.

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

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

The Annual Wayne County Arts Alliance Halloween Bash 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! Music by Group Du Jour! 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 – 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.

SULLIVAN 180 TRAINS QPR GATEKEEPER TRAINERS 11 New Gatekeeper Trainers Available to Teach QPR in the Community

[LIBERTY] Last week, eleven members of the Sullivan County community became QPR Gatekeeper Trainers. Those trained included school counselors, school social workers, a school nurse, and members from community organizations, including NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Crystal Run Healthcare, Catholic Charities, Sullivan 180, and Hudson Valley Community Services. These individuals are now able to lead the 90-minute QPR Gatekeeper training throughout the county and spread suicide prevention awareness.

QPR Master Trainer Instructor Jill Holland said, “By training more individuals in our community to share the importance of the QPR suicide awareness and intervention training, we then have more individuals able to identify and interrupt the crisis and direct individuals to the proper care. I am excited that there will be more trainers in our community to help train others. The more individual trainers, the greater the chances for providing

hope for those in need.”

QPR is a suicide prevention training that teaches three simple steps- Question, Persuade, and Refer. As a trained QPR Gatekeeper, you will learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer hope and know how to get help and save a life.

Sullivan County has the highest suicide mortality rate in the Hudson Valley. It is imperative to bring prevention and awareness trainings into the county to support the suicide crisis.

“Sullivan 180 acknowledges the tremendous grief that families and communities feel when they experience a loss due to suicide. By empowering community members with the skills to talk openly about this issue, these new QPR trainers will help break down the stigma around mental health and ultimately save lives,” said Amanda Langseder, Sullivan 180 Managing Director. “We hope workplaces, schools, houses of worship and community groups will request a QPR training soon. Thanks to these incredible, selfless volunteers, we now have the facilitators to make a difference.”

If you are interested in becoming a QPR Gatekeeper or your organization is interested in setting up a 90-minute QPR Gatekeeper training, contact info@sullivan180.org or call (845) 295-2680.

SC Chamber of Commerce Call for Nominations

Are you an investor in our community wanting to advocate for the private enterprise system and wanting to advance economic development, creating a more positive business environment? There is a lot of momentum and progress happening in Sullivan County right now, and you could be a part of creating a united force for business. The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will have four (4) board positions open in 2024, and we are now accepting nominations/applications.

The fiscal year for the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, and its committees begins January 1. Board members serve three-year terms.

The membership is asked to submit, for Board approval, nominations for new candidates. They may be submitted to the Chamber office in writing by any member in good standing, on or before October 29th, 2023.

In accordance with our bylaws, members of the Nominating Committee will review all nominations, including current board/committee members eligible for and desiring re-election, and submit to the membership a list of the candidates. The ballot will be presented in a November edition of the Chamber Newsletter and be emailed and/or mailed to current members. Contact the Chamber at office@catskills.com or 845-791-4200 x1 if you have any questions.

A few things to know before applying:

- o The mission and vision of the Chamber is “to be the united force for business in Sullivan County by creating a culture of commerce” to encourage economic growth in our community by serving our members through access to resources, business development, networking, education, and advocacy. The board is responsible to make sure our work is aligned with this mission.

- o This is a very active board. Board meetings are monthly, the third Tuesday at 8:00 AM. Board members are also asked to serve on one or more Chamber committees and our task forces. Board members are expected to promote the Chamber, and to participate actively in board and committee work.

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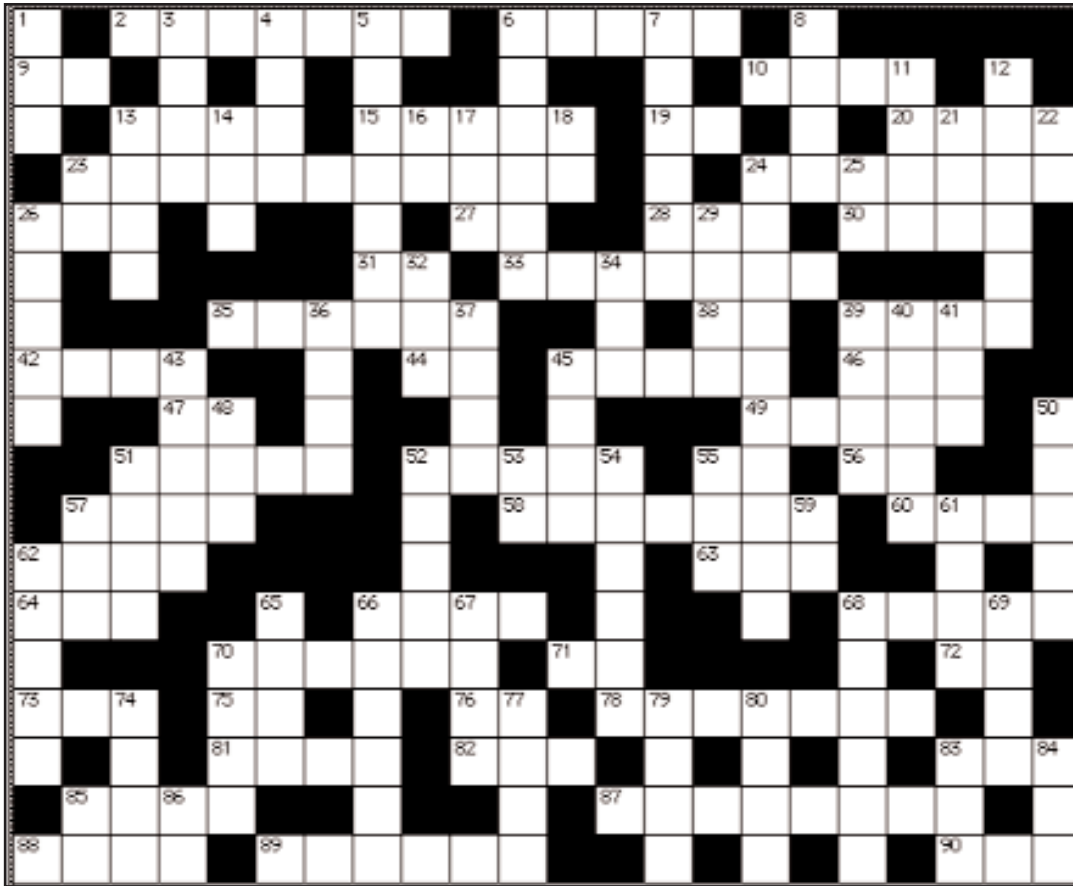
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- 54 Ancient Celtic soothsayers
- 55 Aged
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- 59 Associate of Arts
- 61 Dry
- 62 A witch's transportation
- 65 Crypt
- 66 Somber
- 67 Face covering
- 68 Small stocky sparrow hawk
- 69 Black
- 70 Pi meson
- 74 Tall deciduous trees
- 77 Advice or counsel
- 79 Gelatinous substance
- 80 Pious
- 83 Along with
- 84 Human adult male
- 85 Over-eater's
- Anonymous
- 86 Extraterrestrial

Apple Crisp

- 8 apples, sliced
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 c. water
- 1 c. sugar
- 3/4 c. flour
- 7 Tbsp. butter

Grease well a baking dish. Fill with apples, water and cinnamon that have been mixed.

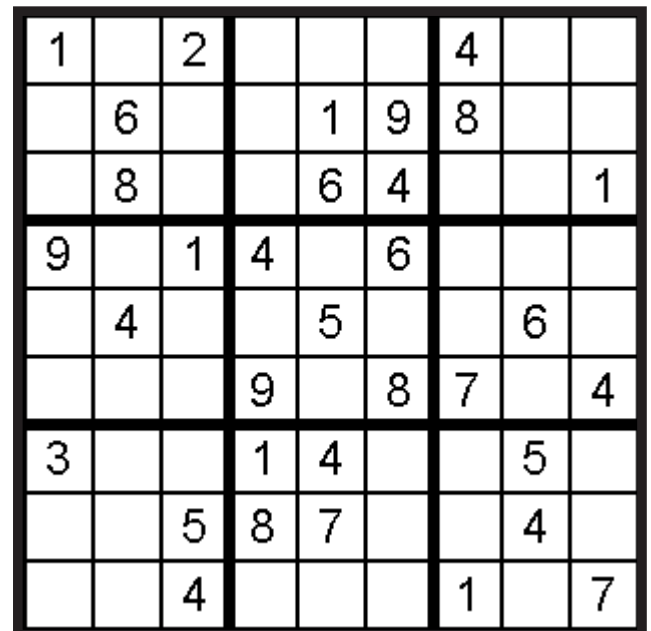
Work the rest of the ingredients (sugar, flour and butter) with fingertips until crumbly.

Spread over apple mixture and bake, uncovered, about 30 minutes at 350°.

Serve with whipped cream or lemon sauce.

- ACROSS**
- 2 Halloween garment
 - 6 Barb
 - 9 Morning
 - 10 Belonging to mother
 - 13 Broad
 - 15 Father in the Addams Family
 - 19 You and I
 - 20 As soon as possible
 - 23 Woolly Bear
 - 24 Large open-air fire
 - 26 A boil
 - 27 Near
 - 28 Cereal plant
 - 30 A penny
 - 31 Chem. element silver
 - 33 Time when the sun disappears and ghosts and goblins start to appear on
 - 35 What you may be dunking for
 - 38 Private soldier in the US Army
 - 39 Heavenly body
 - 42 Crook
 - 44 Expression location
 - 45 Significant
 - 46 Globe
 - 47 Half an em
 - 49 Baked sweet treats
 - 51 Ploy
 - 52 Over-shadow
 - 55 Exclamation
 - 56 Each
 - 57 Simmer
 - 58 Ancient Roman
 - 60 Popular Swedish handcrafted horse
 - 62 A piece that makes up a skeleton
 - 63 Carrier of genetic information
 - 64 Fish eggs
 - 66 Unspecified amount
 - 68 Venerated person
 - 70 Roman goddess of apples
 - 71 Part of the human psyche
 - 72 Perform
 - 73 Single unit
 - 75 I am (contraction)
 - 76 Senior
 - 78 Ancient festival ending the harvest season and beginning of the dark season
 - 81 A woodwind instrument
 - 82 Clue
 - 83 Upper appendage
 - 85 Portent
 - 87 Witch's iron kettle
 - 88 Where the 'wicked witch' lives
 - 89 Taper
 - 90 Unpleasant prolonged noise
- DOWN**
- 1 Popular Halloween animal
 - 3 Leave out
 - 4 Layer
 - 5 Mystical
 - 6 Halloween goodies
 - 7 Bounty
 - 8 Single-handed
 - 11 Protected
 - 12 One who suffers for the sake of their belief
 - 13 Baton
 - 14 Sanctum
 - 16 Used in chemistry to form names of organic compound
 - 17 Modern Language Association
 - 18 Chem. element Zirconium
 - 21 Transgression
 - 22 Physical Education
 - 23 Common Era
 - 24 Enchanting
 - 25 North Carolina
 - 26 Necromancer
 - 29 One of Gomez Addam's pastimes
 - 32 Acquire
 - 34 National Public Radio
 - 36 Quarter of a bushel
 - 37 Inner being
 - 39 Right of local jurisdiction
 - 40 Tramp and emotions
 - 41 Abdominal muscles
 - 43 Sinister
 - 45 Mucilage
 - 48 Naught
 - 50 Center of love
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Kids' Halloween Fun Page

- L. Comando



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SKELETON CREW Runs for One More Week!

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"A very fine new play...warm-blooded, astute, deeply moral, and deeply American."

- New York Times

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- The Amsterdam News

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 close-knit 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 through October 29th. Regular evening shows will be offered at \$43, and Sunday matinee performances are priced at \$39.

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 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.

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Featuring: Anique Clements*, Chris Grant, Jammie Patton*, Abel Santiago Photo by: Brendan Burke (*denotes member of AEA)

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE- PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW, SECTION 108; §5-11 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET;

NOTICE is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Denning for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk where it is available for inspection by any interested person during normal Town Hall hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE of a Public Hearing to be held at 6 PM prior to the Town Board and Town Business meeting on Wednesday, November 14th, 2023, at the Denning Town Hall. At such time any person or persons will be heard, in favor or against any item or items therein contained.

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

Table with 2 columns: Position and Salary. Supervisor: \$ 17,687.00; Councilman: 1,561.00; Supt. Of Highways: 55,218.00; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 32,367.00; Town Justice: 8,490.00

By Order of the Denning Town Board Nancy Parrow Town Clerk October 19, 2023

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Road Closure in Grahamsville

Grahamsville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of County Road 156 (South Hill Road) in the Town of Neversink to replace County Bridge 216. The bridge itself is located approximately 300 feet east of the intersection of State Route 42 and CR 156. This section is scheduled to be closed to all traffic for approximately six months, starting at 8 a.m. on May 1, 2023.

SLAC – Senior Legislative Action Committee

The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County. We invite you to our meeting on Friday, October 27, 2023, at 10 AM in the Legislative COMMITTEE Room of the Government Center, Monticello, NY. Doors open @ 9:40 am. Room change due to conflict. Opposite side through legislature's meeting room.

Call to Order; Welcome; Minutes of last meeting; Treasurer's report; Old Business: Update on Adult Care Center.

As of today, there is a public hearing scheduled for the Certificate of Need on November 2nd in NYC for the entity that wants to take over the operation of the Adult Care Center at Sunset Lake. Lou Setren, president of the ACC Family Council is keeping an eye on the proceedings. He will update us on the progress and what plans the family council has made for those who want to go.

Hand out and discuss the Certificate of Need (CON) application.

- 1. What it says; 2. Letter campaign STILL TIME; 3. Public hearing UPDATE;

Open forum and discussion on:

- A. Garnet Catskills, Harris; B. Emergency Medical Services

Any business or concerns from the membership and guests.

Adjournment

COME! Bring a Friend, learn together and plan actions to improve our quality of life.

SLAC, P.O. Box 303, Kiamesha Lake NY 12551. ??? Call 845 434 4144

DUES: \$10.00 per year. 2023, collected before or after the meeting.

SLAC is affiliated with StateWide Senior Action Council, senior@org.com

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH. Early voting starts Saturday October 28th - November 5th, @ Sullivan County Government Center and @ the SC Public Health, 50 Community Lane, Liberty, NY



VOTE BLUE, WE WORK FOR YOU

There are 2 local positions that need the support of Neversink voters. **Brian McPhillips** for District 3 legislator. His opponent Mike Books is a Rob Doherty devotee and blind faith follower. In 4 years, Brooks has not had an original idea. **Diana Weiner** needs our support. The people of Neversink need a voice from other than the “good old boy” network.

Office Oficina	State Supreme Court Justice Third Judicial District (Vote for up to three) Juez De La Corte Suprema Tercer Distrito Judicial (Vote por hasta tres)	District Attorney (Vote for one) Fiscal Del Distrito (Vote por uno)	County Clerk (Vote for one) Secretario Del Condado (Vote por uno)	County Coroner (Vote for one) Forense Del Condado (Vote por uno)	County Legislator District 3 (Vote for one) Legislador Del Condado Distrito 3 (Vote por uno)	Supervisor (Vote for one) Supervisor (Vote por uno)	Town Clerk/ Tax Collector (Vote for one) Secretario Municipal/ Recaudador De Impuestos (Vote por uno)	Town Justice (Vote for one) Juez Municipal (Vote por uno)	Council Member (Vote for up to two) Miembro del Consejo (Vote por hasta dos)	Superintendent of Highways (Vote for one) Superintendente De Carreteras (Vote por uno)
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<p>Proposal one, an amendment Propuesta uno, una enmienda</p> <p>Removal of Small City School Districts From Special Constitutional Debt Limitation</p> <p>The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 4 of the Constitution removes the special constitutional debt limitation now placed on small city school districts, so they will be treated the same as all other school districts. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?</p> <p>Eliminación de los distritos escolares de ciudades pequeñas de la limitación de deuda constitucional especial</p> <p>La enmienda propuesta al artículo 8, sección 4 de la Constitución elimina la limitación de deuda constitucional especial que ahora se aplica a los distritos escolares de ciudades pequeñas, por lo que recibirán el mismo trato que todos los demás distritos escolares. ¿Debe aprobarse la enmienda propuesta?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/Si No/No</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Proposal two, an amendment Propuesta dos, una enmienda</p> <p>Extending Sewage Project Debt Exclusion From Debt Limit</p> <p>The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution extends for ten years the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to remove from their constitutional debt limits debt for the construction of sewage facilities. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?</p> <p>Ampliación de la exclusión del límite de deuda para la deuda por proyectos de aguas residuales</p> <p>La enmienda propuesta al artículo 8, sección 5 de la Constitución extiende por diez años la autoridad de los condados, ciudades, pueblos y aldeas para eliminar de sus límites de deuda constitucional la deuda para la construcción de instalaciones de aguas residuales. ¿Debe aprobarse la enmienda propuesta?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes/Si No/No</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p>
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Letter to the Editor:

As Election Day rolls around again, and I am running for my Second Term as Town Clerk-Tax Collector in Denning; I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our residents, businesses, neighboring towns, and the Ulster County Town Clerk-Tax Collector Association for their unfailing friendliness, kindness, and patience. I have spent my first term learning about them, our Town, and the infinite amount of knowledge needed to be a good and efficient Town Clerk and Tax Collector!

I would especially like to thank Supervisor Brooks, the Denning Town Board Members, and all Denning officials who have helped make my first term a wonderful experience and make me eager for a second term.

I would also like to thank my predecessor, Joy Monforte, who is always just a phone call away and eager to share her vast knowledge and experience with me at a moment's notice.

I hope to continue my education with all the trainings, webinars and conferences that are offered, as well as continue to gather knowledge about all our Denning residents in the unique setting that IS our Town! I hope to make strides in updating the practices and protocols of my positions, while still maintaining that small town essence that defines the Town of Denning and why we call it home.

Please get out and vote this November 7th!
Thank you.

Nancy A Parrow
Sundown, NY

DEC to Lead Multi-Agency Effort to Investigate Bottle Bill Fraud Examination of Returnable Container Act Fraud Will Help Prevent the Loss of Millions in Revenue and Hold Offenders Accountable

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced a statewide multi-agency effort to help prevent returnable container schemes that defraud the state of millions of dollars each year. This new effort will help uncover practices that prevent bottles and cans without deposits from being redeemed, thus reducing funds that support crucial environmental and other state initiatives.

"New York's highly successful Bottle Bill is an unfortunate target for unscrupulous criminals looking to make big bucks from the state's nickels," DEC Commissioner Basil

Seggos said. "This newly launched effort will help foster coordination among state and local partners across the many jurisdictions included in Bottle Bill enforcement to help recoup lost revenue, hold violators accountable, and eliminate the competitive disadvantage experienced by companies that play by the rules."

This new effort will bring together the expertise of multiple state agencies, including law enforcement and technical expertise from the State Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF), Department of Agriculture and Markets, State Liquor Authority, and others to work collaboratively on collecting and interpreting data, auditing records, inspecting and certifying redemption and counting equipment, investigating complaints, and preventing or prosecuting fraudulent activities.

New York's Returnable Container Act, known as the Bottle Bill, is one of the State's most efficient and successful recycling programs. The Bottle Bill improves litter control, provides relief to overburdened municipal recycling systems, and increases beverage container recycling in New York. Recyclables collected through this program are readily returned for manufacturing of containers and other commodities. The law requires a deposit of at least five cents on containers for carbonated soft drinks, beer and other malt beverages, mineral water, soda water, wine products, and water that doesn't contain sugar. A deposit is required on glass, metal, and plastic containers that hold less than one gallon or 3.78 liters.

The Bottle Bill captures an average of five billion beverage containers each year with 250,000 tons of plastic, glass, and aluminum recycled. Since the law went into effect, redemption rates averaged 65 percent, well above the recycling rate for most other packaging and products, and beverage container litter was reduced by 70 percent. These beverage containers are no longer littering roads or waterways and get recycled into new packaging and products.

Since the Bottle Bill was amended in 2009, four cents of each unredeemed nickel are remitted DTF, generating approximately \$117 million in revenue for New York State in 2022 alone. Most of the funds collected go to the State's General Fund; of these monies, there is currently \$23 million dedicated each year to the State's Environmental Protection Fund. Bottle Bill sales data is often held confidential, but some estimates of the impact of fraud and underreporting of deposits reach tens or even hundreds of millions of dollars.

DEC and its State and local enforcement partners have successfully prosecuted redemption container fraud cases in the past, including a 2018 DEC and New York State Attorney General investigation of North Bergen Beverage that revealed sales of tens of millions of beverage containers without initiating deposits, depriving the State of an estimated \$4 million. Bottle Bill fraud can take many forms, such as transshipping of filled beverage containers from non-deposit states; the fraudulent redemption of empty beverage containers from out-of-state and double-redemption schemes; reverse vending machine tampering; and deposit initiators not registering with DTF and not reporting, or under-reporting sales. It is hoped that as the work evolves, this process will reveal areas where laws, regulations, policies and/or procedure can be modified to strengthen the State's ability to prevent fraud.

More about New York's Bottle Bill can be found on DEC's website.

Candidate Statements for Denning Town Council By Larry Cole and Layne Hudes



My name is Larry Cole and I'm a lifelong Denning resident who has worked for the NY State Dept. of Corrections and as a technician and substitute teacher. I am also a past president and active member of the Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept. I am running for the Denning Town Council because I love my rural community and believe we can do better so that all residents—it doesn't matter what your party affiliation is—have the information and services they need and deserve.

My name is Layne Hudes. I was an elementary teacher in the New York City Public Schools, became a principal and rose to Assistant Superintendent in Ardsley, NY. I have lived in Denning for 22 years and I want to fight for better communication between all our neighbors and local government.

We both believe that our platform is totally nonpartisan. It reflects issues that have been important to Denning residents for many years. We want to work with all our neighbors. We want to fight for better public transportation and increased access to broadband. We want to help Sundown receive improved access to the transfer station. We also want to find out how we can access more state and federal funds for our community.

Vote on November 7!
Or vote early Oct. 28 - Nov. 4, the Ellenville Library.
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Many items from the Indoor Yard Sale will be available for sale at the Supper. Come check them out.

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

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

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
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(845) 434-7643

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

**Nov 4th, 2023
Thrift Sale
9 am to 12 noon**

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

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740
Dial by your location
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The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

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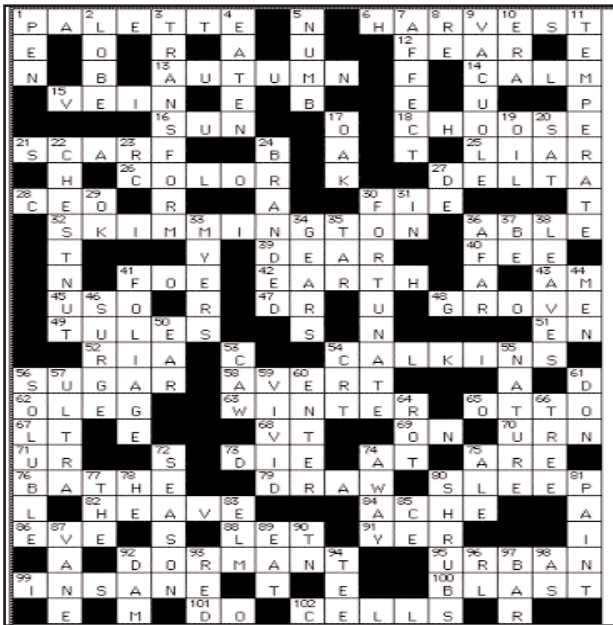
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Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



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GRAHAMSVILLE UMC THRIFT MINISTRY

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

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, 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)

UC Executive Jen Metzger has released the following Statement in response to overreach by the County Comptroller

“The issue here is not former Finance Commissioner Burt Gulnick-it is about the County Comptroller's overreach of authority. The County's labor attorney advised her over a month ago that her subpoena for protected whistleblower information was improper under State Law and the County Charter, and this press release is the first response we have heard from her office since then. That press release makes disingenuous claims about the nature of the information she requested and falsely asserts that my office failed to respond. I am disappointed that she has taken the extremely aggressive action to sue my office. It sets a dangerous precedent to provide unfettered access by an elected official to information about whistleblowers, employees' private information unrelated to County finances, and attorney-client privileged documents. I will never stand in the way of government transparency, but this is about checks and balances to prevent governmental overreach and ensure proper procedures are followed.”

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 For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/1/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
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11/4/23	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
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
11/16/23	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
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 CANCELED
11/21/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of October 23 - October 27, 2023

Monday, October 23

- o **3:00 PM - Special Joint Meeting of the Ways & Means and Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committees**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, October 24

- o No Meetings

Wednesday, October 25

- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Special Meeting**, at 5 Park Lane, Highland, 12528
- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building
- o **10:00 AM (Or Immediately Following IDA) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board of Directors**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building
- o **3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, New York 12419
- o **5:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
- o **6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway; & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 859 4254 9615
- o **7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building

Thursday, October 26

- o **12:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board**, in UCRRA Offices, 999 Flatbush Avenue, Kingston

Friday, October 27

- o **4:30 PM - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

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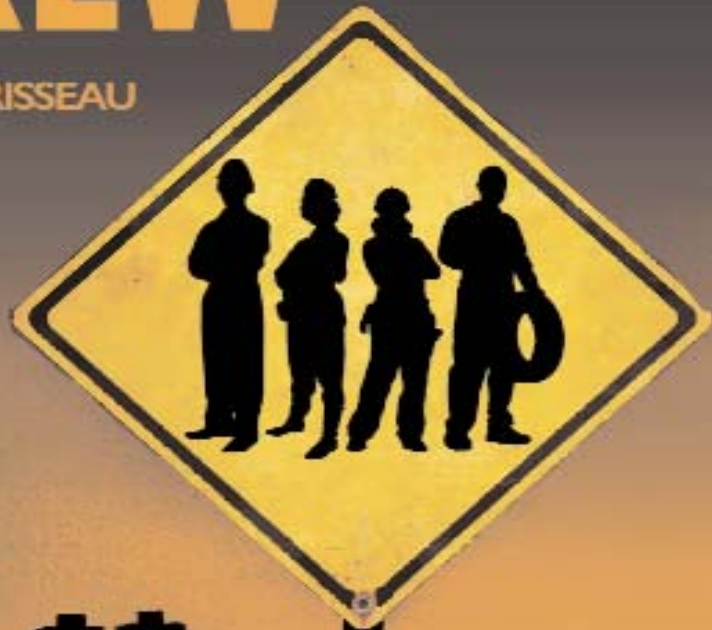
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Israel Terror Hits Local Family Local Community Mourns Tragic Loss and Prays for Safe Return of Kidnapped Family Members

Kingston, NY - October 23, 2023 - With profound sorrow and heavy hearts, we announce the heartbreaking loss of Margit and Yosi Silverman, who were tragically murdered in the recent terror attacks in Israel. Margit and Yosi were the beloved sister and brother-in-law to Maurice Shnaider of Kingston. Their cruel murder is a devastating blow to our community.

Amidst this tragedy, we stand together and extend our heartfelt prayers and hopes for a miracle for the safe return of Margit and Yosi's children, Shiri and Yarden Bibas, along with their young sons, Ariel (4 years old) and Kfir (9 months old). These innocent family members remain in the clutches of terrorists, and our collective wish is for their miraculous return, unharmed and in good health and spirits.

A funeral service was held on Monday, in Israel to pay our final respects to Margit and Yosi.

During this difficult time, Maurice Shnaider will be observing Shiva, a period of mourning, to honor the memory of his loved ones.

Prayer Schedule:

- o Morning Shachris at Chabad: 8:00 am (Tuesday - Friday)

In a solemn reminder of the tragedy, it is important to acknowledge that those who were murdered and tortured in Israel suffered solely because of their identity as Jews. In unity and support, we call upon our community to reach out to the Shnaider family during this week of Shiva and show them our unwavering support.

On Thursday morning at 9:15 am, Maurice will make a short public statement on the front steps of Congregation Agudas Achim Chabad, offering his thoughts and reflections during this challenging time.

We extend our deepest condolences to Maurice, his wife Cindy, and their family during this incredibly challenging time.

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Our thoughts and prayers are with the Shnaider family and all those affected by this terrible loss.

May the Omnipresent console you together with all the mourners of Zion & Jerusalem.

Rabbi Yitzhak Hecht
Chabad of Ulster County

UC 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 county-clerk@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also stay updated by visiting our Facebook page.

DEC Announces Availability of Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Funding

Funds Assist With Purchase of Wildland Firefighting Equipment for Rural Fire Departments

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting applications for \$976,622 in Volunteer Fire Assistance grant funding to help rural fire departments protect public safety and natural resources. The application deadline is Nov. 15.

"When wildfires break out in different parts of the State, DEC's Forest Rangers are often joined by members of volunteer fire departments," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "This grant program bolsters the local capacity to fight wildland fires, so firefighters can protect their family, friends, and neighbors, and their surrounding communities."

The Volunteer Fire Assistance grant program is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by DEC Forest Rangers. Fire departments will receive 50/50 matching funds up to \$2,500, a \$1,000 increase from last year. In 2022, the program provided \$1,500 grants to 444 fire departments.

Only expenses directly related to wildland firefighting suppression efforts are eligible for funding. These include the purchase of portable pumps, portable backpack pumps, hand tools, fire hose, approved lightweight fire-resistant clothing, hard hats, turnout gear, portable radios, generators, and dry hydrants.

Expenditures not directly related to firefighting, such as search and rescue, acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities, major apparatus purchases, and maintenance items are not eligible for funding.

DEC Announces Availability of Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Funding

(From Pg. 27) Eligible fire departments: those that serve a single town with a population under 10,000; those that serve multiple communities, one of which is a rural town of less than 10,000 residents; and fire departments in towns with a population of 10,000 or more that meet the application requirements.

Fire departments that receive a grant award must complete all required grant paperwork.

For applications and additional information about the grant program, visit the DEC website, contact DEC at 518-402-8839, or write to NYSDEC

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 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 e-cigarettes
- 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 e-cigarettes 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 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 addiction to nicotine.

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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

Sullivan Catskills Announces Exciting Plans to Publish 2024 Travel Guide

LIBERTY, NY - Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) is excited to announce the production of the highly anticipated 2024 Sullivan Catskills Travel Guide. This comprehensive guide is your ultimate resource for discovering the hidden gems, exciting activities, and picturesque landscapes that Sullivan County has to offer.

As we look to the new year, the 2024 Sullivan Catskills Travel Guide takes center stage, guiding travelers and locals alike to explore the heart of the Sullivan Catskills. Whether you're a seasoned visitor or a first-time explorer, this travel guide promises to provide valuable insights into the region's unique charm.

“With its lush forests, pristine lakes, and charming communities, Sullivan Catskills offers a diverse range of experiences, making it the perfect destination for outdoor enthusiasts, history buffs, food connoisseurs, and art lovers alike,” remarked SCVA President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood. “The 2024 Travel Guide will serve as a one-stop reference, showcasing the best the region has to offer.”

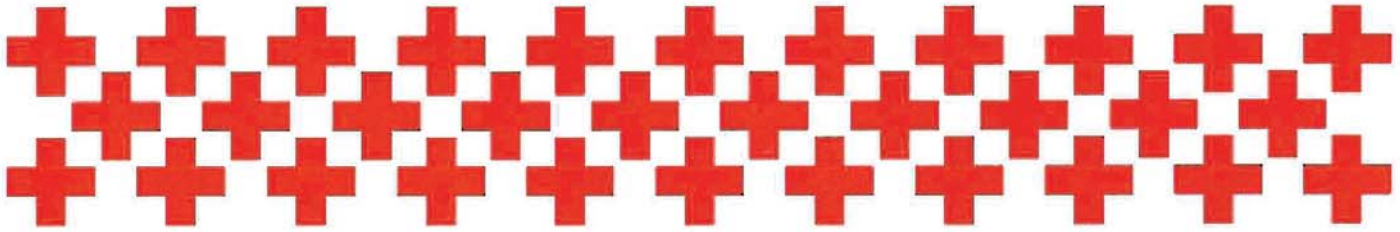
Sullivan Catskills is inviting local businesses, attractions, and organizations to be a part of this exciting project. Advertisers and sponsors will have the opportunity to showcase their offerings to a broader audience and support the promotion of the region.

The guide will be available both in print and online, and can be easily viewed on the Sullivan Catskills website, www.sullivancatskills.com. Or pick up a print version at local visitor centers, businesses, and participating partner locations.

To be included in the 2024 Travel Guide, send your business information to Lourdesa Hunt at lmh@scva.net no later than November 1. You can also add or update your listing through our member portal. If you are not a member of the SCVA you can join at any time; non-members are afforded the opportunity

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Sullivan County Officials Visit New HQ of Partner in Broadband Project

Kingston, NY - Sullivan County Legislature Vice Chair Mike Brooks, County Manager Josh Potosek and other County representatives met with the leadership team of Archtop Fiber, a private startup that is ready to string fiber-optic cable throughout Sullivan County and surrounding regions.

“Our visit affirmed Archtop's commitment to partnering with us to bring high-speed broadband Internet to a large part of the County,” said Brooks. “We saw their new offices and hundreds of spools of cabling - nearly 22 million feet in total - occupying a portion of Kingston's new iPark 87 complex, where IBM used to manufacture its famous typewriters and mainframe computers.”



Celebrating the new public-private partnership are, from the left, Archtop Fiber's Vice President of Business Services John Boolukos, Sullivan County Legislature Vice Chair Mike Brooks, Archtop Fiber's Chief Development Officer Shawn Beqaj, NYS Senator Peter Oberacker and Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek.

The group from the County was joined in their visit by NYS Senator Peter Oberacker.

“Reliable, affordable high-speed broadband is vital for economic development, public safety, education, and quality of life. The public-private partnership forged between Sullivan County and Archtop Fiber will be extremely beneficial and should serve as a blueprint of how to develop real solutions to our communication needs. I commend all parties on the work to date and look forward to completion of this vital project,” said Senator Oberacker.

“Archtop Fiber is well along in our plan to construct a truly next-generation, all-fiber network and provide service across the Hudson Valley and our partnership with Sullivan County will help speed that deployment and extend our services through participation in such programs as the NY State ConnectALL program,” said Shawn Beqaj, Archtop Fiber Chief Development Officer. “In rural and agricultural regions with relatively low population density, the vision and enthusiasm of officials like Senator Oberacker and Legislator Brooks is essential to the maximization of both private and public investment in the regions' infrastructure.”

Sullivan County has signed a memorandum of understanding with Archtop Fiber allowing for a partnership whereby the County and the Company are jointly developing a plan to extend multi-gig fiber to much of the County. The technology being deployed is capable of providing both upload and download speeds of 10GB/s. Archtop is investing several hundreds of million dollars across the Hudson Valley, and this agreement will allow the County to participate in both the planning of that private investment as well as upcoming NY State ConnectALL efforts to support the extension of broadband to unserved and underserved homes and business across the County and region.



Sullivan County Legislature Vice Chair Mike Brooks gets a peek at Archtop Fiber's nearly 22 million feet of fiber-optic cable ready to be strung across the region.

Additionally, Sullivan County's emergency communication towers will be connected to Archtop's network, with the goal of offering wireless broadband service to areas that otherwise would be significantly difficult or expensive to reach with fiber.

“We are very proud of the fact that Sullivan was the first County to sign an agreement with Archtop Fiber, formalizing a public-private partnership that will benefit the County for years to come,” Brooks affirmed.

“They have already started to install their multi-gig fiber within certain areas of the Hudson Valley and are waiting on permits to attach to public utility poles in order to complete the first phase of construction,” Potosek explained. “I was impressed by the staff they've assembled and the plans they have to help us complete our goal of providing broadband service to as many people and businesses as possible in Sullivan County and leverage the NY State ConnectALL program wherever possible.”

“We hope to announce the launch of local service by 2024,” said Brooks. “Considering how essential access to high-speed broadband has become to our lives, this initiative will be transformative for residents, businesses and visitors across Sullivan County, and I welcome Archtop's collaboration and dedication to making this happen.”

About Archtop Fiber

Archtop Fiber was founded with a commitment to bring the fastest, most reliable, environmentally friendly and affordable Internet access to those who have traditionally been underserved - or even overlooked. The Archtop team has decades of success partnering with communities, large and small, to create technology-driven opportunities. With a fully funded business strategy, Archtop is dedicated to local investment. This ensures they support customers with upgrades to existing infrastructure while deploying the latest multi-gig, symmetrical, fiber-based network technology to bring faster, more secure and scalable broadband services to those that need them. For more information, visit www.archtopfiber.com.

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Governor Hochul Announces Launch of New Hotline and Online Form to Report Hate and Bias Incidents Reiterates Support for Communities Impacted by Discrimination

Governor Kathy Hochul today, in conjunction with the New York State Division of Human Rights' Hate and Bias Prevention Unit, announced the launch of a new telephone hotline and online form allowing New Yorkers to report hate and bias incidents directly to HBPU. Alongside this announcement, HBPU encourages to all New Yorkers to contact the Unit if they or someone they know has experienced an incident involving hate or discrimination. Today's announcement and reminder comes as Jewish, Arab, Muslim, and other communities across New York State and around the country face prejudice and violence in the aftermath of the horrific violence in Israel and Gaza.

"Hate is a cowardly thing, and no New Yorker should have to endure the discrimination it fuels," Governor Hochul said. "It is crucial to stop any form of hate as soon as it emerges so that it has no opportunity to grow into a force that leads to the loss of life. Keeping New Yorkers safe is my top priority, and I am proud to launch this hotline so that everyone can quickly get the help they need."

"During these times of profound loss and tremendous tragedy, we cannot give into the destructive impulse to hate, instead, let us look to the infinite power of love," said Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. "In New York, we will not let this moment divide us. We are committed to ensuring that every person in this state, regardless of religion or background, is protected from hate and supported with love. We will look out for each other and we will get through these tragedies together."

The Division's Hate and Bias Prevention Unit (HBPU) condemns all forms of hate and seeks to address acts of hate and bias that occur in New York State. While emergency situations and real-time incidents should be referred to 911 first, HBPU encourages all New Yorkers who have experienced an incident involving hate or discrimination, or who wish to participate in community anti-hate initiatives, to contact HBPU. HBPU stands ready to offer a wide range of assistance to community members, including assistance in filing complaints, organizing educational programming, hosting community dialogues, providing conflict resolution, and more.

Today's announcement highlighted the Unit's launch of a dedicated incident reporting hotline at 844-NO-2-HATE, and members of the public can also report incidents through HBPU's online reporting form. Governor Hochul announced the plan for these new reporting mechanisms during an event at the Center for Jewish History in September.

Division of Human Rights Commissioner Maria L. Imperial said, "The Division of Human Rights will continue to work to ensure New Yorkers can live with dignity, fulfill their potential, and participate fully in the life of the state. Antisemitism and anti-Muslim bias have no place in our communities. It's vital that we address hate here at home, and work with our neighbors and communities to

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Hate and Bias Prevention Unit Senior Director Joan Pangilinan-Taylor said, "The Hate and Bias Prevention Unit is here to assist New Yorkers in this difficult time. All of us should feel safe, welcome, and respected in our daily lives, without the painful experience of Antisemitism or Anti-Muslim bias. We encourage every individual in our state to speak out if they have experienced or witnessed a hate or bias incident, and contact us for help."

Earlier this week, Governor Hochul led a bipartisan coalition of 17 governors to stand in solidarity with Israel, issuing a joint letter to federal leaders to express the broad support for Israel and condemnation of terror attacks from Hamas. Governor Hochul has led New York's response to the crisis in Israel, offering support to Israeli President Isaac Herzog and meeting with Israel's U.N. Ambassador Gilad Erdan. She has attended multiple vigils and rallies in support of the State of Israel, from Albany to New York City. The Governor has also lit state landmarks in blue and white, the colors of Israel's flag, raised the Israeli flag above the Governor's residence in Albany, and directed flags on State buildings to be flown at half-staff to commemorate the victims of the Hamas terror attacks.

Launched by Governor Hochul in December 2022 and chaired by Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, HBPU has established 10 regional Hate and Bias Prevention Councils representing every region across the state. The councils are comprised of a diverse network of public and private stakeholders that include community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, government agencies, and other advocacy groups. HBPU also oversees a rapid response initiative, which offers support to communities impacted by hate or bias incidents. More information about the Hate and Bias Prevention Unit can be found here. <https://dhr.ny.gov/nohate>

Governor Hochul Announces New State Guidance for Law Enforcement Agencies when Responding to Domestic Incidents

Governor Kathy Hochul announced new state guidance for police departments and sheriffs' offices when responding to domestic incidents. The state's Law Enforcement Domestic Incident Model Policy outlines trauma-informed and survivor-centered best practices and procedures for police officers and supervisors to follow, with the goal of promoting safety for victims and officers, connecting individuals to services and support, and preserve evidence of a crime, among other topics. The Governor has secured \$1 million to further expand the use of the state's Red Flag Law in situations of intimate partner and gender-based violence by providing training and technical assistance to community-based organizations so they can facilitate the filing of these potentially life-saving orders. Governor Hochul also signed S.5935/A.5040 and S.5915/A.5347, two new laws related to domestic violence prevention, during a roundtable discussion with survivors in Albany.

"I'm committed to leading an administration that treats survivors with dignity and respect," Governor Hochul said. "This is personal to me: my mother was a life-long advocate for victims of domestic abuse, and our family founded a transitional home for survivors in Western New York. These actions build on my administration's ongoing commitment to help survivors and provide them with the resources, support and information they need to recover and rebuild."

Governor Hochul dramatically expanded use of the state's Red Flag Law in the aftermath of the 2022 racially motivated murders at the Tops supermarket in Buffalo. Also known as the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Law, the law is designed to prevent individuals who show signs of being a threat to themselves or others from purchasing or possessing any kind of firearm, while providing procedural safeguards to ensure that no firearm is removed without due process.

This new, \$1 million investment will fund training and technical assistance for community-based organizations so they can help potential ERPO petitioners - family members, school officials, and health and mental health care providers, among others - identify extreme risk behavior and navigate the court process to further increase the use of this critical public safety law. The state Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and OPDV will work with the state's 10 Domestic Violence Regional Councils to implement this initiative.

The new Law Enforcement Domestic Incident Model Policy addresses significant shifts in law enforcement policy and practice that have occurred since the state first issued guidance in 2010, as well as an increased understanding of the effects of trauma, the need to assess for lethality factors when responding to these incidents, and the importance of putting victims and survivors at the center of any response and holding individuals who harm accountable for their behavior. The State's Municipal Police Training Council, to which DCJS provides staff support, adopted the policy after working with subject matter experts in policing, domestic violence prevention and response, and law enforcement training.

In addition to announcing the availability of this critical guidance for law enforcement and funding to expand the use of the state's Red Flag Law, Governor Hochul signed legislation S.5935/A.5040 enacting the "Hope Card Act" that directs the state Office of Court Administration to develop a program to issue cards containing information of a final order of protection at no cost to individuals. This will empower and enable survivors to enforce their orders of protection without carrying, and risk losing, their official copies. New York is the sixth state to implement a Hope Card program.

State Senator Cordell Cleare said, "Providing survivors of domestic violence with services, protection, peace of mind and HOPE is one of our foremost obligations. The HOPE Card Act will transform an order of protection from a long legal document to a dynamic durable card, which will be easily accessible and shareable to effectuate enforcement and keep our loved ones safe; and most of all, full of HOPE!"

The Governor also signed legislation S.5915/A.5347 requiring the State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence to distribute informational materials on economic abuse. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, more than 90 percent of survivors of domestic violence have suffered economic abuse, but many people do not see themselves as being in an abusive relationship if

they are not being physically harmed. Informational materials for victims and survivors of domestic- and gender-based violence will include connections to housing resources, local social service offices, and more to help individuals attain safety and stability.

The Model Policy addresses changes in law enforcement practice, updates to state law, including the Red Flag Law, and ways for the law enforcement response to be more survivor centered, including:

- o Assessing potential lethality to a victim by asking questions about their partner's access to guns or threats to harm themselves or others, prior incidents of strangulation, harm experienced during pregnancy, jealousy and escalating violence. If an individual answers yes to these questions, the guidance provides officers with detailed information about the next steps they should take, including immediately connecting the victim with safety planning by calling a state or local domestic violence hotline or arranging for an advocate to arrive on scene; obtaining evidence from all possible sources, such as phone records, video, and license plate readers, not solely the victim; and consult with prosecutors prior to arraignment if an individual has been charged in connection with the incident.

- o Determining if it is necessary to obtain an ERPO to remove any firearms from the home if the alleged abuser poses a danger to the victim, themselves, or others. The Municipal Police Training Council also has an Extreme Risk Protective Order Model Policy and DCJS has provided training on the topic to assist law enforcement professionals with this assessment and their responsibilities under the law.

- o Using the individual's own words when documenting the incident, rather than drawing conclusions: (Contd. Pg. 35)

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Governor Hochul Announces New State Guidance for Law Enforcement Agencies when Responding to Domestic Incidents

(From Pg. 34) “I can't sign this or he'll kill me,” instead of characterizing the statement, such as “victim refused to cooperate.” Police officers must complete a New York State Domestic Incident Report, whether or not an offense occurred, or an arrest is made.

- o Notifying individuals about the availability critical civil legal services so they can obtain orders of protection, and assistance with custody and housing, among other legal matters resulting from their victimization.

- o Understanding how the effects of trauma and coercive control may result in victims and survivors of domestic violence being hesitant to say what happened, list events in illogical order, and fear authority figures or that police involvement may subject them to future harm.

- o Using body-worn cameras, which may affect a victim's willingness to provide information. If a victim requests an officer stop recording, that request should be documented on camera before the recording is deactivated.

Police departments and sheriffs' offices are not required to adopt the Law Enforcement Domestic Incident Model Policy: It is designed so each agency can develop their own policies and procedures to best serve the unique needs of their community. Development of model policies is a core function of the Municipal Police Training Council, which also establishes requirements for statutorily mandated police and peace officer basic training in New York State, and police and peace officer instructor certifications, among other responsibilities.

New York State's Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline provides free, confidential support 24/7 and is available in most languages: 800-942-6906 (call), 844-997-2121 (text) or @opdv.ny.gov (chat). Individuals also can visit OVS Resource Connect to find a victim assistance program in their community. The Office of Victim Services funds and supports 239 victim assistance programs across the state that provide essential services, such as crisis counseling, support groups, case management, emergency shelter, civil legal help, and relocation assistance, among other assistance, to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes, and their families. The agency also provides a critical financial safety net for individuals who have no other resources to pay for expenses they incurred because of the crime.

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).

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

Safe Horizon is the nation's largest nonprofit victim assistance organization. Based entirely in New York City, Safe Horizon offers a client-centered, trauma-informed, anti-racist response to 250,000 New Yorkers each year who have experienced violence or abuse.

Gillibrand Announces Push to Find the Affordable Connectivity Program, Help Lower the Cost of High-Speed Internet

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is calling on Congress to extend funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), a federal program that provides financial assistance to low-income households to help them afford high-speed internet. 21 million families nationwide - including over 1.5 million New York households - rely on the program, but it is set to run out of funding in just a few months. Without additional funding, these 21 million families will be at risk of losing access to broadband services. Kirsten is calling on congressional leadership to appropriate additional funds for the program to make sure New Yorkers can stay connected.

“Fast, reliable internet is no longer a luxury - it is a necessity for everyday life,” said Senator Gillibrand. “I helped establish the Affordable Connectivity Program as part of President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to make sure families across our state can work remotely, complete online coursework, access telehealth appointments, and more. With funding for this critical program set to run out soon, I'm calling on congressional leadership to allocate more money for the ACP and help close the digital divide once and for all.”

Established in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the ACP lowers the out-of-pocket cost of broadband service and devices for working families. The program provides a monthly discount of up to \$30.00 per month off the cost of Internet service and equipment as well as a one-time discount of up to \$100 off a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet. In qualifying rural communities and qualifying Tribal lands, the monthly discount may be up to \$75.00 per month. More information about the Affordable Connectivity Program is available at: <https://www.fcc.gov/acp>

Eligible individuals can apply at: <https://www.getinternet.gov/apply?ln=RW5nbGlzaA%3D%3D>

Gillibrand's letter to congressional leadership was also signed by Senators Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Bob Casey (D-PA), Chris Coons (D-DE), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), John Fetterman (D-PA), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Angus King (I-ME), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Ed Markey (D-MA), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Jon Ossoff (D-GA), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Gary Peters (D-MI), Jack Reed (D-RI), Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Jon Tester (D-MT), Mark Warner (D-VA), Raphael Warnock (D-GA), Peter Welch (D-VT), and Ron Wyden (D-OR).

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UC Executive Metzger Launches Plan for Improved Emergency Housing at Former Rodeway Inn in Response to Soaring Needs

KINGSTON, NY - County Executive Metzger has initiated a plan to enable emergency housing placements at the Kingston Motel, formerly the Rodeway Inn, after securing significant improvements to motel conditions and establishing new on-site services. The announcement follows several months of planning across multiple departments as well as negotiations with motel owners for improvements to the motel and grounds. The plan responds to a vastly increased need for emergency housing.

County Executive Metzger halted emergency housing placements at the former Rodeway Inn on May 2 amid concerns about motel conditions, and after receiving notice that the motel was in violation of its wastewater operating permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). On Monday, the permit was renewed by the DEC after upgrades were made to the wastewater system by motel owners.

"We have been working with the motel for months to secure improvements well beyond the DEC environmental compliance," said County Executive Metzger. "Rooms, grounds, and amenities have been upgraded. In addition, I have worked with the Department of Social Services, UCAT, and the Sheriff's office to bring new on-site services to families placed there and help ensure their safety and well-being. The plan enables us to place more families locally while also improving the overall experience and support for those in need."

The last few months have witnessed a sharp increase in emergency housing needs. Over 500 individuals, including many families, have been placed in emergency housing in October, alone. The plan for the renovated Kingston Motel will enable as many as 50 families to be placed there.

"We need more emergency housing, especially in the Kingston area," said Metzger. "Emergency housing is deeply stressful for families, and disrupts work and school. The plan for the Kingston Motel will greatly help to alleviate this burden on these families."

The County will focus on placements of families at the improved Kingston Motel rather than families and adult individuals, which will enable more efficient delivery of services, reduce out-of-county placements of school-age children, and address concerns about safety.

Improvements to rooms include repainting rooms, replacing old carpet with easily washable flooring, new bedspreads, and new furniture and bathroom fixtures. Improvements to grounds include installation of a playground set for children and a resurfaced and re-stripped parking lot. A new filtered water bottle/pitcher filling station has been installed in the main lobby for customer use.

In addition to improvements to the motel itself, the County is enhancing on-site services, including:

- o UCAT bus service to enable emergency housing clients without a car to access grocery stores, laundry facilities, and connecting routes.
- o DSS staff on-site "office hours" to serve as a resource for emergency housing clients and monitor conditions at the motel.
- o Increased nightly patrols by the Ulster County Sheriff's Office through the property to ensure safety.

The plan is in line with Ulster County's efforts overall to ensure more streamlined and coordinated services. As part of the 2024 Executive Budget, County Executive Metzger has proposed the

creation of a new Housing and Homelessness unit within the



Department of Social Services focused on helping residents navigate the services available to them and find stable long-term housing.

The Ulster County Department of Social Services will begin making placements at the Kingston Motel on Friday, October 23, in newly renovated rooms. Twenty-four of 60 rooms have been renovated to date, and the remainder are expected to be completed in the coming weeks. Placements will only be made in renovated rooms.



"Ensuring quality housing with on-site services is a testament to our commitment to the well-being of every individual in Ulster County," said Vice Chair of the Ulster County Legislature Peter Criswell (District 7 - City of Kingston). "As we resume Emergency Housing Placements at the Kingston Motel, formerly the Rodeway Inn, we underscore our dedication to uplifting the lives of our most vulnerable residents. I'm grateful to County Executive Metzger for her unwavering leadership in advancing this re-stripped."



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Fall Season Sees Increase in Deer and Moose on or Near Roadways

DEC and DMV Warn Increased Risk of Crashes Comes During Animals' Most Active Season

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today reminded drivers to be aware that deer and moose are most active and more likely to enter public roadways this time of year, as they search for mates during their breeding season, which is the months of October, November and December.

According to the University at Albany's Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research, in 2022, 41.5 percent of the crashes between deer and vehicles occurred during this three-month span.

Motorists should also be on alert for moose on roadways in the Adirondacks and surrounding areas this time of year.

"Fall is the time of year wildlife activity across New York State is most prevalent, especially for deer or moose crossing roadways and creating the potential for an accident," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Regardless of where you live in New York State, motorists should be on the lookout for wildlife that may cross their paths and follow key safety tips to avoid animal encounters while on the road."

"Fall is a wonderful time to drive around New York State to enjoy the beautiful colors as the leaves change, but it is also a time to keep a careful watch for animals in the roadway," said Mark J.F. Schroeder, DMV Commissioner and Chair of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. "You should watch for deer-crossing signs and for animals at the side of the road that may suddenly dart into traffic."

Motorists should be aware animals are especially active at dawn and dusk, when visibility may be reduced and commuter traffic may be heavy. DEC recommends motorists take these precautions to reduce the chance of hitting a deer or moose:

Decrease speed when you approach deer near roadsides. Deer can "bolt" or change direction at the last minute;

If you see a deer go across the road, decrease speed. Deer often travel in groups, so expect other deer to follow;

Use emergency lights or a headlight signal to warn other drivers when deer are seen on or near the road;

When a deer or moose is seen approaching the roadway ahead, honk your car horn to help them avoid entering the roadway;

Use added caution on roadways marked with deer crossing signs; and

Use extreme caution when driving at dawn or dusk, when animal movement is at its highest and visibility is reduced.

If encountering an animal on the roadway, brake firmly but do not swerve. Swerving can cause a collision with another vehicle, a tree, a pole or other objects. If an animal is hit, DEC advises motorists to stay away from the animal. A frightened, wounded deer or moose could use its powerful legs and sharp hooves to cause harm.

Other tips for if you strike or encounter an animal:

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Early fall is the breeding season for moose in northern New York, and moose wander looking for mates, leading them to areas where they are not typically seen. While this improves the opportunities for people to enjoy moose sightings, it also increases the danger of colliding with one on the roadway.

Moose are much larger and taller than deer, and their large size can result in significant damage in the event of a vehicle collision. Moose are especially difficult to see at night because of their dark brown to black coloring and their height - which puts their head and much of their body above vehicle headlights.

More information about moose and deer can be found on DEC's website. Additionally, precautions and safety tips about special driving conditions, such as driving in rain, in winter, or in driving emergencies, can be found on DMV's website.

Sundown United Methodist Church



Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, November 4, 2023

5:30 pm



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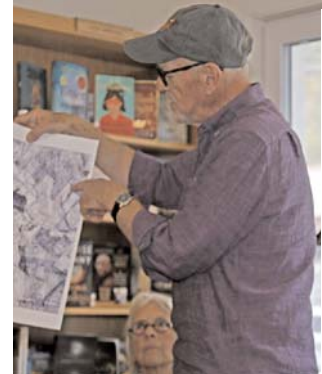
By Ed Ostapczuk



October view of Woodand Valley - and beyond - observed from Giant Ledge. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.

Dany Davis to Speak at October 26 Chapter Meeting

Our October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26 in the Great Room at the Emerson Resort & Spa (5340 NY 28, Mount Tremper). We're excited to announce that Dany Davis will be our guest speaker. Dany is a NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Geologist/Stream Studies Coordinator and will be retiring in the near future.



Mark Loete pinpoints the location of the Milo Barber farm and anglers' boarding house on a parcel map.

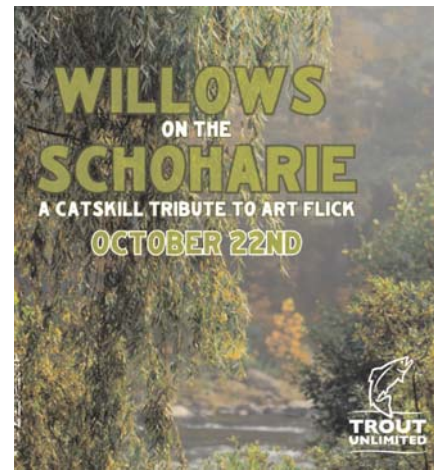
Dany will give a presentation on the current status of the 10-year collaborative study with the US Geological Survey to investigate stream turbidity in the Esopus Creek watershed and to evaluate how effective the numerous stream restoration projects in the Stony Clove watershed constructed between 2012 to 2022 have been on reducing turbidity. If time allows, Dany can also share his recent presentation on how to learn about the geology of the Catskills by walking Catskill streams. Previously, the presentation was given at the summer AWSMP conference.

You won't want to miss this meeting. There's a lifetime of Catskill geological experience to be shared!

The "Glory Days" of Fly Fishing Revisited at the Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection

On October 15 the Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection hosted "The Glory Days of Fly Fishing in Phoenicia" program at the Phoenicia Library. It was well attended - full house - and well received. Chapter president Mark Loete dug into the history of the Milo Barber farm and boarding house, pinpointing its location in Phoenicia along the Stony Clove Creek and sharing insights on the first known Catskill anglers' retreat. (You can read about the Milo Barber farm in Ed Van Put's Trout Fishing in the Catskills.) Richard Loveless (son of Elmer Loveless) discussed his parents' famous Elmer's Diner, and its evolution as the place

for sportsmen to grab a meal and tell a fish tale. Tony Bonavist gave a biologist's perspective of the Esopus Creek trout fishery over time. And Beth Waterman did another fine job of pulling this program together. At some point there will be a podcast available on the Angling Collection website for those who missed the program.



"Willows on Schoharie" Stream Planting

Jesse Vadala, Trout Unlimited's Engagement Coordinator (NY/CT) is seeking help planting willows on Schoharie Creek, in memory of the late Art Flick, while providing an opportunity to celebrate and advance Art's ideals and practices.

Trout Unlimited and West Kill Brewing will host the first "Willows on the Schoharie" event on Sunday, October 22. The format is simple and welcoming to any who might dig the idea. TU staff will lead a

demonstration for volunteers on the willow staking technique, as a positive improvement to riparian buffers, creating future shade for trout while taking natural root on open banks before invasives do.

Details are on the link below. Participants will meet at the Art Flick dedication site at 10 AM in Prattsville for coffee, before making our way to the willow planting site for a few hours. Then all are invited to West Kill Brewing for stories, photos, fly tying, and cold pints not far from Art's old West Kill Tavern. Jesse will have a small TU table setup in the taproom from 1 to 5 PM. All are welcome to join for the planting or to share stories at the brewery that afternoon.

<https://tu.myeventcenter.com/event/Willows-On-The-Schoharie-Presented-By-West-Kill-85297>

Atlantic Salmon Adventure-Go Kevan!

Recently chapter member Kevan Best and three buddies - including chapter members Forrest Hutchinson and Ken Brooks - took a trip to Cape Breton in Nova Scotia fishing for Atlantic salmon. Kevan was fortunate enough to touch four "King of Fish", including the one pictured here. Congrats!



Acid Rain Report

Jody Hoyt reports during September there were six measurable rain events totaling 5.22 inches with a weighted 5.3 pH as measured in Boiceville. As a point of interest, on the weekend of October 7, over 5 inches of rain fell locally in less than a 24-hour period. The USGS Coldbrook gage spiked at 10,400 cfs. I have to believe that rain event drew spawning trout up out of NYC's Ashokan Reservoir into watershed tribs and the Esopus. Thanks again Jody.

Treasurer's Report

Jody Hoyt reports the chapter has \$10,024.81 of which \$8,884.29 is in the general operating account with the remaining \$1,140.52 in our Conservation Fund.

Membership

If you have membership questions or concerns, or know someone who wants to join our chapter, please contact Russell Martin at: <mailto:rmartintu@gmail.com?subject=TU%20membership%20inquiry>.

Until next time,
Ed Ostapczuk
October 17, 2023



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Our new 2024 dates will be out soon.

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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
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NOFA-NY Applauds the Introduction of the O DAIRY Act

Organic dairy farmers around the nation are facing an economic crisis caused by weather-related disasters, market consolidation, and skyrocketing energy and feed costs brought on by unstable global markets and inflation. Last week, Senator Peter Welch of Vermont introduced the Organic Dairy Assistance, Investment, and Reporting Yields Act (O DAIRY ACT) to provide long-needed support for organic dairy producers. The bill will provide improved data collection, support to help cover dramatically increased input costs, and key investments in infrastructure. The bill is cosponsored by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY).

The O Dairy Act of 2023 would provide crucial support to the organic dairy industry in the United States. Specifically, the bill:

Extends ELAP to organic dairy farmers facing losses due to factors like organic feed shortages and increased input costs that result in a net income decrease of more than 10% in a given year.

Requires the USDA to streamline the payment process under this program.

Mandates improved data collection for organic dairy, including cost-of-production data for organic milk, feedstuff prices, and other production-related costs.

Establishes the "Organic All Milk Price Survey" to collect and report data about organic milk prices.

Requires the USDA to publish periodic reports for organic milk, equivalent to data reported for conventionally produced milk.

Directs the USDA to develop a proposal and submit a report to Congress with recommendations for implementing an organic dairy safety net program.

Establishes programs and positions to boost infrastructure investments, research, and innovation within the organic dairy sector, including authorizing funding for on-farm processing infrastructure.

"This bill will provide for the collection of organic dairy production data-the same type of data that has long been compiled for conventional dairy", says Kathie Arnold, a co-owner/operator of Twin Oaks Dairy LLC in Truxton, NY that has been producing organic milk for 25 years. "The data is as essential for organic dairy as it is for conventional in providing a basis for good decision-making and policy development." Arnold also states that, "A lack of adequate processing facilities has caused a loss of markets for organic dairy farms in some regions of the country and this bill will provide support for additional processing capacity. Without sufficient processing plants, organic dairy farmers' milk cannot reach the consumer."

"Organic dairy farmers around the country are facing an ongoing economic crisis fueled by supply chain volatility, increased input costs, and pay prices below their cost of production," says Grace Oedel, Executive Director of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont. "These farms combat climate change, produce nourishing food, and keep our rural communities healthy. We're grateful for Senator Welch's leadership in bringing this bill forward to provide much needed support." (Contd. Pg. 52)



I See Red

sixth annual small works show & concert fundraiser

November 18, 2023 – January 6, 2024

Opening: Saturday, November 18, 3 – 5 pm

ARTISTS in the show:

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(From Pg. 51) “Family run organic dairy farms provide healthy food and environmental stewardship to rural communities across the country. The O DAIRY Act can provide much needed investments to alleviate the economic crisis these farmers are facing, and provide valuable data collection to inform future support for the industry,” says Kate Mendenhall, Executive Director of Organic Farmers Association. “We applaud Senator Welch for championing this important work.”

“It is very encouraging to see the introduction of the O DAIRY Act. The organic dairy industry has faced several unique challenges over the last five years that have resulted in several farms across the country closing their doors. While acknowledging that there is still more work to be done, organic dairies like mine see this as a huge step towards providing stability to organic milk sheds across the country,” says Zach Cahill, Board President of Western Organic Dairy Producers Alliance. “The organic dairy community applauds the numerous folks who have stepped up to fight for the rural communities that this Act will help support.

Endorsing organizations include:

Organic Farmers Association, Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance, Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, Western Organic Dairy Producers Alliance, Straus Family Creamery, Center for Food Safety, and National Organic Coalition.

Download the O DAIRY Factsheet <https://organicfarmersassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/OFA-FactSheet-O-DAIRY-ACT.pdf>

Founded in 1983, the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY) is the premier statewide organization growing a strong regenerative organic agriculture movement in New York State and is part of a regional network of seven Northeast Organic Farming Associations. NOFA-NY provides education and assistance to local organic and regenerative farmers; connects consumers with farmers; advocates policies that support a sustainable and fair food and farm system at both the state and federal levels; and is the largest USDA-accredited organic certifier in New York, certifying nearly 1,100 organic operations in the state.

New York State is a top US producer of organic products, ranking third in the number of organic farms nationwide, with over 1,900 organic certified entities statewide. With one of the biggest marketplaces in the world in the New York City metropolitan region, New York participates in a large portion of the over \$52 billion in organic sales nationwide. In 2019, New York organic farm-gate sales were nearly \$300 million.

Senator Gillibrand Calls for Humanitarian Aid to Address Emergency Needs in Gaza

WASHINGTON D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Committee on Intelligence, is calling on the Biden administration to contribute to the United Nations' emergency appeal of \$294 million to address the immediate humanitarian needs in the West Bank and Gaza. Senator Gillibrand is joined by 33 of her colleagues in this push, which was led by U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT).

“As a result of the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza prompted by Hamas' horrific terror attacks, more than 1.2 million people are in urgent need of lifesaving humanitarian assistance. More than one million people have fled the violence, stretching the already strained ability of the United Nations and humanitarian partners on the ground to provide the food, medical treatment, and shelter they need to survive,” the senators wrote.

The senators continued: “We support Israel's right to defend its people against the brutal attacks carried out by Hamas. Hamas knew that the Israeli government would have to respond to the unconscionable murder and hostage-taking of its citizens and thus bears the blame for initiating this conflict. We also know there are many innocent Palestinians in Gaza who do not support Hamas and urgently need help as they seek to flee the fighting.”

The senators highlighted the dire situation facing innocent civilians in Gaza: “More than one million people in Gaza have fled their homes in search of safety, with nearly half of those taking shelter in UN facilities. The United Nations estimates that Gaza will run out of food and water within days. Healthcare facilities are overwhelmed, running desperately short on supplies and impacted by the lack of electricity. The humanitarian needs on the ground have dramatically increased over the past week, and conditions will likely continue to deteriorate in the days and weeks ahead.”

“We therefore urge you to join the international community in answering the call from the United Nations by contributing toward this lifesaving \$294 million appeal, and ask that you work with the UN and its partners to ensure that the assistance reaches the intended recipients without diversion or delay,” the senators concluded.

In addition to Senators Gillibrand and Murphy, this letter was signed by U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Raphael Warnock (D-GA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Tom Carper (D-DE), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Tina Smith (D-MN), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Peter Welch (D-VT), Bob Casey (D-PA), Patty Murray (D-WA), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Jon Ossoff (D-GA), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Gary Peters (D-MI), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Mark Warner (D-VA), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Jack Reed (D-RI), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Ed Markey (D-MA), and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD).

Full text of the letter is available below.

The Honorable Antony Blinken
United States Secretary of State
The State Department
2201 C Street Northwest
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken,

As a result of the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza prompted by Hamas' horrific terror attacks, more than 1.2 million people are in urgent need of lifesaving humanitarian assistance. More than one million people have fled the violence, stretching the already strained ability of the United Nations and humanitarian partners on the ground to provide the food, medical treatment, and shelter they need to survive. In this context, the UN has released an emergency appeal for \$294 million to address these humanitarian needs, help protect displaced people and save countless lives. (Contd. Pg. 53)

Senator Gillibrand Calls for Humanitarian Aid to Address Emergency Needs in Gaza

(From Pg. 52) We urge you to uphold our country's proud tradition of leading the international community in providing lifesaving relief by contributing funding for international humanitarian assistance toward this UN appeal.

We support Israel's right to defend its people against the brutal attacks carried out by Hamas. Hamas knew that the Israeli government would have to respond to the unconscionable murder and hostage-taking of its citizens and thus bears the blame for initiating this conflict. We also know there are many innocent Palestinians in Gaza who do not support Hamas and urgently need help as they seek to flee the fighting. More than one million people in Gaza have fled their homes in search of safety, with nearly half of those taking shelter in UN facilities. The United Nations estimates that Gaza will run out of food and water within days. Healthcare facilities are overwhelmed, running desperately short on supplies and impacted by the lack of electricity. The humanitarian needs on the ground have dramatically increased over the past week, and conditions will likely continue to deteriorate in the days and weeks ahead.

Displaced people around the world depend on lifesaving humanitarian assistance from the UN and its partners to feed their families, receive medical treatment, and secure shelter. The United States should continue its steadfast support for Israel while also doing our part to help the UN assist innocent civilians as they flee the violence. We therefore urge you to join the international community in answering the call from the United Nations by contributing toward this lifesaving \$294 million appeal, and ask that you work with the UN and its partners to ensure that the assistance reaches the intended recipients without diversion or delay.

Veterans Day Weekend Program at CAS

Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Space is pleased to share a weekend of interdisciplinary programming over Veterans Day weekend to activate its second-floor River Gallery space. The weekend will begin with a discussion between artist Nancy Davidson, whose work is exhibited on the ground-floor galleries, and arts writer Jo Anna Isaak. The discussion will explore Davidson's exhibition Braids, Eggs, and Legs: A Wandering and art, feminism, and the power of women's laughter. The talk will take place on Saturday, November 11 at 4pm at Catskill Art Space, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY in the second floor River Gallery. Free and open to all.

Together with Catskill Mountainkeeper, Catskill Art Space will present a screening and discussion of Michel Negroponte's film *Herd*, on Saturday, November 11 at 5pm in the CAS River Gallery. Negroponte was inspired to make his film after a herd of shaggy Belted Galloway cattle was delivered to a neighboring pasture by his home in Livingston Manor. As his fascination with the cows and their daily routines through the changing seasons grew, Negroponte began to reflect on the idea of animal personhood. The resulting essay film is equal part rumination, observation, and meditation. It reveals the cow's essence and challenges us to think differently about our fellow living animal beings.

Free popcorn and refreshments will be served.
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ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Nancy Davidson is a contemporary artist whose practice encompasses sculpture, installation, drawing, and photography. She has focused on exploring the female form, power dynamics, and societal expectations. Davidson's work is characterized by its innovative use of materials, such as inflatable latex sculptures that challenge conventional representations of femininity. Her works are imbued with a keen sense of humor and playfulness, while also addressing deeper issues of gender and power. www.nancydavidson.com

Jo Anna Isaak is a writer, curator, and Professor Emerita at Fordham University in New York City. She is the author of *The Ruin of Representation in Modernist Art and Texts*; *Feminism and Contemporary Art: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Laughter*; *Nancy Spero; Heresies: A Feminist Publication on Art and Politics*; *Idioma: A Journal of Feminist Post-Totalitarian Criticism*; along with numerous articles and catalogue essays. She has curated several exhibitions including: *The Revolutionary Power of Women's Laughter*, an exhibition of about the transformative potential of humor as wielded by women artists; *Laughter Ten Years After*, a replay and expansion of the *Revolutionary Power of Women's Laughter* exhibition; *Looking Forward, Looking Black* an examination of race, representation and the contested cultural constructions of identity; *H2O*, an exhibition focusing on water and the human body; And for all this, *Nature is Never Spent*, an exhibition about the stewardship of the environment; *Arctic Subtext*, a photographic exhibition of life in the Arctic by artist Subhankar Banerjee; *Palas por Pistolas*, with the artist Pedro Reyes converting guns into shovels to plant trees; *Art for Arctic's Sake*, an exhibition that calls attention to the profound impact climate change is having upon the sensitive ecosystem of the Arctic. Michel Negroponte is an award-winning filmmaker who has been making feature length documentaries for more than 40 years. He was born and raised in New York City, and studied filmmaking with Richard Leacock and Ed Pincus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the 1970s. His films include *Jupiter's Wife* (1994), *Methadonia* (2005), *I'm Dangerous with Love* (2009). His work has been broadcast on PBS, HBO, the Sundance Channel, and the BBC. His film, *Jupiter's Wife* was awarded an Emmy for Outstanding Individual Achievement in Documentary and won the Special Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. Michel Negroponte has also taught in the graduate and undergraduate film programs at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, Temple University, the School of Visual Arts and The Vermont College of Arts. He currently lives with his wife, the artist Joni Wehrli, in Livingston Manor, NY.

ABOUT CATSKILL ART SPACE

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

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

Town of Fallsburg Enhances Fire Safety with Installation of 10 New Fire Hydrants Annually and Implementation of False Alarm Laws

Fallsburg, [10.19.2023] - The Town of Fallsburg is taking significant steps to bolster fire safety and support its dedicated volunteer firefighters by announcing the installation of ten new fire hydrants each year throughout the town. The town is also looking into the installation of dry fire hydrants. In addition, the town has approved new false alarm laws aimed at curbing unnecessary disruptions and ensuring the availability of resources for genuine emergencies.

These initiatives, spearheaded by Town of Fallsburg Supervisor Kathy Rappaport, underscore the town's unwavering commitment to public safety and the invaluable contributions of its volunteer firefighters.

"Ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents is our utmost priority, and a plan for the installation of dry fire hydrants is a substantial step towards achieving that goal," said Kathy Rappaport, Town of Fallsburg Supervisor. "These standard and dry fire hydrants will not only improve our firefighting capabilities but also provide peace of mind to our community, knowing that we are taking proactive measures to protect their lives and property." Dry fire hydrants, unlike traditional hydrants, do not rely on a connected water supply but instead draw water from nearby sources such as ponds, lakes, or reservoirs. This innovative approach allows for greater flexibility in hydrant placement, significantly expanding the town's firefighting capabilities.

The installation of these fire hydrants will be carried out strategically across Fallsburg to maximize accessibility for emergency responders. This investment in critical infrastructure will enable firefighters to respond more efficiently to emergencies and better protect the community. In addition to the installation of fire hydrants, the Town of Fallsburg has also introduced new false alarm laws designed to reduce the strain on the resources of its volunteer fire department.

These laws will help address the issue of false alarms and ensure that firefighters can allocate their time and efforts where they are most needed.

"False alarms can divert essential resources away from genuine emergencies and place unnecessary strain on our volunteer firefighters.

Our new false alarm laws are designed to address this issue while still maintaining a high level of service and safety for our residents," Supervisor Rappaport explained.

The Town of Fallsburg encourages all residents and businesses to familiarize themselves with these new laws to help maintain the effectiveness and availability of firefighting resources within the community. These initiatives represent the Town of Fallsburg's continued dedication to enhancing the safety and well-being of its residents while supporting the selfless efforts of its volunteer firefighters. We encourage you to join your local volunteer firefighters please contact them at their numbers below.

Fallsburg Fire Company Phone: 845-434-2008

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Loch Sheldrake Fire Company Phone: 845-434-2710

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Following another week marked by uncertainty, I wanted to give an update on the events happening here in the Hudson Valley, down in DC, and around the globe.

COMBATING ANTISEMITISM



Hate has absolutely no place in the Hudson Valley.

Just as we stand united in fully supporting our vital partner Israel following the brutal terrorist attacks against its innocent civilians, we must also be ironclad in protecting our Jewish community and neighbors here at home in the face of rising antisemitic threats.

Last week, I called for:

Significant increases in federal funding for security at places of worship, schools, and community centers;

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to increase coordination among other federal agencies and local law enforcement and government officials to protect our Jewish communities; and

DHS and FBI to conduct a current threat assessment of the risk landscape for antisemitic violence.

We must respond to this critical moment with the urgency it deserves.

DEMANDING REAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

I've been talking to and hearing from you. What Hudson Valley families want from Congress is clear:

Get back to work

Avert a shutdown

Support our allies in Israel and Ukraine

Deter global risks and threats

We cannot afford another day of MAGA chaos. It's time to stop acting like politicians, start acting like Patriots, and craft a true bipartisan path forward.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

This week, the CARES Van got in the Halloween spirit at the Ulster County Human Services' Trunk-or-Treat, but my team is in the helping spirit everyday!

Whether you need assistance with a federal agency, want to share your views on Hudson Valley priorities for Congress, or just want to meet the team, the Van will be at the Wawayanda, Clinton, and Milan town halls this upcoming week!

FIGHTING FOR CLEAN WATER

Last Wednesday marked the 51st anniversary of the Clean Water Act. While the far-right tries to gut this historic law, I believe that no one should have to question whether their drinking water is safe.

Here are some of the ways I'm fighting for the clean water every Hudson Valley family deserves:

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE SKY TOP TOWER



For 100 years, the sight of the Sky Top Tower has meant one thing for Hudson Valley families: home.

I was thrilled to celebrate its 100th anniversary. A huge thank you to Mohonk Mountain House President Eric Gullickson, CEO Tom Smiley, and the generations of the Smiley family who have cared for the Tower over the past century and preserved it for centuries to come.

CONGRATULATING THE ARLINGTON BAND

Huge congratulations to the Arlington marching band for taking over as leader in the National Division!

NY-18 is proud of you and we're rooting for you as you wrap up the season!

PREPARING FOR THE RESTART OF STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS

Federal student loan payments are restarting this month. If you're feeling lost navigating the restart of student loan payments this month, there are resources to guide you through!

Check out Repaying Student Loans 101 . If it's your first time ever making a payment - here's how to get started . If you've made payments before, but this is the first time you've made a payment in a few years while your loans were paused under the COVID forbearance period, you might still have questions - this guide can help get you prepared again.

If you need assistance through this process, do not hesitate to reach out to my office here or by calling (845) 443-2930.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

As a proud West Point alumnus, I'm looking forward to nominating the next generation of military leaders to United States Service Academies.

Applications for nominations for appointments to the Class of 2028 are due soon! The deadline to submit applications to my office is October 31, 2023.

GRANTS CORNER NEW!

New York State's Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program has announced that \$1 million is available to support community growing spaces and fund projects geared toward the development and enhancement of urban farms, school gardens, and community gardens across the state. Learn more here and attend a webinar on October 25 at 1:00 pm here .

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Grant Program is providing grants for public water systems for the planning, design, construction, implementation, operation, or maintenance of a program or project that increases resilience of public water systems to natural hazards. Due November 6.

The Department of Labor's Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants is providing \$65 million to promote equitable access to training to meet employers' and workers' skill development needs for in-demand industries. (Contd. Pg. 56)

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With an emphasis to serve those in historically underserved communities, the SCC will be focused on equity gaps to boost access to educational and economic opportunities for new and dislocated workers. Due November 14.

The Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program provides match grants to Greenway Communities and Compact Communities. Greenway Communities are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 to develop plans or projects consistent with the five Greenway criteria: natural and cultural resource protection, economic development, public access, regional planning, and heritage and environmental education. Due November 3.

The Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants will support habitat restoration and coastal resilience projects, such as building living shorelines, reconnecting rivers to their historic floodplains, and more for Institutions of higher education, non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, and local governments. Due November 17.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently seeking project applications for up to \$36 million in fish passage funding. Selected projects will address outdated, unsafe or obsolete dams, culverts, levees and other barriers fragmenting our nation's rivers and streams. Letters of interest are due by November 17.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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 heavy-duty 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!

Sincerely,

Patrick K. Ryan

Member of Congress

New York's 18th District

<https://patryan.house.gov/>



The House Republican Leadership Race

The American people expect House Republicans to govern, lead, and deliver conservative wins. I will not vote to surrender any of the power of the Republican House Majority to the Democrats. House Republicans must unite under one Speaker to lead our country in the right direction by passing fiscally conservative spending bills, securing our border, and combating the crime crisis.

I will not support any effort to create a temporary speaker that will only prolong this dilemma and hinder House Republicans from working on behalf of our country.

We should not leave DC until we have a duly elected Republican Speaker with all the powers necessary to preside over the House.

Supporting Israel's Right to Defend Itself
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAX8KS0mCHk>

Rep Tenney on Common Ground

This war is not the Palestinians "fighting the occupation," these attacks orchestrated by Hamas terrorists have two goals: to eradicate the state of Israel and to kill as many Jews as possible.

We have a moral obligation to support Israel and a clear economic incentive. Israel is one of our largest trading partners, with over \$49 billion in annual trade. This supports over 255,000 jobs, and over 2,500 U.S. firms operate in Israel. These industries are vital to our economy, underscoring the significance of defending our democratic ally in the Middle East.

That is why I introduced the "Operation Swords of Iron" Iron Dome Supplemental Appropriations Act to appropriate \$2 billion for the Iron Dome defense system. We must support Israel in its right to defend itself against these terrorists!

Combating the NYC Migrant Crisis

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyRbvX2W_1s

Rep Tenney on Varney & Co. Discussing the NYC Migrant Crisis

More than 126,000 migrants have come to NYC to take advantage of its sanctuary city status. Mayor Adam is shifting this crisis from NYC to all of New York and if he gets his wish, to all small communities nationwide.

Mayor Adams recently announced that he plans to issue an emergency decree that would, for the first time, allow people to use city-funded housing vouchers anywhere in the Empire State. Now that he plans to kick all these migrants out of his shelters, he will direct these homeless illegal immigrants right to our communities!

These migrants should never have been allowed into the country in the first place, its time to deport them!

Holding Iran Accountable for the Attacks on Israel

The United States must stand firmly with our strongest ally in the Middle East and hold Iran accountable for backing the barbaric and heinous attacks on Israel. Since day one, the Biden administration has appeased Iran, and even appointed Iranian assets into high level government positions. Iran's involvement in funding, training, and arming Hamas and Hezbollah terrorists is indisputable, and ultimately, Iran is fundamentally responsible for the horrific and brutal invasion of Israel. The United States must be steadfast in our support of Israel, and that includes holding Iran accountable for fueling these horrific crimes against innocent civilians.

READ MORE: Tenney leads letters to Biden demanding punishment for Iran over Israel war
https://www.nny360.com/top_stories/tenney-leads-letters-to-biden-demanding-punishment-for-iran-over-israel-war/article_908887f6-3196-58cf-a1b0-d9361956b0f7.html

Demanding an Anti-Semitic Cornell Professor Immediately Resign

In the wake of the terrorist invasion of Israel that has killed over 1,300 Israelis so far, Cornell Professor Russell Rickford referred to the slaughter of Israeli civilians by Hamas as "energizing" and "exhilarating," while speaking at a pro-Palestine protest near Cornell's campus.

Anti-Semitism should not be tolerated in academia or any other part of a civilized society. Professor Rickford holds a position within the university that allows him to mold and influence young minds. This position demands a higher standard of behavior, one that is free from anti-Semitic rhetoric and the vocal support of terrorism. By perpetuating these abhorrent views, Professor Rickford has not only violated his ethical responsibility as an educator but has also jeopardized the safety of the Jewish community and tarnished Cornell University's reputation.

This week I sent a letter to Cornell University President Martha Pollack demanding Professor Rickford immediately resign for his anti-Semitic and pro-Hamas comments.

READ MORE: Congresswoman calls for removal of Cornell professor for "anti-Semitic and pro-Hamas" remarks:

<https://www.ithacajournal.com/story/news/2023/10/20/congresswoman-claudia-tenney-calls-for-removal-of-cornell-professor/71255673007/>



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Senator Oberacker Joins Ulster County Sportsmen to Unveil New Lend-A-Pole Location

Latest site sponsored by the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County now open at the Walkill Public Library to help young anglers learn to fish



Senator Peter Oberacker joins members of the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County to unveil the newest lend-a-pole location at the Walkill Public Library. From left, FSCUC Fish Committee Chairman Mike Leonie, FSCUC Legislative Director Elmer LeSeur, Walkill Library Director Lisa Palmer, FSCUC President Ray Valk, Senator Peter Oberacker, FSCUC Secretary Georganne Saino Malone.

WALKILL, 10/25/23 -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) recently joined members of the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County to unveil the newest "Lend-A-Pole" location at the Walkill Public Library.

"Upstate New York is steeped in sporting traditions and fishing is one of the most popular outdoor activities that can be enjoyed by individuals of all ages," said Senator Oberacker. "The members of the Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Ulster County are constantly working to educate and engage the next generation of sportsmen and this innovative program is a prime example of the work they are doing to foster a lifelong love for the outdoors."

"It is vital that we teach our young people about the importance of our natural resources and provide them with opportunities to pursue the many great sporting activities we have here in Ulster County and throughout New York"

Rep. Molinaro Launches 'Think DIFFERENTLY Stories'

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today launched 'Think DIFFERENTLY: Stories,' an initiative for residents in New York's 19 Congressional District to share stories, experiences, and feedback.

In 2015, Rep. Molinaro launched the 'Think DIFFERENTLY' initiative, which aims to break down barriers for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities. 'Think DIFFERENTLY: Stories' will build off this nationally recognized initiative by compiling stories that bring awareness to the challenges faced by the disability community. It will also be a forum in which constituents can share feedback and ideas for supporting individuals with disabilities.

Rep. Molinaro said, "The experiences of families with disabilities can be isolating. As the father of four children, one of whom is on the autism spectrum, I know this feeling. The more I have talked about my own family's experiences, the more I've come to realize we are not alone. Families with disabilities face tremendous barriers to navigate bureaucracies, access support services, get quality education, and find meaningful job opportunities. My goal with 'Think DIFFERENTLY: Stories' is to share stories of hope, optimism, and to shed light on the many challenges still facing families with disabilities. With this, we can bring more awareness, gather useful feedback, and encourage families with disabilities to keep moving forward."

Questions and feedback on all other topics can still be shared with Rep. Molinaro through his website or by calling his offices.



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DEC Encourages New Yorkers to Help Protect Bats During 'Bat Week'

Annual Halloween Week Observance Raises Public Awareness to Help Reduce Human Disturbance to Endangered and Threatened Bats



In observance of the internationally recognized Bat Week Oct. 24-31 to raise awareness about the critical role of bats in the environment, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today encouraged outdoor enthusiasts to refrain from visiting caves and mines during the fall and winter months. Bats spend the winter hibernating in these underground cavities where relatively constant, warm temperatures protect these mammals from harsh winter temperatures above ground. Bats' health is particularly vulnerable to human visitation in the winter to these "hibernacula," and especially harmful since the arrival of white-nose syndrome, a fungus that has killed more than 90 percent of bats at hibernation sites in the state.

"Bats are circling around us this Halloween season, reminding us all to do our part to protect these important flying mammals," Commissioner Seggos said. "DEC is encouraging New Yorkers to help protect bats by avoiding caves or mines to prevent any unintentional harm to bats and safeguarding their habitats."

If bats are disturbed during hibernation, they raise their body temperature, depleting crucial fat reserves. This stored fat is the only source of energy available to the bats until the weather warms in spring and insects become readily available. The more frequently bats are disturbed, the less likely they are to survive the long winter months underground without eating. DEC reminds the public to follow all posted notices restricting access to caves and mines. If explorers do venture out and discover bats hibernating in a cave, DEC urges these visitors to leave quickly and quietly to minimize disturbance.

Limiting tree removal to the hibernation period can help protect bats from harm while they are out on the landscape. Removing trees only between Nov. 1 and March 31 throughout the state, or Dec. 1 through Feb. 28 in Suffolk County, offers the best protection for our hibernating bats. During the active season, bats roost in trees and form maternity colonies to rear their pups, so tree removal during this season can potentially harm bats using trees for these behaviors.

Bat Week is observed each year through Oct. 31 and is organized by representatives from conservation groups and govern-

ment agencies in the U.S. and Canada.

In recent years, scientists have found evidence of recovery of the once-common little brown bat throughout New York State. While this seeming stabilization provides a hopeful outlook after more than a decade of devastating population declines, similar evidence of stabilization has not been seen for other severely affected bat species.

Two species of bats are currently protected under federal and State endangered species law. The Indiana bat, which is sparsely distributed across New York, is a federally endangered bat listed before white-nose syndrome later began affecting bat populations. The northern long-eared bat, is also listed as an endangered species under federal and New York State law. The current population for this formerly common bat is approximately one percent of its previous size, making this species the most severely affected by white-nose syndrome. Still, northern long-eared bats are widely distributed in New York and their presence has been documented in most of the state's approximately 100 caves and mines serving as bat hibernation sites.

A third New York species, the tri-colored bat, was proposed for endangered species protection by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Sept. 13, 2022. Although widespread in distribution, tri-colored bats were rare in New York even before they experienced a 98-percent population decline due to white-nose disease.

Anyone entering a northern long-eared bat hibernation site from Oct. 1 through April 30, the typical hibernation period for bats, may be subject to prosecution. Details about the protection of the northern long-eared bat can be found on DEC's website.

There is currently no treatment for bats suffering from white-nose syndrome. Along with the New York State Department of Health, DEC is partnering with researchers from the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin, and experts at universities across the country to better understand the disease and develop a treatment. This collaborative effort helped identify that reducing disturbances at hibernation sites during the winter can help the remaining animals survive. For more information about white-nose syndrome, visit the White-Nose Syndrome Response Team website.

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

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Time and the Valleys Museum

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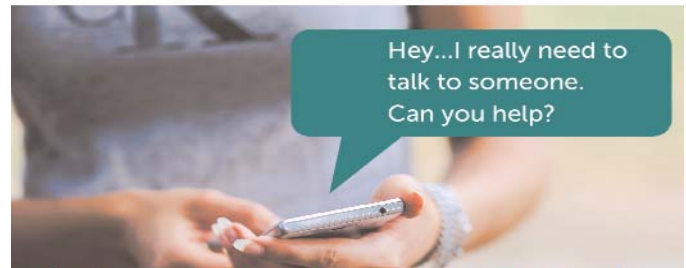
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EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY


@ 6:30 PM

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EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM

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

**Show your engineering side,
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November 2023

"Jack-O-Lanterns" Grades K-1
Wednesday, November 1st, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Show off your creative "carving" skills with this pumpkin challenge!



"Talking Turkeys" Grades 2-3
Wednesday, November 8th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

What's fall without a turkey or two?

Build some pumpkins to go with your turkeys too!



"A-MAZE-ing Pumpkin Patch" Grades 4-6
Wednesday, November 15th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Stump your friends with a challenging fall pumpkin maze!



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

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

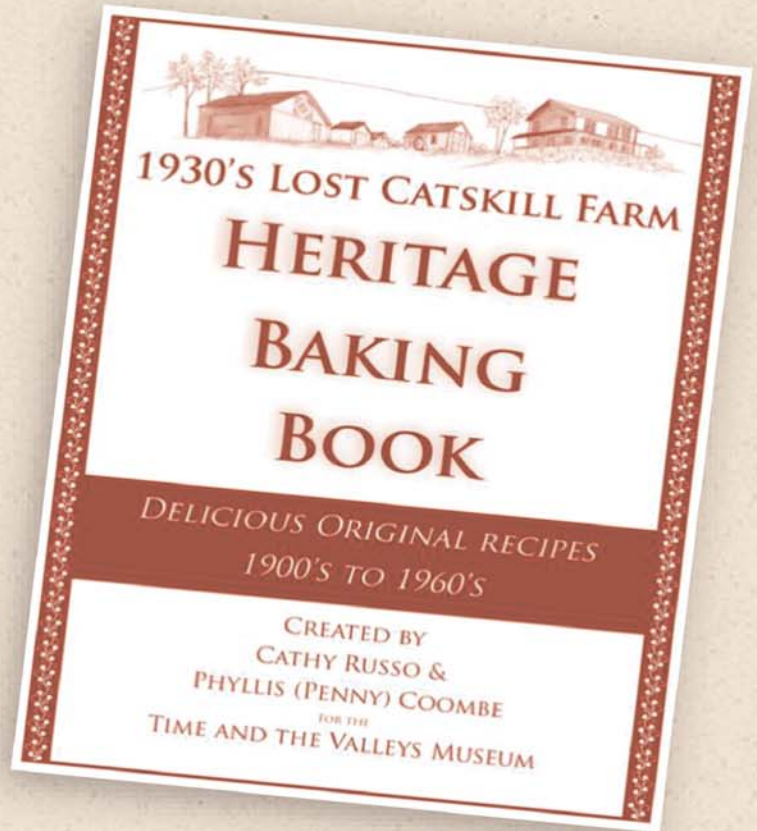
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Saturday, January 20, 2024

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**REGISTRATION: 8AM
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**WARM UP WITH A
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**The Woodridge
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2pm-5pm**

Salad, Chili, Rice, Corn bread, Desserts

**Contact:
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for more information.**

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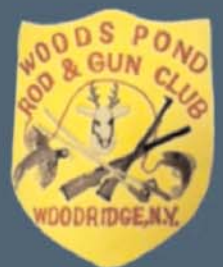


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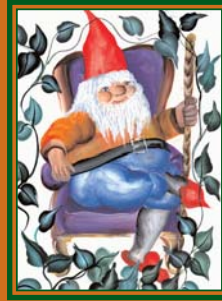
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Beetlejuice

(1988 | PG | CC / 4.8 stars)



The story unfolds as Barbara and Adam Maitland decide to spend their vacation decorating their idyllic Connecticut country home. As the two are driving home from a trip to town, Barbara swerves to avoid a dog and the car plunges into a river. After they return home, Adam decides to retrace their steps as they can't remember how they got home. Upon stepping outside,

he's taken to a desert world with monstrous sand-worms before being pulled back in by Barbara. Beetlejuice hangs out in the desert trying to convince the couple to say his name three times to allow him back into reality.

The recently deceased couple begin ghosts-haunting their former home. Beetlejuice an obnoxious, devious poltergeist continues to haunt the married couple

Directed by: Tim Burton, and starring Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, and Jeffrey Jones.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: True

This weeks' Trivia question: Who plays the male lead in *American Beauty*?

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HALLOWEEN

(1978 / R / CC / 4.7 STARS / 1HR 31 MIN)

The 1978 original of the *Halloween* series. The original draft of the screenplay was titled *The Babysitter Murders* and *The Night He Came Home*. John Carpenter directed the film, which stars Donald Pleasence as Dr. Sam Loomis, Jamie Lee Curtis as Laurie Strode, and Nick Castle, Tony Moran, Debra Hill, and Tommy Lee Wallace sharing the role of Michael Myers (listed in the credits as "The Shape").



And the story goes...Michael walks out of the room, down the stairs and out of the house, toward a disturbed Mr. and Mrs. Myers arriving home and finding their son holding a bloody butcher knife in his hand. Mr. Myers pulls the mask off of Michael's head which reveals his blank and expressionless face. In the town of Haddonfield, Illinois, high school student Laurie Strode leaves her house and begins walking to school. Her father, a realtor, asks her to drop a key off at the Myers house. The audience chills with the anticipation of being shocked by the violence so many love to watch.

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Halloween Party

(2020 / TV-14 / CC / 3.7 stars / 1hr. 32 min.)



When her best friend dies mysteriously, a college student, Grace enlists a talented I.T. student, Spencer, to help her investigate.



The two soon discover that the school has a terrible secret - their dorm rooms were once used as a hospice to house dying patients, including *The Balloon Babies*, monstrously disfigured teens who wore masks twenty-four seven for "The Halloween Party."

Directed by: Jay Dahl, and Starring: Amy Groening, T. Thomason, Marietta Laan, et al.

*Stay safe, and stay well
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HAPPY HALLOWEEN