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

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

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

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

# **Neversink and Denning History Afternoon** Sunday, November 3rd 1 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Neversink and Denning History Afternoon will be held on Sunday, November 3rd at 1 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Visitors can browse through Town of Neversink and Denning photos, records, stories and artifacts from our archives to learn about the history of both towns.

Knowledgeable Museum archivists including Lynn Priebe and Beverly Muthig will be on hand to answer questions. Attendees are welcome to bring personal collections to share.

The afternoon includes a special program by archivist and Museum Trustee Lynn Priebe at 2 p.m.: Place Names in the Rondout and Neversink Watershed areas. Local place names have come from various sources. The Native Americans, Dutch and English who occupied the lower Hudson Valley and Catskill region all contributed. Later, early settlers chose names to honor founders or famous people. Government entities have often dictated choices. The history of local place names and how they have changed over time will be discussed, with special attention given to communities in Neversink and Denning and the reservoirs built in the Catskill watershed.

Admission to the program is free and also includes admission to the Museum's two floors of exhibitions. For questions or more information, please call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** seek peace, and there shall be none.

# **OBITUARY**

#### **Joseph Daniel Wallace**

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of Joey. Our beloved Joey Dan tragically left us on Monday, October 21, 2024.

He was the son of Joseph Wallace and D e n i s e M o n t f o r t e Corbett, born on April 10, 1995, in Harris, NY.

Joey was a beloved son, b r o t h e r , g r a n d s o n , nephew and friend. He brought

joy and light to

everyone who knew him. His sudden departure has left a void that can never be filled. Joey was a vibrant young soul who touched the lives of everyone he met with his kindness, laughter and love. His smile was infectious; you could feel the warmth in his hugs. He was a proud graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, class of 2013. He was an avid gamer, and he also had a passion for sports. He loved the NY Yankees, the Los Angeles Laker's and the NY Jets. But most of all, he loved his family wholeheartedly. He was the most loving and caring gentle giant. He touched everyone that knew him.

He leaves behind his loving parents, Denise Corbett (Donnie), and Joe Wallace (Tina), his brothers, Matthew and Jesse, his stepsisters Christina, Alyssa, Heather and Taylor. His grandparents, Thomas Monforte, Debbie Defrietas, Evelyn Pustulnik and Betty Beach Connell. His Aunt Jessica Reeves and his Uncle Tommy Monforte, who were more like siblings. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins and his lifelong friends.

He was predeceased by his grandmothers Mary Monforte and Laura Wallace, his grandfathers, Eugene, John and Lee.

Visitation was held at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne, NY. In lieu of flowers, monetary donations can be made to Destruction cometh, and they shall Ezekiel 7:25

Larry Whipple, C/O Tri-Valley Little League, PO Box 521, Neversink, NY 12765 or via Venmo @TVlittleleague.

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

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Joseph Daniel Wallace please visit our Sympathy Store.

# DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

#### November 17, 1954

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

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

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#### October 28, 1964

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

Benjamin Krum Sr. died on October 22, 1964 at Bradley, N.Y. after a long illness. He was 83. He was born in Parksville on July 18, 1881, the son of Henrietta Martin and Millard Krum. A farmer, he was a lifetime area resident. Surviving are his wife, Alvira Everett Krum; six sons: (Contd. Pg. 3)



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# DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

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Harold, Harvey, Leslie, Benjamin Jr., George and William; seven daughters: Mrs. Roy Slater, Mrs. Alice Thurm, Mrs. Herman Huffman, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. Harold Peterson, Mrs. Robed Schollinger, and Mrs. Frank Fisher; one sister, Asa Kortright of Liberty; one brother, Jay Krum; 27 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

#### November 13, 1974

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

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

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

#### November 22, 1984

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

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

### **Household Hint:**

#### Get Ready for the Holidays Shine your silver

Make your silverware - as well as your pure silver bracelets, rings, and other jewelry - shine like new by soaking them in a mixture of 1/2 cup white vinegar and 2 tablespoons baking soda for two to three hours. Rinse them under cold water and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth..

# Nature Column - L. Comando

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

# 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



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!



# **Neversink and Denning History Afternoon**

(From Pg. 1) **About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Memorial Day through September, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and from October to



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

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

• Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition

includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

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

• 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working water-wheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense



and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Dav Labor Day. For more information call 845 985-7700, to e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

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# Monticello High School Key Club Participates in Fall Litter Pluck!





10th On October the Monticello Key Club officers and members took off to "Help Clean Up" the roads of Route  $4\hat{2}$ in Monticello, NY, equipped with gloves, trash bags and a shared determination to beautify their surroundings. The litter pluck not only aimed to remove waste but also served as an educational opportunity. Members engaged with passersby, encouraging them to take part in preserving the beauty of their community.

This is just one of the many community service projects the club plans annually. The Key Club is sponsored by the Monticello Kiwanis Club and is supervised by school faculty advisor Steven Raabe and Kiwanis Advisor/President Marvin Rappaport. The club's mission is to provide high school students with opportunities to perform services, build character and develop leadership. Just in case you're wondering, we'll be re-running some of our best and most popular book reviews. 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.



# Ink & Sigil Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 105 by John Dwaine McKenna

# Mysterious Book Report No. 424

Published November 5, 2020

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 Aloysis, "Al," MacBharrais is charged with the responsibility of enforc-

ing 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.

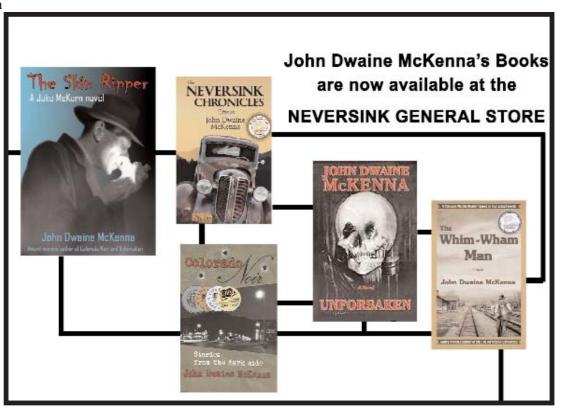
Ink & Sigil is an epic romp in an adult never-never land that will transfix your attention, engage your mind and provide a few laughs too. It's the perfect antidote to real life and the news!

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

Check out our combined website that's simple to use and easy as pie to leave your comments. We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

http://Johndwainemckenna.com or http://Mysteriousbookreport.com

Thank You!





# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

# "Peek-A-Boo; I See You."

This innocuous nursery rhyme and game of hide your face with two hands and then appear, was fun for both toddlers and adults. Who knew how prophetic it would be in an Orwellian World of 2024?

> When I read 1984 years before that date, I read the novel as a science fiction political statement. Even when the eighties rolled around, I could

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relegate the novel to that genre. Now we literally are playing "Peek-A-Boo" in our every day lives.

> Our doorbells are RING with photos connected to our phones. We have solar motion lights to announce our presence in the dark. Our phone cameras are handy and can capture an event or a crime on a second's notice.

> Our cars are scanned for speed and for tolls. Businesses have surveillance cameras as do many homes. Our luggage can be tagged as

well as children, pets, and spouses to pinpoint location. No more secret rendezvous.

As I type this on my

PC, I am staring at a post-it note that is covering the pin-hole camera above my screen. I long ago decided no one needs to see me typing away in my pajamas with my rooster/banshee bedhead hairdo.

I have long believed my television might have a two-way screen. I cannot prove that, so I just, cautiously, watch television fully dressed. I could just see myself on a Tic-Tok video with this skinny, eighty-year-old body vacuuming to a Fifties' song that Alexa is playing.

Social Media knows my weaknesses (hearing loss and animal lover) to send me personalized ads and reels.

I think I seek the woods for privacy and calm in a chaotic monitored world. Then I remember the trail cam my husband has to see what critters wander around our property at night.

I think, at the moment, the safest spot is my lady loft sofa with a good book. No one, to my knowledge, is recording that.

"Our movements and feelings are constantly monitored, because surveillance is the business model of the digital age."

-Katharine Viner

#### 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



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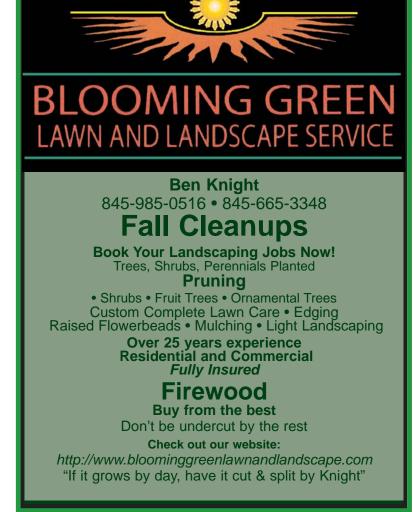


# Your Support Matters: Join the DPL in our Donation Drive through November 21!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-We are, undoubtedly, a small community where everyone pitches in when necessary and with times what they are, many in our area are experiencing food shortages. Our local food pantry, housed at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church on Main Street, is in short supply of non-perishable foods and is looking to the community to help bolster their reserves, especially as we come into the colder months.

Please consider joining us in our month long 2024 Community Giveback Donation Drive by dropping off non perishable food items into the basket located in the main lobby of the library during regular operating hours by November 21. Requested items include, but not limited to: peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit and vegetables, soups, macaroni n' cheese, pasta and pasta sauce, pancake, cake and brownie mixes, syrup,



cereal and mayo. A quick reminder though, while many of us have these items at the ready in our pantries, please check for expiration dates. The food pantry cannot accept expired food.

### In other news,

There are a few tickets left for Sportsmen's Bingo to be held on Saturday, November 2 at the Grahamsville Fire Station. This is a fantastic event to benefit the fire department as well as the library. Each ticket is \$35 and includes 7 games and BINGO supplies. The prizes are amazing! So please stop by the library to pick up your ticket as soon as possible as seating is limited. Also, bring a little extra spending money the night of as there are a bunch of awesome tricky tray prizes to take a chance on. It's sure to be a fun, fall evening for those 18 and over.

On the following Friday, November 8, we will be hosting our second honey tasting event. Register now (on our website) for this incredibly sweet and informative program from 6PM to 7:30PM. Follow along as honey expert, Donna DeFalco, takes participants on a complete sensory experience as you learn to identify local and Italian honey through taste, aroma and texture. There is a \$20 fee (due the day of the event) and space is limited, so register ASAP!

We had an amazing time at the Tri-Valley CSD PTO Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26. It was awesome to see all of the decorated trunks and the families decked out in costumes. While a little chilly, it was a perfect fall day.

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# The Scene Too By Jane Harrison No column this week.

# **Ballet Classes At The Old Sone House Of Hasbrouck**



Ballet Classes for children are being offered at The Old Stone House Of Hasbrouck, a local 501c3 community center, located at 282 Hasbrouck Rd. in Woodbourne NY.

Classes are held on Saturdays begining Nov 2nd at 10:30 am, and are 10\$ per session or 65\$ for 8 classes in advance.

For more information contact Alana Sherman via email

sherman\_alana@yahoo.com.

# **Red Feathers Native American** Song & Dance Event Through Native American drumming, dance, song and story-

telling, the Red Feather Drummers will teach about Native

American traditions and Grandmother lore. Judith Laughing Owl, Susan Singing Rain, and Deborah Leaping Fawn, members of the Association of Native Americans of the Hudson Valley, demonstrate, teach and lead participants through an immersive experience of Native American culture.



Free and open to the public, the program is from 2:00 -3:00 PM on Sunday November 10.

# On Belonging, an Evening of **Four Short Plays**

This November, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) is delighted to present On Belonging at the Tusten Theatre in Narrowsburg. On Belonging is an initiative by Standing People Together Theatre designed to draw on the voices of the community. The project was developed in part through funding provided by a Sullivan 180 grant.

The evening promises to showcase both the wealth of writing and acting talent in the area, with performances of four original plays written by local playwrights, each exploring a different response to the idea of "belonging" (or not) in a particular place and time.

"We aim to highlight the issues surrounding the concept of

'belonging' and 'place', to raise awareness of their connection to wellbeing and health and to start a conversation which we hope will lead to a greater civic muscle in Sullivan County."

Eric Feinblatt and Caroline Ballia, co-directors of On Belonging THE PLAYS

Tiffany Esteb's Diner, choreographs three waitresses through a surrealistic landscape of repetitive frenetic activity and anti-immigrant hate.

Cynthia Nash's The Crossing, weaves together multiple generational narratives, which span time and the private memories of life in, on, and around the Skinners Falls Bridge.

Greg Thomas's The Birthday List, explores the loving but fragile relationship between two longtime friends as one of them transitions from man to woman.

Laura Moran's The Cathedral, explores the tension between a lifetime building a traditional dream, then sacrificing it so others may live.

#### THE PROCESS

In April 2024, local writers were invited by Standing People Together Theatre to submit 15-minute plays that explored the theme of belonging. Four plays were selected, rehearsed and refined through a series of public rehearsal workshops, that would be performed in their final form at the Tusten Theatre on November 2nd and 3rd

#### **CAST & CREATIVES Playwrights**

o Laura E. J. Moran has lived in the Upper Delaware River valley for 23 years. She is a visual artist, writer, performer, educator, and currently manages the Delaware Free Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library in Callicoon. Laura holds a MFA in Creative Writing and attended the Lincoln Center Teaching Artist Leadership Lab in 2019. She also collects oral histories and is passionate about where we live and how that makes us who we are. Her semi-autobiographical work, Desire Line, was published in 2015 by Stockport Flats Press and was presented at NACL Theater, The Catskill Arts Society and, in collaboration with the international interdisciplinary project SEED, in Berlin and Kuivalahti, Finland, 2020 and 2024.

o Tiffany Esteb is an actress-writer who has participated in many black box theater productions in NYC as well as indie films. She studied with actor/director, Austin Pendleton, and at the LAByrinth Theater in NYC and, in London, with the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. Tiffany has a master's degree in international relations/human rights from Columbia University and works on political campaigns, and for not-for-profit organizations.

o Greg Thomas is a performer and playwright originally from Central Connecticut. He is a graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University's Drama Department (BFA '87) and The New School's creative writing department (MFA '04). Playwrighting works include: The Birthday List (2024), Daniel/Jean (2023), Another Shore (2023), and NeverSaid (1989). He recently performed the role of 'Serge' in River Rep Theatre's production of ART presented at the Delaware Valley Opera this past summer.

o Cynthia Nash settled in the Upper Delaware River Valley after years in New York City where she worked in theater, concert production, music management, and advertising. Over 25 years ago, she became the owner of Innisfree, a local landmark near the historic Skinners Falls Bridge.

(From Pg. 11) Recently, her editorials and photography have been published in The River Reporter and the Scranton Times Tribune. As a multidisciplinary artist, she is currently producing and writing TIM-BER, a documentary about trees and their enthusiasts, in collaboration with director Paul Aresu. Her photo essay, THE HUSTINGS, focused on the 2024 election, appears weekly in The River Reporter. Actors

o Ellie J, also known as "Clown Daddy", is honored to be working with Standing People Together on this provocative series of short plays. Having trained at Atlantic Theatre Company through NYU Tisch and, subsequently, L'École Internationale de Théâtre Jacques Lecoq in Paris, she delights in honing her skills of performance wherever she can. Favorite characters include playing 'Beatrice' in Much Ado About Nothing, 'King Midas/Aphrodite' in Metamorphosis, and 'Pedrolino' in A Gap in Generations. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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#### On Belonging, an Evening of Four Short Plays

(From Pg. 11) You can find what she's currently up to by visiting www.clowndaddypresents.com.

o Nick Lopez hails from Albuquerque New Mexico where Breaking Bad comes from, and he wants you to know that everything in that show is all true. He received his BA in Theater from the University of New Mexico and later his MFA in Performance from West Virginia University. Past roles include 'Edmund' from King Lear, 'Macbeth' from Macbeth, and 'Leontes' from A Winter's Tale. Other roles include 'Picasso' from Picasso at The Lapin Agile and 'Bick' from Assassins. When Nick isn't acting, he teaches and directs theater and communication for the New York prison system.

o Erinn Gilmore made her first stage appearance as 'Daniela' in Lin-Miranda's In the Heights musical in the Seelig Theatre at SUNY Sullivan. Born in New York, she made her way to California where she debuted in her first short film, Unborn. Since then, she has also played 'Olivia' in Shakespeare's The Twelfth Night. She has performed in three ten-minute plays at the Rivoli Theater earning her three Meritorious Awards in Acting by TANYS. Since she has starred in the playful comedy Fairview as 'Beverly'. As an extrovert, Erinn loves to travel, meet new people, and explore nature while living life to the fullest. Erinn also has an artist eye and designed her own clothing brand, GIFTD Apparel.

o Cass Collins has a BFA in Acting from Emerson College. She was a founding member of The Open Door Theater of Boston and performed as Pozzo in their production of Waiting for Godot. She has performed locally with NACL as 'Queen Cumulous' in The Weather Project; with Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop as 'Martha' in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf (for which she won an Excellence in Acting award from the Theater Association of New York State). She has done lots of experimental theater, straight theater, some TV, a music video and stand-up comedy. Cass starred in Standing People Together's 2003 production, Half Life, at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre.

o Eric Feinblatt was an inaugural actor with William Russo's, Chicago Free Theater, a rock- based, multimedia and music-theater company, which performed politically charged original productions (The Civil War, Liberation, Joan of Arc, Song of Songs) in Chicago and New York. Eric helped establish an East Coast satellite Free Theater that performed out of Philip Arnoult's experimental theater venue, the Baltimore Theater Project and collaborated with the Iowa Theater Lab during their residency there. Eric joined the Winter/Summer Institute in 2006 for their collaborative international theater-making project around HIV/AIDS in Lesotho, Africa.

#### Directors

o Caroline Baillie is an educator, theatre director, and author. She launched her UK-based theatre company, Critical Stage, in London 1998. In the subsequent years she produced and directed more than 25 shows and multiple workshops and training programs across England, Australia, and Canada before arriving in Hankins, NY in 2017, when she and Eric launched Standing People Together. Her productions have always focused on raising awareness of social issues including homelessness, domestic abuse, mental health, teenage pregnancy, and at-risk youth.

o Eric Feinblatt is an educator, photographer, and filmmaker with a background in Theatre for Development and Augusto Boal's" Theatre of the Oppressed". Caroline and Eric met at the launch of his show about HIV Aids in Lesotho, Africa, and the rest, as they say, is history. Their previous co-directing collaboration was the 2003 production of the play, Half Life, at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre.

#### **Musicians**

o Poison Love Band presents a dynamic blend of acoustic new-Americana featuring lead fiddle, guitar, percussion, and original songwriting. Our unique sound is shaped by influences from the Wild West, Brooklyn, and the Catskills, combining 1960-70s Country, Rock, and Folk with a rural Upper Delaware River Valley twist. They bring to the stage rich harmonies, infectious rhythms and heartfelt storytelling. The band is committed to community building through the shared experience of live performance.

#### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

o Saturday, November 2 - 7:00 PM & Sunday, November 3 - 2:00 PM (Matinee)

TICKETS & LOCATION Performances take place at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY.

Tickets \$25 advance / \$30 at door (\$20/\$25 DVAA Members). Kids 12 and under are free. Box office/concession opens 30 minutes before show. Tickets may be purchased online at delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.



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#### THE TOWNSMAN

#### OCTOBER 31, 2024



Halloween Boogle Boo! with April Mae and the June Bugs

#### October 31 2024 Thursday 07:00PM 09:00PM

Arts Nest - Joe Crookston in Concert

November 17 2024 Sunday 04:00PM

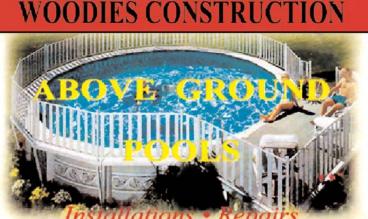
Arts Nest Concert - Shane Rennison

November 23 2024 Saturday 06:00PM 08:00PM

Songs, Stories and Sleighbells - A Holiday Concert

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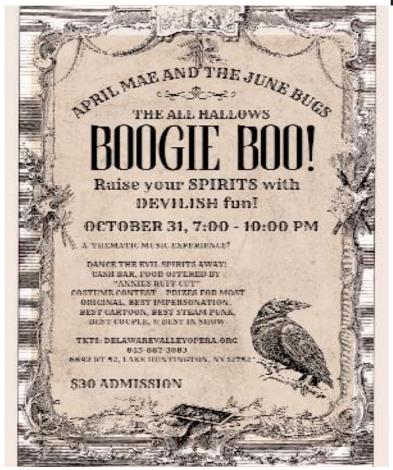
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#### OCTOBER 31, 2024



THE TOWNSMAN

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#### **OCTOBER 31, 2024**

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### **Apple Crisp**

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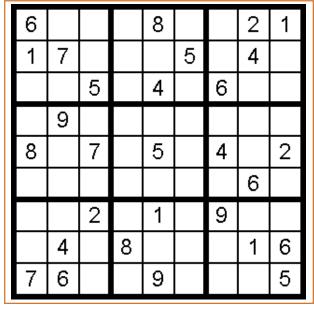
Grease well a baking dish. Fill with apples, water and cinnamon that have been mixed.

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

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

Serve with whippped cream or lemon sauce.

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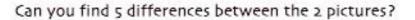


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Cryptogram Key

# PAGE 17 EGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

#### TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT **OPPORTUNITY - PART-TIME** BUILDING MAINTENANCE PERSON

This part-time position involves the performance of a variety of skilled tasks involved in the maintenance and repair of buildings, grounds, and equipment. The duties of the position may require basic duties involving standard building trades and will also involve unskilled tasks such as snow removal, lawn maintenance and brush removal.

The position is starting January 1, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$27.04 per hour not to exceed 17.5 hours per week, paid biweekly. Set schedule to be determined.

Applications must be received by December 27, 2024. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink website. Please send applications to Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Please address any questions to Chris Mathews, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301. 10/31

#### TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY -(4) TEMPORARY SKATE GUARD

This temporary position involves the performance of a variety of tasks including, but not limited to: rule enforcement, patrolling ice surface, skate distribution and disinfection. Applicant must be at least 16 years or older and have valid working papers OR driver's license.

The position is from December 1, 2024 to March 15, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$15.50 per hour, on an as is needed basis, up to 15 hours per week, paid bi-weekly.

Applications must be received as soon as possible. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink website. Please send applications to Tanya Huggler, Director of Parks & Recreation, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. 10/31

#### TOWN OF NEVERSINK **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Clerk to Planning and Zoning Boards**

The Town of Neversink is accepting applications for the position of Clerk to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The position is a paid part-time position up to 17.5 hours/week; at an hourly rate of \$21.52/hour.

The candidate would be required to attend and take minutes at the Planning and Zoning Board meetings which are held one evening a month. In addition to attendance at meetings, the candidate is required to perform regular clerical duties on an as needed agreed upon basis.

Applications must be received as soon as possible and are available at the Town of Neversink Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink Website, www.townofneversink.org under documents.

Please send applications to: Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, or drop it off at the Town Hall.

#### TOWN OF NEVERSINK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan and State of New York, introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2024, entitled "A local law to override for fiscal year 2025 the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law section 3-c for the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York.' Adoption of the proposed local law will enable the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Section 3-c, to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2025 that exceeds the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law section 3-c.

A copy of the aforesaid local law is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink, New York, where the same may be examined.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to §20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing will be held on the aforesaid local law before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, on November 7, 2024, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

BY ORDER OF TOWN BOARD TOWN OF NEVERSINK Staci Conjura, Town Clerk DATED: OCTOBER 23, 2024

10/31

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 205A of Highway Law, the Town of Neversink Superintendent of Highways has designated the following Town Roads as **SEASONAL** LIMITED USE HIGHWAYS for the period beginning DECEMBER 1, 2024 UNTIL APRIL 1, 2025:

#### Town Dood

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Number	Name	Description
14	Donovan Rd.	Full Length
22	Flugertown Rd.	Starting 2.4miles West of Pole Rd. to Town Line
32	Moore Hill Rd.	Intersection of Glade Rd. to Town Line
40	Blue Hill Rd.	From Caroline Demy's Property to Kelcourse Home
59	Denman Mt. Rd.	From Bailey House to Intersection with Moore Hill Rd.
65	North Side Rd.	Full Length
67	Sheeley Rd.	From P. Coombe III Property to end
72	Slater Rd. From	Sap House Driveway to End
84	Friend's Rd.	Full Length

10/31

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVE**N that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Neversink for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested person(s) Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

**FURTHER NOTICE** is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the Town Hall at 7:15 p.m. on **Thursday, November 7, 2024. AT SAID PUBLIC HEARING** any and all persons will be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained.

**PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8 OF THE TOWN LAW**, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

#### SUPERVISOR \$36,453.00 COUNCILMAN (4) 7,389.00 each SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS 97,801.00 TOWN JUSTICE (2) 11,329.00 each TOWN CLERK 55,825.00

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF NEVERSINK STACI CONJURA, TOWN CLERK DATED: OCTOBER 23, 2024

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

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY BUD-GET:

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

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

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

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

By Order of the Denning Town Board

Nancy Parrow Town Clerk October 28, 2024

10/31; 11/7

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING PLANNING BOARD Chairman Joseph Sibiga

October 29, 2024

10/31; 11/7

#### Notice of Resolution Adopted Subject to Permissive Referendum

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District adopted the following resolution:

Be it resolved that a sum of \$6051.89 will be expended from Equipment Reserves to budget item A3410.2 - Equipment, to fund the acquisition of :

PPE - \$4102.89 and a generator , electrical cords and fire extinguisher bracket for fire truck - \$1949.00.

This resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as provided in the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

Dated: October 17, 2024 By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District, Claryville, NY 12725 10/31

# Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

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

The meeting will be livestreamed on the District's YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/CHANNEL/UCKI224vKO8nA WhR6N%20%20Vao24w/live

#### LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

#### **Public Notice**

This is to certify that the following roads within the Town of Denning under my jurisdiction, are designated Seasonal Use as according to NY State Highway Law 205-A. There shall be no snow removal services From December 1 to April 1. These roads are posted as such:

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

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

3. Cross Road from Greenville Road to Dymond Road.

4. Spencer Road to Town line.

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

6. Basily Road from State Parking Lot to end.

7. Whitehouse Road from Snow plow turnaround to end.

8. Rudolph Road from Rudolph Farm to Dinch Road.

9. Wildcat from snowplow turnaround to end.

By order of Superintendent Leonard Johnson 10/31

# DEC Releases Draft Regulatory Proposal for Endangered and Threatened Mitigation Bank Fund for Public Comment Proposed Fund Would Help Renewable and Energy Transmission Projects Address Adverse Impacts to At-Risk Wildlife

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released a proposed regulation to implement a fund to help offset negative impacts to endangered and threatened species populations during the construction of renewable energy and energy transmission projects. The proposed Endangered and Threatened Species Mitigation Bank Fund regulation is available for public comment until Jan. 15, 2025, with two virtual public hearings on Jan. 8, 2025.

"New York's green energy transition continues to keep the protection of the state's most vulnerable wildlife and their habitats at the forefront of our work," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "The Endangered and Threatened Species Mitigation Bank is a new tool to protect critical habitats and populations of listed species for the long term while supporting efforts to achieve the state's ambitious renewable energy goals and meet the challenge of the climate crisis."

The Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act of 2020 and the Renewable Action Through Project Interconnection and Deployment (RAPID) Act of 2024 require DEC to establish an Endangered and Threatened Species Mitigation Bank Fund as an alternative mechanism for large-scale renewable energy generation and transmission projects to meet mitigation requirements for unavoidable adverse impacts to endangered and threatened animal species.

The Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) within the Department of Public Service is the lead agency reviewing large-scale energy generation and transmission projects under the RAPID Act. Project applicants are required to work with ORES and DEC to assess the impacts proposal could have on endangered or threatened species. If an adverse impact is expected, applicants are required to explore avoidance and minimization measures. If an applicant cannot avoid impact, DEC will work with ORES to evaluate whether the anticipated unavoidable harmful impacts to endangered or threatened species can be effectively mitigated offsite. Examples of mitigation could include creation of new habitat to offset the loss of habitat, removal or reduction of known threats to improve productivity of an impacted species, and research that identifies new locations of importance to impacted species such as nesting areas or hibernacula.

If offsite mitigation is pursued, DEC determines appropriate payments to be made by the project applicant into the Fund based on considerations outlined in the proposed regulations. Considerations include the nature of the impact, which species are impacted, and the estimated cost for DEC to implement a conservation project capable of creating a net conservation benefit for the affected species that exceed the anticipated harmful impacts. ORES can either accept the recommended payment into the Fund or work with the applicant to ensure they implement an alternative mitigation plan that is determined to result in a net conservation benefit to the impacted species.

DEC would then use the Fund to implement management actions that improve the status of impacted species. Funds can be used directly by the agency or be used to support cooperative agreements or contracts with partners capable of implementing the net conservation benefit project needed.

DEC is accepting comments on the proposed regulations until Jan. 15, 2025. Submit comments to wildliferegs@dec.ny.gov (subject: "Mitigation Bank Fund") or to: NYSDEC, Attn: Abby Valachovic, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754.

DEC is holding two virtual public hearing sessions on Jan. 8, 2025, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The draft regulations and details for the hearing and comment period are available on DEC's website.

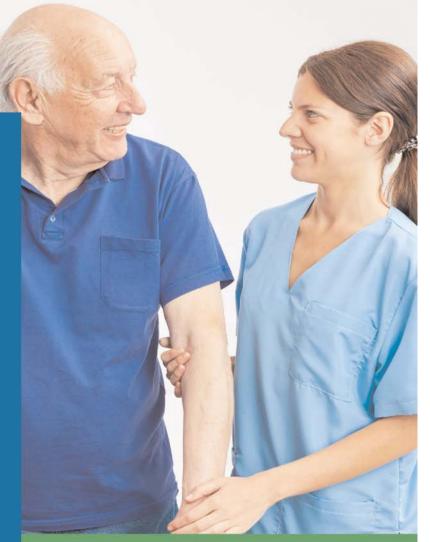


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# SC Sheriff Mike Schiff Congratulates Charles Stackhouse on His Recent Promotion



Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff congratulates Charles Stackhouse on his recent promotion to the rank of Corporal in the Sheriff's Patrol Division.

Stackhouse is a seven year member of the agency and has served in several roles including drone pilot, marine patrol deputy and the coordinator of Project Life Saver. In his spare time he answers calls as an EMT with the Bethel Ambulance Corps and is a White Lake Firefighter.

# Sullivan 180 and Sullivan BOCES Team Up Tree Planting Demonstration Join us for this hands-on experience!

[LIBERTY, NY]] Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce an exciting partnership with Sullivan BOCES to host a hands-on tree planting demonstration Thursday, November 7th, from 9am to 11am, at the Sullivan BOCES campus, 52 Ferndale Loomis Rd, Liberty, NY 12754. The program will be held rain or shine.

This hands-on workshop offers a valuable opportunity for participants to learn the environmental and health benefits of trees and the role they plan for a greener future and healthier generation. The workshop is open to school facilities and grounds staff, as well as municipal park and recreation staff.

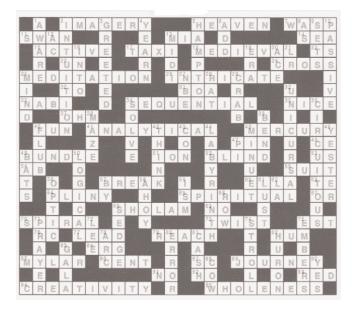
"We want to engage those who actively contribute to enhancing their local communities and school environments in this demonstration," said Carmela Hugel, Sullivan 180 Beautification Program Manager. Participants will:

- o Learn how to plant and care for trees
- o Discover the environmental and health benefits of trees
- o Understand how trees enhance the aesthetics of schools and communities
- o Gain hands-on experience planting trees
- o Meet others who share a passion for environmental sustainability
- o Let's work together to grow a greener future-one tree at a time!

For more information or to RSVP, contact Carmela Hugel at 845-295-2453 or Carmela@Sullivan180.org.



#### Ans to last week's Crossword





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#### THE TOWNSMAN

Clip & Save

Grahamsville United Methodist Church 356 Main St. P.O. Box 86 Grahamsville, NY 12740 Thrift Sale Schedule 2024 All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Nov - 2nd and 18th

# Dec 7th - Holiday Craft Sale

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, starting March 14, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222. grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

> Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper Saturday,

November 2, 2024 5:30 pm at the Church Hall Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale

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

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

VETERANS always Free search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.

For information call 845-434-8044.



#### THE TOWNSMAN

- LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS
- 11/2/24 Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
  11/2/24 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am 12 noon
- 11/6/24 Claryville Fire District Budget Meeting and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11/6/24 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 11/12/24 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 11/13/24 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11/19/24 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 11/21//24 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
- 11/21/24 Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

#### Save the Date! Dec. 7, 2024 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Holiday Craft Sale

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

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

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

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

## Weekly Update For The Week Of October 28, 2024 - November 1, 2024

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

#### Monday, October 28

**o 4:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee,** in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

**o** 5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Teleconference by Dialing (845) 340-7589, Bridge #123666

o 6:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

#### Tuesday, October 29

**o 2:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee,** in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

o 4:00 PM - Special Joint Meeting of the Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee and the Ways & Means Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

#### Wednesday, October 30

**o 2:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Health, Human Services & Housing Committee,** in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

**o 4:00 PM** (Or Immediately Following Health, Human Services & Housing)-Special Meeting of the Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

**o** 4:45 PM (Or Immediately Following Laws & Rules) - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

**o** 6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council, in the SUNY Ulster Kingston Campus, Room 215, 94 Marys Avenue, Kingston

Thursday, October 31 o No Meetings

Friday, November 1 o No Meetings



# SONG CLUB at MISU

#### Every last Saturday of the month All ages and voices welcome

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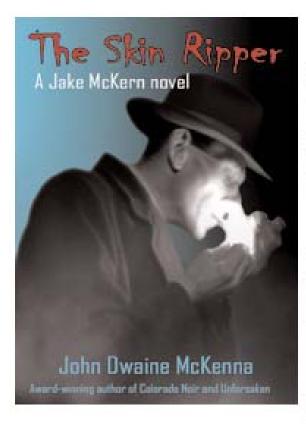


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The suspense ratchets up with each chapter as the beleaguered detective is drawn ever deeper into a morass of treachery, danger, and personal tragedy. It's Jake's darkest

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**OCTOBER 31, 2024** 



#### KIWANIS OF WOODRIDGE

# 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

(<u>Walk For Hunger</u>)



# NOVEMBER 16, 2024 10 A.M. – NOON

ENTRY FEE: Non-perishable food item(s) which will be donated to area food pantries.

Route: Rail Trail from Greenfield Road, Woodridge, to Silver Lake Road and back.

Drawings for: \$100 in scratch-off tickets, grocery gift cards, frozen turkeys, and more.

Wear your best turkey or pilgrim hat/outfit to be eligible for "Special" prize!

For more info: djacobsen1114@yahoo.com or dsenn10151@aol.com

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



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

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

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

Their owner was my brother who recentpassed ly away and he had both cats for at 12 least years. They have had all of their shots. and will come with a supply of food,



kitty litter and pans, bowls for food and water, and toys. The hope is to keep them together.

I would love to keep them, but have 3 dogs that would not take well to cats.

Only serious cat lovers will be considered.

If you are interested, please contact me. **Esta Jacob** 

856-866-1579 Cell 845-985-3937 Home ejacob4848@gmail.com Sun Trail Storage

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Please call for availability first

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> •• Full Page Flyer for Local Municipalities and Organizations one time fee- \$20.00 (once the flyer is inserted we will publish it each week through the week of the event)

As in the past, there is no fee for advertising for our local churches

Low Rates High Visibility!

# Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI) Plantings for Streamside Landowners

Applications are open for the 2025 spring and fall planting seasons! Since 2012, Rondout Neversink Stream Program has completed over 60 streamside planting projects for local landowners using plant species that are native to the Catskill region. RNSP offers landowners free support in designing, planting, and maintaining biodiverse plantings along their streams.

Establishing Catskill native plants along your streambank creates a strong root network, which holds soil in place and can reduce erosion during floods. And, all-native plantings come with the added benefit that they are well adjusted to the local ecological conditions and require minimal maintenance.

Not only do native plants help out landowners, they also give back to the local ecosystems. Native plants are adapted to serve specific roles in our local ecosystems; they are equipped to support songbirds, pollinators, and other native wildlife that non-native plants often neglect. Through the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative Program, RNSP supports landowners who wish to support their streams.

For qualifying landowners, CSBI provides FREE:

Trees, shrubs, and wildflower seed mix (locally sourced, Catskill-native species)

Planting installation services & deer protection materials Technical advice & design plans

Follow-up project monitoring/maintenance

Invasive species management recommendation

Applications for upcoming 2025 spring and fall plantings will be open on a rolling basis. To request an application email info@rondoutneversink.org.

For more information about the CSBI program contact Gillian Mathews, Watershed Planning Coordinator, at gmathews@rondoutneversink.org or visit www.rondoutneversink.org/streamsideplanting.

# Growing Rivers: Regenerative Stream Management in the NYC Watershed

The Rondout Neversink Stream Program (RNSP) combines state-of-the-art scientific research and engineering with traditional ecological wisdom to ensure the protection of source water quality for the New York City reservoir system. This innovative blend of modern technology and age-old environmental practices strengthens the health of the watershed, promoting ecological diversity and sustainability. Through this approach, RNSP works to preserve critical water resources while enhancing the overall vitality of the surrounding natural environment.

# DEC Announces 20th Annual "Create a Watershed Superhero" Poster contest for Middle School Students

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar and the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) today announced the annual "Create a Watershed Superhero" poster contest for middle school students. The 2025 Create a Watershed Superhero poster theme challenges middle school students to create their own superhero to inspire environmental stewardship.

"DEC is excited to launch the 20th 'Create a Watershed Superhero' poster contest, which for two decades has helped inspire New York's next generation of environmental stewards," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "DEC's annual poster contest encourages young people across New York State to become guardians of their watersheds and reminds all New Yorkers of the everyday actions each of us can take to protect and conserve precious water resources."

"This poster contest is one of the things that makes NYWEA members proud of what we do," NYWEA Executive Director Khris Dodson said. "I am even more proud of all of the Watershed Superheroes we now have because of the involvement of the students and teachers who have participated throughout the years."

Since 2004, the annual poster contest has encouraged thousands of middle school students across New York State to learn about their role in protecting local watersheds and how to conserve and safeguard water resources, now and for future generations. This is the fourth year of the superhero poster contest theme. Previous themes include "We All Live in a Watershed," "Conserve and Protect our Watersheds," and "The Importance of Wastewater Treatment."

New York State teachers, schools, and clubs are advised to\_visit DEC's website for more information about participating in the 2024-25 school year contest. Posters will be accepted through Jan. 3, 2025. The 14 winning posters will be featured in DEC and NYWEA's 2026 Annual Calendar.

The poster contest helps raise awareness of the importance of natural resources and the DEC programs that help manage sources of water pollution and improve water quality. Many lakes and rivers are managed through watershed programs that plan and initiate activities to protect and restore water quality. DEC is one of several New York State agencies funding projects to conserve water and protect water quality through statewide grant funding opportunities.

To see if an area is covered by a\_Clean Watershed Plan, check out DECInfo Locator under the Environmental Monitoring layer category. To learn more about positive actions New Yorkers can take to protect New York's waters visit DEC's\_Keep Water Clean\_and\_Water Quality Management\_webpages.

# The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley at Shadowland Stages

We're thrilled to announce this year's warm, lively holiday production: The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley, by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon! This charming followup to last year's hit, Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley, whisks audiences back to the world of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice-but with a festive twist from downstairs at Pemberley.

Perfect for Austen lovers and holiday enthusiasts alike, The Wickhams brings warmth, humor, and a bit of holiday scandal to the stage. When Mr. Wickham, the dashing troublemaker and Mr. Darcy's old nemesis, makes an unexpected entrance, the servants at Pemberley must juggle their holiday duties, their own personal desires, and keeping the peace in the household. With the help of Mrs. Reynolds, the steadfast housekeeper, Cassie, the spunky new servant, and Brian, the hopelessly romantic grooms-man, the holiday bustle at Pemberley becomes a heartfelt journey of family, class, and forgiveness-all wrapped up in the spirit of giving.

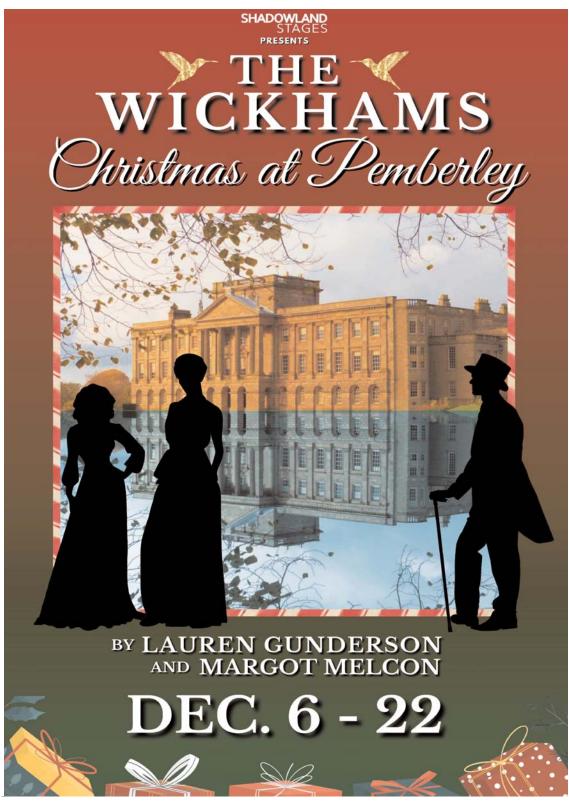
This delightful production is the perfect way to brighten your holiday season with warmth, laughter, and classic Austen charm!

Show Dates December 6 - December 22 Fridays & Saturdays at 7 PM Saturdays & Sundays at 2 PM

Tickets Evening performances: \$43 Matinees: \$39

Get your tickets now at shadowlandstages.org, by clicking the button below, or by calling the SHADOWLAND STAGES box office at (845) 647-5511.

Arrange your group sale discount for groups of 10 or more by calling the Box Office today!



# DEC Announces More Than \$1.26 Million in Grants to Land Trusts to Protect Forests Through Conservation Easements Conserving Forested Land

#### Combats Climate Change and Sustains Benefits to Local Communities Funded Projects Will Directly Contribute to State's '30 by 30' Land Conservation Goal

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced more than \$1.26 million in grants for four land trusts to support five projects that help safeguard local forests. Land trusts will use this funding to create new conservation easements that will protect water quality, build wildlife corridors, preserve old growth forests, increase climate resilience, strengthen biodiversity, and expand recreation opportunities for New Yorkers.

"New York's natural landscapes are vital to our quality of life and our economy," said Interim Commissioner Mahar. "This \$1.26 million in funding for land trusts will empower communities to protect cherished open spaces and contribute to the State's 30 by 30 initiative-conserving 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030. Together, we are investing in a sustainable future for all New Yorkers and ensuring that future generations can enjoy the beauty of our state."

The grants, administered by the Land Trust Alliance in partnership with DEC, were made available through the Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts (FCELT) Grant Program.

"We want to thank DEC and the State for partnering with the Alliance to offer funding to land trusts through the FCELT Grant Program," said Jamie Brown, New York Senior Program Manager for the Land Trust Alliance. "Our forest lands play critical roles in terms of providing jobs, wildlife habitat, and helping to mitigate climate change. New York's nearly 95 land trusts are working to protect these important lands, as well as other open space that is important to all New Yorkers. We are grateful to the State's support and leadership in protecting our natural resources and important places."

Funded Projects:

Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, Inc., Madison County: \$350,000 to purchase a 467-acre conservation easement on forested land adjacent to the State's Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area. The property was identified as a conservation target in the organizations recent Strategic Land Conservation Plan and will be conserved for sustainable forestry, recreational hunting, and habitat protection. The large size of this easement ensures substantive climate resilient forest characteristics and habitat connectivity benefits for future generations.

Dutchess Land Conservancy, Dutchess County: \$350,000 to purchase a 260-acre conservation easement on property located within the Taconic Ridge/Harlem Valley, which was identified in the New York State Open Space Plan as a priority for protection. The property, comprised of upland conifer and hardwood forests, will add to more than 1,100 contiguous acres of adjacent protected land and provide important habitat for the threatened timber rattlesnake and endangered Indiana bat.

Genesee Valley Conservancy, Livingston County: \$199,950 to purchase a 129-acre conservation easement on property located within the Finger Lakes Plateau Forest Legacy Area and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative area. The new easement will provide a buffer to the nearby Hemlock-Canadice State Forest and Hemlock Lake, a primary water supply for the City of Rochester and the towns of Livonia, Henrietta, and Rush. The area contains forests that are diverse in species composition, age, and structure, and support bird species of Special Concern including the golden-winged warbler and American woodcock.

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, Herkimer County: \$139,250 to pur-

chase a 190-acre conservation easement on land adjacent to the Hinckley State Forest and near West Canada Creek, an area which was identified by the land trust as a priority conservation area. The conservation easement will promote sustainable forestry, help mitigate the impacts of climate change, preserve the area's biodiversity, and protect important habitat for several threatened and endangered species.

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, Oswego County: \$222,550 to purchase a 268-acre conservation easement on property located adjacent to the Stave Mill State Forest. The forest is dominated by northern hardwood species and contains areas of old growth forest designated as "Important Habitat Area Significant Natural Communities" by the town of Boylston. The property includes areas along Pine Creek recognized by the New York State Natural Heritage Program as containing a significantly rare, largely undisturbed hemlock-hardwood swamp, which is also designated as a Special Area by the town of Boylston under the Special Areas and Tug Hill Reserve Act.

The grants are funded through the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Among the many environmental victories in the enacted 2024-25 State Budget, Governor Kathy Hochul and legislative leaders maintained the historically high level of \$400 million in EPF funding. The EPF supports climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, improves agricultural resources to promote sustainable agriculture, protects water sources, advances conservation efforts, and provides recreational opportunities for New Yorkers. The EPF also supports New York's 30x30 initiative, which commits to conserving 30 percent of lands and waters by 2030.

# "DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 14 Now Available: Pheasants and Deer and Bear, Oh My!

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of "DEC Does What?!", the bi-weekly podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. Episode 14-"Pheasants and Deer and Bear, Oh My!"-takes a closer look at the start of big game hunting season in New York State, and the economic and conservation benefits that hunting provides.

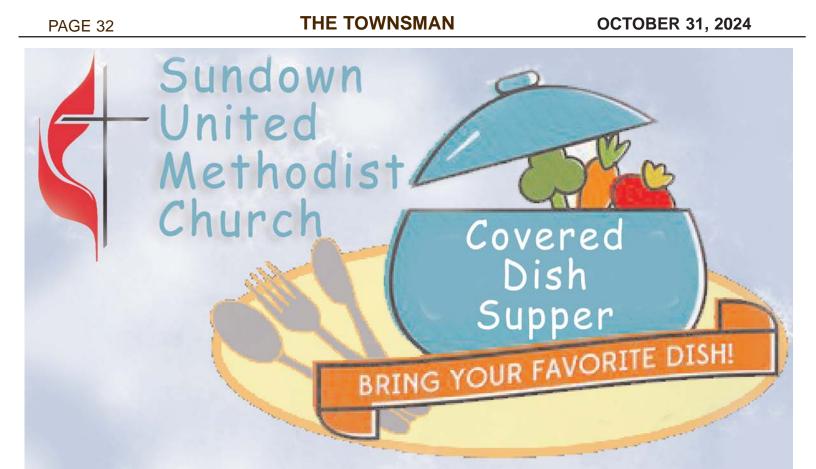
Hunting remains one of the most popular forms of outdoor wildlife recreation in New York State, with more than 565,000 licensed hunters generating approximately \$1.5 billion in economic activity each year. In this episode, hosts Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff Erica Ringewald are joined by Timothy Pyszczynski and Brendan Quirion-Wildlife Biologists with DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlifeto discuss the importance of hunter education and safety programs to recruit the next generation of hunters and help prevent hunting-related accidents, preview the deer and bear harvest for 2024-2025, and explore the role of big game hunting in wildlife management and conservation, including maintaining healthy deer and bear populations.

Tim and Brendan also reflect on how their passion for science and the outdoors led to careers with DEC, share their favorite venison meals, and talk about how local harvests help reduce our environmental foot-print and feed New Yorkers in need.

Episode 14 also spotlights the latest environmental news and DEC initiatives, including reminders for New Yorkers and visitors to "Be Seen, Be Safe, and Show Respect" during the fall and winter hunting season, the upcoming deadline (Nov. 1, 2024) for the Rock Salt Usage survey, and how New Yorkers can prioritize home heating safety this winter.

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

For more information on "DEC Does What?!," visit the DEC podcast webpage.



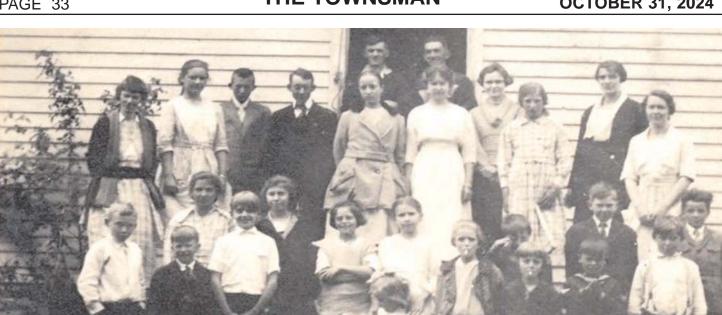
# November 2, 2024 5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share Enjoy good food and fellowship

> and don't forget to check out the tables filled with a variety of collectibles, household items and more that will be available for sale

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

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# **Please Help Save Our School!**

The Claryville Reformed Church and the Time and the Valleys Museum are working together to preserve and open the historic 1848 Claryville One Room School, and we need your help.

#### A donation of ANY amount will go directly to the 1848 Claryville School and help:

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- repair the building and restore the one room school interior. .
- open the school to the public on a regular basis. .
- provide programs for children and adults.

PLEASE make a tax-deductible donation today using the form below or go to www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. This historic building is an important part of our fading past and should be preserved and enjoyed by all - your donation will make that happen!

# **Thank You!**

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or go online: www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/ support/donate			City:       Zip:         Email:							
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# VET 2 VET OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PRESENTS:

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Eligibility and Pre-Registration Required Please call our Veteran Advocate at (<u>845) 794-4228</u> or email <u>mkleman@atitoday.org</u>



# Hear from the experts on Community Preservation and Farmland Protection!

LIBERTY, NY - Join CCE Sullivan on Wednesday, November 13th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Extension Education Center for a lunch & learn workshop that will explore key topics on land preservation, community development, and state funding for agricultural and open space projects. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from leading experts in the field including:

o Kaylan Hubbard of Delaware Highlands Conservancy will discuss the role of conservation easements in protecting land and natural resources.

o Michael P. Sweeton of Orange County Land Trust will cover the importance of community preservation plans, highlighting how they balance town growth and protect working landscapes.

o David Behm from NYS Ag & Markets will share insights on state funding opportunities for landowners and municipalities to support preservation and agricultural projects.

The event begins with a presentation on conservation easements, followed by a presentation on community preservation plans. Lunch, sponsored by Jeff Bank, will be served at noon, providing networking opportunities for attendees. The afternoon will continue with a presentation on state funding opportunities and will conclude with a Q&A session before wrapping up.

Municipal officials will receive four training credits for attending, and all participants will leave with a deeper understanding of land conservation tools and available funding resources.

For questions, please contact Haley Collins at hc2246@cornell.edu.

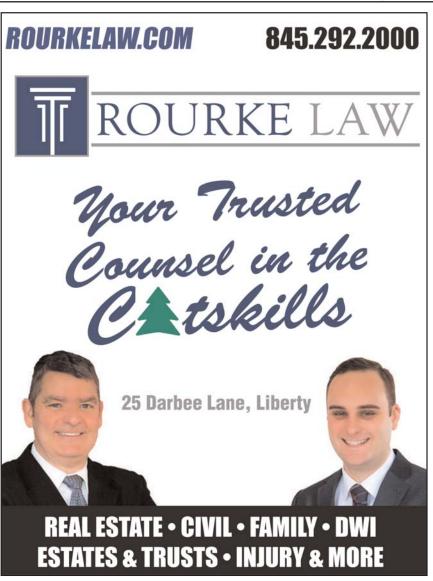
# Upcoming Parenting Workshops in Partnership with CCE Orange<sup>•</sup>County!

LIBERTY, NY - As an organization in a network that strives to improve the quality of life for residents in local counties through educational resources and opportunities, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is ecstatic to partner with Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County (CCEOC) to offer parenting workshops for parents and caregivers in Orange and Sullivan Counties. This fall, the partnership will host three ongoing programs geared to support parents and caregivers:

1. Discipline is not a Dirty Word

Wednesdays, October 30th - November 20th, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Designed for parents of youth 2-10 years of age, this virtual program is intended to support parents and caregivers with tools and resources for raising children. This program is virtual, starting on October



30th, for four consecutive weeks. The fee is \$40 per family with the option for scholarships during the registration process. 2. Self Connection/Self Care

Tuesday, November 12th, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Many of us recognize that we cannot give from an empty cup. This 90minute virtual session on November 12th will discuss the value of selfcare and will give practical recommendations on ways parents can practice self-care and role model self-care for their children. The fee is \$10 or \$0 for those who cannot pay at the time of registration.

3. Adult/Adult Connection

Thursday, November 21st, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

When adults connect with empathy and solid communication practices, the children in their care benefit from this. This 90-minute, virtual presentation will teach participants to understand ways we can connect through empathy, understand how we respond to threats, dig into our attachment styles and more! Fee is \$10 or \$0 for those who cannot pay at the time of registration.

If interested in any of these opportunities, please visit https://sullivancce.org/events or https://cceorangecounty.org/events to learn more and to register. Those with related questions can contact the CCESC office at (845) 292-6180 or sullivan@cornell.edu as well as the CCEOC office at 845-344-1234 or orange@cornell.edu. Many more parenting and caregiver programs and events are to come, so stay tuned!

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

### **OCTOBER 31, 2024**

### Governor Hochul Awards \$100 Million to Expand Free and Low-Cost After-School Program Across NYS

• Strengthening Afterschool Programs Serving Nearly 40,000 Children

• Advancing Governor's Mission To Expand Access to Affordable Child Care

• State's Child Care Assistance Program Covers 130,000 Children, With Most Eligible Families Paying No More Than \$15 Per Week for Child Care

• State Officials Participate in National Lights on Afterschool Initiative

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced New York State has awarded about \$100 million in grants to support free and low-cost afterschool programs serving nearly 40,000 children in high-need areas statewide. State officials from the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) also participated in the 25th Annual Lights on Afterschool initiative today by visiting programs in New York City and the Capital Region.

"Afterschool programs give our kids outlets to explore their creativity, build their skills and thrive in a supportive environment," Governor Hochul said. "We're continuing to invest in free and low-cost afterschool programs and expanding access to affordable child care to help young people grow and give families the support they need."

The State grants announced today were awarded by OCFS through the Learning and Enrichment Afterschool Program Supports (LEAPS) initiative to help fund new or continuing afterschool programs targeted to children in high-need areas in New York State.

These LEAPS grants were awarded to a total of 238 afterschool program sites statewide. The full list of awarded sites can be seen here. View a regional breakdown of the site awards below:

Region	Number of Sites Awarded	Funding Awarded
Capital Region	22	\$6,480,000
Central New Yo	ork 18	\$6,400,000
Finger Lakes	17	\$5,750,000
Long Island	20	\$8,920,000
Mid-Hudson	22	\$12,340,000
Mohawk Valley	19	\$4,960,000
New York City	74	\$38,690,000
North Country	14	\$3,380,000
Southern Tier	5	\$1,530,000
Western New Y	fork 27	\$8,450,000

As a part of the OCFS Commissioner's participation in the Lights On Afterschool initiative, Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden visited programs in the Bronx operated by the Committee for Hispanic Children and Families and Good Shepherd Services, while other members of the OCFS leadership team visited the Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club in Troy. Now in its 25th year, the initiative recognizes the many ways afterschool programs support students by offering educational opportunities and the development of new skills.

Programs eligible for LEAPS grants included State-licensed school-age child care programs - or organizations interested in becoming a licensed school-age child care provider - that serve children in high-need school districts. Per-site funding amounts were based on each program's OCFS-licensed capacity. The grants are intended to fund the critical programming and other costs of developing and running the program. Grants are contingent on programs completing all licensing and contract requirements and therefore subject to change.

The grants announced today are part of Governor Hochul's continued



efforts to make high-quality child care more affordable and accessible. Other recent efforts include expanding access to the State's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). Eligible families can apply online for CCAP, which currently covers free or low-cost child care for 130,000 children statewide. While eligibility is based on multiple factors, including income and family size, many families may qualify for CCAP if their household income is at or below 85 percent of the State Median Income. Currently, 85 percent of the State Median Income for a family of four is approximately \$108,000. Under CCAP, most eligible families pay no more than \$15 per week for child care.

Governor Hochul also highlighted that the State is lighting landmarks yellow and blue tonight in recognition of Lights on Afterschool. The following landmarks will be lit yellow and blue:

- o 1WTC
- o Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge
- o Kosciuszko Bridge
- o The H. Carl McCall SUNY Building
- o State Education Building
- o Alfred E. Smith State Office Building
- o Empire State Plaza
- o State Fairgrounds Main Gate & Expo Center
- o Niagara Falls
- o The "Franklin D. Roosevelt" Mid-Hudson Bridge
- o Albany International Airport Gateway
- o MTA LIRR East End Gateway at Penn Station
- o Fairport Lift Bridge over the Erie Canal
- o Moynihan Train Hall
- o Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park

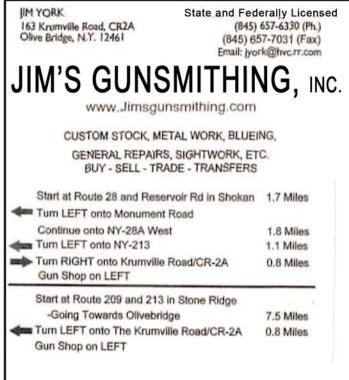
### DEC Encourages New Yorkers to Help Protect Bats During 'Bat Week' Annual Observance from Oct. 24-31 Raises Public Awareness to Reduce Human Disturbance to Endangered and Threatened Bats

To raise awareness about the critical role of bats in the environment during internationally recognized Bat Week, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today encouraged outdoor enthusiasts to refrain from visiting caves and mines during the fall and winter months. Bats spend the winter hibernating in underground cavities where relatively constant, warm temperatures protect them from harsh winter temperatures above ground. Bats' health is particularly vulnerable to human visitation at these "hibernacula" in the winter, 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 play a critical role in our environment and in pollination of many commercially and locally important fruit species," said Interim Commissioner Mahar. "In New York State, native bats help control insect populations and temper the impacts of outbreaks of spongy moths and other common forest and agricultural pests. DEC urges outdoor adventurers to protect New York's bats by avoiding caves and mines altogether. Even the quietest cave visits will disturb bats settling down for the winter."

There are nine species of bats in New York, six of which are "cave bats," meaning they hibernate in caves and mines throughout the winter, while the three tree bat species migrate to warmer areas. All of these bats need to build up fat stores in the fall to ensure they have enough energy to carry them through their long hibernation or migration; they do this by consuming up to their bodyweight in insects each night. During this time, known as the fall swarm, bats are also congregating in large numbers to mate. For cave bats, this means they are using their hibernation sites to find potential mates before hunkering down inside for the winter, making these sites even more valuable to them.

All bat species help control pest populations by feeding on insects. Their voracious appetites can help limit the amount of pesticides needed for crops and gardens, reduce mosquito numbers, and may help limit the spread of invasive insects in New York. In recent years, scientists have found evidence of recovery of the once-common little brown bat throughout New York State. While this provides a hopeful outlook for this species, similar evidence of stabilization has not been seen for other severely affected bat species. Two species of bats, Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat, are currently protected under federal and State endangered species law. Indiana bat was listed as endangered before white-nose syn-



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drome began affecting bat populations. The Northern long-eared bat population is one percent of its previous size, making this species the most severely affected by white-nose syndrome.

DEC reminds the public to follow all posted notices restricting access to caves and mines. If outdoor enthusiasts discover bats hibernating in a cave, DEC urges visitors to leave quickly and quietly to minimize disturbance. Anyone entering a listed bat hibernation site from Oct. 1 through April 30, the typical hibernation period for bats, may be subject to fines.

Other ways people can help bats in New York include:

o Planting a pollinator garden to increase prey availability for bats, who feed on insects;

o Putting up a bat box on their property to offer bats a summer roost safe from predators and human activity (see options for bat box designs and DIY instructions); and

o Contacting a bat certified Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) when looking to remove bats safely from their homes (find a list of NWCOs).

### Sullivan 180 Staff Attend National Conferences *Topics covered included School Health and Parks & Recreation*

[LIBERTY, NY] Multiple Sullivan 180 team members attended national conferences in October. Staff from the

Empowering a Healthier Generation and Community Development Programs immersed in a variety of topics that support prevention, the health of our youth in schools and in their communities.

The 5-member Empowering a Healthier Generation (EHG) team attended the American School Health Association (ASHA) 98th Annual School Health Conference in Pittsburgh, PA from October 16-18th.

The conference brought together a diverse community of school health-related professionals in a collaborative space including educators, principals, school board members, school nurses, social workers, counselors, school-based health center leadership and other experts. ASHA supports school health issues that tie to their mission statement, to transform all schools into places where every student learns and thrives. ASHA supports student-centered, integrated and collaborative approaches that address the needs of the whole child and follow the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model.

"It's humbling to learn about newlyreleased national data and trends directly from the Centers for Disease Control, and to engage in discussions with professionals from across the country who are facing challenges very similar to those we encounter here in Sullivan County, NY," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Sullivan 180 Director of Health & Wellness. "It's empowering to exchange insights on effective strategies to improve the health of our youth, and to bring those ideas, innovations, and valuable resources back home to put into action."

Sullivan 180 Director of Community Development & Communications Shannon Cilento attended the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) Conference in Atlanta, GA from October 7-10th.

NRPA is the leading national organization dedicated to building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. NRPA advances this vision by investing in and championing the work of park and recreation professionals as a catalyst for positive change in service of equity, climate-readiness, and overall health and well-being.

"The 2024 conference theme, Where You Belong, explored the power of parks as places for all to recreate, gather, access nature and improve their health," said Cilento. "We're fortunate to have such great parks and trails here in Sullivan County and engaged leadership working to improve these places!"

"Investing in professional development is a priority at Sullivan 180. It allows our team to bring back resources and knowledge to share in Sullivan County," said Denise Frangipane, CEO.



For more information email RotaryMonti@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us help our community!

## **Claryville Fire Dept.**

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



## Sunday, November 17th

### Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

## Adults: \$13 Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11 Children Ages 5-11: \$5 Under 5 Yrs. Free Take-outs: \$13 Call 845-985-7270

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

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

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### Montigram: A busy Rotary Week filled with great happenings and doing good!

We were so happy to hold the Rotary District 7210, Region 5 Meeting, having fellow Rotarian join with us from Liberty, Port Jervis, Wallkill East, and Kindness Club. Our Keynote was presented by Barry

Lewis from the Hudson Valley Regional Food Bank. Hearing the numbers of those with

food insecurity in our area goes to show how important our work continues to be to assist in making sure nobody goes hungry. As our Coat Drive comes to an end, we begin to focus on our Annual Food Drive set for Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the Ted Strobel Recreation Center



from 9am - 1pm. This is a drop off site of non-perishable items, frozen turkey, frozen ham, and dry and canned animal foods (yes - even our fur babies need nutrition). Foods collected are equally received by the United Way of Sullivan County and the Federation for the Homeless who work together to ensure all in need get without duplication of services.



Congratulations to Barbara Sush on her recognition as Ethel B. Crawford Public Library Friend of the Year. A well earned recognition. Former Monticello Rotarian and husband Richard Sush along with Liberty Rotarian and son Matthew Sush were on hand to celebrate. "Service Above Self" runs in the family.

Rotary Learning Center was held at Pine Bush High School and Monticello Rotary was on hand to share and learn at this amazing District 7210 happening. Monticello's own and past District Assistant Governor Jacob Lerner did a great session, with Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James and newest member Jackie Rutledge attended the Intermediate and Novice Sessions, respectively.

Thank you District Governor Leo Kaytes, DGE Beau O'Loendorf, DGN Carrie Hernandez, Past District Governors Lou Turpin and Tony Marmo, as well District Region 5 AG Jack Strassman for great learning sessions and opportunities.

The only concern occurred at the end of the training was when Jackie had to use the last working payphone in the school to call Brad Rutledge for a ride home because Lori wanted to stop at all the farmers markets on the way home!!!

#### Please don't forget - Help with Hurricane Relief

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

We are excited that Jeff agreed and look forward to working with him to get this done. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket email RotaryMonti@gmail.com or speak to a Monticello Rotary Member to get your ticket today!

Tickets will be available at the Regional Meeting and will be sold through the 1st week of November.

Rotary Dinner Travel:

There will be no speaker this week as Monticello Rotary will take their show on the road a bit and attend the Liberty Rotary Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Always happy to break bread with our neighbor club, especially when supporting a good cause.

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

#### Dates to Remember can be found below.

Agenda for October 22, 2024 - Liberty Spaghetti Dinner Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar: Monticello Rotary Annual Food Drive - Saturday, November 23,

2024, 9am - 1pm to benefit United Way of Sullivan County and Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. Ted Strobel Recreation Center, Jefferson Street, Monticello

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

With Rotary Pride, Lori Orestano-James President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

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#### Monti Rotary Represents At Ride 2 Survive - Sullivan Annual Gala

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

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James holds an Annual Birthday and ReBirthday Fundraising Event. Monticello Rotary helped in the cause once again with a donation to the event for \$250 as they have done for numerous years to help Lori meet her goal of at least \$5000 per year. Over the last 7 years, Lori has raised over \$35,000 for Ride 2 Survive and thanks her fellow Rotarians through both Club Donations and individual donations in helping her to show *The Magic of Rotary*. (Contd. Pg. 42)

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

#### A COMMUNITY GEM

Recently the Monticello Rotary welcomed Douglas Shindler and Michael Davis, Co-Founders of The Black Library, to speak at our weekly meeting. Located at 418 Broadway in Monticello, The Black Library is a library and community art space focused on celebrating Black History and Culture. The Monticello Rotary Club was moved by the wonderful work they do to engage the community, especially our youth. Monticello Rotary Giving Funds Treasurer Les Kristt presented The Black Library a check on behalf of the club for \$250 for its continued great work of Service Above Self.

The Black Library provides a safe space for all to learn and create. There are so many programs being offered. There is an extensive Artist-In-Residence program, music, dance and lecture programs to highlight a few.

Monticello Rotary looks forward to the continued growth and prosperity of The Black Library and all of the great work being of Douglas (DJ) and Michael in making it all happen.

#### Hurricane Help Is On The Way

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

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

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

#### SHARE THE WARMTH

### **OUR COAT DRIVE IS ACTIVELY HAPPENING!**

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

Jeff Bank - Route 42 & Anawana Lake Road

Office of Assembly Person Aileen Gunther 18 Anawana Lake Road

Kristt Company - 369 Broadway Monticello

The Black Library - 318 Broadway Monticello

Ethellbert B. Crawford Library - 479 Broadway Monticello

Sullivan County Government Center - 100 North Street Monticello

Albella Restaurant - Jefferson Street Monticello

Wayne Bank - 4353 Rt. 42 Liberty

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

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

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

### UC Offers Free 'Be Safe, Be Seen' Reflective Vests During Pedestrian Safety Month

KINGSTON, NY - As part of Ulster County Government's continued dedication to traffic safety, County Executive Jen Metzger, in



cooperation with the Ulster County Transportation Council and Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, are giving out 300 yellow reflective vests at different locations in the County. The vests will aid in pedestrian visibility and are available to the public free of charge as part of a "Be Safe, Be Seen" traffic safety initiative.

October is Pedestrian Safety Month, and Daylight Savings Time ends on November 3, meaning longer nights and

sunsets before 5 p.m. This increases risks for pedestrians, who are walking in low light for a longer stretch of time and are less visible to drivers. It's important for drivers to remain alert, and for pedestrians and bicyclists to take extra measures to be safe and be seen.

Beginning on Wednesday, October 30, the reflective vests will be made available at the front desks of the following locations:

o Ulster County DMV Office, 244 Fair Street, Kingstono New Paltz Police Department, 59 N Putt Corners Road, New

Paltz o Trudy Resnick Farber Center For Human Development, 50

Center Street, Ellenville

- o Saugerties Town Hall, 4 High Street, Saugerties
- o Plattekill Town Hall, 1915 Route 44-55, Modena

For questions or for more information, email: UlsterTSB@co.ulster.ny.us

"Now that it's getting darker earlier, we want to make sure that pedestrians, runners, and cyclists are clearly visible to drivers," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I always wear reflective gear when I run on the road, and I can tell you it makes a big difference, safety-wise. We're happy to make these reflective vests available at no cost to residents, and we urge drivers to be alert to pedestrians and cyclists, slow down, and keep a safe distance between your vehicle and other road users."

Adhering to traffic safety laws and focusing on pedestrian safety is essential. In 2023, there were a total of 4,999 crashes on Ulster County roadways; 160 of those crashes involved serious injuries and 14 were fatal. In that same year, there were 57 crashes involving pedestrians and 36 involving bicycles.

More information on crashes can be found on the Ulster County Fatal and Serious Injury Crash Dashboard at: bit.ly/3BXcLqL

For more information on the "Be Safe, Be Seen" traffic safety initiative, as well as previous Ulster County road safety campaigns, visit

: https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/road-safety

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## Homeschooling Group 4th Tuesday of each month 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Daniel Pierce Library

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

Together this group will share lessons, network, set up future field trips, have various guest speakers and programs. You can also... borrow books, check out DVD's, access the internet, research online databases and utilize library space! (If you have a RCLS library card).

> Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

> > Text or call Dana for more information: 845 707 - 2489



## EBCPL ETHELBERT B. CRAWFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



## Watercolor Painting Class with Chris Parrow

Join local artist Chris Parrow to create a floral still life for the Fall season.

Learn about brushwork, composition, color mixing, and the loose

and spontaneous nature of watercolor paint.

No experience necessary; all levels are welcome. \$5.00 cash supply fee required.

Come have fun and jump-start your painting practice.

Advance Registration is required, please call (845-794-4660 x 2) or register in person.

Space is limited with preference given to those that live within the library service area the towns of Bethel, Forestburgh & Thompson within the Monticello Central School District.

## Saturday, November 2nd

## 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Snow Date: TBD Monticello-Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library 479 Broadway Monticello, New York 12701-1300 (845)794-4660 www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org







## Duo Solítude: Schubert at an Exhíbítíon, Part 2

### Presented by The Music Institute of Sullivan and Ulster Counties

The musical duo, Duo Solitude, is comprised of Anastasia Solberg on viola, and David Fiedler on violin. They will perform selections from Schubert's Winterreise interleaved with works from the classical and contemporary eras for violin and viola.

Since forming their duet, they have gone on to win multiple competitions and are now excited to present the varied programs they've prepared for the public.

Generously Supported by the Friends of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library.

Monday, November 4th, at 6:30 pm in the Robert D. Norris Community Room

> Monticello-Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library 479 Broadway Monticello, New York 12701-1300 (845)794-4660 https://ebcpl.org





### ETHELBERT B. CRAWFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Local Author William Fellenberg Reading & Book Signing



"Bill Fellenberg's coming-of-age memoir offers the equivalent of a warm hug. Pulled between two cultures, two countries and two parents, he navigates his childhood with wry self-deprecation and gentle insight. Sayonara Cowboy is, at its heart, about the wars we fight—across oceans, in our own homes, within ourselves—and the love that is the only path to peace."

BIZZY COY, writer, The New Yorker, Vulture

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

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



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

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

Please register at ebcpl.libcal.com/event/13268444 or call (845)794 4660 x4.

### Saturday, November 9th, 2024

### at 1:30pm

### in the Robert D. Norris Community Room

Snow date: Saturday, November 16th

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## 'Dance Across Cultures' Series

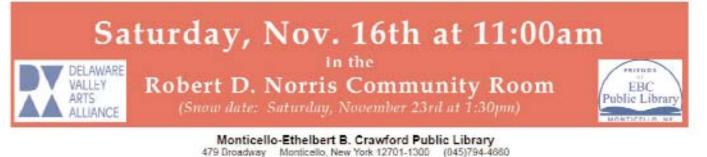
### Natya Anubhava Dance Academy – Dance from India



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

### \*Registration Recommended\* https://ebcpl.libcal.com/event/13268964

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



https://ebcpl.org

### **Letter to the Editor:** Cooperstown Turns Its Back on Veterans

COOPERSTOWN - In a move that has left residents stunned and infuriated, the Village of Cooperstown Board of Trustees has cast a shameful 6-1 vote against a proposal to display banners honoring local veterans. This decision has prompted widespread outrage, leaving many questioning the Board's commitment to core American values and the very freedoms our veterans sacrificed to protect.

The proposal was a straightforward, cost-effective measure to hang banners on utility poles throughout Main Street to recognize and thank Cooperstown's veterans. Much like banners seen in communities across our state and Nation, they would serve as a visible reminder of respect and gratitude for those who served.

With this vote, however, the Board has stripped our veterans and their families of this dignity.

"Our veterans deserve nothing but respect, and this vote is a slap in the face to their service and sacrifice," said Otsego GOP Chairman Dan Koerner. "Cooperstown is known as the home of our national pastime, but now it might as well be known as a national embarrassment for turning its back on those who defended it. The Board's commitment to a woke agenda has crossed the line."

With this heartless decision, the Cooperstown Village Board has made its priorities clear, and they are not with our veterans or the values of Otsego County.

## Honey Jasting Event



at the Daniel Pierce Library

For Adults **Taste Honey Like a Sommelier!** Friday, November 8, 2024 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

A \$20 fee is due day of event. Space is limited. Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

# **Veteran Peer Support**

Vet 2 Vet offers Veteran Peer Support. Call to speak with our Veteran Peer Advocates. We didn't fight alone while we served, we don't need to fight alone at home.



Call or email us to register! 845-794-4228 vet2vet@atitoday.org 309 E Broadway Suite A Monticello, NY 12701

## SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



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

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

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

### More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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



For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

# Shady United Methodist Church Christmas Shoppe Sat. November 9 9:00 - 1:00

## **Quilted Items:**

Placemats Bookmarks Wall Hangings Table Runners Trivets & Coasters

## **Crochet & Knitting Items and Books**

## Bake Table Breakfast and lunch

Church Road - Rt. 212 5 miles West of Woodstock Information: (845)679-2982 PAGE 52

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## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23

## **Sponsorships Available**

GOLD: \$125.00 SPONSOR BUSINESS LOGO ON T SHIRTS, ADVERTISING WITH OVER 2000 EMAILS FOR RACE PROMOTION, LOGO AND NAME ON PICTURE BANNER AT END OF RACE

SILVER: \$100: BUSINESS NAME ON T SHIRTS, RACE PROMOTION WITH OVER 2000 EMAILS

**BRONZE: \$75.00 BUSINESS NAME ON T SHIRTS** 

EMAIL: MELISSACULLEN77@YAHOO.COM WITH BUSINESS LOGO





# ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Funding is provided by Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) There is no cost to the student or family to participate in this Family Support Service.



Visit our website at atitoday.org Registration is open for Grades K-5. (Space is Limited)

Action Toward Independence offers fun and interactive Social Skills groups for children with Autism and other developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. These informative sessions cover topics that promote positive behavior, improve interactions with others and build confidence.

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OPEN HOUSE & HALLOWEEN PARTY October 30, 2024

Listening

5 · 7 pm

Hygiene

During Parents for Parents Support Group

Emotions

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

JOIN US FOR HALLOWEEN FUN! FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Family Peer Advocate (845) 794-4228 info@atitoday.org

Caregiver

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ALZHEIMER'S \{\5 ASSOCIATION

# Parkinson's Support Group



Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome!

Parkinson's disease can be different for everyone. While there's no cure for Parkinson's disease, certain lifestyle changes can help manage symptoms and improve overall quality of life.

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WHEN:

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM July 10 Aug. 14 Sept. 11 Oct. 9 Nov. 13.

## **REGISTER:**

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ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS CAN CALL ANGELA @ 845-292-8715 OR EMAIL: FOLKPLUS@GMAIL.COM

This program is supported with a grant from the NYS Department of Health, OFA, CCE/Caregiver Resource Center Program and the Alzheimer's Association.

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US!

Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

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

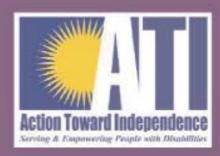
EVERY 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY @ 6:30PM



limited for each group!

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





# Middle School Social Skills



Action Toward Independence offers interactive and fun Social Skills groups for children with Autism, developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities grades 5 - 8. The informative sessions cover age-appropriate topics for pre-teens and teens that promote positive behavior, respectful communication, and building confidence. Social skills classes will be held in person during Parent for Parent Support Group at ATI Main Office at 309 E Broadway in Monticello, NY.



### OPEN HOUSE & HALLOWEEN PARTY October 30, 2024 5 - 7 pm Please call to register by October 25, 2024

For more information: Family Peer Advocate (845) 794 - 4228 infoeatitoday.org

Funding is provided by Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) There is no cost to the student or SCAN ME! \*Family Support Service.



Visit our website at atitoday.org

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### Inflation Is the Cruelest Tax of All

The American economy cannot endure four more years of the Biden-Harris Administration's economic policies. When President Trump left office, overall inflation stood at a record low 1.4%. Now, home prices are up 47%, eggs are up 53%, gas is up 45%, electricity is up 31%, beef is up 30%, and car payments are up 20%. This inflation is a tax levied on Americans by the Biden-Harris administration, and it is a direct result of their reckless spending, misguided energy policy and excessive regulations.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris promised that "nobody making under \$400,000 bucks would have their taxes raised, period." What a grotesque lie that was. Now, in total, Americans are spending a staggering \$13,200 a year more to buy the same goods they did four years ago. Real wages continue to remain lower than during the Trump administration, and a shocking two-thirds of Americans currently report living paycheck to paycheck. This is all thanks to the direct tax of inflation that the Biden-Harris administration levied on Americans.

We must return to the common-sense economic principles that delivered the greatest economy in the history of our country.

#### Our Northern Border is Under Siege

The surge in illegal crossings at the Northern Border poses a serious threat to our national security. Since the start of the Biden-Harris administration, 85% of individuals on the terror watchlist attempting to enter our country illegally have done so via the Northern Border. Recent data reveals that more people crossed the Swanton Sector of the Northern Border in 2023 than during the entire period from 2012 to 2022. In FY 2024, that record has already doubled, with 15,612 encounters reported from October to July.

To address this critical issue, I have introduced legislation to establish a Northern Border Coordination Center. This initiative will ensure that the Department of Homeland Security effectively implements the Northern Border Strategy, enhances training, and improves information-sharing among federal, state, local, and international partners. By doing so, we can secure the Northern Border and protect NY-24.

New Yorkers deserve a government that prioritizes securing our borders and keeping our communities safe. I will continue to advocate for policies that strengthen border security, support law enforcement, and safeguard the safety of our families.

### The Task Force Finds that the Assassination Attempt on Trump was Preventable

The Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump released its first report after months of investigating the security failures on July 13, 2024. Based on 23 transcribed interviews with local law enforcement officials, thousands of pages of documents from local, state, and federal authorities,\_and testimony from the Task Force's public hearing on September 26, it showed that the attempt on President Trump's life was preventable.

#### Here are some key takeaways:

o The Secret Service needed more planning and coordination with state and local law enforcement before and during the rally on July 13.

o The Secret Service did not include the AGR complex, from which the shooter fired, and its surrounding area within the secure perimeter.

o Local sniper teams positioned inside the AGR complex had limited visibility and were not in a position to monitor the entire property.

o There was no unified command post to streamline communication between the Secret Service and state and local partners.

o Critical information regarding Crooks and the escalating threat at the AGR complex was delayed due to fragmented communication and unclear command structures on July 13.

o Testimony from local law enforcement indicates they fired a shot at Crooks before the USSS sniper delivered the fatal shot.

o Crooks did not use a ladder to reach the AGR roof; instead, he climbed up via an air conditioning unit.

o The autopsy report shows that a single bullet killed Crooks. I am dedicated to ensuring that an event like this does not happen again.

#### READ THE FULL REPORT HERE

https://taskforce.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/july13taskforce.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/task-force-interimstaff-report-10.21.2024.pdf



### Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

#### 1. Fighting for clean water

Every New Yorker deserves access to clean drinking water. This week, as a direct result of Kirsten's work to pass the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, she secured over \$450 million in federal funding to replace lead pipes, improve water infrastructure, and safely manage wastewater in New York.

#### 2. \$\$\$ \_ NY infrastructure

Kirsten is committed to bringing federal dollars home to New York to improve critical infrastructure across the state.

This week, she announced over \$290 million in federal funding for various infrastructure projects, funded through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program. These investments include:

1. \$215 million to replace the Livingston Avenue Rail Bridge in the Capital Region. (Contd. Pg 58)

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2. \$48 million for improvements on the East Erie Commercial Railroad.

3. \$16 million to produce two hybrid battery-diesel locomotives at Alstom's facility in Bath, NY. Read more.

4. Nearly \$12 million for upgrades to railway infrastructure in the North Country.

3. Holding the VA accountable

Nothing should ever get in the way of veterans receiving the care that they deserve.

This week, following her call for accountability after egregious failures at the Buffalo VA left veterans waiting weeks or months to receive care, Kirsten announced a nationwide evaluation of the VA's community care referral practices.

### 4. Cheering on the New York Liberty

Last week, Kirsten went to Barclays Center to cheer on the New York Liberty during their quest for their first-ever WNBA title.

On Sunday, the team won the championship game, bringing home the title to New York. Go Liberty!

### 5. Nothing but the facts

Facts matter, and Kirsten is proud to be included as a factual example in the Washington Post's misinformation quiz.

6. Helping New Yorkers with Social Security

A constituent contacted Kirsten's office for help with his Social Security Disability appeal. After 10 years and two federal remands, an administrative law judge awarded him a fully favorable decision. However, he never received an award letter, nor were his benefits released.

After Kirsten's team contacted the Social Security Administration, the constituent's benefits were reinstated back 10 years, and he received over \$250,000 in retroactive benefits payments.



### Molinaro Memo

After deadly hurricanes ripped through the southeast, FEMA announced its funding for disaster relief is getting low as it continues to spend millions of dollars on HOUSING and TRANS-PORTING illegal immigrants.

A storm like that could hit New York and we need to be prepared to save Americans.

That's why I'm supporting a bill that takes funding for the FEMA program that transports and houses illegal immigrants, and transfers those funds to the disaster relief program. You can read more about the bill here.

https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/housebill/9927/text?s=1&r=4 FROM PEAKS TO RIVER Hudson Valley Landscape Art curated by Robert Langdon from the Emerge Gallery

Debbie Auer-Breithaupt, Edward Berkise, Barbara Bravo, Arabella Celton, Nancy deFlon, Mary Elwyn, Denise Giardullo, Patti Gibbons, Debby Goan, Tom Hackett, Thea Hanley, Catherine Hazard, Carol Herd-Rodriguez, Martha Hill, Annette Jaret, Pat Kelly, Martha Klein, Rachel Kleinman-Emory,

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### WATCH AT YOUR PLEASURE **ON AMAZON WITH PRIME OU GET FREE MOVIES & SHIPPING RENT FROM \$3.99, \$7.99 TO BUY 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 sandworms 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 reali-The recently tv. deceased couple begin ghosts-haunt-



ing 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 Ouestion: False - Brooklyn

This weeks' Trivia question:

What kind of dog was Beethoven?

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### (From Pg. 61) "KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II" WATCH AT YOUR PLEASURE ON AMAZON WITH PRIME YOU GET FREE MOVIES & SHIPPING RENT FROM \$3.99, \$8.99 TO BUY OR AVAILABLE WITH A PRIME VIDEO CHANNELS SUBSCRIPTION 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. KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III WATCH AT YOUR PLEASURE ON AMAZON WITH PRIME YOU GET FREE MOVIES & SHIPPING RENT FROM \$3.99, \$7.99 TO BUY If you have Prime Video this film is included with your Prime membership to watch now.

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 twentyfour seven for "The Halloween Party."

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

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Stay safe, and stay well Knarf Odnamoc Gnome