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# Fun School Field Trips Close to Home at the Time and the Valleys Museum in Sullivan County



Students from Columbia Secondary School in the Bronx learning where their water comes from It's that time again for elementary and middle school teachers to start planning their fall field trips. Taking students on a field trips is so important! (Contd. Pg. 4)

# **SCCO Fall Season Opener**



The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra will perform its Season Opener in Monticello and White Lake this weekend.

(Monticello, NY) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) will perform its Fall Season Opener on Saturday, September 14th at 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 15 St. John St. Monticello, New York and on Sunday, September 15th at 3 p.m. at the Reformed Presbyterian Church, 6 Mattison Rd., White Lake, New York. (Contd. Pg. 11)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. St. Matthew 10:24

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

### **September 29, 1954**

Melissa Marsland, born Sept 22nnd at Mt. Kisco Hospital to the Rev. and Mrs. Irving Marsland, Jr., is Mrs. Mary Ann Many's 75th great-grandchild. Mrs. Many, who will be 95 years old on the 21st of October, has 7 living children and 44 grandchildren also.

The State Univ. of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler announced the enrollment of James C. Nash of Neversink, as a member of the freshman class. He has been appointed as an Officer Candidate (Merchant Marine) in the United States Naval Reserve and will be commissioned an Ensign upon graduation.

> Fishin's over, Huntin's to begin, Got your gun? If not stop in.

#### KUM TO KRUM'S

#### September 9, 1964

William H. Van Benschoten, age 85, died September 4, 1964 at his home on the Grahamsville Road after a long illness. Born December 26, 1878 at Divine Corners, he was the son of John A. and Harriet Lawrence Van Benschoten. He was married at Hasbrouck, N.Y. on December 26, 1900 to Emma Furman. A retired farmer, he had lived here for the past 19 years. Surviving are his wife and one sister, Mrs. Pluma V. Cross of Liberty, N.Y.

Mr. Mrs. Donald Terwilliger are the parents of a daughter, Tami Lynn, born at

Liberty Loomis Hospital on August 4, 1964.

Happy birthday to Mrs. Manville Wakefield, Dr. W. Eugene Ross, Jennifer Jones, Monty LaHanko, Mrs. Richard Strangeway, Mrs. Robert Briggs, Ralph Adams, and Cindy Maier.

### **September 18, 1974**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dymond are the proud parents of a baby girl born at Liberty Loomis Hospital on September 14th. This is their 12th child.

Michael Higgins of Sundown Road is in his senior year at the Rochester Institute of Technology where his on the Dean's List. His brother, John, recently graduated from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. A.L. Roos, President of United National Bank, Callicoon, N.Y. has announced the election of Mr. Vincent P. Zanetti to the office of Executive President. Mr. Zanetti is a resident of Grahamsville, and until recently held the office of Vice President and Administrator of Marine Midland Bank of Southeastern New York, N.A., Poughkeepsie, New York.

#### <u>September 27, 1984</u>

Congratulations to Ginny and Chris Crowfoot on their 22nd Wedding Anniversary....and Ann and Walter Hnatiw will have been married for 33 wonderful years on September 29th.

Laura Conklin. Jenny Thompson and Luella Turner attended the 100th Anniversary service at the Loch Sheldrake Baptist Church. The church was full of well-wishers and they are looking forward to another 100 years.

### LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley Published October 24, 1998

In the early 1900's, Campbell was one of the smartest people I had the opportunity of meeting. In his earlier years, he had been a school teacher but stammering and stuttering ruined his career and he bought a farm near Grooville, my home town and he proceeded to live off his land. He planted and grew gardens of vegetables and fields of buckwheat, enough for his own needs. He sawed down trees and chopped them up into fire wood for warmth and cooking. He raised his own farm animals for meat, milk, butter and cheese and he spent long hours tending to his long trap lines that he set to catch the little wild animals which roamed his property.

He was a typical Daniel Boone, making his clothing from the hides of the animals that he trapped, right down to the tails on his head gear. He owned a nice farm horse which he only used on his farm. For transportation, he used homemade snow shoes for winter and homemade moccasins for dryer weather. He carried his hides and staples on his back and in order to do this, he built a carrier from sticks which he fastened on his back with ropes that he made from the hides of deer.

His beard was long and his eyes were blue as the skies and he could whistle, make bird calls or bark like a dog, which he often did to entertain us children.

I have often wondered what happened to him. The last time I saw him in Dad's store, I said goodby to him. He smiled, and raised his right thumb

### **Household Hint:**

### Time for Fall Housecleaning!

White vinegar is an excellent substitute for many household cleaners –so-called 'General Purpose Cleaners'. Buy a cheap spray bottle at the dollar store and fill it with undiluted vinegar. It is perfect for quick clean-ups around the kitchen and bathroom or those larger housekeeping chores. It is both a disinfectant AND completely volatile –it will smell for a while but evaporate to leave no residues.

### 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.

### Milkweek and Monarchs

How many of us remember this time of the year when our children would come home with a fun outdoor science project - finding a Monarch Butterfly chrysalis on a milkweed plant?

Since 1991, Milkweed and Monarchs began gaining attentionwhen over 75% of wintering Monarchs from North America froze to death in Mexico as a result of subfreezing temperatures. Scientists and researchers continue to report the number of wintering Monarchs in the Mexican mountains is still decreasing. Should this pattern continue, the migration of the Monarchs could be lost.

Researchers claim that the nationwide shortage of milkweed coupled with freak

weather patterns are destroying more and more of their habitat each year, "We are literally losing ground."

Many groups across America have formed to protect the Monarch Butterflies. They claim natural events are not the only challenges that face the Monarch. Pesticide application and genetically modified (GMO's) crops cover important parts of the Monarch's migratory path. Monarchs pass through millions of acres of toxins and biological agents each year, killing the adult Monarchs and their young. Milkweed plants are also destroyed through these methods

Fortunately, milkweed – *Asclepias syriacqa*, is still plentiful in the Catskills and is one of the best known wild plants in the Catskills. The plants flourish in open fields and meadows, along roadsides and at the forest edges, growing in dense colonies that sometimes fill a field with green stalks.

This time of the year milkweed plants are easy to identify as they produce the familiar pointed, okra-like seedpods which are popular in dried flower arrangements. The pods range from three to five inches long when mature and contain seeds and silk that helps the seeds "fly" to their next destination. All parts of the plant will exude a white, milky latex substance if broken. The "milk" is not the sap of the plant but a special secretion. Extremely bitter, it serves as a protection against most nibbling and grazing animals. For the cater-

pillar of the monarch butterfly, milkweed leaves are their only food.

Monarchs and Milkweed are obvious signs that we need to take action to protect our environment. They show us the fragility and interconnectedness of our world and that the actions of some can have impacts on all of us. If you get a chance, now is the time to collect some of the seeds to be planted next spring. There are local groups that can provide valuable information on both Monarchs and Milkweed.



Just Google "Monarchs and Milkweed".

The butterfly has always been the symbol of power, transformation and rebirth. You have the power to instantly to make a change in the world too. Encourage Milkweed and Monarchs in your backyard! In mid-summer, the blossoms of the milkweed are not only attractive, but have a delightful sweet smell adding something special to your gardens. And of course, witnessing a beautiful Monarch in flight in your backyard is a special gift of Nature.

# Fun School Field Trips Close to Home at the Time and the Valleys Museum in Sullivan County

(From Pg. 1)

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] The fun, hands-on learning connects them with local history in ways not possible in the classroom, and for many it is an experience to remember.

Time and the Valleys Museum - A great place to connect students with history and the environment! The Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, provides three different interactive field trips to immerse students in the importance of water to all life:

- 1. **Water Through History (all ages):** Students identify fossils, han dle native American artifacts and explore how waterwheels powered 19th century industry.
- 2. 1930s Catskill Farm (great for K-3!): Students experience life on a farm and explore the farm family, animals and difference between life then and now.
- 3. **Upstate Water and NYC (great for grades 4-9)**: Students explore an interactive exhibit on NYC's Catskill water system, learn about watersheds, the importance of clean water, land takings and eminent domain.

Guided by trained Museum educators, students handle million year old fossils and Native American artifacts, build tunnels, visit an outdoor 1930s farm with a farm house, barn, milk house and working waterwheel, experience an interactive exhibition on NYC's water supply system, and more. "Students enjoy our field trips and have fun while learning important historical and environmental concepts" according to Donna Steffens, Museum Discontinuous and environmental concepts according to Donna Steffens, Museum Discontinuous and Environmental Concepts according to Donna Steffens, Museum Discontinuous according to Donna Steffens.



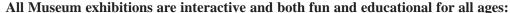
ical and environmental concepts." according to Donna Steffens, Museum Director.

Each of the 2 1/2 hour programs provide in-depth information in fun and exciting ways to stimulates student's learning. Comprehensive pre-visit information packets and fun activity sheets are also included. Lunch area is provided.

The programs are available year round, Monday through Friday, for k to 12th grade students (minimum of 15 maximum of 100 students per day). The cost is \$5 per student with teachers and chaperones FREE.

For more information on the Museum's field trips, please go to www.timeandthe-valleysmuseum.org. For questions or to book a field trip, please call Donna Steffens at 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum has three floors of interactive exhibitions, the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a local history research center and gift shop with fun and educational gifts, books and locally made crafts. The Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to the end of September, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.



• 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 waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities, including the new exhibition As the Wheel Turns: Water Powered Industries in the Catskills.
- Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds a collaborative augmented reality art exhibition of the buildings and homes taken for NYC's water system.

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

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit *www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org*. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



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# Ivy Is A Weed Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 99 by John Dwaine McKenna

# **Mysterious Book Report No. 417**

Published Septeember 10, 2020

Author Robert Roseth is a man with a strong sense of humor, an ear for sarcasm and a talent for satire. He puts all of those elements

together in his first novel, (Self-published, \$13.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-578-62246-0) a tongue-in-cheek, hysterical behind-the-scenes look at the foibles, follies and free-for-alls that go on in today's so-called institutions of higher education . . . and it's all neatly wrapped around a mysterious death on the campus of a major university.

The novel begins when a man named Mike Woodsen, the university's public affairs

officer, is rousted out of his girlfriend's bed in the middle of the night by a member of the campus police, who informs him that "A body has been found on campus."

"Where," the groggy Woodson asks.

"Near main central . . ."

Right near my office, the now wide-awake PIO thinks. "I'll be there as fast as I can get dressed."

Jeremy Ronson, a top-ranked university official, has fallen to his death from a fourth floor window at his office. The question is of course: How? Did he jump, or was he pushed? The campus police claim that his death was an accident. The administration is fine with that . . . they want the problem to disappear as fast as possible so they can get back to what really matters most . . . grubbing for money.

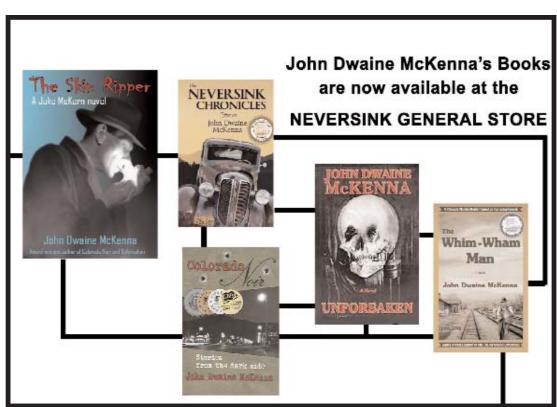
Mike Woodsen however, doesn't buy into the university's make-it-go-away ASAP policy. He decides to conduct his own investigation on the down low, while keeping up a cynical and often hilarious commentary on the absurdities of campus life in the early years of the new millennium. If you're craving some relief from the god-awful state of the news and world affairs Ivy Is A Weed is just the ticket. It'll leave you grinning like the Cheshire Cat himself! 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.

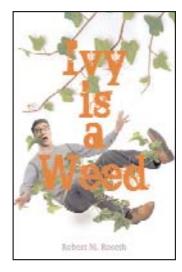
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Check out our combined website that's simple to use and easy as pie to leave your comments. We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

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Thank You!







# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

# Dine In or Take Out

If you plan it right, there are many fall opportunities to dine out or dine in with take out.



### Woodstock Overlook Methodist Church

CHICKEN BBQ - Oct. 1st Tuesday 3:00 PM - till gone.

### 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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With all that food, one might need to try some refreshing beer from the new place in Boiceville, next to the Boiceville Inn.





# Getting Ready for GPP... One Volunteer at a Time

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-It's that time of year again, when it's all hands on deck for the Giant Pumpkin Party! We're in need of adult and student volunteers on Saturday, October 5 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds to help make this year's-our 38th annual-party really shine.

If you are an adult (or a Tri-Valley CSD student in fourth grade or up) interested in being a part of a really fun day, please consider volunteering at the GPP. We have an online sign up sheet available on our website that indicates the shifts needed for which activity. There is a separate sign up form for adults and students, so please keep that in mind while registering. If you have had the opportunity to volunteer with us in the past, come back! You know it's a great time! And, please pass the word along as we want to include as many great activities as we have had in the past but need assistance from our families, friends and fabulous patrons to pull it off. Additionally, our student volunteers receive letters and hours for their contribution-which as any parent staring down the TVCSD junior honors society application knows-is as good as

In addition to volunteers, we are also seeking craft vendors interested in selling their handcrafted wares. Applications must be submitted by September 20th and are available to print from our website or by contacting Cathy Coombe by email at ccoombe@coombefinancial.com. Thousands come from near and far to attend the GPP and you'll want your beautiful crafts front and center so get your completed application in as soon as possible.

And what would the GPP be without our amazing book tent? I don't even want to think about that, so if you happen to have any children's, young adult or adult books in gently used condition that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the library. Call Michelle at 845/ 985-7233 ext. 106 to discuss what you have to donate and she will gladly set up an appropriate time for you to drop off your books; but, please don't leave donations under the tent at the library! While you are here, consider purchasing our GPP raffle tickets. There are 30 fantastic prizes this year and with tickets \$1 for one, or \$5 for six, it's a no brainer. Take the chance! All proceeds from the GPP-from donut sales to raffle tickets to books bought from the book tent-go directly to all the amazing programs we offer throughout the year, to the great books and materials available to our patrons and to keep the lights on! So if you're wondering if your \$1 for the raffle ticket, or the \$5 on books spent, or the purchase of homemade candy from Candy Land really makes a difference...YES! It absolutely does.

Ok, so that's my spiel on the GPP. For additional information regarding special contests, entertainment



line-up or costume rules, please visit our website or come to the library and pick up one of the GPP booklets. Grab a booklet regardless because there's a lot of great information in there including ads from our sponsors advertising great local services.

In other news:

Speaking of fun library programs, sign up for our adult Paint & Sip Fall Fundraiser. Join us Thursday, September 26, in the community room at 6PM for a fun-filled evening painting your very own fall gnome. Local artist, Robin Raykoff, will be on hand to help guide you in creating your own masterpiece. Registration (on our website) is \$20 and includes canvas, supplies and light refreshments.

And a quick reminder, if you haven't signed your child(ren) up for the Fall Children's Programs, please do so as soon as possible. The eight-week programs begin the week of October 14 and are for Tri-Valley residents 12 months to five-years-old. For a breakdown of the three age-specific programs we offer please visit our website. Registration is free, required and only open to TVCSD residents. These programs are specifically designed to engage young children and to develop social skills, early literacy and a life-long love of learning (and books, and libraries!)

Next week, I'll be sharing information about our banned book reading contest and our upcoming 5-hour pre-licensing class, so stay tuned. Daniel Pierce Library
SUMMER READING

July - August 2024

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**NUMBERS** 

ADVENTURE BEGINS LIBRARY.

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### The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison No Column this week.

Wow! It's been a long time! Let me assure all that Im ok, but found myself deludged with work all of August in addition to the high allergens that made even taking out the trash a struggle.

I finally was able to see the end of the tunnel of the last project so I snuck out of my dungeon a week ago last Sunday to see my good friend Johnny. THE JOHNNY JULES BAND played an afternoon gig out at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville. Sorry, no pictures. I saw so many people I haven't seen in still another forever that I didn't remember to take them! The band was paired down to a dynamic trio, JOHNNY on guitar and vocals, BOBBY D on Dobro and PAUL STARK on mandolin. One of the things I really like about this band is that whatever the number of musicians, you'll always get those great sets of songs.

I did get a chance to chat with Johnny about venues in our area. The pickings are getting mighty slim these days. In and around Hurleyville, we've lost 17 West Brewery in Liberty, The Pickled Owl, and maybe the Tango....although in a blurb recently, they talked about bringing back live music on Friday nights with no dates or other information. And I'll be speaking with CAROL SMITH at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM as to whether the FIRST SUNDAY concerts will a fixture through this coming winter as they have previously.

And speaking of winter, I want to know who ordered these forty degree nights. Last Sunday it was forty three by me and that's WAY to close to the thirties to make me happy.

THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL of GRA-HAMSVILLE may remain open beyond its October seasonal closing. Owner DAVID TRESTYN hinted that great talent DEBBIE FISHER may keep the Wednesday night Open Mics going. The MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT Open Mics at DEFILIPPIS BAKERY in Monticello (11am to 1-ish) on Sundays is still going strong and will continue. As will weekends at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville. And also in Parksville, NEW MEMORIES will continue their FIRST FRIDAY concert series. As I get more information, I'll pass it along.

And here's wishing another good musician friend, RILEY, a speedy recovery after his recent surgery.

Ok, short and sweet this week. I tried to see SARAH HULSE and JESSE MOWEN at CABERNET FRANK'S on Friday, but alas, it wasn't to be. With that end of the tunnel light even closer, I began to realize just how tired I was, and they were unavoidably detained so we missed each other. Coincidence? Or the Gods of live music punishing me? Hmmm.

And I have to warn all again that the latest strain of CoVid is rearing its ugly head. I personally don't know anyone with it BUT it seems that everyone I speak to knows at least two. Having been down with it three times I have no interest in a fourth. I even jumped when my cat Missy sneezed.

# **SCCO Fall Season Opener**

(From Pg. 1) Tickets are \$25 and will be available at the door. To reserve visit: https://linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts. For any questions, please call 845-798-9006 or email: contact@nesinculturalarts.org. Follow us on social media: @nesinculturalarts & @sccoplayers.

The eclectic program includes works by: Ottorino Respighi, Gustav Holst, Anton Arensky and Frank Bridge. SCCO Artistic Director Andrew Trombley said, "The program will begin with the third suite of "Ancient Airs and Dances" by Respighi, who at the time of this composition was inspired by ancient lute music. Holst is best known for his massive composition, "The Planets." He composed the St. Paul Suite for the St. Paul School for Girls' student orchestra. Arensky found heavy inspiration from Tchaikovsky. When the latter died, Arensky borrowed the theme from the song "Legend" as a tribute to the late composer. The program will end with Bridge's "Suite for Strings". The suite was composed before the world experienced the first great war and shows a lighter and optimistic style of composition from the pacifist Bridge."

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

# SCDW presents The 10 Minute Play Festival

Short attention span? Difficulty in choosing what to see? No problem! The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is excited to present a new version of an old favorite: The 10 Minute Play Festival - a showcase of short (10 Minute) masterpieces to entertain you. Each of the two programs consists of six plays - a variety of comedy and drama. It's a mighty mix of laughter and tears.

Produced and directed by Amber Schmidt and Lourdesa Hunt, this season's 10 Minute Play Festival brings you two weekends of fabulous original plays written by playwrights local and beyond. Local directors Sally Gladden, Lourdesa Hunt, Joshuah Patriarco, Anna Puleo, Amber Schmidt Grace Summa and Harold Tighe offer their expertise in presenting an entire play in 10 minutes!

Come see six plays on Friday and Sunday; and/or treat yourself to all 12 plays on Festival Saturdays with the bonus of an intermezzo with food and entertainment.

All performances are at the historic Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. Performances are Fridays, 9/13 & 9/20 at 8:00PM, Sundays, 9/15 & 9/22 at 2:00PM, and Saturdays at 4:00PM and 8:00PM - or Festival tickets include both performances plus refreshments. Tickets for each set of 6 plays are General admission \$15 (plus fees on-line), seniors/students/military \$12 (plus fees on-line). Tickets for both sets and intermezzo- Festival Saturdays \$22 (plus fees on-line). For more information, www.scdw.net or check our facebook page.

## Farm Arts Collective presents Alone Together Festival A FESTIVAL OF SOLO SHOWS BY WOMEN September 13-15, 2024

Damascus, PA--- Farm Arts Collective presents of weekend of innovative solo performances September 13-15 in a 3-day festival of brave solo works by women artists. All performances take place at the new Agri-Cultural Center on Willow Wisp Organic Farm located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415. Tickets are \$30 or \$60 for a 3show pass. Purchase online at www.farmartscollective.org

FOOL By Clown Daddy

Friday September 13 at 7:30 PM

Fool: The Wanderings of the Last Clown on Earth is created and presented by Clown Daddy. Fool - the Wanderings of the Last Clown on Earth, is the tale told of a solitary clown stuck alone in a bunker. Each day is like the last, until one not-so-special day, the unexpected happens, and she decides to go outside. Clown Daddy is a Sullivan County based artist trained in French mime techniques (L'Ecole Jacques LeCoq) and at Atlantic Theatre Company, NYU Tisch.

*Dora's Gently Used Dream Store*By Morgan McKenzie Kauffman
SATURDAY, September 14 at 7:30 PM

Dora's Gently Used Dreams Store is created and performed by Morgan McKenzie Kauffman, a Philadelphia area theatre artist. Get a glimpse inside a makeshift shop containing Dora's secret collection - the dreams and nightmares donated by past customers. Writer and performer Morgan McKenzie Kauffman merges simple magic, character, science and folk lore to tell the story of Dora and the patrons who make up this mysterious market. This interactive show changes every performance as Dora's collection grows with each new audience. Shop the store, donate dreams in this intimate experience about our relationship to the uncontrollable stories that come through us every night. For the antique addicts, mystically moved, even the dubious doubtful, Dora's Gently Used Dream Store offers a sense of awe and enigma for the unconscious phenomenon shared by us all. Dora's Gently Used Dreams Store premiered at the Philly Fringe September 2023 to a sold out 6 show run. Other performances: Excursion Ciders, Phoenixville PA - Jan 18th, 2024

# **Decompositions** by Tannis Kowalchuk Sunday September 15 at 2:00 PM

Theatre artist and organic farmer, Tannis Kowalchuk writes and performs a series of fiercely personal stories, dances, and songs that explore decomposition as a metaphor for living a full life. Kowalchuk's dynamic duet with a pile of compost is a brave new work of live intimate theatre. Tannis digs into her life as a farmer and artist, theatrically exploring personal stories of art, farming, illness, mortality-and the beautiful mess of loving it all. Directed by Mimi McGurl, songs composed by Rima Fand and Tannis Kowalchuk, sound design by DJ Tikka Masala, and production director is Jess Beveridge. Following this home base presentation at Farm Arts Collective's new Agri-Cultural Center, this November, *Decompositions* will tour to River Clyde in Prince Edward Island, Zuppa in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 2025 the play goes to Mondo Bizarro in New Orleans.



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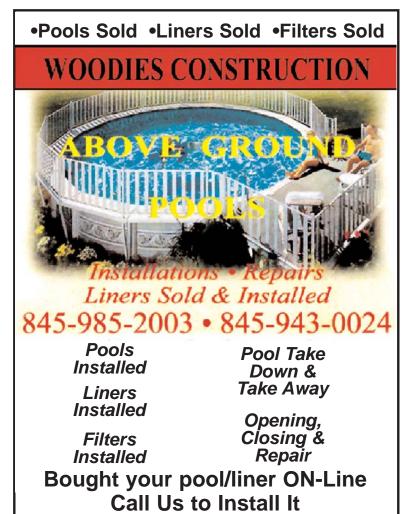
# Healthiest Fire Department Challenge Winners Announced and Awards Presented at the Annual Fireman's Parade

[Liberty, NY] -Winners of The Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge were announced at the 95th Annual Sullivan County Volunteer Fireman's Parade on Saturday in Livingston Manor.

Securing first place with a total of 867 points, Monticello Fire Department will receive a grant in the amount of \$15,000. Monticello completed 95 healthy meal replacements, 341 physical activities, weight loss check ins, weekly yoga and an eightmonth long water intake challenge.

In second place with a total of 664 points, Roscoe-Rockland Fire Department will receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000. Roscoe-Rockland participated in a Garnet Health nutrition course, organized weekly litter plucks as well as frequent health podcasts and department discussions on mental health. They shared 100 healthy meals and 152 physical activities and held a basketball competition with Roscoe School District. This 2nd place grant was made possible with support from the 2024 98.3 WSUL Heart-a-thon.

"Turtle Awards" in the amount of \$500 were awarded to departments in recognition of their efforts in specific areas related to building a culture of health among their members. These categories include mental health, improved nutrition, increased physical activity, camaraderie and spirit, and community Collaboration. The awards were sponsored by various businesses and organizations. They were announced at the parade and will be delivered to individual departments over the coming months.



New this year, an 8-tiered point system provided the opportunity for all participating departments to qualify for grants ranging from \$250 to \$2,000.

Grahamsville Fire Department received two Turtle Awards with overall points of 489; and in recognition of their work to increase

physical activity and improve mental health. Kauneonga Lake Fire Department placed 4th in the challenge with overall points of 405; and also received five Turtle Awards in recognition of their efforts to increase physical activity, improve mental health, improve nutrition; as well as their camaraderie and spirit and community collaboration.

Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Department received four Turtle Awards with overall points of 227; and in recognition of their efforts to increase physical activity and improve nutrition as well as their camaraderie and spirit and community collaboration. Jeffersonville Fire Department received one Turtle Award with overall points of 203; and in recognition of their concentration on improving mental health. Hortonville Fire Department received one Turtle Award with overall points of 167 and in recognition of their work to improve nutrition.

Since January when the challenge kicked off, 19 departments have engaged in activities (challenges) to enhance the physical and mental health of their members. Departments received credit in the form of "turtle points" for each health focused activity they completed. Activities ranged from serving healthier meals during drill and meeting nights; joining as a department family and hiking or walking local trails; attending health related seminars and becoming trained in suicide prevention. There were event water consumption and weight loss challenges.

The 2024 Turtle Award sponsors include: 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon; Black Bear Fuel Oil, Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning; Garnet Health Medical Center Catskills; Jeff Bank; NYSEG; Prestige Towing & Recovery; Resorts World Catskills; Rotary Clubs of Liberty & Monticello; Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc.; Sullivan Fire Protection Corp.; Thompson Sanitation.



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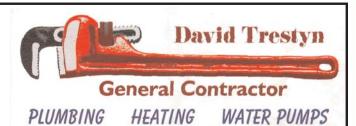
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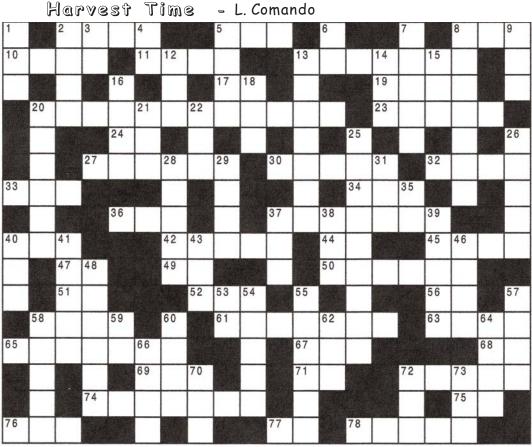
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4 large eggs 2 cups sugar 1 cup canola oil 2 cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon 1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger 1/2 teaspoon ground allspio 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°. Line bottoms of two greased 9-in. round pans with parchment paper; grease paper.

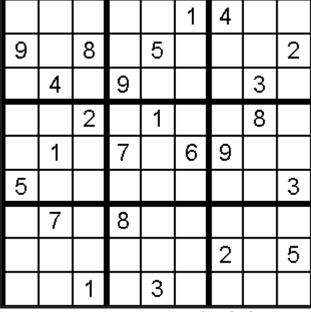
Beat eggs, sugar and oil until well blended. In another bowl, whisk together flour, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder, salt, ginger and allspice; gradually beat into egg mixture. Stir in pumpkin and pecans.

Transfer to prepared pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 25-30 minutes.

Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks; remove paper. Cool completely.

Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream

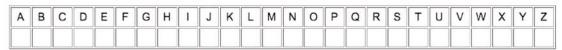
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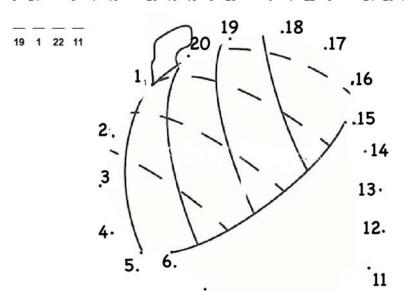
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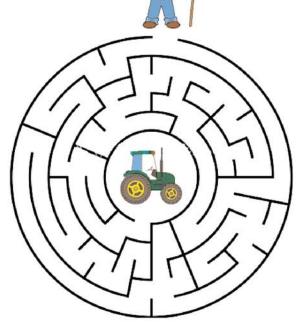
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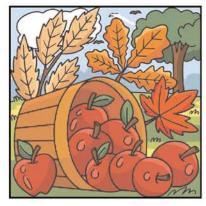


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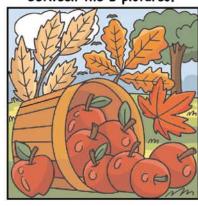


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# **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740

I. Martha TerBush, Tax Collector for the Tri-Valley
Central School District, have received the School
Tax Roll and Tax Warrant, dated September 1,
2024. Tax payments can be made at the NEW
location and on the dates listed below:

Wayne Bank (Liberty Location ONLY) 1972 State Route 52, Liberty, NY 12754

Tax collecting hours will be:

Starting September 1, 2024 Mon. thru Fri. from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Payments may also be mailed and made payable to the address given below:

Tax Collector, Wayne Bank 1972 State Route 52 Liberty, NY 12754

<u>Taxes will be received in accordance with the following penalty schedule:</u>

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30, 2024 No penalty

Payment in full or 50% of total bill

Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 2% penalty

Total Balance due or 25% of total bill

Nov. 1 - Nov. 8 3% penalty *Total Due.* 

The School Tax Collector will "NOT" accept payments after November 8, 2024.

All unpaid School Taxes will be relevied at an additional 7% and added on to your January 2025 Town and County Tax Bill.

Tax bills will be mailed as soon as possible.

PATRIOT PLAN: Under the provisions of Section 925-d of the Real Property Tax Law, known as the "Patriot Plan" you may be eligible for a deadline extension on your tax payment. Contact the Tax Collector for details.

Martha TerBush, School Tax Collector Dated: September 1, 2024

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# <u>Plowing 2024-2025 Season -</u> <u>Neversink Fire District</u>

The Neversink Fire District Board of Commissioners require the following specifications to be included in any bid submitted for plowing of the district parking lots.

- 1. One Year Contract for **November 1st 2024** April 31st 2025 with the option for a one year extension with an agreed upon percentage/ inflation rate increase.
- 2. Hourly rate per snowfall event
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- 4. No sub-contractors unless approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners
- 5. Must submit proof of valid insurance with the bid.
- 6. Plow every two (2) inches.

Please include the above stipulations in your bid and pricing. Awarded bidder is required to submit rate adjustments by **September 1st, 2025** if they would like to extend their contract. If the awarded bidder chooses not to extend the contract another year, they must also notify the District by **September 1st, 2025**. Bids are due by **Thursday, October 11th, 2024**. Bids will be opened and awarded on **Thursday, October 18th, 2024**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call (845) 866-2525 and leave a message or email <a href="mailto:neversinkfiredistrict@gmail.com">neversinkfiredistrict@gmail.com</a>

Sincerely,

Dana Vogler, Secretary Neversink Fire District

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# Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

### Thursday, Sept 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

Regular Meetings will be on Tri-Valley's YouTube LIVE Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vK Q8nAWhR6NVao24w/live

### **VETFEST 2024**

Mark your calendars for September 28, 2024, from 11 AM to 4 PM, for Vet Fest, a vibrant celebration dedicated to enriching the lives of veterans. This event promises a day filled with music, food, fun, and a wide array of engaging activities and demonstrations, making it a perfect outing for veterans, their families, and the entire community.

Enjoy an exciting musical experience featuring the soulful tunes of Veteran Green Beret Derek Stoner. Joining him on stage are local artists Jesse Noren and Albi Beluli, whose performances are sure to create an unforgettable atmosphere.

Vet Fest offers an extensive range of activities and offerings designed to entertain and engage attendees of all ages.

Here's a glimpse of what you can look forward to:

- Woodworking: Witness skilled artisans at work, showcasing the beauty and precision of these traditional crafts.
- Workshops: Explore the art of storytelling and selfexpression through writing.
- Archery and Axe Throwing: Test your aim and dexterity with these thrilling activities.
- Lure Making and Fly Tying: Discover the intricate process of creating fishing lures and flies.
- Horseshoe Tournament: Compete in this classic game and enjoy some friendly competition.
- Animal Therapy Demonstrations: Learn about the therapeutic benefits of animals and how they contribute to emotional and physical well-being.
- Guided Hunts: Gain insights into guided hunting experiences and connect with experts in the field.
- Touch-A-Trucks and activities for the children!

Vet Fest is not just about activities; it's a platform for veterans to connect, share experiences, and build lasting relationships. Network with fellow veterans, discover new hobbies, and explore occupational opportunities that can help enrich your life.

We will have several informational booths for Veteran needs as well.

Indulge in a variety of delicious food offerings and browse through vendor stalls showcasing a range of products and services. From local crafts and delightful treats to essential information about veteran support programs, there's something for everyone.

Vet Fest is a day dedicated to honoring our veterans and celebrating their contributions to our community. Bring your family and friends and join us for a day of music, fun, and camaraderie. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to connect, learn, and celebrate!

For more information on the 2024 Vet Fest contact Lauren Roman at romanlauren@yahoo.com.

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## Sullivan 180 to Host an Evening of Appreciation An evening of celebration in the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

[Liberty, NY] -Sullivan 180 will host an Evening of Appreciation on Thursday, September 26 in the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods. Doors will open at 5:30pm, a brief program will begin at 6:30pm.

The evening will include festivities and celebration, refreshments and friends amidst the beautiful backdrop of Bethel Woods. Attendees will be treated to performances by Danza Folclórica Metztli Tonatiuh de la Iglesia de San Pedro Liberty, NY (Folkloric Dance of the Sun and Moon of the Church of St. Peter, Liberty) and Orgullo Mixteco Infantil, both including members of the Fun Group at Sullivan 180. Additional entertainment will be provided by Nesin Cultural Arts and music by Jon Zanger.

"This is an evening for everyone. A celebration of the progress that we are making together to build a healthier Sullivan County through our collective work and focus on youth and prevention," said Denise Frangipane, Sullivan 180 CEO.

The event will highlight and acknowledge the grassroots efforts of Sullivan County community volunteers, schools and municipalities, as well as partners and the broader community.

A special presentation will be made to Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther for her years of support and friendship to Sullivan 180, Sullivan Renaissance and Sullivan County overall. Sullivan 180 will also recognize The Black Library and Tusten Social for their innovative efforts to engage youth.

All are welcome to attend this free event. RSVP is requested by calling (845) 295-2680 or emailing Info@Sullivan180.org.



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# SHADOWLAND STAGES PRESENTS "THE GARBOLOGISTS" THIS FALL

ELLENVILLE, NY - SHADOWLAND STAGES is thrilled to announce its upcoming production of the insightful new comedy, THE GARBOLOGISTS by Lindsay Joelle. The play will grace SHADOWLAND's intimate studio theatre from September 13th to 29th.

THE GARBOLOGISTS follows the unlikely partnership of two New York City sanitation workers: Danny, a seasoned, no-nonsense veteran, and Marlowe, an Ivy League-educated newcomer. As they navigate their daily garbage route, the duo discovers the hidden art of "mongo" (searching for discarded treasures) and gradually finds common ground amidst the trash and treasures of the city.

Hailed by critics as "A must see...Joelle's finely crafted play is laced with wit and wisdom" (Broadway World) and "Delightfully intimate, surprising, and profound, filled with unexpected laughter and even tears" (onStage Pittsburgh), THE GARBOLOGISTS promises to be a standout production this season. The play features DeAnna Supplee\* as Marlowe and Joel Rainwater\* as Danny. The play will be directed by SHADOW-LAND STAGES veteran Jammie Patton. (\*denotes member of Actors Equity Association).

The production begins with preview performances on September 13th at 8 PM and September 14th at 2 PM, leading up to the official opening night on September 14th at 8 PM. Opening night festivities on September 14th will include a pre-show tasting sponsored by Chelsea Rialto Studios at 7:15 PM in the Studio Lobby and a post-show gathering at Marbella Tapas Bar in Ellenville. The play will run Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 PM and Sundays at 2 PM until September 29th.

Tickets for THE GARBOLOGISTS are now on sale and can be purchased online at shadowlandstages.org or by calling the box office at (845) 647-5511. Evening show tickets are priced at \$43, while matinee tickets are \$39. SHADOWLAND STAGES' Studio Theatre is located at 14 Market in Ellenville, NY.

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

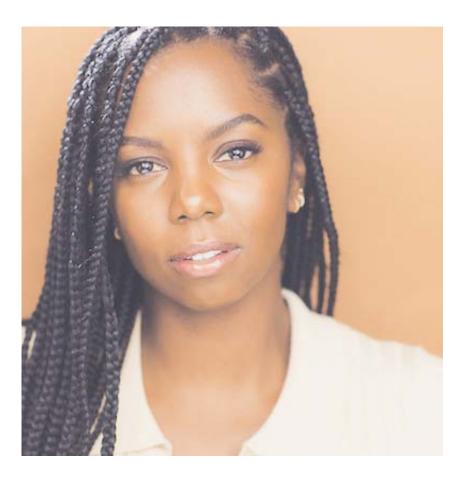


Jammie Patton (DIRECTOR) has been acting and directing for both stage and screen for over 20 years with a strong affinity for stories that magnify and empower marginalized communities. Recent directing credits include Bull in a China Shop (University of North Carolina School of the Arts), The Cake (Shaker Bridge Theater) Cadillac Crew (Vermont Stage), In the Continuum, The Niceties, and Skeleton Crew (Shadowland Stages) in which Jammie also portrayed Faye. Patton has also produced and directed several music videos, short documentaries, and short films (Skeletons, Charlie's Kitchen Waltz, Finding Her Light, The Nest). Patton has shadowed as a director on The Good Fight on Paramount Plus. As a performer, Jammie has appeared on TV shows such as Law and Order SVU, Inventing Anna, Justified, Doctor Death, It's Always Sunny Philadelphia, The Last O.G., and Flatbush Misdemeanors in addition to many national commercials, films and stage plays. Patton can currently be seen in the feature film, Susie Searches on Amazon Prime and as the lead in the digital series Compersion, which is housed on EnchantTV on YouTube. Jammie is a proud graduate of Howard University's College of Fine Arts and the British American Drama Academy at Oxford University.

https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3497558/ https://www.instagram.com/jammiepatton/?hl=en

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# SHADOWLAND STAGES PRESENTS "THE GARBOLOGISTS" THIS FALL (From Pg. 20)



**DeAnna Supplee (MARLOWE)** is a Philadelphia-born, New York Citytrained actress. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, she has also studied at the British American Drama Academy at the University of Oxford and the Actors Studio Drama School (MFA, Acting). NYC Theater: American Rot (La Mama, dir: Estelle Parsons), The Winter's Tale (NYSX), Strivers Row (Metropolitan Playhouse), Much Ado About Nothing (NYSX), The Trojan Women (The Flea Theater), Fires in the Mirror, Laundry & Bourbon, Platanos Y Collard Greens, and Romeo & Juliet. Regional Theater: B.R.O.K.E.N. code B.I.K.D. switching (Berkshire Theatre Group), The Niceties (Mile Square Theatre), Skeleton Crew (TheatreSquared). International Theater: Look/Alive (Edinburgh Fringe Festival). www.deannasupplee.com @deannasupplee

Joel Rainwater (DANNY) BROADWAY: The Lion King (2nd National Tour). OFF-BROADWAY:

C.S. Lewis in the Off-Broadway and touring productions of The Great Divorce (FPA), Drunkle Vanya (Tolstoy's Lounge), Homer's Odyssey (45 Bleecker). Other New York Credits include Taming of the Shrew (The Shakespeare of New Jersey), R&J: Star-Cross'd Death Match (3 Day Hangover), The Boss and Shadow of Heroes (Metropolitan Playhouse), Dead Dogs (78th StreetTheatre Lab), and the immersive telephone play Collect Call (Candle House Collective). REGIONAL: Two Men of Florence (directed by Edward Hall) at The Huntington, Hamlet at Arkansas Rep, A Christmas Carol and The Little Foxes at ACT, Salome at Aurora Theatre Company, Building the Wall, Sleuth, A Behanding in Spokane, and Ugly Lies the Bone at Theatre SilCo, A Christmas Carol regional tour with CAPA/ Short North Stage. TV: Little America(Apple TV+). FILM: Rabbit Season, The Shirtmaker. BFA: University Evansville. MFA: American Conservatory Theater. Proud member of Actor's Equity.



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#### HOLY DAY EUCHARIST

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# Claryville Reformed Church

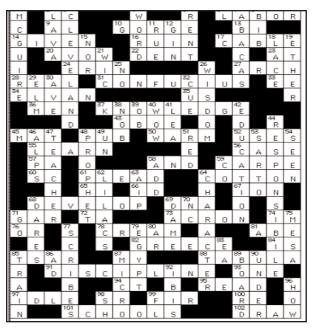
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Thrift Sale Schedule 2024

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Nov - 2nd and 18th

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All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, starting March 14, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222. grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com



# Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

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### THE TOWNSMAN

### LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/17/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
9/19/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
9/19/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
9/21/24	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
9/21/24	NRAMA 24th Annual Tractor Show &Community Yard Sale -Grahamsville Fairgrounds 10am-6pm
10/2/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
10/5/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
10/8/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
10/9/2024	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm

#### Save the Date!

Saturday, Sept 21 • 10 am - 6 pm NRAMA 24th Annual Tractor Show & Community Yard 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 preceding the second</u> <u>Tuesday.</u>

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

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

### Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of September 9 - 13, 2024

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

Monday, September 9

o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board, at Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston

o 6:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Tuesday, September 10** 

o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o 10:00 AM (or immediately following IDA Governance Committee) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health, in 2nd Floor Conference Room, 239 Golden Hill Ln, Kingston

### Wednesday, September 11

o No Meetings

Thursday, September 12

O 3:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Audit Committee, in the County Executive Conference Room, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; Members of the Public May Also Attend Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 811 9759 0668, Passcode: 701661

**o 4:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee,** in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

o 5:00 PM (or immediately following Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - Ways & Means Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

### Friday, September 13

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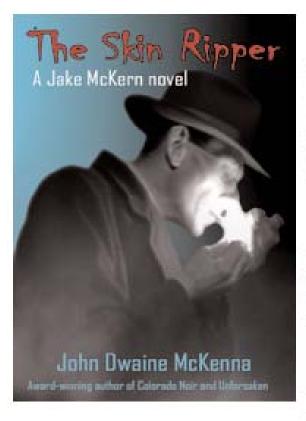


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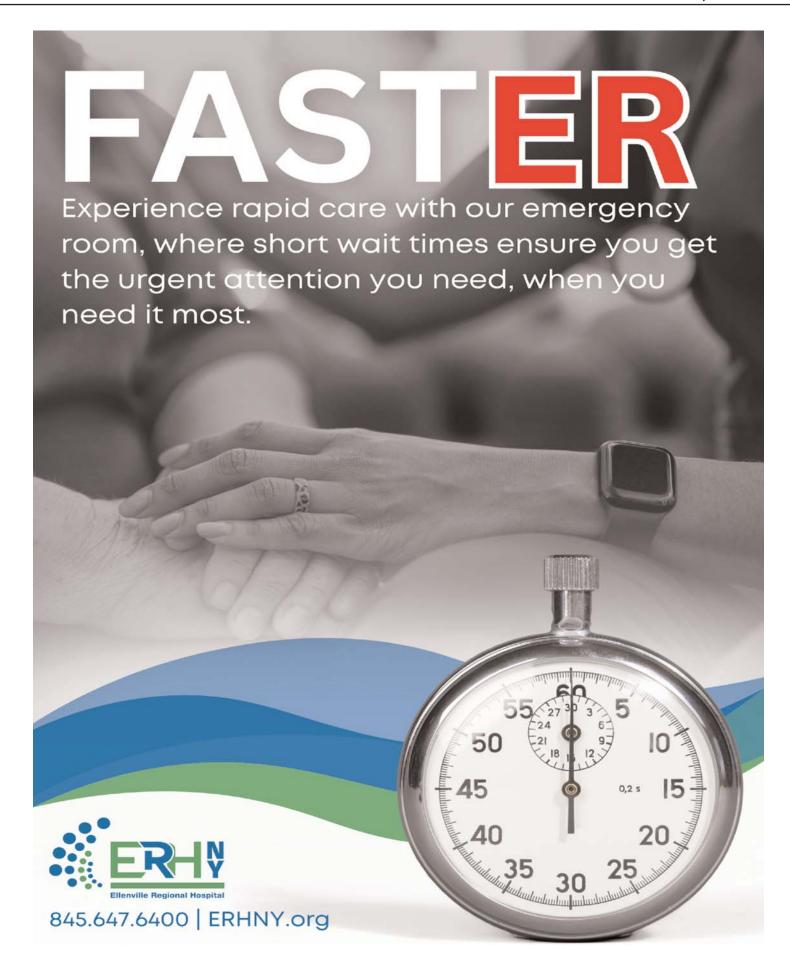
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Want more info? Contact: Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081 or Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401 (if no answer leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible)

Check out our NRAMA Facebook Page for additional info on the show and the raffle.





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# **DEC Announces Start of Early Big Game Hunting Seasons** Early Bear and Antierless Deer Seasons Open in September Virtual Media Availability with DEC Big Game Biologist

on Sept. 6 at 3:30 p.m.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced the start of early hunting seasons for deer and bear in certain regions of New York State. An early bear season begins Sept. 7, and runs through Sept. 22 in 11 of New York State's Wildlife Management Units (WMUs). In addition, an early antlerless deer season begins Sept. 14 and runs through Sept. 22 in 13 WMUs across the state.

"DEC's early big game seasons are designed to manage deer and bear populations at levels that are in balance with available habitat and in alignment with hunter and New Yorkers' recreational preferences," said Interim Commissioner Mahar. "By participating in these early big game seasons, hunters not only help manage wildlife populations, they also get an early start on filling their freezers with sustainably sourced meat while enjoying additional time outdoors with family and friends."

WMUs for the early bear season include 3A, 3C, 3H, 3J, 3K, 3M, 3P, 3R, 4P, 4R, and 4W. WMUs for the early antlerless deer season include 1C, 3M, 3R, 3S, 4J, 8A, 8C, 8F, 8G, 8J, 8N, 9A, and 9F. In WMUs 3M, 3R, 8A, 8F, 8G, 8J, 8N, 9A, and 9F, hunters may use firearms, crossbows, or vertical bows during the early antlerless deer season; only vertical bows can be used in WMUs 1C, 3S, 4J, and 8C. Hunters may use firearms, crossbows, or vertical bows in all WMUs enrolled in the early bear season. The use of rifles is prohibited in Rockland County (most of WMU 3R) during any season.

Only antlerless deer, those without antlers or having antlers less than three inches long, may be harvested during the early antlerless deer season, and hunters may only use valid Deer Management Permits (DMPs) or Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) tags. The application deadline for DMPs is Oct. 1, 2024. Bonus DMPs, which allow hunters who fill a DMP to apply for and receive a replacement DMP, are available in WMUs 1C, 3S, 4J, and 8C.

Hunters using firearms during any season must wear a solid or patterned fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink hat, vest, or jacket while hunting. Legal hunting hours for deer and bear include the full period of ambient light from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Hunters should also remember that a recent law change removed the requirement for hunters to wear a backtag while hunting anywhere in New York State.

DEC always encourages hunters to use common sense firearms safety during hunting seasons and to remember lessons learned in the **DEC Hunter Education Course:** 

- Point your gun in a safe direction.
- Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- Be sure of your target and beyond.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

To enroll in a Hunter Education Course or find more information, please visit: DEC's Hunter Education webpage.

Deer and bear harvest estimates are available on DEC's website and more information about season dates and bag limits is available in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide.

Virtual Media Availability Today:

DEC is hosting a 30-minute virtual media availability with Wildlife Biologist Brendan Quirion to provide season forecast and answer questions related to the early big game hunting season today Friday, Sept. 6, at 3:30 p.m. Members of the media can join via Zoom (Meeting ID: 841 2427 7667 Passcode: 5Xy42k).

# Sun Trail Storage

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# Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

# All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



# Sunday, September 15th

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Adults: \$13

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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



# Giant Pumpkin Party Volunteers Needed!



Saturday, October 5th 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Rain or Shine Grahamsville Fairgrounds

# We need your help!

The Daniel Pierce Library is in search of volunteers to help us make the Giant Pumpkin Party happen! We're looking for help in many different areas including games, crafts, bouncy houses, tickets sales, pumpkin sales, food service and much more.

One of the big attractions at the Giant Pumpkin Party is the large assortment of games that the younger children in the community love to play! The only way that we can set up these games, however, is if we can find some responsible older students and parents to run them, take tickets and give out the prizes. We know that there are many of you who are willing to help, but finding you is not easy!

Please check out our online sign up for what's available. Volunteer Community Service letters available for students.



# **Bittersweet Memories**

### Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds

### ARTISTS

LaVerne Black Kate Hyden Marcia Fink Ca Margaret McLaughlin Va Maureen Winter

Caroline Harrow Valerie Taggart Ann Higgins Jennifer Weiss

# Closing Reception & ART AUCTION!

Sunday, October 6, 2024 2 p.m.

Bids can be placed <u>NOW</u> through October 6th at Museum, by phone or email.

View paintings at the Museum or on our website! (coming soon)

# Time and the Valleys Museum

332 Main Street Grahamsville NY - 845 985-7700 - info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org
Open Weekends through September 30, noon to 4 p.m. and other times by appointment



# Sullivan County School Boards Association Announces 2024 Honorees for Outstanding Educators and Outstanding Friends to Education

Sullivan County: The Sullivan County School Boards Association (SCSBA) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2024 Outstanding Educators and Outstanding Friends to Education awards. This year's honorees represent the exceptional commitment, dedication, and impact that educators and community members make in supporting the education and growth of students across Sullivan County.

The School Boards Association will recognize the following individuals for their defined impact on the education in Sullivan County by receiving the prestigious Outstanding Educator Award.

### **Outstanding Educators Honorees 2024:**

- · Adam Picciano, Sullivan BOCES
- Dawn Hauschild, Sullivan West CSD
- Jessica Mall, Livingston Manor CSD
- Janice Phillips, Roscoe CSD
- Kristie Robinson, Roscoe CSD
- · Jamie Lippen Shanberg, Fallsburg CSD
- Jennifer Eisenberg, Liberty CSD
- · Karen Crofoot, Monticello CSD
- Kelly Pratcshler, Eldred CSD
- Christine Cox, Tri-Valley CSD
- Bethany Hamilton, Tri-Valley CSD

These educators have demonstrated outstanding leadership, innovation, and a passion for their profession, inspiring students and colleagues alike through their hard work and commitment to excellence.

### **Outstanding Friends to Education Honorees 2024:**

- Stephen Rogers, Livingston Manor CSD/Roscoe
- Mary Davis, Livingston Manor CSD
- Chief Steven D'Agata, Liberty CSD
- Tracy Magie, Fallsburg CSD
- Heather Tice, Eldred CSD
- Mike Ellmauer, Sullivan West CSD
- Melissa Freer, Sullivan BOCES
- Stephen Lewis, Monticello CSD
- Norma Pena, Tri-Valley CSD
- Leonore Egan, Tri-Valley CSD

The "Outstanding Friends to Education" award recognizes individuals from the community who have gone above and beyond in supporting local school districts. Their contributions have had a significant impact on enhancing the educational environment and the well-being of students.

On October 9, the SCSBA will hold its Annual Dinner Meeting at The Villa Roma in Callicoon to recognize these individuals. School board members, superintendents, school administrators, teachers, local school districts, and family members will attend the meeting.

### Governor Hochul Announces Nearly 36 Percent Increase in NYS Park Pool Attendance Following Launch of "Get Offline, Get Outside" Campaign Earlier this Summer

- From July 3 through Labor Day, 542,661 People Visited State Park Pools - A 143,639 Increase from 2023
- Ahead of 4th of July Weekend, Governor Hochul Removed Swimming Pool Entry Fees at State Parks For Entire Summer
  - Announcement Comes on the Heels of Historic \$150 Million Investment to Fund Dozens of Pool Projects in Underserved Communities Across the State
- General Swimming Hours Continue at Select State Parks

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced New York State Park pool attendance increased by nearly 36 percent this summer after making State Park pool access free as a part of her "Get Offline, Get Outside" campaign and New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NY SWIMS) initiative. Overall, State Park attendance also increased by nearly 2.5 percent over the summer season. The Governor launched the "Get Offline, Get Outside" initiative to promote physical and mental health by helping New York's kids and families to put down their devices, take a break from social media, and enjoy recreation and outdoor social gatherings.

"We encouraged kids and families to put down their phones, get some fresh air, and cool off at state park pools for free this summer, and I'm so glad to see that more New Yorkers took advantage of these incredible facilities than ever before," Governor Hochul said. "Under NY SWIMS, we are continuing to make safe swimming more accessible to all residents who visit state parks."

From July 3 through Labor Day, 542,661 people visited select State Park pools - a 143,639 increase from the same period in 2023. On July 2, Governor Hochul announced that the State was waiving pool entry fees for the rest of this summer at swimming pools located at State Parks throughout New York. Overall, nearly 28.7 million people visited state parks and historic sites for the summer period, an increase of nearly 700,000 visits from 2023.

New Yorkers can continue visiting the following pools and beaches for swimming after Labor Day, weather permitting:

In the Hudson Valley

- Lake Tiorati Beach Harriman State Park, Southfields weekends through September 15
- Bear Mountain State Park pool, Bear Mountain weekends through September 15

New York State Parks Commissioner Pro Tempore Randy Simons said, "Swimming is one of the biggest attractions at State Parks, and it's been wonderful to offer free pool access for New Yorkers this year, congratulate over 2000 Learn-to-Swim graduates on learning a lifesaving skill, and plant seeds for future swimming instruction transportation through Connect Kids grants. (Contd. Pg. 33)

### Governor Hochul Announces Nearly 36 Percent Increase in NYS Park Pool Attendance Following Launch of "Get Offline, Get Outside" Campaign Earlier this Summer

(From Pg. 32)

I strongly encourage all New Yorkers to continue following the "Get Offline, Get Outside" mantra as we transition into the fall - one of the most beautiful times of year in this glorious state."

Recognizing that drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1-4, NY SWIMS expanded the State Parks Learn-to-Swim program to help more New Yorkers swim. The American Red Cross provides free training to State Park life-guards to obtain Water Safety Instructor (WSI) certification. This support has allowed for the certification of 40 additional Water Safety Instructors this season. Lifeguard staff who currently possess WSI certification also help provide more opportunities for swim lessons. The 2024 season saw swimming lesson programs at 22 state parks across the state this summer.

In August, the Governor announced that over 2,000 swimmers took advantage of New York State Parks' free Learn-to-Swim lessons this summer with 22 facilities hosting lessons across the state - tripling the number of facilities from previous years. The expanded Learn-to-Swim program is part of the Governor's NY SWIMS initiative which included doubling the number of water safety instruction programs offered at State Park pools and beaches in 2024.

Governor Hochul previously announced a \$1.5 million Connect Kids to Swimming Instruction Transportation Grant program. Administered by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Connect Kids to Swimming Instruction Transportation Grant Program will connect New York school age children (pre-K through grade 12) with swimming instruction by reimbursing transportation costs (including parking and vehicle use fees) incurred by eligible entities for travel to facilities in New York State that are operated by State,

municipal, and not-for-profit organizations and offer swim instruction for a nationally recognized learn-to-swim curriculum such as the American Red Cross, YMCA or Starfish Aquatics.

Additionally, the Governor announced the first round of funding from the \$2 million secured in the FY 2025 Budget to make SUNY pools community anchors at 12 campuses across the State.

Governor Hochul's "Get Offline, Get Outside" campaign builds on her efforts to promote healthy living among young people and families across New York. Governor Hochul recently signed nation-leading legislation - the Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation (SAFE) for Kids Act and New York Child Data Protection Act - to protect kids from addictive social media feeds and shield their personal data from online platforms.

As part of her \$1 billion investment in mental health statewide, Governor Hochul has significantly expanded access to mental health care and resources for young people and their families, including school-based mental health clinics and Youth Assertive Community Treatment teams. The Governor built on this investment with additional funding for youth supports and services in the FY2025 Enacted Budget.

Just as Governor Hochul is helping young people to avoid unhealthy habits and support their mental health, she is also making it easier for kids to get physically active and spend time outdoors with friends and family. These announcements to expand access to pools and transportation to swimming lessons will help more New Yorkers across the state to "Get Offline, Get Outside."

The New York\_State Office\_of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which saw a record 84 million visits in 2023. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit\_parks.ny.gov, download the free\_NY State Parks Explorer app\_or call 518.474.0456. Join us in celebrating our Centennial throughout 2024, and connect with us on\_Facebook,\_Instagram,\_X (formerly Twitter), the\_OPRHP Blog or via the OPRHP Newsroom.



- All pet owners must clean up after their pets.
- All pets must be at least 3 months old.
- All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.
- Aggressive dogs should be muzzled to prevent any biting incidents.
- Bring proof of prior rables vaccination to receive a 3-year vaccination.
- If you do not have proof of prior rables vaccination, your pet will receive a 1-year vaccination.

# SC Deputy Sheriffs Graduate from OC Police Chief's Academy



Three Deputy Sheriffs from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division graduated from the Orange County Police Chief's Academy recently. Evelyn Barragan(l) Rasidi Clarke(c), and Josef Haas(r) completed 24 weeks of basic police officer training in August. They have now entered the field training phase and should be on daily patrol by Thanksgiving.

# Acting UC Clerk Taylor Bruck Welcomes the Red Feather Singers & Drummers to the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck is pleased to announce that on Saturday, September 14, the Red Feather Singers and Drummers, members of the Association of Native Americans (ANA) of the Mid-Hudson Valley, will host an event at the Matthewis Persen House located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is

free and all are welcome.



On Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, join the Red Feather Singers and Drummers for a day of Native American drumming, crafts and artifacts. Grandmother Judith Laughing Owl and Susan Singing Rain will have some Native artifacts and handmade bark baskets on display and will explain their significance. Susan Singing Rain, Deborah Leaping Fawn, Rhonda Two Wolves will assist children in making



corn husk dolls and beaded friendship bracelets, as well as coloring handheld fans with Native symbols. Guests will also be encouraged to sit at the drum and learn drumming etiquette.

"We are excited to welcome the Red Feather Singers and Drummers back to the Matthewis Persen House for their annual event, which has become a fun and engaging way for families to experience Native American culture," stated Acting County Clerk Taylor Bruck. "Each year, this event offers a unique opportunity for all ages to connect with traditions, crafts, and stories passed down through generations. Events like this help foster a greater appreciation of the diverse cultural heritage that makes Ulster County so special."

For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact Acting County Clerk Taylor Bruck at (845) 340-3415 or archives@co.ulster.ny.us or visit us on Facebook.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

# Garnet Catskill Town Hall Sept. 6, 2024

On Friday, September 6, 2024, the community had an opportunity to interact with an Executive from the Garnet Health System, Jerry Dunlavey.

It was refreshing to be able to voice our Garnet Catskill healthcare experiences and questions in a Town Hall format, the first of hopefully many more. One thing is abundantly clear. There is a huge disconnect between the executives and the consumers vis a vis healthcare services in Sullivan County.

Firstly, let's review a little history of the hospital. In 2007, Catskill Regional Medical Center, CRMC, and Orange Regional Medical Center, ORMC, announced an affiliation agreement under the umbrella of the Greater Hudson Valley Health System, GHVHS. The goal was to enhance healthcare in the Hudson Valley and in Sullivan County where services were enhanced and equipment was upgraded, helicopter emergency service was available, as well as a new Birthing Center and a quality Cancer Center.

The fly in the ointment was this: "The Greater Hudson Valley Health System entered into a management contract with CRMC and assumed responsibility for day to day management of CRMC. Under this management contract, the Senior Management Team at Orange Regional assisted with all aspects of Catskill Regional's planning and delivery of healthcare services."

This is where things started to deteriorate in Harris during successive years. Healthcare services started diminishing in Sullivan County as they were shunted to Orange County. Fast forward to 2017/2018 and the present, and the Outpatient Psych was shut down. The SNU was closed during the Covid outbreak. Outpatient Pediatrics, Outpatient OB-GYN, Outpatient Rheumatology were gone in 2022. There were layoffs in each successive year. We owe so much gratitude to all of these hospital employees, medical and supportive staff.

Our favorite pediatricians, our talented cardiologist and rheumatologist, our skilled general surgeon, our favorite endocrinologist are gone. Minimally invasive pain management procedures are now only available in Ellenville Regional Hospital after being available in Harris since 1984. The list goes on.

Presently when you have an emergency, you may find yourself in an ambulance headed toward Orange County. These include children with minor problems, adults with acute stomach pain or bumps to the head, potential heart attack patients who were always stabilized first in our ER with clot busting drugs and then sent out. We have a talented staff in our own Emergency Room in Harris. Why are we being shipped off to Orange County, only to wait hours and hours in that ER, which is a tremendous hardship in terms of travelling? People cannot leave their jobs for family members, they don't have cars or enough money for gas, seniors need to arrange for travel with the Office of the Aging, etc. This is roughly an 80+ mile round trip.

Here comes the self fulfilling prophecy: Reduce healthcare services in Sullivan County, lose money, claim financial insolvencies and then line up to ask the state for money or grants.

The piece de resistance is the fact that executives now claim that the Harris Hospital building is not up to par. This is after recent years of improvements, a new ER, money spent and ribbon cutting ceremonies on various floors.

There is talk of building a new facility. I know I speak for many when I say that the Sullivan County community will not tolerate a shiny new building which will only serve as a "transfer" station for healthcare services going from Sullivan to Orange County. We want our Community Hospital back with employment, services/surgeries for Sullivan County residents right here. We need an expanded Behavioral Unit and a Detox Center. Governor Hochul just allocated a billion dollars for enhanced mental health services in NYS. Take care of Sullivan County and let Orange County take care of Orange County and please spare us the commute.

Anne Omar, Retired HS Biology Teacher, Retired Medical Office Administrator

# Gillibrand Statement on Confirmation of Jeanette Vargas to Serve on U.S. District Court for Southern District of New York

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand applauded the Senate's confirmation of Jeannette Vargas to serve as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Senator Gillibrand recommended Ms. Vargas to President Biden in early 2024.

"I am honored and grateful that the Senate has voted to confirm Jeannette Vargas to serve on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York," said Senator Gillibrand. "Ms. Vargas has more than two decades of service as a federal prosecutor. In addition to her expertise in complex civil litigation, she has also worked diligently to protect and strengthen the civil rights of the LGBTQ community. Now, as a federal judge, Ms. Vargas will use her sharp legal mind and extensive experience to uphold the highest principles of justice and fairness for all Americans."

Jeannette Vargas most recently served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and had served as the deputy chief of the Civil Division since 2016. Ms. Vargas joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2002 as a line AUSA in the Civil Division, became deputy chief of the Tax and Bankruptcy Unit in 2009, was promoted to chief of the Tax and Bankruptcy Unit in 2010, and served as senior trial counsel from 2014-2016. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Vargas clerked for then-Judge Sonia Sotomayor on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Previously, Ms. Vargas was an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett.

Ms. Vargas received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2000 and her B.A., magna cum laude, from Harvard College in 1995.

### Governor Hochul Annouces Opening of Hudson Valley Community College's New \$17.5 Million Stem Education Center

Located in NYSERDA's Saratoga Technology and Energy Park, \$17.5 Million Project is Part of the HVCC North Expansion

Will Serve More than 1,000 Students Annually with Coursework Applicable to Over 30 Associate Degree and Certificate Programs

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the opening of Hudson Valley Community College's new STEM Education Center at the college's HVCC North Extension Center in Malta, Saratoga County. The new facility, which is open to students for the 2024-25 Academic Year, is part of the college's \$17.5 million HVCC North expansion project and will serve over a thousand students annually with coursework applicable to over 30 associate degree and certificate programs.

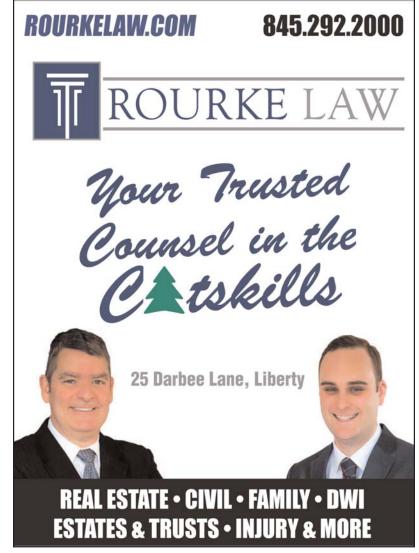
"The opening of Hudson Valley Community College's new STEM Education Center exemplifies our commitment to innovation and education," Governor Hochul said. "This state-of-the-art facility will provide students with cutting-edge resources and training in critical fields like healthcare and STEM. By integrating advanced laboratories and modern technology, we are not only enhancing educational opportunities but also driving regional economic growth. This project is a testament to the power of collaboration between state, local, and private partners in shaping the future of our workforce."

Located in NYSERDA's Saratoga Technology and Energy Park (STEP®), the two-story, 14,500-square-foot building includes state-of-the-art labs for microbiology, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, and biology, as well as classrooms, student support space and offices. The project includes renovations to the college's Training and Education Center for Semiconductor Manufacturing and Alternative and Renewable Technologies (TEC-SMART). Together, the project provides new education and workforce training opportunities in the specialized and growing fields of healthcare, STEM, and skilled trades.

The site will also increase non-credit, short-term workforce training offerings that contribute to regional business and economic growth and meet a rising demand for skilled labor in the greater Capital Region.

In June of 2022, Governor Hochul announced the ground-breaking for HVCC's STEM Education Center. The project was supported by a \$2.5 million Empire State Development capital grant recommended by the Capital Region Economic Development Council. Major contributions to the project's funding have been made by SUNY (\$6 million) and Saratoga County (\$1.5 million), as well as organizations including GlobalFoundries, Northern Borders, and the Hearst Foundation. Additionally, U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko named the HVCC North project as one of 15 FY2023 Community Funding Projects.

In 2021, GlobalFoundries provided a \$500,000 gift toward the project to create a Workforce Training and Apprenticeship Center at HVCC North. That gift supported the construction and fitting of an advanced Radio Frequency/Vacuum Technology Laboratory, an innovative Mechatronics laborato-



ry, and the modernization of the Clean Room Laboratory at TEC-SMART.

Other updates at Hudson Valley Community College's TEC-SMART include renovating classrooms and labs for the Electrical Construction and Maintenance (A.O.S.); Electrical Engineering Technology (A.A.S.) and Engineering Science (A.S.); and Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration Technical Services (A.O.S.) programs. In addition, updates to computer labs provide augmented/virtual reality, artificial intelligence, and machine learning as part of the college's Computer Information Systems programs.

Congressman Paul Tonko said, "I'm thrilled to be in Malta today to celebrate the opening of HVCC's new STEM Education Center, a state-of-the-art facility that will greatly accelerate workforce development for emerging industries across our region. Throughout my time in Congress, I've been a strong supporter of HVCC's efforts to provide top-notch education and skills training to residents across our Capital Region - and I was proud to secure \$1 million in federal funds for this initiative through last year's Community Project Funding (CPF) process. Now, I'm beyond excited to see how this new expansion will pay dividends for our students and our communities for years to come."

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "Growing and supporting a skilled workforce has been one of Governor Hochul's top priorities, and HVCC's STEM Education Center represents an investment in New Yorkers. By providing new avenues for training and certification, we can ensure that more people can participate in the 21st century economy, and promote new economic growth throughout the state." (Contd. Pg. 37)

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(From Pg. 36) SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr. said, "Our SUNY community colleges serve as hubs for workforce development and upward mobility. This impressive project is a perfect illustration of how Hudson Valley Community College is addressing New York State's workforce needs by offering education and training opportunities in high-demand fields such as the semiconductor industry, STEM and skilled trades. The success of this project would not have been possible without the support of Governor Hochul and our local, state, and federal partners, and I thank them for making this project a reality for HVCC and its students."

Hudson Valley Community College Officer-in-Charge Louis Coplin said, "Hudson Valley Community College continues to adapt and expand to better serve our community, and we are thrilled to celebrate the official opening of the new STEM Education Center at HVCC North. This new facility is an integral component of our HVCC North expansion project and an important resource for our students and community seeking training in healthcare, trades and technology. We are extremely grateful to our government leaders and community and business partners who supported our vision to build a state-of-the-art STEM facility within our service area and provide greater access to education and job training in Saratoga County."

Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Phil Barrett said, "We are excited to celebrate the opening of the new STEM Education Center at HVCC North in Malta. Expanding access to STEM education not only prepares students for the jobs of tomorrow, but also empowers them to seek employment opportunities available today right here in Saratoga County. We are thankful to all those who supported this project and for our longstanding partnership with HVCC and GlobalFoundries, which continues to fuel growth, innovation, and opportunity across Saratoga County."

Global Foundries Malta Manufacturing Facility Vice President and General Manager Hui Peng Koh said, "We are thrilled to celebrate the grand opening of the STEM Education Center at HVCC North. Our investment in and support of this state-of-the-art facility is a testament to our commitment to fostering innovation and preparing the next generation of leaders in science and technology. Our continued partnership with HVCC underscores our dedication to building a robust pipeline of skilled professionals who will drive the future of the semiconductor industry. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our community and our industry."

Capital Region Economic Development Council Co-Chairs Ruth Mahoney and Dr. Havidán Rodríguez said, "The Capital Region is a hub for many of New York State's high-growth industries, from biotech to semiconductors, and this new STEM Education Center at Hudson Valley Community College will broaden the pathways to jobs and opportunity. Along with our state and industry partners, we have supported investments in workforce development that will continue to build a skilled talent pipeline and boost the regional economy."

About Hudson Valley Community College

Founded in 1953, Hudson Valley Community College is the largest community college in upstate New York and offers more than 80 degree and certificate programs in three schools: Business and Liberal Arts; Health Sciences; and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM); and also administers the Educational Opportunity Center for academic and



career training at no cost to those who qualify. One of 30 community colleges in the SUNY system, Hudson Valley enrolls more than 19,000 students in credit and non-credit courses and is a recognized leader in distance learning and workforce development. The college has more than 90,000 alumni. To learn more, please visit www.hvcc.edu.

About The State University of New York

The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive system of higher education in the United States, and more than 95 percent of all New Yorkers live within 30 miles of any one of SUNY's 64 colleges and universities. Across the system, SUNY has four academic health centers, five hospitals, four medical schools, two dental schools, a law school, the country's oldest school of maritime, the state's only college of optometry, and manages one US Department of Energy National Laboratory. In total, SUNY serves about 1.4 million students amongst its entire portfolio of credit- and non-credit-bearing courses and programs, continuing education, and community outreach programs. SUNY oversees nearly a quarter of academic research in New York. Research expenditures system-wide are nearly \$1.1 billion in fiscal year 2023, including significant contributions from students and faculty. There are more than three million SUNY alumni worldwide, and one in three New Yorkers with a college degree is a SUNY alum. To learn more about how SUNY creates opportunities, visit www.suny.edu.

### DISTRICT FISH STOCKING PROGRAM

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is having our Fall Fish Stocking Program. If you are interested in stocking your pond with crappie, catfish, bass, minnows, sunfish, trout or grass carp, call us at (845) 292-6552 and request an order form to be mailed to you or go to our website at sullivanswcd.org. The District will be accepting orders until Friday, September 20th 2024.

### **DEC Forest Rangers -** Week in Review

**Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions** 

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate, and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

Town of Indian Lake Hamilton County Wilderness Rescue: On Sept. 6 at 1:40 p.m., Ray Brook Dispatch received a call from Hamilton County 911 about an SOS beacon that had been activated on the Northville Placid Trail in the Blue Ridge Wilderness. A 70-year-old from Pennsylvania had fallen approximately 10 feet while transitioning from a foot bridge to the trail and landed head-first in a rock pile. A member of his hiking party is a wilderness first responder and reported head and possible spinal cord injuries. At 2:30 p.m., Forest Rangers Milano and Snye reached the subject. A total of seven Rangers used a backpack litter to carry the subject 1.5 miles to Indian Lake EMS and a LifeNet helicopter, which flew the patient to the hospital. Resources were clear at 5:30 p.m.

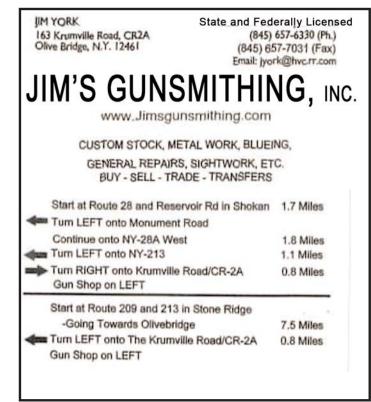
Town of North Elba Essex County Wilderness Rescue: On Sept. 3 at 2 p.m., Ray Brook Dispatch received a call about a hiker with an ankle injury approximately three miles from the summit of Mount Jo. Forest Rangers Curcio, Evans, and Rooney hiked in and assisted the 33-year-old from Canada back to his campsite where he decided to seek further medical attention on his own. Resources were clear at 4:30 p.m.

Town of Piercefield St. Lawrence County Wilderness Search: On Sept. 4 at 10 p.m., New York State Police was notified about a missing hiker on the Mount Arab trail. Forest Rangers Benzel and Corey interviewed the missing subject's hiking companion who said the pair became separated on the way down the trail. At 11:15 p.m., Ranger Corey located the 45-year-old from Croghan. Rangers Corey and Ellis assisted the subject to an ambulance at the trailhead. Piercefield EMS warmed the subject and released her back to her hiking partner. Resources were clear at 12:32 a.m.

Town of Harrietstown Franklin County Wilderness Search: On Sept. 4 at 10:15 p.m., Ray Brook Dispatch notified Forest Ranger Corey of an overdue hiker in the Seward Mountain Range. The hiker's friend called to report the 23-year-old from Massachusetts was hiking alone and should have been back by 7:30 p.m. At 11:14 p.m., Ranger Ordway located the missing hiker's vehicle at the Seward Mountain trailhead. Rangers Corey and Nahor joined the search. At 2:01 a.m., Rangers located the subject at the Calkins Brook trail. While hiking down earlier in the evening, the hiker ran out of daylight and her phone died, which was her only source for navigation and light. Rangers reached the trailhead with the hiker at 2:50 a.m.

While phones can be useful, in the wilderness they can lose their charge quickly. It is important to have a map and compass and know how to use them. A headlamp or other light source is also a necessity; phones should not be relied on for light. Hikers are advised to 'Hike Smart' and prepare before a hike. Visit Hike Smart NY to learn more.

Town of Keene Essex County Wilderness Rescue: On Sept. 7 at 11:45 a.m., Ray Brook Dispatch received a call from a hiker who could



### Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge

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not continue hiking on Lower Wolfjaw Mountain and reported extreme fatigue. Forest Rangers Curcio and Rooney reached the 22-year-old from Troy and assisted him and his hiking partner back to the road and their vehicle. Resources were clear at 3:35 p.m.

It's important to train for a hike prior to attempting a high peak. Starting with easier hikes and working up to the High Peaks is encouraged. If a hiker realizes the hike is more than they can handle, they should turn around and try again another day rather than pushing limits and needing to call for a rescue.

Town of Hunter Greene County Wilderness Search: On Sept. 8 at 5 p.m., Forest Rangers Fox and Seeley responded to a call for a hiker who got lost descending Kaaterskill High Peak. Ranger Lieutenant Breigle made phone contact with the subject and determined he was on a snowmobile trail. Rangers located the hiker and led him out of the woods. Resources were clear at 7:26 p.m.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

f a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.



### Tri-Valley Reunion - Classes of 1964, 1965 and 1966

will celebrate
58, 59 and 60 years of memories
from Tri-Valley School!

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Change of Venue - Health-wise the BBQ at the Fairgrounds has been moved to the cafeteria at Tri-Valley High School. Same time. The EEE virus spread by mosquitos is our safety concern.

Dates: Monday, September 23 – Wednesday, Sept 25, 2024

**Lodging:** A block of rooms has been reserved for Tri-Valley reunion participants at the Resorts World Catskills a./k/a Monticello Casino

• 833-586-9358; Booking Code 2411

There are other hotels/accommodations in the area if you choose

### **Events:**

### Monday, September 23, 2024

- 3:00 Check-in and/or join us at the Main Lobby of the Casino
- The reunion will begin at Resort's World Casino with a **Meet and Greet** in the Alder Annex. There will be No-Host Mexican fare and bar options available.

### Tuesday, September 24, 2024

- 12 Noon Tour of Grahamsville's "Time and the Valleys" Museum and the Daniel Pierce Library (\$5.00 Museum donation)
- 4:00 Guided Tour of Tri-Valley Central School "A Trip Down Memory Lane"
- 5:30 Join your classmates at the <u>Tri-Valley School Cafeteria</u> for <u>Brisket and Rotisserie Chicken</u> <u>Dinner</u> catered by the Neversink General Store. Dinner cost will be covered by each guest, the amount to be determined by September 10th as the final count is made.

### Wednesday, September 25, 2024

• 11:00 Meet at the **Museum at Bethel Woods** for a tour and light brunch at !2:30 - courtesy of Sandra Bertholf Gerry. Farewells will follow:

Contacts: Peggy La Polt Mumford

(508) 241-0301

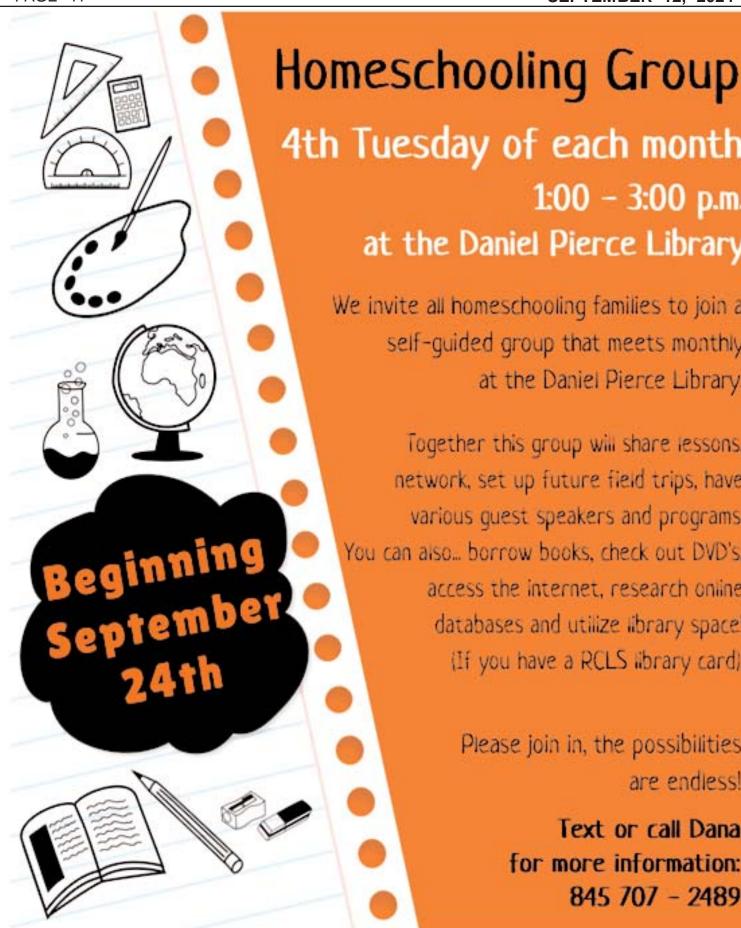
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Eric Bernstein (815) 531-2705 ebernste@me.com



Saturday, September 14, 2024 ~ 4 -7 PM

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JOHN BARNUM 845-985-7065



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

# Applications Open Sept. 17 for \$5M in Grants to Homeowners for 'Plus One' Home Program

### Public Workshops Planned for Incomequalified homeowners to Build Affordable Accessory Dwelling Units

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County is partnering with RUPCO and eight municipalities to launch Round 2 of the 'Plus One' Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program, which provides financial assistance to Ulster County homeowners for the construction or rehabilitation of code-compliant ADUs. The program is made possible through a \$5 million award secured by the Ulster County Planning Department from New York State Homes and Community Renewal.

The partnering municipalities include the City of Kingston, Towns of Lloyd, Rosendale, Saugerties, Ulster, Woodstock, and Villages of Ellenville and New Paltz. Partnering municipalities were selected due to their ADU-friendly zoning policies and access to public water and sewer systems, which significantly enhances ADU feasibility and cost-effectiveness. Applicants' properties must be located in one of these eight municipalities to qualify for funding, with approximately five grants awarded to homeowners in each municipality.

Applications for Round 2 of the program will open on September 17 and close on November 18. The program has a priority application window of October 14; applications submitted on or before October 14 that are "shovel-ready" projects (i.e., where the homeowner is prepared to submit or has submitted planning/building permits for the project) will be prioritized for funding. Applications can be found on the RUPCO website, here: https://rupco.org/plusone.

Eligible homeowners earning 100% or less of Ulster County's Area Median Income (i.e., \$111,700 for a 4-person household, \$78,200 for a 1-person household), can apply for up to approximately \$125,000 for ADU construction or rehabilitation through the program. In return, participants agree to rent the unit at an affordable rate (Fair Market Rent) to income-eligible tenants for a minimum of 10 years. Priority will be given to households who choose to rent to residents earning up to 60% of Ulster County Area Median Income. Homeowners can also use the unit to house a family member.

To learn more about the program and how to apply, the Ulster County Planning Department will be hosting a series of workshops in September and October for interested homeowners:

- o Village of New Paltz and Town of Lloyd ADU Workshop Wednesday, September 18, 7 PM at the Village of New Paltz Town Hall, 25 Plattekill Ave, New Paltz
- o Town of Rosendale Tuesday, September 24, 6 PM at the Rosendale Community Center, 1055 NY-32, Rosendale
- o Village of Ellenville Wednesday, September 25, 6 PM at the Ellenville Village Office Public Meeting Room, 2 Elting Ct #2, Ellenville
- o City of Kingston and Town of Ulster ADU Workshop Thursday, September 26, 6 PM at the Kingston Library, 61 Crown St, Kingston o Town of Woodstock Tuesday, October 1, 6 PM at the Woodstock Community Center, 56 Rock City Rd, Woodstock

o Town of Saugerties - Monday, October 7, 6 PM at the Saugerties Library Community Room, 91 Washington Ave, Saugerties

Additionally, on Sept. 17, at 7 PM, the Ulster County Legislature will hold a public hearing on the passage of Real Property Tax Exemption 421-P\*2, which would provide a 5-year tax exemption on the capital improvements associated with the construction of an ADU.

"This program is a big win for our communities, expanding housing availability while also providing homeowners with supplemental income to pay the bills," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "We're happy to once again partner with RUPCO in administering this program, and we thank the New York State Homes and Community Renewal for the \$5 million award, and to the Ulster County Planning Department for our successful application."

"The ADU 'Plus One' program is a great way for homeowners to benefit while also helping to chip away at the housing crisis," said Abe Uchitelle, Ulster County Legislator and Chair of the Health, Human Services and Housing Committee. "It's a true team effort between property owners, local municipalities, and the County - a win-win-win."

"One of the most effective methods of building affordable housing is expanding the number of Accessory Dwelling Units in the County. In many municipalities, residential properties have the right to have either an attached or detached ADU. However, one of the barriers to adding an ADU is the upfront construction cost. The ADU 'Plus One' program can help homeowners to overcome this barrier," said Ulster County Legislator Jeff Collins. "While the 'Plus One' program will not solve our housing affordability issues, it is a powerful tool that can help existing homeowners while providing additional housing."

"We are thrilled that Ulster County is continuing the 'Plus One' program to support low- and middle-income families to build accessory dwelling units and create affordable housing," said Kingston Mayor Steve Noble. "Kingston is proud to be one of the eight communities that welcomes ADUs and the opportunity to create density. Thanks to County Executive Jen Metzger and RUPCO for partnering with us on this program!"

Before applying for the grant, applicants are expected to carefully consider the siting, design, construction, and permitting of the ADU as well as potential additional financing beyond the grant needed for construction. Homeowners interested in the program should first reach out to their local planning and/or building department to confirm whether they are permitted to build an ADU on their property as well as what siting and design criteria they will need to meet based on their specific property.

BACKGROUND:

In Round 1 of the Ulster County 'Plus One' ADU Program, 14 recipients were selected from a pool of over 100 applicants. During Round 1 of the program, a design competition was held to create low-cost and sustainable ADU building plans. Thanks to funding from the City of Kingston's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), these resources are freely available to all Ulster County residents and can be found here: https://engagekingston.com/adu-design-competition.

An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) refers to all forms of additional housing units on residential properties, which can be either attached (internal) to the primary residence (like a basement apartment) or detached (external) from it (such as a garage conversion or cottage). ADUs offer numerous benefits, including providing rental income to homeowners and offering affordable housing options for renters within residential neighborhoods. Additionally, ADUs can support older residents in aging in place by providing a suitable living arrangement. The 'Plus One' ADU Program prioritizes expanding access to equity-building tools, such as secondary rental apartments, particularly for low and moderate-income homeowners. Emphasis is placed on supporting historically disadvantaged communities and locations with existing water and sewer infrastructure.

The 'Plus One' ADU Program aligns with the County and State's aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050. Secondary apartment units typically require fewer building materials, energy, and land than traditional home construction methods. Additionally, when situated in or near towns and village centers, ADUs can enhance opportunities for walking, biking, and accessing public transit services compared to traditional single-family homes. To discover more about the 'Plus One' ADU Program, visit https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/plus-one.



# October 5, 2024 5:30 pm

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From 10-6

Be part of a fun day filled with tractors, farm machinery displays and demonstrations;
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\*\*\*For more information on how to become a vendor or if you have any antique household & small farm equipment you want to display contact Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401 OR at cherwoehl@gmail.com \*\*\*

(LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER)

### MONTIGRAM President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James



Gregg Korner started the Monticello Rotary Club Walk to End Alzheimer's Campaign off with a big bang sharing with the club the amazing work being accomplished in District 7210 and by the Monticello Club. Raising about 12% of all the monies from Rotary in the country, he said his goal is to ensure that Rotary leads the charge of wiping out Alzheimer's just like Rotary was instrumental in eradicating Polio.

Meg Boyce, Alzheimer's Association of the Mid-Hudson Vice President for Programs and Services shared data from the area on how and why Sullivan County reporting of Alzheimer's cases appear low. The specialty medical professionals are not available in Sullivan County to get an accurate accounting. Especially with the aging population of the county, it is important that loved ones learn and recognize the warning signs to ensure quick diagnoses and means for treatment.

The Monticello Team Rotary Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 10am at Bethel Woods. Come join us for the Walk and/or make your donation today to support the Monticello Rotary Team at by clicking here:

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Our next big event around the corner is our Annual Scholarship Golf Outing to be held on September 14, 2024 at Tarre Brae Golf Course. Please reach out to Chair Bob Ernst and Randy Katz for more information. We are seeking Raffle Baskets, Foursomes, Sponsors, and Day of Event Volunteers. Please help us to secure the funds for our Scholarship Foundation and find your way to assist for this event. Please remember to bring your Raffle Prize for the Golf Tournament to the Meeting or Contact Lori to make arrangments for pick-up.

Committee Meeting Reminder: There will be a Food Drive Committee Meeting at 5:30 before the Regular Club Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at Albella. Please let Cris Spinner know if you are unable to attend.

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

Dates to Remember can be found below.

Agenda for September 10, 2024

- 1. Meeting Called to Order President Lori Orestano-James
- 2. Pledge Of Allegiance Past President Barbara Carr
- 3. Introduction of Guests of Members Full Membership
- 4. Guest Speaker Dr. Bethany England All Kids Can Learn: NCA Adaptive AYM Program
- 5. Committee Reports:

Scholarship Golf Outing - Bob Ernst & Randy Katz 9/14/24 FBG at Forestburgh - 9/21/24 Brad Rutledge

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Alzheimer's Walk at Bethel Woods 9/28/24 at 10am Barbara Carr

Joint Club Blood Drive (Lori James) - The Krissy Walsh Memorial Blood Drive - September 30, 2024. Noon - 6pm, Resorts World Epicenter https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/317712

Community Unity - Lori Orestano-James 10/5/24

Rotary Radio - Rick Stein

6. Regional Updates/District Updates - Youth Exchange (YEX) Orientation

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Happy Dollars

10. 50/50 Raffle

11. Adjourn

Link for Zoom Meeting Sign-on: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506100931?pwd=MUNmWnhZan R6M21CSy9McjNQSTBudz09

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar: Annual Scholarship Golf Outing - September 14, 2024 PLEASE BRING YOUR RAFFLE PRIZE FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT TO THE MEETING

Far Beyond Gone - Forestburgh Playhouse Tavern - September 21, 2024 (Link above and in story below)

Alzheimer's Walk - September 28, 2024 10am - Bethel Woods Rotary Joint Club Krissy Walsh Memorial Blood Drive, September, 30, 2024, Noon-6pm. Resorts World Epicenter.

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/317712

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

Rotary Joint Club Blood Drive in Memory of Krissy Walsh

"Rise and Grind" by registering to give the gift of life in memory of a community leader and friend during the Rotary Joint Club Blood Drive in Memory of Krissy Walsh taking place from Noon until 6pm at Resorts World Catskills Epicenter on September 30, 2024.

Krissy was a strong spirit who believed in helping others be their best. Her energy was boundless, and she would want us to remember that giving to and helping others makes our commu-

nity strong.

"An initiative of Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick is Mental Health an the stigma associated with it. We are humbled that Krissy's dad, Paul Walsh, daughter, Paige Gallet, and her family have given us their blessing to honor Krissy's memory in this way during Suicide Prevention Month," said Monticello Rotary President and Blood Drive Co-Chair, Lori Orestano-James. "We need to "Start the Conversation" so nobody feels alone."

"So many of her friends and those who knew her have been trying to find a way to give back to recognize her life accomplishments. The Monticello, Liberty, and Livingston Manor Rotary Clubs hope this Blood Drive will do just that," said Liberty Rotary Co-President and Blood Drive Co-Chair Gary Silverman.

Each pint of blood donated saves three lives. Those lives saved in Krissy's name would be a moving and wonderful way to honor the memory of someone who gave back to so many in life.

Please register today. Come and share your stories about Krissy or learn about her great work in our community, as you help to honor her memory while doing good in saving lives.

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/317712

# Time and the Valleys Museum



### Connecting Water, People & the Catskills

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   Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the
   Catskill Watersheds
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### NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE O

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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.

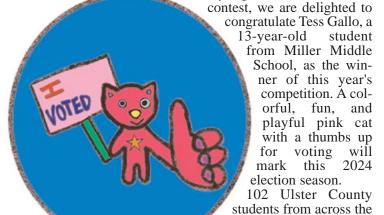
Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com



### Ulster County Board of Elections Announces Winner of the 2024 "I Voted" Sticker Contest

The Ulster County Board of Elections is pleased to announce the winner of the 2024 "I Voted" Sticker Contest. After an enthusiastic response from the community and exceptionally high voter turnout in the



designs in 2024, the highest number of submissions to date. Online voting during the month of July garnered 9152 unique votes for the six finalist's designs. Gallo's "I Voted" sticker artwork will be produced and distributed at all early voting centers starting Saturday, October 26th, allowing our community members to proudly display their civic pride when they participate in early voting. Additionally, these stickers will be available at all poll sites on Election Day, November 5th, ensuring that every voter on Election Day can help promote

county submitted unique "I Voted" election sticker

This competition showcases the creativity and talent of our local youth who have a lot to say about why voting matters. Tess Gallo's outstanding design will be a fun way to celebrate their contributions. In recognition of her fun design to encouraging civic participation, Tess will be honored with the prestigious "Pride of Ulster County" Award at an upcoming meeting of the Ulster County legislature. This award highlights her dedication to fostering civic engagement and making a positive impact on our community.

voting on this important day.

The Ulster County Board of Elections would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Tess Gallo for her winning design. We would also like to express our gratitude to the other finalists and all the talented students who submitted their artwork for this year's contest. We are honored to work with so many young people who want to make a difference.

The annual "I Voted" sticker contest is an integral part of our youth engagement program, and it is through initiatives like these that we hope to inspire the next generation of active and informed citizens. We look forward to opening submissions for next year's sticker contest in early 2025, providing another opportunity for our local students to showcase their artistic talents and commitment to civic involvement. For more information, visit the Student Resources section of the Ulster County Board of Elections website at Voteulster.com, call 845.334.5470, or email Elections@co.ulster.ny.us.

# Ulster County Awards Solar & EV Charging Grants to 10 Municipalities

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has notified 10 local governments across Ulster County of their successful application to the County's Solar & Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (SEVI) program, which committed \$2.5 million of the County's American Rescue Plan Act funds to support clean energy investments by local governments that reduce reliance on fossil fuels and help mitigate climate change.

The SEVI program offered grants capped at \$100,000 to municipalities for solar, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, or both, and required a 50% local match (federal, state, and other funding can be included in the match). Applications to the program were accepted from May 20 to July 19.

In total, 11 applications were received from 10 municipalities, including the Town and Village of New Paltz, Lloyd, Hurley, Marbletown, Marlborough, Rosendale, Shandaken, the City of Kingston, as well as two applications from the Town of Ulster for separate solar projects that together will receive the maximum award of \$100,000.

All funded solar projects will collectively generate 1,597,028 kWh annually, which will eliminate approximately 1,115 metric tons of CO2 emissions.

The County plans to announce a second round of applications for municipally-owned EV charging facilities, and will dedicate any

remaining funds to planned County solar projects.

"Having served in local government in Rosendale for many years, I know how impactful these additional resources can be in helping communities reach their climate and clean energy goals, and I'm thrilled that the County can support these local efforts with American Rescue Plan Act funds," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "These local projects will not only reduce climate-damaging emissions but also provide long-term savings to local governments and taxpayers, and I want to thank the Legislature's ARPA Committee and its Chair, Legislator Tom Corcoran, for championing this great program for our communities."

"The Solar & Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (SEVI) program is a landmark initiative for Ulster County, demonstrating our commitment to clean energy and sustainability," said Legislator Tom Corcoran, ARPA Committee Chair. "By allocating \$2.5 million from the American Rescue Plan Act funds, we are enabling local governments to significantly reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. The projects funded through this program will generate over 1.5 million kWh annually, marking a substantial step towards mitigating climate change. This collective effort underscores the importance of local action in achieving our environmental goals."

"This program is a huge win for our towns and our residents," said Megan Sperry, Ulster County Legislature Vice Chair. "In the near future, our municipalities will see a reduction in overhead costs and our residents will be able to charge their vehicles at work or closer to home, while also reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. I'm heartened by the interest for this grant opportunity across the county - congratulations to the 10 municipalities who were awarded the grant! I'm also excited to see how this program impacts the way that we think about solar and energy efficiency."

"Thank you County Executive Metzger and the Ulster County Legislature, for awarding grant funds to 10 municipalities for renewable energy projects on municipal properties," said Marbletown Supervisor Rich Parete. "Your support is instrumental in advancing sustainable practices and fostering a greener future for our communities." (Contd. Pg. 51)

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(From Pg. 50) "The Town of Marlborough appreciates the County having these grants available to all municipalities. Working together to make our Country even better is what it's all about," said Marlborough Supervisor Scott Corcoran. "This specific grant will help our town tremendously with the cost of installing solar panels on our new Community Center. It will definitely help with lowering our utility cost and helping the environment at the same time. Working together with our counterparts at the County is a win-win for the taxpayers of Marlborough and Ulster County."

"The Town of Rosendale is grateful for the \$100,000 award from Ulster County," said Rosendale Supervisor Jeanne Walsh. "Thank you to County Executive Metzger and the Ulster County Legislators. Rosendale will partner with the Town of Marbletown to provide solar at the Rondout Municipal Center. Thank you also for the award that was given to the High Falls Water District through the Town of Marbletown as that will also benefit some Rosendale residents."

For more information on the Solar & Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program, visit:

https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/solar-ev-grants.

### During Hunger Action Month, Governor Hochul Launches \$10 Million Program to Increase Food Access for New Yorkers

During Hunger Action Month, Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the new \$10 million Food Access Expansion Grant Program to help increase food access for New Yorkers living in areas without grocery stores and options for healthy, affordable food. The program will provide infrastructure funding to support the development and expansion of supermarkets, food cooperatives, permanent farm stands, and other retail food stores in underserved regions of the state while also increasing markets for New York farmers. The application period for the program opens today, and additional information can be found here. https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0332-food-access-expansion-grant-program

"The Food Access Expansion Grant Program will support critical projects that will help us reach our goals of offering healthy, affordable food for our families," Governor Kathy Hochul said. "Too often, families are faced with little to no options in their community to purchase fresh, local food that is also in their budget. This program will provide resources to assist with the upgrading of food stores and farm stands, and provide them with the capacity to prepare and sell locally

sourced food while also supporting our farmers.'

According to a report from the Office of the State Comptroller, between 2019 and 2021, approximately 10 percent of New Yorkers, or some 800,000 households, experienced food insecurity and struggled with food affordability. Grants through the Food Access Expansion Grant program will range from \$250,000 to \$3 million and will be awarded to eligible applicants for projects that increase the availability of food, whether through construction of a new retail store, the purchase of equipment to improve food and meals offered, or the creation of a mobile market and more. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to the following:

- o Start-up, improvement or expansion of a retail food store.
- o Construction or upgrades of a commercial kitchen for food preparation, processing, and preservation for on-site sale or delivery.

- o Purchase of kitchen equipment for the preparation, preservation and sale of ready-made food and/or shelf-stable whole foods.
- Construction or upgrades of retail food storage space, including cold storage expansion.
- Purchase of equipment for on-site food storage, processing or handling.
- Purchase of and/or expansion of retail refrigeration and market displays.

Creation or expansion of mobile markets.

Eligible entities to receive this funding include nonprofit organizations, public benefit corporations, local or regional development corporations, tribal governments, and local and municipal government agencies. Eligible applicants may partner with for-profit retailers.

A webinar with additional information on the Food Access Expansion Grant Program will take place on Thursday, September 26 at 12 p.m. Registration is available online. The deadline to apply for the grant is Friday, November 22, 2024. Additional information can be found here. https://agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities

All questions about this funding opportunity must be submitted in writing to mary.clark-smith@agriculture.ny.gov.

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Every person, no matter their income or where they live, deserves to eat fresh, nutritious food and have an affordable place to shop for groceries in their community. Closing the gap on food insecurity is a top priority, especially in an Agriculture State like New York with a homegrown food supply as incredible as the one we have. The Food Access Expansion Grant Program will be an important tool in this fight, helping to expand food access in underserved communities across our state, including investing money back into our local farms. I thank the Governor for her partnership and look forward to seeing these grants connect the dots between locally-sourced food and families in need."

The Food Access Expansion Grant Program is the newest initiative in an array of programs implemented by New York State to build a more resilient food system. New York continues to support several groundbreaking programs that focus on improving access to locally grown foods through its 2025 Budget, including the Nourish NY program, the 30 Percent NYS School Initiative for school meals, and the Farm-to School program. Additionally, this year's Budget included the second round of funding as part of the Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program, which provides \$50 million over five years to support regional cooking facilities that will facilitate the use of fresh New York State farm products in meal preparation for K-12 school children.

These investments build on the Governor's commitment to boost demand for New York agricultural products, bolster New York's food supply chain, and ensure all New Yorkers can access fresh, local foods. This includes the Governor's Executive Order 32 directing State agencies to increase the percentage of food sourced from New York farmers and producers to 30 percent of their total purchases within five years and raising the discretionary threshold for schools to purchase local food and food products from \$20,000 to \$150,000, a significant increase from that prior threshold.

New York State continues to prioritize increasing access to food for all New Yorkers through a number of programs and initiatives, including the enhanced FreshConnect Fresh2You initiative, the Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs and the recently announced increased benefit for WIC participants, the Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grants Programs, and more. The Department also administers the New York Food for New York Families program, a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-funded program that provides a boost to New York farmers, increases communities' access to local foods and further strengthens New York's food system.

Learn about the Department's programs and initiatives focused on providing new markets for farmers, increasing food access to underserved communities, and building healthier communities.



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

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

1. Modernizing New York's airports

New York's airports welcome millions of travelers each year and Kirsten is committed to making sure they have up-to-date infra-structure so passengers can travel safely and comfortably.

This week, Kirsten announced nearly \$60 million in federal funding to modernize facilities and boost airfield safety at 26 airports across New York State. The funding will help support projects that expand terminals, rehabilitate taxiways, and modernize airfield signage.

2. Interested in military service academies?

Interested in attending one of the nation's service academies? This month, Kirsten's office will be hosting military service academy information nights across New York State for students, parents, and academic counselors to learn more about the process of applying to our nation's military service academies. The information nights will be held in:

Western New York on Tuesday, September 10th. Learn more and RSVP here.

Rochester on Thursday, September 12th. Learn more and RSVP here.

Long Island on Friday, September 13th. Learn more and RSVP here.

Lower Hudson Valley on Wednesday, September 18th. Learn more and RSVP here.

Albany on Wednesday, September 18th. Learn more and RSVP here.

New York City on Tuesday, September 24th. Learn more and RSVP here.

Syracuse on Monday, September 30th. Learn more and RSVP here.

Visit Kirsten's Service Academy Nomination page online at gillibrand.senate.gov/help/academy-nominations/ for more information.

3. Boosting roadway safety

Kirsten is committed to improving safety on New York's roads and preventing future traffic tragedies.

This week, as a direct result of Kirsten's work to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, she secured over \$36 million in federal funding to make New York roads safer for drivers, commuters, pedestrians, and cyclists.

4. Bringing federal \$\$\$ home to NY

Kirsten is dedicated to bringing federal dollars home to New York.

Just this week, she secured:

Nearly \$13 million for the Oneida Nation to install EV charging stations in the Mohawk Valley. Read more.

\$7.6 million for the Syracuse Fire Department to hire and train the next generation of firefighters. Read more.

5. Results for constituents

When a Monroe County constituent needed help to get updates on his appeal for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and to reinstate his Medicare health insurance coverage, he contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted the Social Security Administration, and his SSDI and Medicare benefits were retroactively restored.

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

6. Cheering on the Bills!

And finally, with the Bills set to kick off their regular season this upcoming Sunday, Kirsten is ready to cheer on the team all season long!



After a busy couple of weeks, I'm grateful to have been back home in the Hudson Valley, hearing directly from you and delivering for our communities' priorities. From securing funding to bolster our fire departments to celebrating the Hudson Valley's invaluable place in American history, here's a look at how I'm fighting for NY-18 as the summer nears its end:

### DELIVERING FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS

Our firefighters are heroes, working around the clock with the sole focus of protecting others. I'm proud to have secured \$355,676 in federal funding for the Esopus Fire District and New Windsor's Quassaick Bridge Fire District and Vails Gate Fire Company to invest in workforce recruitment and retention strategies.

This funding will go a long way to ensure that New Windsor and Esopus can continue to field the most highly-trained, committed force of firefighters to protect our families today and into the future. I'll keep fighting to deliver the resources our brave first responders need to keep our communities safe.

UNVEILING MY YOUTH AGENDA TO FULLY SUPPORT HUDSON VALLEY KIDS

Our kids are facing so many challenges - from the mental health crisis to preparing to enter an increasingly competitive workforce, we've got to make sure we're fully supporting them.

As both a dad and a Representative, unveiling my Youth Agenda is deeply personal to me.

I worked with students, parents, and teachers from across NY-18 to outline how we can tackle these issues head-on. This agenda is all about giving our kids even more opportunities than their parents and grandparents had before them. Read more about it here.

### COMING TOGETHER WITH NY-18 FAITH LEADERS AND THE LEGENDARY REP. JAMES CLYBURN

It was an absolute honor to have the legendary Representative James Clyburn of South Carolina attend Pastor Bottoms' service at Beulah Baptist Church and then join faith leaders from across the region in Newburgh to discuss our joint work to deliver for the entire Hudson Valley community.

A huge thank you to Bishop Woody for hosting, Pastor McLymore for leading the conversation, Pastor Bottoms for an awe-inspiring service, and to everyone in the community who joined for a day that none of us are soon to forget.

### HEARING DIRECTLY FROM YOU

Hearing directly from you is how I can best fight for your priorities in Congress. A huge thank you to everyone who joined my telephone town hall - I truly valued hearing from so many of you.

If you couldn't join, please know my team I always want to hear from you and assist you in any way we can, please reach out at 845-443-2930 or at patryan.house.gov

Read more about the telephone town hall here. https://midhudsonnews.com/2024/09/04/cost-of-housing-food-and-healthcare-top-residents-concerns-to-rep-ryan/

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Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 52) PRESERVING HUDSON VALLEY HISTORY

The Hudson Valley is the proud home of some of our nation's most remarkable and consequential history.

I'm proud to have delivered \$124,611 in federal funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for Historic Huguenot Street to develop a new interpretive plan and improved preservation work and \$10,000 for Women's Studio Workshop to assist small and mid-sized institutions with preservation work so that the Hudson Valley's rich history can be cherished for generations to come. Watch here. https://x.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/1828882288660361672

### SUPPORTING RESEARCH IN THE HUMANITIES

The Hudson Valley is also home to some of the brightest minds in research and innovation, which is why I'm also proud to have secured National Endowment for the Humanities funding for two extremely deserving initiatives at Bard College.

\$500,000 will go towards the development of a new research center focused on exploring the ethical, legal, or societal implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and \$74,445 will launch a new initiative that creatively re-envisions archives and the reliance of small institutions on external data storage providers while also significantly cutting overall contribution to institutional carbon footprint, including by designing a "solar serve."

A huge congratulations to these researchers - I'm excited to hear about the projects' progress in the years to come! STANDING STRONG WITH OUR UNIONS

Unions are the backbone of America.

On last week's Labor Day and every day, we honor their contributions to our nation and recommit to protecting workers everywhere.

I hope everyone had a happy and restful Labor Day spent with friends, family, and community.

### MAY THEIR MEMORY BE A BLESSING

Last week's news of Hamas' barbaric execution of six innocent hostages, including American Hersh Goldberg-Polin, was absolutely heartbreaking.

Rebecca and I have Hersh's family in our prayers, as well as the five other families who found out their loved ones would never be coming home.

May their memories be a blessing.

HELPING SENIORS ACCESS SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

I'm fighting to strengthen Social Security and Medicare and make them more accessible for every Hudson Valley senior.

That's why I launched the C.A.R.E.S. Van Social Security and Medicare tour to bring direct assistance from my team of caseworkers, the Social Security Administration, the Medicare, and dozens of community partners to seniors right in their own community.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined for the tour! If you need assistance, but couldn't make one of the events, please reach out to my team at (845)443-2930 or here on my website . https://patryan.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency

### BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Maria from my team had a great time helping Middletown families with everything from passports to IRS returns at the CARES Van's visit to the Middletown Farmers' Market, cheering on the Run 4 Downtown runners, and meeting with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County Master Gardeners.

Whether you need assistance with a federal agency, or just want to join my team for an afternoon, hope you'll join for one of September's events!

CÉLEBRATING THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S BIRTHDAY

A huge Happy 108th Birthday to the National Parks Service recently!

I celebrated by bringing home a \$750,000 NPS grant to rehabilitate Washington's Headquarters Historic Site in Newburgh - one of the many National Historic sites treasured by NY-18.

The funding comes from the NPS's Semiquincentennial Grant Program that is preparing for the celebration of America's 250th birthday in 2026 by funding the restoration of sites on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Site served as George Washington's headquarters from April 1, 1782, to August 19, 1783 during the Revolutionary War. Learn more about how you can visit the site here! https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/17/details.aspx

### WORKING TOGETHER TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

I'm inspired by the selflessness of the BOCES students donating their time and skills to the Rumshock Veterans Foundation's Veterans Village Project.

This is what the Hudson Valley is all about!

The Veterans Village Project is a profoundly deserving initiative and will tackle veteran homelessness in Orange County, which is why I fought tooth and nail to secure \$1 million for the project.

I'm looking forward to seeing the amazing work done by our BOCES students and the Rumshock Foundation! CONGRATULATING OUR NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

From one Eagle Scout to our nation's 28 newest ones - a huge congratulations!

It was an honor to celebrate the hard work, selfless service, and inspiring accomplishments of this year's Eagle Scout Class. You all have very bright futures ahead!

### GO ARMY, BEAT NAVY!

Incredible energy at Michie last week for West Point's first game of the year, a resounding 42-7 win!

Always good to see my friends Sheriff Figueroa and Iron Workers Business Manager Matt Stoddard, and extra special to run into former Joint Chiefs Chairman Dempsey.

### CHEERING ON A POUGHKEEPSIE HERO

I want to wish the best of luck to Poughkeepsie's own Victoria Isaacson as she represents the U.S. in the upcoming Paralympics in fencing.

Way to go Victoria, NY-18 is cheering for you! Read more about her story here.

https://midhudsonnews.com/2024/08/18/poughkeepsie-fencer-isaacson-set-to-compete-in-paralympics/?fbclid=IwY2xjawE-xbZleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHe6MgEMlcm98yg4bQIo36g1A4NVNiz18FN8YiiB4LVq4c97k4KAr2SjR3Q\_aem\_fmIJx83bBt56XvFfS9pwdA#google\_vignette

### FIGHTING FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY

We recently celebrated Women's Equality Day and the ratification of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote.

We must honor the women who fought for suffrage by recommitting to continuing the fight to advance and protect women's rights today and every day. (Contd. Pg. 54)

### Pat Ryan (From Pg. 53)

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) is pleased to announce the availability of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds. Learn more about the grant program here! Sub applications are due to DHSES no later than September 13, 2024.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is collaborating with the Cornell Cooperative and community organizations from across the Hudson Valley to develop an all-in-one Mid-Hudson Regional Clean Energy Hub. The Hub will help residents, businesses and communities navigate the abundance of new opportunities to save on energy costs and reap the benefits from the green economy. From tax credits for energy efficient appliances for households to grants for infrastructure repairs and upgrades for businesses, learn more about how the Hub can help you here. https://midhudsonenergychoices.org/

New York is now offering U.S. Department of Energy Home Energy Rebate Funding through its EmPower+ Program to help low- and moderate-income households save on energy costs and make home improvements that will build the value of their

home. The program includes:

- No-cost comprehensive home energy assessments to pinpoint where energy and dollars are being wasted and receive a customized plan to lower energy usage.

- No-cost direct install improvements identified during the assessment can be installed by participating program contrac-
- Funding toward the cost of energy efficiency improvements, including air sealing, insulation, heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and electrical service and wiring upgrades.

The program is open to income-eligible owners and renters of one- to four-family households. Click here for the EmPower+ https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/EmPower-New-York-Program/EmPower-Application

The Small Business Administration holds regular online trainings for both new and experienced small business owners. Explore and sign up for upcoming learning opportunities here! https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-

act-community-change-grants-program

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available through its Community Change Grants Program to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. This opportunity will be available for a year, closing on November 21, 2024, and EPA will review applications on a rolling basis. This allows applicants to utilize technical assistance and possibly resubmit a new application if not initially selected. EPA encourages applicants to apply as early as possible.

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

have a question or need assistance. You can reach us using the contact information above and below and we will do everything we can to connect you with the resources you need.

Please remember that my office is always here to help if you



We Must Investigate Governor Hochul

Under Governor Hochul's failed leadership, the Chinese Communist Party has successfully placed a spy at the highest levels of our state government. Operating under their influence, Linda Sun scrubbed anti-CCP or pro-Taiwan rhetoric from New York State officials' remarks, fraudulently used New York State resources to assist CCP officials in entering the United States, blocked meeting requests from anti-CCP or pro-Taiwan organizations, and leveraged her position for private material gain. This arrest also follows numerous reports that the CCP operates secret police stations in New York City to monitor, intimidate, and control Chinese New Yorkers, and New York State has yet to take serious action against these stations.

This week, I sent a leader demanding a thorough investigation be conducted to uncover the full extent of Sun's actions and their impact on our government and economy. It is imperative that no compromised CCP agents remain in the administration or are permitted to enter in the future. Read my full letter here.

https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evosubsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-mediadocument/Linda%20Sun%20Hochul%20Letter.pdf

READ MORE: House GOP presses Hochul on alleged CCP agent's influence in New York, including secret Chinese police https://www.foxnews.com/politics/house-gop-presseshochul-alleged-ccp-agents-influence-new-york-including-secretchinese-police-station

Calling for an IRS Investigation into Partisan Voter Registration Practices by the Voter Participation Center https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfBVeRtw4Y8

Tax exempt charitable organizations like the Voter Participation Center (VPC) are prohibited from engaging in partisan political activities that support or oppose any one party or candidate. Yet, the VPC is using targeted digital ads to register Democratic leaning voters but working to exclude groups of voters that are traditionally Republican. As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, VPC is required to conduct voter registration activities in a neutral and non-partisan manner. The organization has extensive financial ties to Democratic micro-targeting firms like the Pivot Group and Mission Control, which highlights potential bias in its voter registration efforts. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and the founder of the House Election Integrity Caucus, I am committed to preventing our tax code from being abused by partisan actors. This week, I sent a letter to the IRS, demanding they immediately investigate these allegations against the VPC and work to ensure all 501(c)(3) taxexempt organizations are complying with statutory requirements.

READ MORE: Congresswoman Demands IRS Investigation Into 'Non-Partisan' Charity That Excluded NASCAR Fans From Voter Registration Efforts

https://freebeacon.com/elections/congresswoman-demands-irsinvestigation-into-non-partisan-charity-that-excluded-nascarfans-from-voter-registration-efforts/

Securing our Borders and Supporting Law Enforcement Officers

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

### This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 54)

Since the start of the Biden-Harris administration, over 10 million illegal immigrants have entered our country, abusing our taxpayer-funded resources and wreaking havoc in our communities. Our law enforcement officers are also facing unprecedented challenges as violent crime surges and the Left seeks to undermine their ability to do their jobs safely and effectively.

This week, I unveiled my Border Security Plan and Law Enforcement Plan. My Border Security plan discusses the effective measures I am taking to secure our borders and protect our communities, while my Law Enforcement Plan underscores my steadfast support for our police officers and how I am working to provide them with the resources and tools they need to safely and effectively carry out their duties. My plans offer a commonsense approach to securing our borders, stopping the influx of illegal immigrants, and supporting the brave men and women in law enforcement. I am committed to holding criminals accountable and ensuring our nation's laws are are upheld.



### MOLINARO MEMO

Welcome to the Molinaro Memo: catching you up on my latest moves and work for Upstate New York

Introduced Bipartisan Bill Redirecting Confiscated Cartel Funds To Addiction Treatment Services Across Upstate NY

I stood at the Addiction Center of Broome County (ACBC) alongside local community leaders, substance use treatment providers & law enforcement to introduce my bipartisan Fentanyl Seizure and Health Recovery Act. My bill is simple, it takes seized assets from drug cartels and traffickers and gives them to substance use treatment centers like ACBC. It takes something bad and uses it for good.

### Called On FAA To Resume American Flights To Israel

American based air carriers have placed an indefinite hold on all flights to Israel. This has become a huge problem for many Upstate New Yorkers who have reached out to my office and is incredibly frustrating considering many non-American airlines continue to fly into Israel. I called out the Federal Aviation Administration for this absurd suspension of flights and to resume all American travel to Israel.

### Think DIFFERENTLY At LUMA Arts Festival In Binghamton

What an incredible experience at the LUMA Festival. Stunning artwork unlike I've ever seen before was projected onto historic buildings throughout Binghamton. We had our very own Think DIFFERENTLY exhibit on Court Street, where individuals with disabilities from local organizations showcased their work! Phenomenal night!

### **Around New York**

The 17th Gusto! Italian Fest in Endicott was truly a taste of Little Italy. Couldn't miss out on the best festival in town!

I had the absolute honor in Broome County presenting our courageous Vietnam War Veterans with a pin recognizing their service. Their sacrifice and fight will NEVER be forgotten by our grateful nation.

Great to be with Mulhern Gas Company in Hudson, a fifthgeneration family run business that's served our community for decades! Proud to have your exceptional customer service in Upstate NY.

Thanks to Ducommun Inc. for the tour of your facility. Amazing work is being done here to provide for our national aerospace and defense industries.

Enjoyed my visit at UHS Wilson Medical Center in Johnson City. Great to be with this team to discuss healthcare priorities for Broome County. I appreciate the amazing work done here every day by our healthcare workers & the vital care they provide for our community.

I joined local leaders and the Chamber of Commerce at their economic development roundtable in Chenango County to listen and learn about our next steps of growth for the county.

Thankful to receive the AbilityOne Championship award from the Association for Vision Rehabilitation and Employment (AVRE) for my fight to ensure individuals of every ability have the opportunity to succeed. I'm proud to be a leading advocate for the AbilityOne program in Congress, which provides employment opportunities for those with disabilities. Thank you to AVRE for the wonderful work you do across Upstate NY to support and provide for the visually impaired.

I visited Johnk Family Farm in Greenville to share updates on the 2024 Farm Bill. As a member on House Agriculture Committee, I was proud to fight for Upstate NY priorities in this vital bill. Thank you to Becky and Alex for having me at your beautiful family farm!

Great tour at DaVita Kidney Care in Ithaca. DaVita is committed to providing support and personalized care to all their patients. Thanks for your amazing work.

Visited Cornell University and toured the construction site for their new CIS building that will create an innovative space for future Computer Science students. Excited to see the progress of this important project that will offer another learning space and exceptional facility for students to thrive in.

As the school year is kicking off, I met with the new Cornell University President Michael Kotlikoff to discuss the year ahead, expanding educational opportunities for the region, the destructive antisemitic demonstrations still happening on campus and need to support their staff. Cornell must be a place where all students can grow and be protected on campus.

D & R Technical Solutions is committed to providing high quality service & products to businesses across the country. Thank you to the hard-working employees who strive for excellence in everything they do.



Visited Ellenville Regional Hospital and toured their facility. Outstanding work is done here to provide dependable and quality healthcare to our community.

For over 30 years, Optimum Window Corp. in Ellenville has been building steel windows and delivering beauty and style all over the country. Thanks to CJ Perez and Mayor Trent for the cool tour. (Contd. Pg. 561)

### MOLINARO MEMO (From Pg. 55)

The Catskills are known for their historic resorts and the Borscht Belt Museum preserves this legacy perfectly. So much history is embedded in these hills. Had a phenomenal tour in Ellenville at the museum!

Had a great day at the Columbia County Fair! So good to see everyone.

Firefighters keep our community out of harm's way every day. They deserve endless recognition for their work. Great to join the Fireman's awards at the Columbia County Fair to honor our community heroes!

Had an incredible day with the Hudson community, celebrating families who have been here for generations! The annual Hudson Family Reunion at Henry Hudson Riverfront Park is always a fun time catching up with old and new neighbors.

The dedication of the Greene County Volunteer Fire Association is outstanding. So grateful to have these brave first responders protecting our community. Great time at the parade in Cairo celebrating their service!

A food truck festival in Catskill? There's no way I could miss this. Such a fun day filled with great people and absolutely delicious food!

Attended the grand opening at the Obsidian Contemporary Art Gallery in Binghamton. Happy to have this masterpiece in town for everyone to enjoy!

### WITH NORTHERN BORDER CROSSINGS AT ALL TIME HIGH, MOLINARO INTRO-DUCES BIPARTISAN BILL TO STOP CRIMINALS & DEADLY DRUGS

Binghamton, NY - With illegal crossings at the northern border at an all time high, a Peruvian gang leader living in Broome County, and New York's 19th Congressional District becoming the epicenter of the opioid epidemic, U.S. Reps. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19), Chris Pappas (D-NH-1), and Claudia Tenney (R-NY-24) today announced the introduction of the Improving Coordination for the Northern Border Act.

Rep. Molinaro's bipartisan bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish a Northern Border Coordination Center to strengthen its Northern Border Strategy. This strategy utilizes partnerships between federal, state, and local law enforcement to stop drug trafficking as well as terrorist and criminal threats. The Center will serve as a training location for DHS personnel, as testing grounds for new border security technologies, and help coordinate all northern border security initiatives.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Record illegal crossings, record overdose deaths, terrorists crossing regularly, and a Peruvian gang leader captured in Endicott, NY. We can't afford to just focus on securing our southern border - we have to look north. This bipartisan bill will create a central hub to implement a Northern Border Strategy that prevents drugs and criminals from making it across the northern border and into our communities."

Rep. Pappas said, "Strengthening operations at our northern

border is critical to drug interdiction efforts and keeping dangerous substances out of our communities. The Coordination Center will provide a central hub for implementing the Northern Border Strategy, including enforcing our immigration laws and stemming illicit drug trafficking, while supporting coordination efforts between U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel, local law enforcement, and other partners. I thank Representatives Tenney and Molinaro for partnering with me on this bill, and I will continue fighting to pass legislation that supports and invests in border security, law enforcement, and anti-smuggling technology."

Rep. Tenney said, "There has been an unprecedented spike in illegal crossings at our Northern Border, including an 846% increase in one sector alone, putting our national security and community safety at risk. Additionally, 85% of suspected terrorists that have illegally crossed our borders have done so over the Northern Border. By establishing a Northern Border Coordination Center, we can enable the Department of Homeland Security to effectively implement the Northern Border Strategy to enhance training and information sharing among federal, state, local, and international partners and secure our Northern Border to help keep our Northern Border communities, including NY-24, safe."

### REP. MOLINARO BLASTS CUOMO FOR DEADLY NURSING HOME COVER UP

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today released a statement slamming New York Governor Andrew Cuomo on his deadly nursing home mandate. As a county executive, Rep. Molinaro fought back against Governor Cuomo's pandemic orders, and in Congress, he has worked with the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Cuomo and his team were involved in the decision to issue New York's disastrous March 25th Directive, and then, acted repeatedly to downplay the tragic aftermath of their decision. Testimony revealed in the Select Subcommittee's memo details how the former Governor's office made a deliberate decision to exclude scientifically significant nursing home related COVID-19 deaths from mortality rates and heavily edit official New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) documents to shift blame away

New evidence shows that former New York Governor Andrew

from Mr. Cuomo and his team. Read the key findings here. https://oversight.house.gov/release/new-covid-select-memo-exposes-former-new-york-governor-andrew-cuomo-reveals-interim-findings-of-covid-19-nursing-home-investigation/

Rep. Molinaro said, "As County Executive, I led efforts to help save lives while Governor Cuomo wielded power that risked people's lives. His deadly mandate sent COVID-positive patients back into nursing homes, and then his administration covered it up to save his reputation - all while writing a book for personal profit. The Select Subcommittee's findings are damning - Cuomo and his team knowingly manipulated the data, hid the truth, and betrayed thousands of New York families who lost loved ones. It's a disgrace."

Rep. Molinaro continued, "Now, in Congress, I'm making sure we hold those responsible accountable. No politician, no matter how powerful, should get away with endangering the lives of our seniors and lying to the public. I'll continue working with the House Committee on the Coronavirus to ensure these families get the answers and justice they deserve. We cannot allow these bureaucratic cover-ups and criminal negligence to go unanswered. The truth will come out, and we will make sure there are consequences."

### Ulster County to Host Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Event on Monday, September 16

KINGSTON, NY - The Offices of the Ulster County Executive and Youth Bureau will host a Hispanic Heritage Month ceremony on Monday, September 16, at 5-6 pm, on the first floor of the County Office Building at 244 Fair Street in Kingston. The free event marks the official kick-off to Hispanic Heritage Month, an annual celebration that runs from September 15 to October 15, honoring the rich history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. September 15 is a significant date marking the independence anniversaries of a number of Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, with Chile and Mexico celebrating their independence days shortly therefter.

The ceremony will include a formal Proclamation presented by Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, as well as brief cultural performances that highlight the rich traditions of the community, followed by a Parade of Flags representing diverse Hispanic nations. This gathering is a meaningful way to honor the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrate the unity and diversity within the Hispanic and Latino communities.

Event: Hispanic Heritage Proclamation Ceremony

Date: Monday, September 16, 2024

Time: 5:00-6:00 pm

Location: County Office Building, 1st Floor - 244 Fair Street,

Kingston NY, 12401

"Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and honoring this month with a Proclamation is more than a ceremony - it's a tribute to the rich tapestry of culture, history, and resilience that defines our community," said Sugely Melenciano-Weed, Ulster County Youth Bureau Director. "Through this event, we honor the past, embrace the present, and pave the way for a future where every voice is heard, and every story is celebrated."

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.

## New Citizens to Take Oath in Ulster County

Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck announces that a naturalization ceremony will take place at the historic Ulster County Courthouse on Wall Street in Kingston on Friday, September 6th at 11:00 a.m.

Approximately 25 new citizens will take their Oaths of Allegiance accepting the responsibilities of an American, while also gaining the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth. "It's a privilege to stand with these individuals as they take their final step toward U.S. citizenship," states Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck. "Their dedication is inspiring, and we're proud to welcome them into our community."

Several local elected officials and organizations will be helping to welcome the new citizens by awarding them with congratulatory certificates and providing them with useful resources and materials.

Presiding over the ceremony will be the Honorable Julian D. Schreibman, Justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Schreibman will be the keynote speaker welcoming our 25 participants as newly naturalized American Citizens.

For further information about the ceremony or other programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please call Acting County Clerk Taylor Bruck at (845) 340-3040

### The Fall Semester is beginning at MISU!

Lessons begin the week of September 8th.

Private lessons for all ages in violin, viola, piano, percussion, and guitar.

MISU Community String Ensemble will have an open rehears al on Sunday, September 8th at 6PM. All strings level 3 NYSMMA and above are welcome! This is an intergenerational ensemble.

Register for private lessons and orchestra now. For returning private lesson students, click here. For new private lesson students, click here to fill out our inquiry form prior to registering for lessons. For community orchestra, click here. Upcoming Events at MISU in September

Song Club with Debbie Lan will be on Saturday,

September 28th from 5-6:30 pm.

The audience is the choir!

Debbie Lan is a Choral director, Vocal Arranger, Musician and Songwriter who is passionate about singing with communities, helping people explore and find their voices and enjoys arranging interesting and enjoyable vocal parts for an eclectic mix of songs. Debbie directs Bloom (60 voices), The B2s, Perennial and The Resisterhood community Choir.

No registration is necessary for this event, you can just drop in and join that session! \$10 Suggested Donation, per session. For more information visit our website

40 Market St., Ellenville www.misucatskills.org

Upcoming Community Events in September with MISU Faculty

Saturday, September 21st at 7:00 PM Nyack Phoenix Festival: Emotions Physical Theatre presents TRUTH AND BANISHMENT with accompanying music by Anastasia Solberg, violin/viola located at 18 South Broadway, Nyack, NY. For tickets, click here.

**Sunday, September 22nd at 2:15 PM Duo Solitude:** David Fiedler, violin and Anastasia Solberg, viola will perform at "Voices of Survivors" at the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum 265 Main Street Hurleyville, NY

**Friday, September 27th at 1:00 PM Chai on Music** (**Klezmer**) at the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum 265 Main Street Hurleyville, NY

### Monticello Fire Department

Cordially Invites Fire Service - EMS Agencies - Veterans Law Enforcement - General Public is Invited

2024 Annual 9/11 Memorial Service Wednesday, September 11th 7:00 P.M. Sharp

> Monticello Fire House 23 Richardson Ave. Monticello, NY 12701

Guest Speaker Hon. Danielle Jose-Decker Sullivan County Court Judge

Fire Apparatus Welcome For Additional Information 794-6330 www.monticellofd.com



# LIVE CHARITY AUCTION SEPTEMBER 21



All funds raised will be dedicated to acquiring equipment to enhance the experience and care of patients at Ellenville Regional Hospital

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HUNT MEMORIAL BUILDING, LIBERTY SQUARE ELLENVILLE NY ON-LINE AND IN PERSON BIDDING

### PREVIEW DATE:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 12-3 PM

### AUCTION DATE - IN PERSON & ONLINE:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 BIDDING STARTS AT 12:30 PM

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# 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.

### WHEN:

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

July 10

Aug. 14

Sept. 11

Oct. 9

Nov. 13.

### REGISTER:



(845) 292-6180 ext. 122



sullivancrc@cornell.edu



https://tinyurl.com/3s4uhzc9



This program is supported with a grant from the NYS Department of Health, OFA, CCE/Caregiver Resource Center Program and the Alzheimer's Association. ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS CAN CALL ANGELA @ 845-292-8715 OR EMAIL: FOLKPLUS@GMAIL.COM KIWANIS OF WOODRIDGE PRESENTS THE

# 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FALLSBURG FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, 9/21/24, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Green Avenue, Woodridge, NY

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28 SEPT 2024



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





# Daniel Pierce Library Jall Children's Programs Register Now!

The 8 week fall story hour programs will begin the week of October 14, 2024

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Wednesday, October 16th

Toddler Time (24-35 months) Thursday, October 17th

Story Hour (3, 4 and 5 year-olds) Friday, October 18th

### Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. (Children will be registered at school.)

Tuesday, October 15th

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org



### FALL FUND-RAISING DINNER

**Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024** 

6:30 - 9:30 pm

at the Phoenicia Diner 5681 Route 28 (1 mile east of Phoenicia)

Come for the fishing...
Stay for the fun!
Help us celebrate our fishing heritage!

### **3-Course Buffet Dinner**

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### **Silent Auction**

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### **Bucket Raffle**

Stay tuned for information about cost and how to purchase tickets.





# ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

### Registration is open for Grades K-5.

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.

- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

Funding is provided by OPWDD. There is no cost to the student or family of students on the Autism Spectrum who receive or are eligible to receive OPWDD services.





# Middle School Social Skills



Action Toward Independence offers interactive and fun Social Skills groups for children with developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities grades 5 - 8.

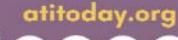
The informative sessions cover age-appropriate topics for pre-teens and teens that promote positive behavior, respectful communication, and building confidence.

Social skills classes will be held in person at ATI Main Office at 309 E Broadway in Monticello, NY

### For more information:

Family Peer Advocate (845) 794 - 4228 infoeatitoday.org Funding is provided by OPWDD. There is no cost to the student or family of students on the Autism Spectrum who receive or are eligible to receive OPWDD services.

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2024



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### We accept:

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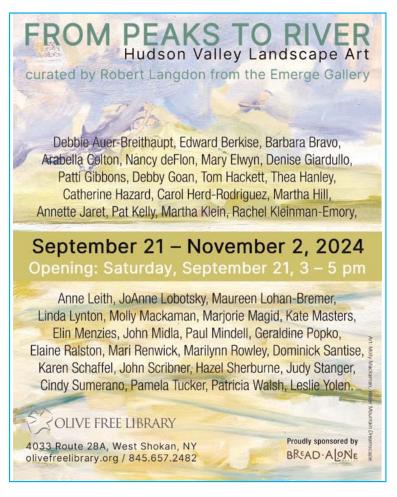
Please do not leave donations outside of the library or under the book tent.

Donations will be accepted by appointment only.

Please contact Michelle at 845-985-7233 x104.



Thank you for your support!









# ACCESSIBILITY IN THE WORKPLACE

New York System Change Inclusive Opportunity Network "NYSCION" Mid-Hudson Region will be hosting a 4-part virtual series for employers!

Discover how enhancing workplace accessibility cannot only increase diversity, but also boost your bottom line by tapping into a broader talent pool and improving employee productivity!

SEPT 4TH

### Disability Etiquette

Speakers: Joe Zesski Northeast ADA Center 10am-11am Vla Zoom

SEPT 18TH

### ADA & Employment Overview

Speakers: Joe Zesski Northeast ADA Center 10am-11am Via Zoom

SEPT 25TH

### Key Considerations for Recruiting and Hiring Job Seekers with Disabilities

Speakers: Jeffrey Tamburo Northeast ADA Center 10am-11am Via Zoom

OCT 2ND

### Making the Business Case:

Strategy for Promoting ADA Implementation

Speakers: Jeffrey Tamburo Northeast ADA Center 10am-11am Via Zoom

### REGISTER NOW!







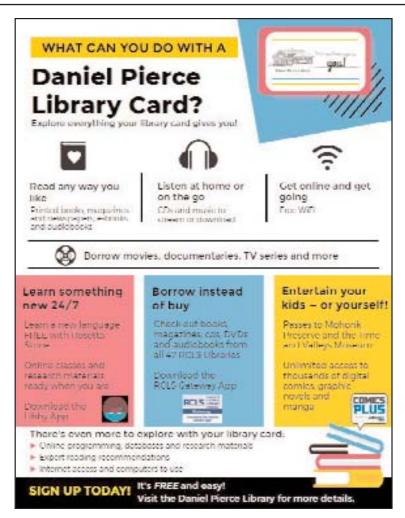


www.northeastada.org

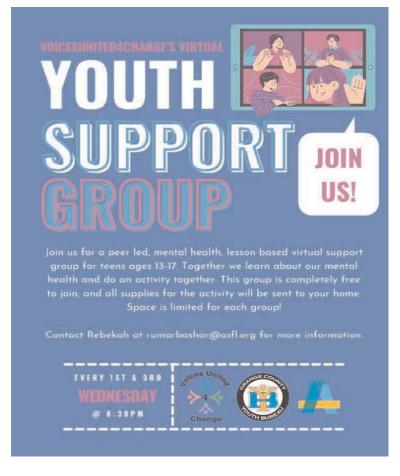




For questions or accommodations, please contact: Scott Curry | sidney.curry@sullivanny.us | 845-807-0587













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### TRACTOR OPERATION TRAINING

Friday, September 13th 9am-4pm

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Learn more about the 4 stroke engine and how all of the parts of the tractor function, basic maintenance, safety, manuals, dashboards, symbols, levers, and how to operate a tractor.



SG from SG Tractors will guide an interactive workshop. Throughout the workshop, folks will have hands on learning opportunities and will be guided through demonstrations and video tutorials.

This workshop will be held in an outdoor covered space, please dress for the weather and pack a lunch. Restrooms will be available. Space is limited and registration is required.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Taylor Adam at 845-292-6180 ext. 130

or email

beginnerfarmer@cornell.edu

### SCAN HERE TO DEGISTED:



ullivancce.edu/events

This program is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture award #2022-06508, through the American Rescue Plan
Technical Assistance Investment Program.

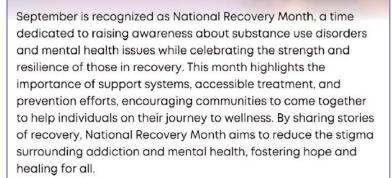
to request accommodations.

INVESTING IN

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County

### SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL

# RECOVERY



Our Rural Health Network Community Health Workers are here to support you on your recovery journey.

Call or text us at (845) 807-7564



Click on Link to let us know what you'd like to see at a new Seniors Group!

to rekindle our senior group for the fall



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### MEDICATION TAKE BACK EVENTS

Keeping medications in a secure location and disposing of ur medication ensures that they are less likely to be consumed t those that they are not intended for.

Second Mondays of the Month Catskill Pharmacy

16401 US-209, Kerhonkson 11:00am - 2:00pm

### Third Tuesdays of the Month

Matthews Pharmacy 101 Canal St Ellenville 11:00am - 2:00pm

### Friday, September 27

Ellenville Regional Hospital Emergency Department Lobby 10 Healthy Way 12:00pm - 4:00pm



# THE RIVOLITATION SALES S

### SEPTEMBER NEW HORIZONS: TIPS FOR HEALTHY EATING AND CANCER PREVENTION ON A BUDGET

Join us to discover valuable information on how healthy eating and following basic guidelines can help you reduce your risk for cancer and several other chronic diseases. Presented by Ellenville Regional Hospital's Rural Health Network Nutritionists, Brittany Reitano and Maya Lew.

Tuesday September 24, 1:00pm Ellenville Senior Housing Community Room Call 845-647-6400 ext. 281 to register

### Daniel Pierce Library

### 5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING CLASS FOR PERMIT HOLDERS

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

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

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

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

Please stop in to the library today. Space is limited

Advanced registration is required at: danielpiercelibrary.org

\*Become a safe driver

\*Notest required to complete

\*Get certificate valid for 1 year

\*Gain confidence

\*photo permit required day of

\*Additional course information

\*Additional course information

to follow upon payment &

registration

\*BRING YOUR LUNCH!

### **Registration for 5 Hour Pre-Licensing Course**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd\_Yok3Yd9VBm-E\_0q7fDk51QPLUq-CZ5qnGNiBVplKVllrkw/viewform

### **Sullivan County Intervention Line** for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family? Are you a teen having problems at home?

Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

Give us a call or send us a text and someone will always be there to listen and help you deal with your situation.



Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

### **COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives**

Friends

Who will you protect?



¿A quien protegerás?

Amigos Family

Get the facts.



**Obtenga los** hechos.

Talk to your healthcare provider about the COVID vaccine.



Hable con su proveedor de salud sobre la vacuna del COVID-19.

Communidad



For more information, visit www.sullivanny.us



### Sullivan County **Text For Teens**

4pm-10pm



### GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR **OUR UPCOMING CERTIFICATION CLASS!!**

Sullivan County Department of Social Services is looking for families who can help fulfill the DESPERATE NEED for ages 8-18!

### Contact:

Alyssa Wowk (845) 645-6544 awowk@chowc.net



### **FOSTER HOMES**

### NEEDED!





### **WORK READINESS EDITION**

This series is tailored for 16 to 25-year-olds with developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. It helps prepare individuals for the workforce by developing skills such as appropriate workplace behavior, social etiquette, time management, and interview techniques. Other topics include wearing proper clothing and using social cues, such as a good handshake.

### Every Friday from 5:00pm to 6:15pm 309 East Broadway Monticello, NY 12701

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

(845) 794-4228 info@atitoday.org



Funding is provided by OPWDD. There is no cost to the student or family of students on the Autism Spectrum who receive or are eligible to receive OPWDD services. Visit our website at atitoday.org









### **HELP WANTED**

### Part time Bookkeeper Call 845-321-1919

**Typing Help Wanted** Experienced or Student. Full/Part time. Work in Grahamsville. Busy LawOffice. William Brenner (845) 985-7411

### **Blooming Green Lawn** and Landscape Sevice

Part time/Full time work. Salary based on experience. Call: 845-665-3348 or 945-985-0516

2BR APARTMENT FOR RENT in Grahamsville. Tri-Valley School District. Available immediately. Call or Email 845-985-7411 or williamabrenner@hotmail.com

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### "KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE



### BORDER INCIDENT

(TV-PG / 1949 / 1hr 34min / Film Noir / Crime / PG-13)

### **NOIR AT IT BEST!**

**Border Incident** is a 1949 American film noir starring Ricardo Montalbán, George Murphy, and Howard Da Silva. Directed by Anthony Mann.





In this topical film noir, a gang smuggles illegal Mexican farmworkers across the California border and kills the immigrants then steals their hard-earned money before they can return home. When federal agents —one Mexican poses as a poor migrant, Pablo Rodriguez (Ricardo Montalban) and one American, Jack Bearnes (George Murphy) go undercover to overturn the organization. They find themselves face-to-face with its leader, Owen Parkson (Howard da Silva). The agents quickly realize that what began as a routine murder case has become a struggle for survival.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Shirley Temple

### This weeks' Trivia question:

Who played the original coach of *The Bad News Bears?* 

# (From Pg. 81) KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE AVAILABLE ON AMAZON, IMOB, NETFLIX Destination Tokyo

(1943 - 2h 15m - War - TV-PG)



A U.S. sub braves enemy waters during World War II In order to provide information for the first air raid over Tokyo, a U.S. submarine sneaks into Tokyo Bay and places a spy team ashore.



Writers: Steve Fisher (original story), Delmer Daves (screen play). Directed by Delmer Daves. Starring Cary Grant, John Garfield, and Alan Hale

# KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE AVAILABLE ON AMAZON, IMOB, NETFLIX Air Force

(1943 - 2h 4m - War - TV-G)



A B-17 bomber crew sees World War II action over the Pacific as Pearl Harbor is attacked. They get caught without ammunition and unexpectedally fly into the dastardally attack on Pearl Harbor.





Directed by Howard Hawks. Starring John Ridgely, Gig Young, Arthur Kennedy, Harry Carey and John Garfield...

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