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## SCCO Presents: Musical Divertissement



*The entire Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra will perform in Monticello on Saturday, September 16th and in White Lake on Sunday, September 17th.*

(Monticello & White Lake, NY) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) opens the 2023-24 season with its first full orchestra concert in 5 years. SCCO Artistic Director Andrew Trombley says, "The program entitled Musical Divertissement is designed to celebrate the final evenings of summer with a light selection of fun and famous tunes. Shift your attention from the woes of the world and treat yourself to small musical delights and leave with a smile on your face." (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Fallsburg Central School Celebrates Successful Summer Program

FALLSBURG - Summer vacation may have officially ended for the Fallsburg Central School District, but they certainly have plenty to celebrate over their wildly successful summer school and food programs.

Students in grades K-6 that were qualified to attend summer school were given the opportunity to learn their lessons in a fun and unique way. Rather than engaging in the more conventional methods of instruction, students participated in enrichment-based projects that had special themes related to varied student interests.

For example, several students were given a lesson on the Titanic, and each of them created a small replica of the ship made entirely of confectionary treats. Another class organized a hot dog stand and acted as wait staff to attendees.

Students were finding deep fulfillment in their work with the project-oriented curriculum, but more importantly, they were able to improve on their academic standings. Elisa Baum, a high school social studies teacher who helped manage the summer school program, emphasized the importance of continuing education in the summer months and the potential it has to prevent students from falling behind.

"The long-term goal is to maintain their [academic] status at the end of the school year," said Ms. Baum. "Any sort of knowledge they once had over the summer depletes." (Contd. Pg. 4)



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**On the Front Burner:** Wherefore will ye plead with me? Ye all have transgressed against me, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 3:29

## OBITUARY

**Howard LeRoy Petro** of Neversink, NY, went to be with the Lord on August 30, 2023. Born on September 14, 1951, He was the son of Delila Grant and George Petro. Howie made his home in Neversink for 71 years.



Howard married Brenda Gottman Petro on December 27, 2003. They were married for 16 years. He worked at Yaun Co. Inc as a Sheet metal fabricator, Ashley Mechanical Inc. as a sheet metal installer and for James Stephenson as a Sheet Metal Fabricator and Installer. He was a 50-year member of the Neversink Fire Company, commissioner from 2016-2022. A member of the Aden Night Riders, and Sullivan County Trail Association. He was an avid hunter, bowler, and loved the outdoors and NASCAR.

He is survived by his sister Alma Petro Woolbert and her husband Richard Woolbert and his nephew Curt Woolbert and his wife Belinda and their son Joseph Woolbert.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Howard's name can be made to Neversink Fire Department, P.O. Box 627, Neversink, NY 12765.

Calling hours were held from on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A funeral service and firematic service followed at the funeral home. Interment will be held privately at the family cemetery.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or 845-292-7160 or visit [www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com)

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

#### September 23, 1953

Joyce Edith Terwilliger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Lackawack, became the bride of George Frederick Stedner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stedner of

Cragsmoor, on Sunday afternoon, September 6th, at the Methodist Church in Ellenville. The Rev. Charles Wesley Garrett officiated. Following a wedding trip to the Adirondacks, the couple will reside in Cragsmoor.

Mrs. Edna Foster of Ellenville announces the engagement of her daughter, Betty Jane, to Raymond J. McNamara of Grahamsville. No date has been set for the wedding. Both are graduates of Tri Valley Central School. Betty is employed at Lake Mohonk and Ray is employed by Frazier-Davis.

Miss Mary Green of Woodbourne graduated from St. Peter's School of Nursing, New Brunswick, N.J. on September 13th. Miss Green won a scholarship entitling her to \$500 for a special post-graduate course in surgical nursing.

#### September 18, 1963

Only one Sullivan applicant was successful in the preliminary qualifying examinations for the service academies according to a press release from the office of Congressman Katharine St. George. He was John D. McKenna of Thunder Hill, Grahamsville for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. John "Stubby" McKenna, a senior at Tri Valley Central School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna.

#### September 18, 1963

Anniversary Congratulations: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ackerley Sr. who celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on Sept. 6th; also to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mickelson Sr. celebrating their 34th on the 21st; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Zanetti will celebrate their 10th anniversary on the 22nd and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donaldson will have been married 33 years on the 23rd of Sept.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Furman who were given a skimleton on Saturday evening. About 40 relatives and friends joined in.

#### October 10, 1973

Saturday, September 29th at 4 p.m. Dale E. Matthews and Mark K. Nitschke were united in marriage by the Rev. Newton Ford at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. A reception followed at the Woodbourne Fire Hall. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Matthews of Grahamsville and the late Lynn Matthews. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Nitschke also of Grahamsville. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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

(From Pg. 2)

### October 10, 1973

After a wedding trip to the Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Grahamsville.

Richard L. Strangeway, vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor at Tri-Valley Central School, has been nominated to receive the FFA's Honorary American Farmer Degree. Mr. Strangeway was nominated for the Degree by the New York FFA Association and the nomination was approved by the National FFA Board of Directors which recently met in Alexandria, Va. Mr. Strangeway has been vocational agriculture teacher at Tri-Valley for twenty-three years.

### September 22, 1983

Anna Musso of Woodbourne Rd., Grahamsville, a long time area resident, died unexpectedly on Friday, Sept. 16th at home. She was 77. Mrs. Musso was born October 10, 1905 in Paterson, N.J. Survivors include a son, Benjamin Musso of Grahamsville, five grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Nial and Effie Everett rededicated their marriage vows Sunday, Sept. 18, 1983 in the Reformed Church, Grahamsville to commemorate their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Rev. Harlan Nyhoff performed the dedication service with Arnold Everett, Nial's brother and Kathryn Krom, Effie's sister acting as honor attendants

## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published September 19, 1996

With Fall approaching and the busy days of summer winding down, there is no better time to savor another batch of recollections from the early 1900's. I'm a kid again, sitting on my favorite rock, eating peanuts from a box that my dad gave me. I am listening to the music of the soft flowing stream, "Sprague Brook", up in Grooville. As I sit there munching peanuts, a small piece of driftwood floats by and I am wondering what its destiny will be at the end of its journey. A Devil's Damingneedle alights nearby and I cover my ears with my hands for mother told us that this insect could sew up our ears.

A little farther up the brook I could hear the children playing in the water that we had dammed up earlier in the summer. Their voices mingled with the soft music of the stream. Purple asters and touch-me-nots grew along the bank and I reached out to pinch a touch-me-not just to see it fly apart. In a little shallow water near my rock, skippers were at work while minnows swam in the sun.

All this and the coolness of the shade made this a perfect afternoon. All too soon the children stopped playing upstream and mother was calling me to set the table for supper.

This was eighty years ago but it's as clear to me as though I was sitting on that rock today, time sure does fly!

## Household Hint:

### Get rid of water rings on furniture

To remove white rings left by wet glasses on wood furniture, mix equal parts vinegar and olive oil and apply it with a soft cloth while moving with the wood grain. Use another clean, soft cloth to shine it up

## Nature Column - L. Comando

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

## All that Glitters May be More Valuable than Gold

Many butterfly chrysalises glimmer in the sunlight with golden studs or gold leafing. Rather than looking like something living, these delicate pupa decorate the surrounding foliage like miniature ornaments. Their beauty and stunning brilliance has been noted throughout the ages. In fact, word "chrysalis" is derived from the Greek word "chrysos" meaning "gold."

This time of the year you may observe what looks like a jade pendant with a gold corona encircling the top hanging off the bottom or a leaf on a milkweed plant. Perhaps you may remember one of your children's first assignments at the start of the school year in the early elementary years - finding a chrysalis on a milkweed plant. We would put it in a jar and send it off with them to school, the next day. Other classmates also had success, and together they had a collection of the little chrysalises that they would watch and learn about the chrysalises and what to expect.

The crown of golden points - the diadem - doesn't sparkle until after the first 24 hours of the formation of the chrysalis. The gold on the chrysalis are broad band reflectors that are produced with the help of a wide spectrum of light

But why the shiny gold and what is the purpose? Until recently scientists had many hypothesis. One idea was, for camouflage - the gold made the pupa look like dew droplets. Another idea was that the gold helped protect the insects from harmful sun rays., and another thought - it was just an accident and serves no purpose. Nothing could be proven except that the gold on the monarch butterfly's chrysalis was created by a coupling of a carotenoid pigment and a hill-like structure that reflected light from the peaks.

It wasn't until recently when a butterfly enthusiast, Richard Stringer, decided he would look inside the chrysalis. Stringer's scans showed that some of the organs of the butterfly are formed by the time the caterpillar has completed the chrysalis. Stinger went on to study the dramatic changes that go on inside a chrysalis. He did this using day-by-day MRI scans. The scanning did not harm the chrysalids. Observers were amazed to see that the butterfly's brain was visible from day one!

Even before the caterpillar changes, the cellular structure, precursors to different organs, were evident. Flight muscle and reproductive tissue mature during the roughly 10-day metamorphosis. Even though the caterpillar's head disappears, the eye tissue remains to become the butterfly's eyes.

And he was able to give purpose for the telltale gold spots on the outside of a chrysalis - they are ports of entry for oxygen. Stringer's images revealed hundreds of tracheal tubes inside a chrysalis that bathe each cell of the insect with oxygen as the organs develop.

Stringer is continued his research and pointed out, "Often, the owners of the various technologies have done the work for free." Stringer is quick to point out that his probes into the mysteries of the chrysalis are only possible "due to the generosity of curious people."

"Metamorphosis: The Beauty and Design of Butterflies," is a DVD released several years ago by Illustra Media, created some controversy because of its underlying "intelligent design" message, "the miraculous transformation of butterflies can originate only from "an intelligence that transcends the natural world."

The film begins with Stringer's statement, "As you watch a butterfly, to describe what you are looking at - you can't really put it into words. That's biology, and it's also magic."



## SCCO Presents: Musical Divertissement

(From Pg. 1) The program includes: Mozart - Divertimento K. 137, Shostakovich - Romanze, Grieg - Two Elegiac melodies, Brahms - Selection of Liebeslieder Walz, Gershwin - Porgy & Bess selections and Boccherini - Quintet No. 5.

The performances are Saturday, September 16th at 7:00pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 15 Saint John Street, Monticello and Sunday, September 17th at 2:00pm at the White Lake Reformed Presbyterian Church, 6 Mattison Road (corner 17B), White Lake, NY. For ticket pricing & purchasing, visit: <https://linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts>. For any questions, please call Marina Lombardi at: 845-798-9006 or email [marina@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:marina@nesinculturalarts.org). If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation.

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## Fallsburg Central School Celebrates Successful Summer Program

(From Pg. 1) In addition to the summer school program, Fallsburg held a district-wide food distribution program for students under the age of 18. The district exceeded expectations as they delivered a total of 10,451 meals throughout the months of July and August. Dr. Ivan Katz, Superintendent of Schools, when asked about the food distribution said, "I'm very proud of the success of the meal distribution this summer because we reached many students and we know that meal access, when school is not in session, is critically important at so many levels."

## CCE Sullivan to Offer Virtual Caregiver Support Groups

Liberty, NY - Are you a caregiver of a family member or friend? According to Blue Cross Blue Shield, The Health of America, "Caregivers play an important role in the U.S. healthcare system. An often unpaid and invisible workforce, caregivers manage medications, administer care, assist with daily tasks and handle finances for their loved ones. The commitment of time, labor and emotional support this role requires can have a substantial impact on caregivers' physical, behavioral and emotional well-being" (BCBS, 2020, The Impact of Caregiving on Mental and Physical Health).

If you take a loved one regularly to the doctor, or buy their groceries, or have a sibling with special needs whom you support, advocate for an ill spouse, or engage in long-distance care of a loved one, you are a caregiver. The important thing to recognize is that your caring role is important and there is support and information available to you.

Weekly Family caregiver support groups will be offered, providing guidance, community resources and educational materials to individuals assisting an aging or ill family member or friend. These weekly meetings will take place on Tuesdays from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. and are open to all types of caregiving (not specific to any disease). The first weekly meeting is scheduled for September 26.

Caregivers who care for a person with dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, can join meetings held on the third Wednesday

of each month from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. through the remainder of 2023.

- o October 18
- o November 15
- o December 20

Registration is required to participate by Zoom or phone if unable to join by computer.

Caregiver support groups are facilitated by the Caregiver Resource Center of Cornell Cooperative Extension in partnership with Office for the Aging of Sullivan County and the Alzheimer's Association.

Please call Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Caregiver program at (845) 292-6180 ext. 122 or by email at [sullivan-crc@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan-crc@cornell.edu) for further information or register using CCE's website <http://sullivancece.org/home-family/caregiver-resource-center>.

## The Academy at Shadowland Stages –Registration Opened

If you are interested in registering for The Academy at Shadowland Stages email [Ben@shadowlandstages.org](mailto:Ben@shadowlandstages.org) for info and registration!

Registration opens this weekend for The Academy at Shadowland Stages Fall Semest of Classes.

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!

## OFF PEAK

The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES

*Off Peak* by Brenda Withers and directed by Brendan Burke will open September 15 and run through October 1 in **The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES**

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## MISU

### Register for Upcoming Programs

Hello MISU family! You wouldn't know it by the weather, but Fall is right around the corner!

Lesson registration for returning students is OPEN! Please reach out to your teacher to determine how many lessons to sign up for in the September-December session. Go to:

<https://misucatskills.org/returning-student-registration-form/>

Registration for orchestra is also open. We are looking forward to playing together for another great semester!

Go to: <https://misucatskills.org/orchestra-registration-form/>

Please spread the word if you know anyone who might be interested in signing up for new student trial lessons. We currently offer lessons for violin, viola, percussion, piano, cello and guitar. Go to: <https://misucatskills.org/new-student-inquiry/>

Visit our website to learn more about our wonderful teachers.

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Thank you for supporting MISU!

# Vintage 19th Century Base Ball Games at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds

*Saturday, September 23rd, Noon*  
*Sponsored by the Time and the Valleys  
Museum*

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Two Vintage 19th Century Base Ball Games will be held at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville on Saturday September 23rd at noon, sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville. The Mountain Athletic Club of Fleischmanns faces off with the Connecticut Base Ball Club of Hartford for a double-header of 1864 and 1895 rules base ball.



Before each game, a brief talk will be given describing the differences between the rules in 1864 or 1895 and the rules today. "These are no ordinary ball games," states Collin Miller, captain of the Mountain Athletic Club. "More than likely, the players and the style of play will resemble what your great, or great-great grandparents would've seen over one-hundred fifty years ago."

The first game will be played by the rules and customs of base ball (spelled this way in the 1800s) in 1864. Fielders do not wear gloves, at all; gloves would not come around until the 1880's. The base balls are also stitched differently - often called a "lemon peel" - and made slightly larger than the modern "horseshoe" ball. And a batted ball caught on a "bound" or one bounce is an out. Of particular interest is that pitches are tossed underhand from a pitcher's box 45 feet from home plate - a round metal dish ten inches in diameter. Umpires do not call a ball or strike on the batter until they issue a warning: either to a pitcher for not serving up a hittable pitch, or to the batter for being too choosy with what to swing at.

The second game will be played by 1895 rules. "Base Ball in 1895 had subtle differences to the modern game. For example," states Miller, "the only balls landing in foul territory that are considered a strike on the batter are those that were bunted; they were referred to as a "foul strike". The gloves were quite different as well."

Admission is \$5 per person with children under 10 FREE. Traditional base ball refreshments will be available for purchase at the concessions stand. Spectators are encouraged to arrive in period-appropriate nineteenth-century attire if they are so inclined. For more information about this program, please call 845 985-7700 or email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

**About the Mountain Athletic Club:** Founded in 1895 by yeast magnates Julius and Max Fleischmann, the Mountain Athletic Club draws its name from the field where many former major lea-

guers played before it was donated to the community in 1914. They are located in the present day Village of Fleischmanns in eastern Delaware County, NY. [www.macvintagebaseball.org](http://www.macvintagebaseball.org)

**About the Connecticut Base Ball Club of Hartford:** A tribute to the flurry of baseball teams that originated in the Greater Hartford area during the mid to late nineteenth century, the Connecticut Base Ball Club of Hartford is riding their most prolific and win-



ningest season ever at 27 wins with only one defeat. [FB@ConnecticutHartfords](https://www.facebook.com/ConnecticutHartfords)

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water People and the Catskills, 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.

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

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



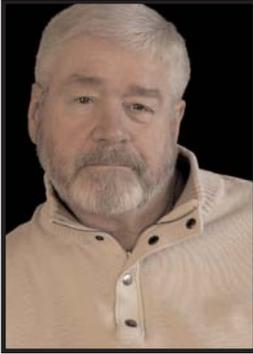
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

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

- o New! 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.

he 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@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



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### The Hush

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by John Dwaine McKenna

One of the awesomest young writers to come down the literary turnpike in the new millennium is a southern gothic wordsmith named John Hart. The accolades, superlatives and awards directed at him keep piling up at an astonishing rate; making him one of the hottest new novelists; one that all thriller enthusiasts will want to be acquainted with. He's just finished an electrifying new installment in the saga of Johnny Merrimon, the pure-hearted prince of bad-assery we first meet in *The Last Child*. Now, he's returned in *The Hush*, (St. Martin's Press, \$27.99, 418 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-01230-2).

Ten years have passed since Johnny Merrimon came home from prison and made the discovery that upended life in the small North Carolina town where he was born and raised. The case was so sensational that books have been written about it and news people of all disciplines around the world have beleaguered him day and night, looking for additional gossip to add to the astonishing story. Shunning all publicity, Johnny has taken up residence in the middle of a six-thousand acre swamp known as Hush Arbor. It's the last of a fifty-thousand acre tract that was owned, and lost, by his great, great grandfather in the decade before the Civil War. But the chain of ownership has a flaw in it because the Hush, as it's called by the locals, was first gifted to some freed slaves and reverted back to Johnny due to a certain clause that's being contested by the descendants of the freed men. Johnny's prevailed in the court proceeding, but the decision's been appealed, with the trial about to begin.

Johnny Merrimon however, is broke. He ekes out a subsistence living from the land, and his only hope at trial is Jack Cross, a boyhood friend with a newly minted law degree, who specializes in tax law. The other side is backed by a hedge fund billionaire who wants the land for a private hunting preserve where trophy animals thrive in profusion. The Hush, however, is a notoriously strange place. The local folk avoid it . . . for those who do enter it get lost, die, or come out catatonic; unable to talk because they've been scared out of their minds by something unspeakable that lurks out there. It's something evil and ancient, something cursed, unholy and undead. All of which only adds to the legend of Johnny Merrimon. Has he made a deal with the Devil . . . or is Johnny some sort of a supernatural being? The only way to find out, is to read this thrilling novel for yourself and you, like the MBR, will be all in for the works of John Hart, the only writer to ever win the coveted Edgar Award in back-to-back, consecutive years. To paraphrase legendary Texas songwriter Billy Joe Shaver: "*John Hart is the real . . . real, real deal!*"

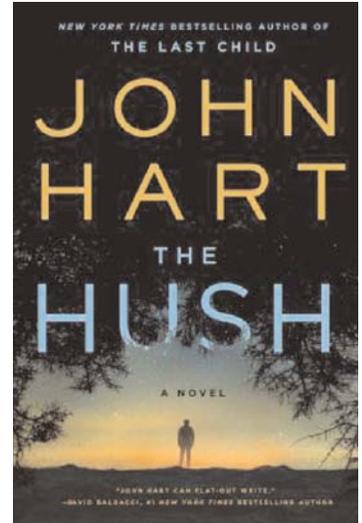
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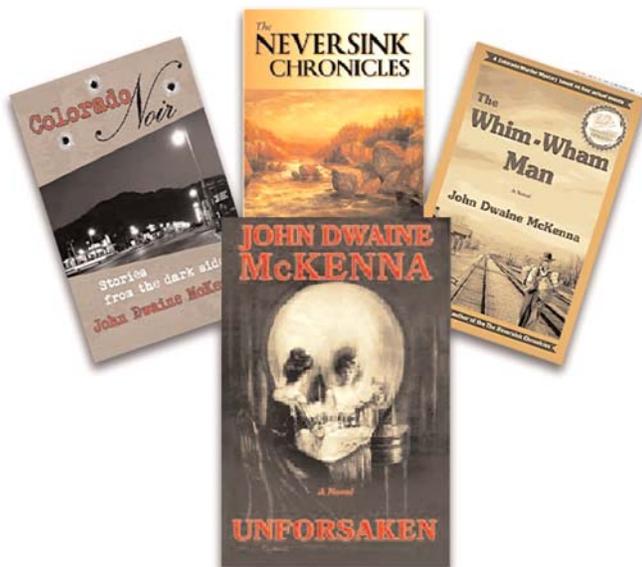
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## by Carol Olsen LaMonda

### Sundays



When I was a child, Sundays were for Sunday School or church, visits to grandparents, a special dinner, and a family day. Today Sundays are for football games, golf, and baseball viewing on television. With both parents working, Sunday may be the only day the family

can gather together for some activity, that is if the grocery shopping is done and the laundry caught up.



Times sure have changed.

Most churches, at least up north of the Mason Dixon Line, are sparsely attended with children being a novelty. When I go to church as the token ambassador of my entire family, I can count the number of people in the congrega-

tion on two hands and one foot, and that is on a good attendance day and counting the pastor and organist or pianist. At seventy-nine I am one of the "youngsters" there. The Sunday School no longer exists because there are no children there.

What happened? Life happened. It's not that there are not good people out there. They just do not have time for church in their busy schedule of sports, work, and social life. They may declare themselves "spiritual" and not label a religion.

It isn't that God went away. He (or She) is seen in nature, in kindness, in tolerance, in love, and in sharing. There are still good people out there who do not label themselves Christian, Buddhist, Orthodox, Muslim, or Jewish, and, conversely, there are those who flaunt the label and are not.

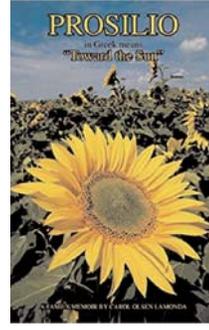
It is the institutionalized religion that is obsolescing and seen in the number of closed church buildings and the decline of attendees.

Yet, in some regions of the country, there are mega-churches with hundred, even thousands, of people in the congregations. More Christian than the north? No. Just that the attendance there has become part of the weekly custom and evolved into a social requisite more than a religious one.

I am not sure where organized religion is headed, but I think we need to head the advise of a wise pastor who said, "Preach sermons, and sometimes use words."

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



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## Volunteers Requested for DPL's Giant Pumpkin Party

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-It's that time of year again-the Daniel Pierce Library's 37th annual Giant Pumpkin Party-and it's all hands on deck for this not to be missed seasonal event. While we have been diligently working behind the scenes to bring our Tri-Valley community another epic party, we're in need of assistance on the actual day; Saturday, October 7 from 9AM to 4PM at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

We're looking for help in many different areas including: games, crafts, bouncy houses, ticket sales, food service and much more. Essentially, there is a spot for you, if you are interested in pitching in. We will be offering many of the attractions from past years' including pumpkin painting, live music, contests, the craft fair and book sale. Keeping children in mind, we will be offering the bouncy houses, an adventure zone and a plethora of fun games. And of course-by popular demand-our famous doughnuts. YUM!

It's a lot, and we love to do it, but we have a small-but mighty-staff so any help would be so appreciated. We encourage student volunteers to assist us, especially those seeking to bank volunteer hours as mandated by their enrollment in Tri-Valley Central School District's National Honor Society-or those who just want to have fun and help out their community. Typically, a big draw for our student volunteers is helping with the large assortment of games that the younger children in the community enjoy playing. The only way that we can set up these games, however, if we can find some responsible older students and parents to run them, take tickets and give out prizes. A letter and sign-up form will also be going out to all fourth through eighth grade homeroom teachers at Tri-Valley CSD to distribute to their students asking for their help with games.

At the end of the day, we know there are many of you who would be willing to help, but finding you isn't easy...so hence the SOS!

Signing up to volunteer couldn't be easier: you could check out the online sign up form available on our website, [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org), stop in at the library and speak with a staff member at the adult circulation desk or you can give us a call at 845/985-7233. If you are a Tri-Valley Secondary student and in need of those aforementioned hours volunteer community service letters are available.

With all of that in mind, we are still seeking book donations for our GPP book sale. We are specifically looking for newer, good condition adult and children's books. If you think you may have some on hand please call Michelle Gorman at 845/985-7233, we would greatly appreciate it.

In other news:

The RCLS-Ramapo Catskill Library System-Road Trip has wrapped up for the summer. Running June 26 through September 8, RCLS patrons were invited to visit all 47 libraries in the system, picking up prizes along the way. Wow! What a success that was with so many visitors to our neck of the woods. It was great for us-of course boasting about our fabulous library and wonderful community-and equal amazing to hear what visitors thought. It was a great time and we want to thank everyone, near and far, who came out to see us.

We have so many upcoming events and programs throughout the next few months, so check out our website often and follow us on social media if you don't already.

This week's staff pick is *Caged* by Ellison Cooper, brought to you by library clerk Lisa Carroll.

"I have definitely broadened my reading genres since working at the library-it's too hard not to be surrounded by so many wonderfully intriguing books all the time. I literally have a growing TBR list a mile long! One such book I stumbled across is *Caged*. It's the first book in a three book trilogy by Ellison Cooper, and being her debut novel-a hit out of the park. It's a heart-pounding thriller about a FBI profiler hunting down a killer who is dangerously closer than she anticipates. For most of the story, I was certain I knew "who done it" but oh, I was wrong," Carroll said. It's a definite must read, especially as Fall approaches.



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The Wayne County Arts Alliance announces an ONLINE AUCTION of our 2023 Summer Art Project - "Magical Homes for Fairies and Gnomes" will be Sept 14 - Sept 29, 2023.

All summer long the Fairy & Gnome Homes have been seen at local businesses and organizations who so generously sponsored this project. The "Homes" have been enjoyed by many all around our community and county. Local artists donated their time and talent to design and create these amazing pieces, using mostly natural forest materials with an added touch of Magic! The Summer Art Project was organized by WCAA board members Phyllis Chekenian, Lisa Glover, and Heather Spencer-Hogan and originally inspired by WCAA member, Jody Rowe. This online auction is only for a limited time: Sept 14th - September 29th!



in a protected place in your garden? PLEASE keep in mind that these wonderful, magical creations are NOT meant to be weatherproof! So, if proper care is taken, you will enjoy them for seasons to come.

The purchase of each artwork will help support the Wayne County Arts Alliance and its ongoing projects. Winning bidders will be contacted following the end date of the auction and we will help coordinate pick-up at the Sponsor locations.

Wayne County Arts Alliance is a not-for-profit organization entirely governed by volunteer members of artists and persons interested in the beneficial effects of the arts. WCAA is committed to developing a dynamic, art-friendly atmosphere in the community, one that enhances and enriches the lives of its citizens. For more information visit: [waynecountyartsalliance.org](http://waynecountyartsalliance.org)

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Now, Autumn is here and it's time for our project Sponsors to wave a fond farewell to the wonderful Fairy & Gnome homes that have graced their premises all summer-long and give YOU a chance to own the one you've had your eye on! You still have time to see your favorites at the address on our website and listed in DETAILS of each piece on the auction site - before the BIDDING BEGINS on SEPT 14th! There is also a map showing each location on our website: [waynecountyartsalliance.org](http://waynecountyartsalliance.org) so, get out there!!

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## The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

Quite a weather roller coaster we were on last week! Thursday's storm left many without power, internet, and my building with water problems. That was bad enough but all day Friday, the radar picture I was getting was of a storm that would have dwarfed Thursdays. The reds and yellows threatened to sit right over this little town with high winds and inch diameter hail, not conducive to leaving the house. My plans had been to catch LITTLE SPARROW at CABERNET FRANK'S and to spend time with friends CAROL SMITH, ALDO TROIANI, and JEFF ANDERSON plus time to get to know HENRY, their newest addition. But this storm....two hours of Armageddon right when they would be going on. So instead, I poured a glass of wine, opened the door and waited. And waited. Nothing. Checking the radar picture again, the monster storm had DISAPPEARED. By then I was into my second glass so going out was no longer an option. Massive disappointment on all fronts.



Th a t aside, the rest of these last two weeks was stellar. S a t u r d a y before last, I was out at CABERNET FRANK'S in the afternoon for brunch. It was a spur of the moment thing and wow, was I glad did. I was treated to MD AND THE HEALERS and an afternoon of reggae. The band hails from Brooklyn - with the exception of the drummer, SIMON EPHRON who we know from CAPTAIN MAGIC and THE ELECTRIC CHORDS. My healthy respect for this music goes back to my Chicago days when I interviewed a reggae band and a band that played SKA, a sister genre, for a WJFF style radio program. At that time, all I knew was the beat makes one want to get up and get moving. Most reggae at that time were protest songs against racism and injustice. But as it was explained to me, it is also the music of love. This was so evident with the music that Sunday afternoon.

I kept thinking, why didn't I know about this band sooner. The original songs, Alternate Reality, Night Nurse and Insanity, were marvelous slice of life pieces and the adaptation of classic pieces like Walking on the Moon to a solid reggae beat can only be described as brilliant. I hope they come back around soon. I could use another dose.

That Sunday, I was on my way to FARE HAVEN in Livingston Manor when I passed THE SMOKE JOINT and recognized DAN BRINKERHOFF of POISON LOVE setting up in the outdoor space. Well, that told me what I'd be doing after I finished my shopping! But like the storm that never was, this too



was not meant to be. I had just gotten into my car when I got a phone call that someone else I knew had just tested positive for CoVid. There was no way I was going to expose others, just in case. I was able to manage a photo of JOANNE and DAN before they went on on that beautiful breezy warm day but there was no way I could stay. I tested negative.

My dear friend MARIE SPODEK celebrated her 80th birthday Wednesday at BLUE HILL AND STONE BARNES in Pocantico Hills. For anyone who doesn't know Marie, she is a vibrant life loving woman and in no way exemplifies what the common view of a person of 80. When her daughter's husband couldn't attend what was going to be a small family party, it was suggested that I be included. I was honored to do so. And of all of the photos of the birthday girl, I'm choosing to share this one with you. To me, it shows just how she thinks of this age. It was a lovely party in a beautiful place. More about this place next week as I'm doing some research.



Then on Saturday, I took the ride to Woodstock and the MILLBROOK COUNTRY CLUB to hear another dear friend in the DON MILLER TRIO. This is jazz at its finest with three skilled professionals: DON on his 200 year old 'baby' (his upright bass), JOE on keyboard and NORM on drums. Not only did I get to hear their world class music, but I was able to spend some time with my bestie Felicia. Since she and Don moved to Woodstock, I don't get to see them nearly often enough! What a great way to start a new week!

CoVid is showing up more and more. Five people I know were positive in the last two weeks and all reported being very sick. I'm carrying my N95 masks with me again as well as hand sanitizer.



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Highlighting the event will be Sullivan County Historian John Conway, with a lecture entitled "Doctors Say, Go to the Mountains!". Mr. Conway will discuss how the railroad and the region's reputation as a healing environment created tourism in the Sullivan County Catskills. Other speakers include Maurice Gerry, "1930 Ferndale Memories", Martin Leroy, "Growing Up with the O&W", Mal Houck "NYO&W Passenger Traffic to the Vacation Hotels", and Jeff Otto, "Planes, Trains, and...Creosote".

Doors open at 11:00am for the event and the talks begin at 11:30. To register, call 845 428-3111 or 845 794-3772, or visit NYOW.org. Cost is \$57.00 including dinner, and \$20.00 for the program only. Raffle tickets are also available and benefit the O&W Society.

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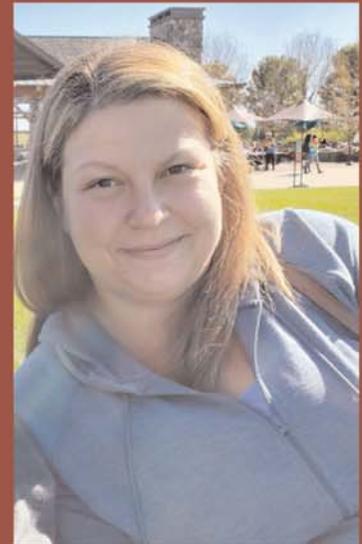



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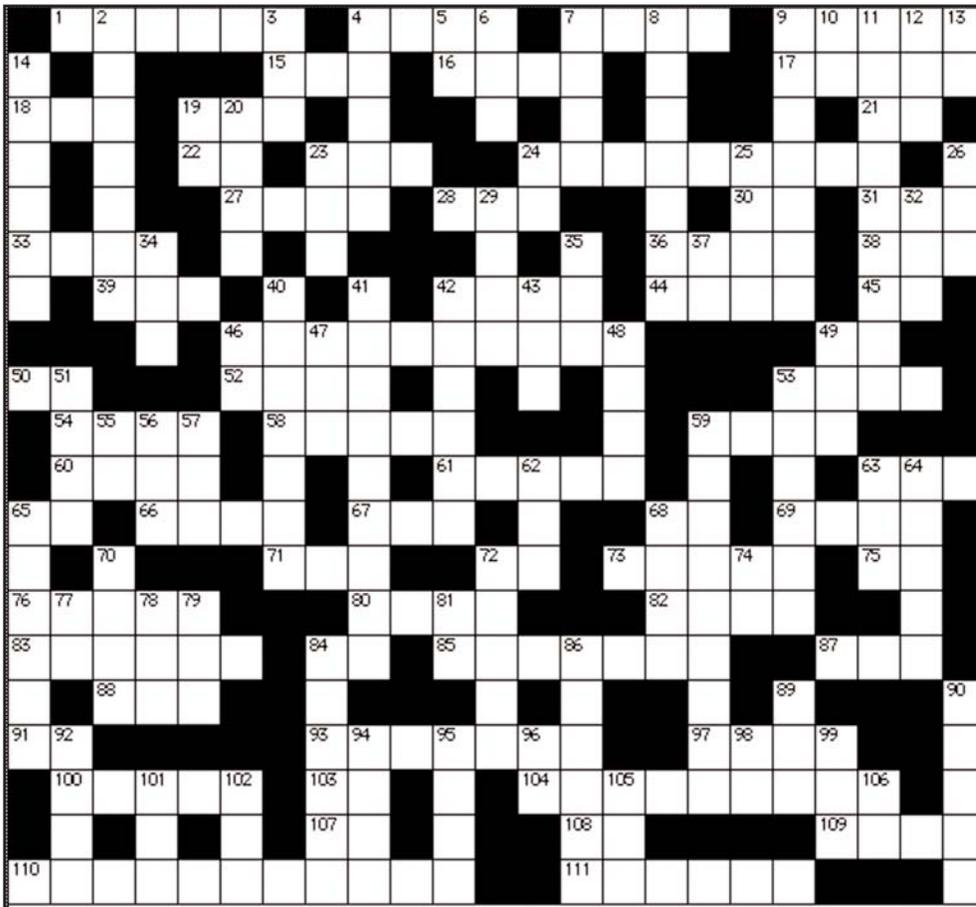
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- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 medium apples, peeled and finely chopped
- Vanilla ice cream, optional

In a large bowl, whisk oats, flour, brown sugar, baking powder, pie spice and salt. In a small bowl, whisk eggs, 1 cup milk and vanilla until blended. Add to oat mixture, stirring just until moistened. Fold in apples. Transfer to a greased 3-qt. slow cooker. Cook, covered, on low until apples are tender and top is set, 4-5 hours. Stir in remaining milk. Serve warm or cold, with ice cream if desired.

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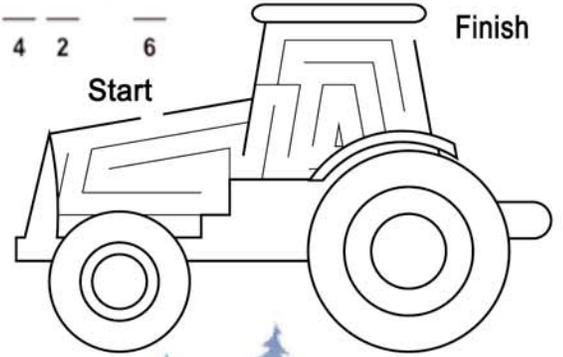
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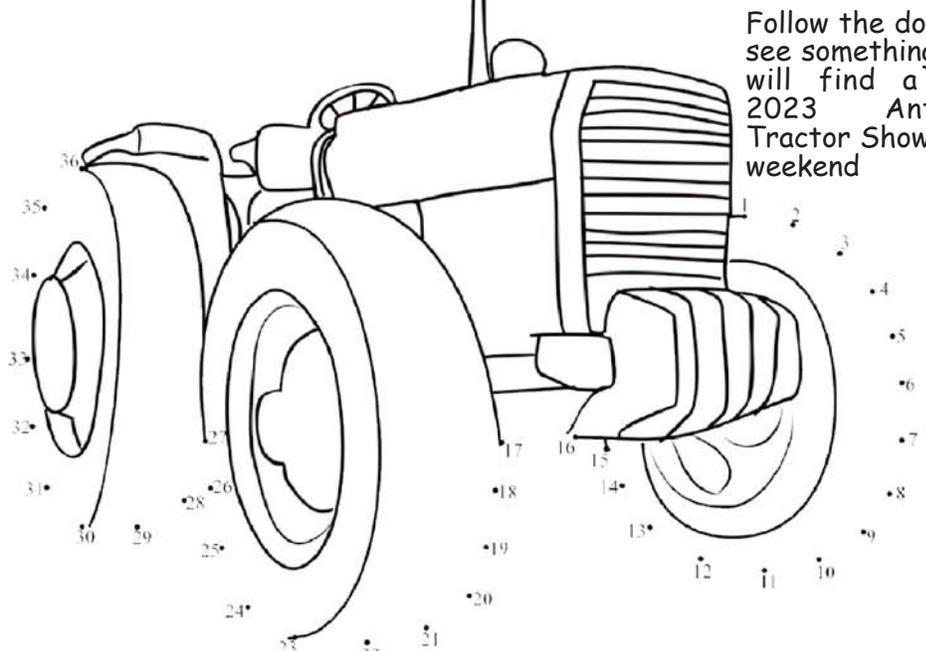


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Can you find at least 5 differences between the 2 pictures?



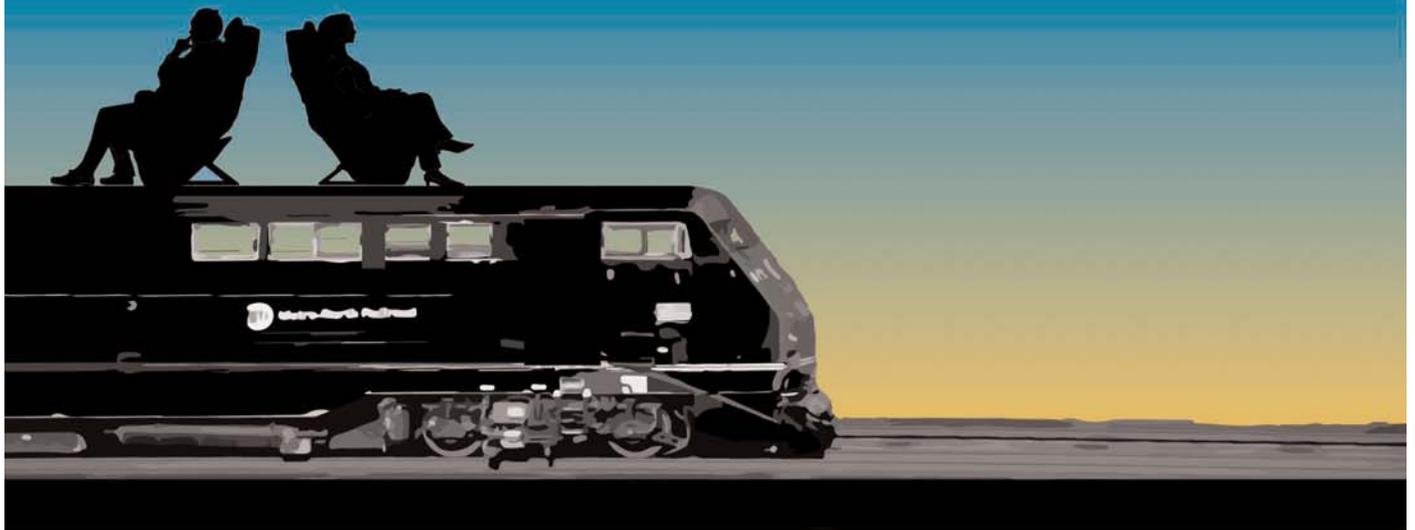
Follow the dots to see something you will find at the 2023 Antique Tractor Show this weekend

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## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting Thursday, September 21, 2023

This will be on Tri-Valley's YouTube LIVE channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

The Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education is seeking to fill a vacancy left by the recent resignation of Danielle Penney Stroop. The Board will appoint a new member at its October 5th meeting and term will expire on the date of the School Budget Vote/Board Member Election Day in May 2024. Board Members serve as volunteers.

To apply, please submit a brief resume and a statement of why you would like to serve on the Board of Education to District Clerk, Mrs. Norma Peña. Materials must be received by September 21, 2023.

A Board of Education member in the Tri-Valley Central School District must meet the following qualifications:

- o A citizen of the United States;
- o Eighteen years of age or older;
- o Able to read and write;
- o A legal resident of the District for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year;
- o May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year;
- o May not reside with another member of the same school Board as a member of the same family;
- o Cannot be a current employee of the District;
- o May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

For further information and details, please contact the District Clerk by email at [normapena@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:normapena@trivalleycsd.org), or by telephone at 845-985-2296 x 5102.

8/31; 9/7; 9/14; 9/21

### NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a Budget Hearing to vote on the upcoming year's budget will be held for the Neversink Fire District on Thursday, October 19th, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Neversink Firehouse located at 7486 State Rt. 55 Neversink, NY 12765. There will be a regularly planned Commissioners' Meeting to follow.

Dated August 24th, 2023

Dana M. Vogler, Neversink Fire District Secretary

8/31; 9/7; 9/14; 9/21; 9/28; 10/5; 10/12; 10/19

## Ulster County Residents to Have Their Say in Fortis-Central Hudson Rate Case

*State Regulators Respond to County Executive Metzger's Call for In-Person Hearings and Spanish Translation, Metzger continues to Press for Ulster County Hearing*

KINGSTON, NY - In response to the call by Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and other elected officials, the NYS Public Service Commission has agreed to add in-person public hearings on Fortis/Central Hudson's proposed rate hike, and further agreed to the County Executive's request to make Spanish translation available to ensure equitable participation by Ulster County's Spanish-speaking community. The County Executive sent a letter to the Commission making the request on September 1 and received a response from the Commission at the end of last week. The County Executive continues to press for one of the in-person hearings to be held in Ulster County.

The letter emphasized that certain areas of Ulster County are underserved in terms of broadband access, making virtual hearings inaccessible for some residents. Additionally, older residents and struggling households, who have been adversely affected by the mismanagement of Fortis/Central Hudson's billing system, were unlikely to participate in virtual hearings.

In response to County Executive Metzger's request, the Public Service Commission agreed to schedule in-person public statement hearings in addition to the two virtual hearings already planned for September 12 and September 20. The Commission also agreed to provide Spanish language translation at the in-person meetings for the first time.

"I want to thank the Public Service Commission for responding to our call for in-person hearings and Spanish language translation, and reiterate my request for one of the hearings to be held in Ulster County," Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger stated. "Our residents have been through a lot, and they deserve the opportunity to share their experiences and concerns about Fortis/Central-Hudson and the proposed rate increase directly with the Commission, whether their primary language is English or Spanish. Ensuring a voice for all of our residents is a priority of my administration."

James Denn, Director of Public Affairs at the Public Service Commission, expressed his appreciation for County Executive Metzger's advocacy and assured that all comments submitted would be carefully considered in the ongoing proceedings.

Residents of Ulster County can find more information about the case on the PSC website at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) by searching for case numbers 23-E-0418 and 23-G-0419.

## Road Closure in Grahamsville

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

# Balkan Mountain Music Festival

## September 23, 2023

On Saturday, September 23, the Phoenicia Library will celebrate the music and dance of the Balkan peninsula with a FREE festival of 4 NYC and Hudson Valley-based bands playing odd meters and unusual scales and harmonies in a gorgeous setting at Glenbrook Park in Shandaken. It's an opportunity to experience a different cultural heritage from another part of the world, to hear music played on instruments seldom seen or heard here, and to learn traditional dances. Bring a picnic and a chair and enjoy the music and magic.

Balkan means "chain of wooded mountains" in modern Turkish and has been the Turkish word for the Balkan Peninsula since Ottoman times. Some of the countries of Eastern Europe that are situated in or near the Balkans are Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia and Turkey.

### Schedule

3:30 pm - Dance Instruction

4:00 pm - Eva Salina's Community Choir

4:30 pm - Pontic Firebird

5:30 pm - Mac & Cheez Balkan PowerTrio

6:30 pm - Bourbon and Breastmilk, a cappella Georgian polyphonic songs and beyond

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/NcdiFhWzjJQF6jc1A>

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1318017679118479>

The event is sponsored by Ulster Savings Bank in conjunction with the Phoenicia Library. It will be held rain or shine. For more information see <http://phoenicialibrary.org/>



## Ballet Classes

### at The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck

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

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

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

For more information contact  
Alana Sherman via e-mail [sherman\\_alana@yahoo.com](mailto:sherman_alana@yahoo.com)

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## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

### FREE FALL FARM DAY\*

September 24, 2023 • 12-4 pm

Join us at the farm for hands-on activities like making apple cider, picking veggies, and petting the animals! Pick out your pumpkins, enjoy some local food, and much more! This event is hosted at our Educational Farm – located 13 miles from the main campus at 2875 Denning Road, Claryville.

### HUNTER SAFETY COURSES

September 30, 2023: Regular Hunting  
October 1, 2023: Bow Hunting

Learn ethical and responsible hunting practices. All courses are taught by DEC-certified instructors. Register through the NYS DEC website: <https://register-ed.com/>

### FREE HALLOWEEN COMMUNITY DAY\*

October 28, 2023 • 9 am-10 pm

Bring your family and join us for a day filled with fun and exciting fall activities and an evening of spooktacular Halloween games and haunted trails! Registration for this free event includes all activities as well as lunch and dinner in our Dining Hall.

### FREE COMMUNITY DINNER\*

December 15, 2023 • 5:30-8 pm

We welcome local families and friends to join us for a delicious holiday dinner, accompanied by festive activities and crafts your whole family will enjoy.

WINTER  
BREAK DAY  
CAMP INFO  
COMING  
SOON!



We are honored to be part of this special community and look forward to seeing you here at Frost Valley soon!  
\*Advance registration is required for these events: CALL 845-985-2291 x 450 EMAIL [reservations@frostvalley.org](mailto:reservations@frostvalley.org)

# Experience the Compelling Drama of "OFF PEAK" at SHADOWLAND STAGES

## *New Play by Brenda Withers, Directed by Brendan Burke, Runs September 15 - October 1*

Ellenville, NY - September 11th, 2023 - Prepare to embark on a thought-provoking journey of love, forgiveness, and the transformative power of time in the engaging new play "OFF PEAK" by Brenda Withers. Directed by Brendan Burke, this gripping production is set to run from September 15th to October 1st at The Studio, SHADOWLAND STAGES' intimate black box space located at 14 Market Street in Ellenville.

"OFF PEAK" delves into the complexities of love and memory when two former flames unexpectedly encounter each other during the evening commute. As they navigate their differing perspectives on a shared past, the delicate connection they form is tested by the echoes of long-forgotten memories. This touching story explores themes of forgiveness, forgetting, and the profound potential of a well-timed delay.



*Mary McCann*

Joining the cast is Mary McCann\*, an actor and founding member of Atlantic Theater Company, who also serves as the Executive Director of the Atlantic Acting School. Mary's Broadway credits include the Lincoln Center Production of "Our Town" and the Second Stage revival of "Uncommon Women and Others." She has also appeared in "The Old Neighborhood" and "Search and Destroy," as well as playing Carol in David Mamet's "Oleanna" at the Orpheum Theater for a year. Mary will perform opposite Steve Brady\*. Steve

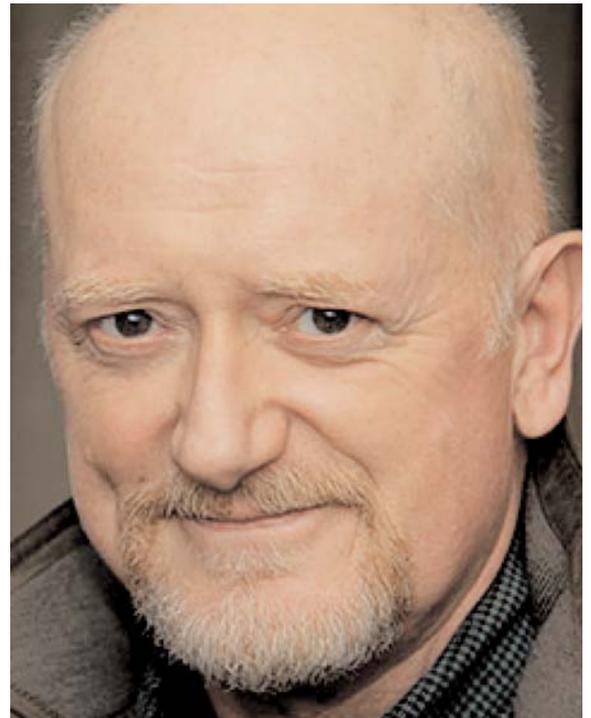
previously performed on the Shadowland Stage in productions "Lady's Man," "Yankee Tavern," "Lifespan of a Fact," "The Dangers of Electric Lighting," and "The Seafarer."

On Broadway, Steve appeared in "Inherit the Wind," and Off-Broadway in "Bill W. and Dr. Bob" at the Soho Playhouse, "Poor Beast in the Rain" at Irish Arts, "The Power of Darkness" at The Mint, and "A Dangerous Personality" at Perry Street.

Save the date for the official opening night of "OFF PEAK" on September 16th at 8 PM. Join us in celebrating this special occasion after the opening night performance at an exclusive celebration at Aroma Thyme in Ellenville, further enhancing the excitement of this exceptional production.

Before the official opening, catch preview performances of "OFF PEAK" on September 15th at 8 PM and September 16th at 2 PM. Preview tickets are available for \$35. Regular evening shows will be offered at \$43, and Sunday matinee performances are priced at \$39.

To secure your seats, tickets are available through the SHADOWLAND STAGES box office. Contact us at (845) 647-5511 or conveniently reserve your seats online at [shadowland-stages.org](http://shadowland-stages.org).



*Steve Brady*

SHADOWLAND STAGES, now in its remarkable 38th year, continues to be a beacon of artistic excellence in the Hudson Valley. From May to December, the theatre presents a diverse season of seven shows, including two musicals and a heartwarming holiday production. Alongside its mainstage presentations, SHADOWLAND STAGES proudly hosts

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**Sundown United Methodist Church  
Covered Dish Supper**

**5:30 pm  
Oct 7, 2023**

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

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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

**Mass Times**

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

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

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

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

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday  
Mass at 8:30AM.

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Sept 23rd, 2023  
Thrift Sale**

**9 am to 12 noon  
Luncheon**

**10:30 am- 12:30 pm**

**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches  
House Worship Plan**

**Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link**

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>  
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740  
Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

**The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.**  
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

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**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
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Worship Service 9:30 am  
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Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor  
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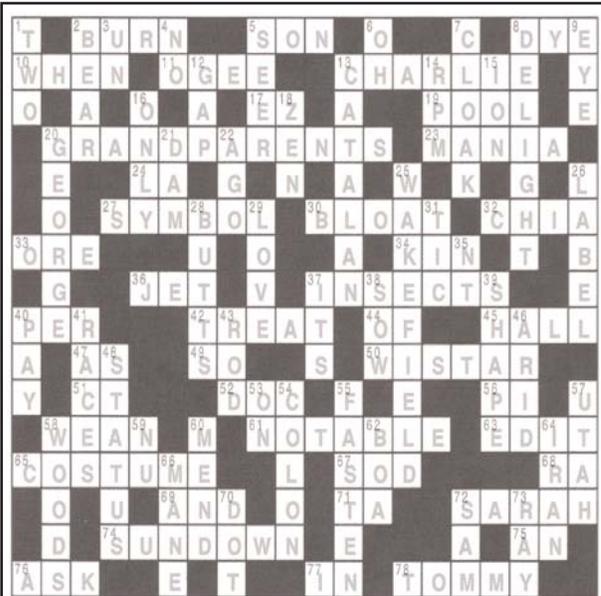
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Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword





**GRAHAMSVILLE  
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Donations accepted in the Thrift Building  
on Tuesdays  
from 9:30 to 11:30 am or by appointment.  
Call Ruth at 845-985-7222  
**The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team**  
<https://grahamsvilleUMC.org>  
GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com—Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

**Sundown  
United Methodist Church  
Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday, October 7th, 2023 5:30 pm  
at the Church Hall**

**Check out the tables with Yard Sale  
items available for sale**  
*(Covered Dish Suppers will be held the  
First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm  
at the Church Hall)*

*All Aboard!*



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**14th Annual Poetry Festival**

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center will sponsor its 14th Annual Poetry Festival Saturday, September 23, 2023. Poets from various places and backgrounds will read their original works, on a number of topics and styles...something for everyone. The reading will take place at the Liberty Public Library (North Main Street, Liberty) and on "zoom" starting at 1:00 p.m., and will be followed by a reception at the Museum (46 South Main Street) for readers and audience. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Marilyn Laufer, coordinator, at 845-292-6628. For a zoom link, call Marj at the Liberty Library...845-292-6070.

**Attention all campers!**  
**Here is your Trivia and Theatrical  
Update for the month**

The next Trivia Night at The Tango Cafe will be the usual third Thursday, i.e., Thursday, September 21st! 7pm go time. Seating begins at 6:30pm. Pre-registration is highly recommended to ensure your team gets a table. Reservations can be made at [tangocafe@hacny.org](mailto:tangocafe@hacny.org) or 845-520-5453 (no flyer this month, follow tango on social media to get clues)

This one's a bit more nerdy but, then, so am I. The evening is free. Food and drink available and advised.

Finally, a save the date (or save a date, rather): November 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 I will be acting in one of two one-man shows with my company, River Rep Theatre. The Catastrophist and Sea Wall will be performed at the Delaware Valley Opera Center in Lake Huntington. For more information, go to [riverrep.org](http://riverrep.org)

Sharpen those pencils and those wits! Hope to see you at trivia.

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

9/23/23	<b>Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale</b> 9 am - 12 noon <b>Luncheon</b> 10:30 am - 12:30pm
9/13/23	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
9/18/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
9/21/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
9/21/23	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
9/23	<b>Sundown UMC Chicken BBQ</b> - 4 - 7 pm
10/4/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
10/7/23	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
10/10/23	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
10/11/23	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
10/17/23	Claryville Fire District Budget Hearing and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm

**Save the Date!**

Sat. Sept. 16 –10 am-6 pm 23rd Annual Tractor Show and Swap Meet (See Pg. 29)  
 Sat. Sept. 16 –10 am-6 pm Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Sportsman Flea Market

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

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

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

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of September 11 - September 15, 2023

**Monday, September 11**

- o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board, **239 Golden Hill Lane, 2nd Floor** Conference Room, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Traffic Safety Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Tuesday, September 12**

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health**, 239 Golden Hill Lane, 1st Floor, Commissioner's Conference Room, Kingston
- o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM** (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - **Democratic Caucus**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Wednesday, September 13**

- o No Meetings

**Thursday, September 14**

- o **2:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **3:00 PM** (or immediately following UC IDA Governance Committee) - **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Charter Revision Commission**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 840 4292 4344
- o **6:00 PM - Law, Rules & Government Services Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 6:30 PM (or immediately following Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - **Republican Caucus**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Friday, September 15**

- o **12:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

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(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week

(3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week

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1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$64.00 per week

(6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week

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## **Grahamsville Fire Department Winner of The Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge Announcement and Awards Presented at the Fireman's Parade**

[LIBERTY] Winners of The Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge were announced at the 94th Annual Sullivan County Volunteer Fireman's Parade on Saturday.

Securing first place with a total of 408 points, Grahamsville Fire Department will receive a grant in the amount of \$15,000. Grahamsville trained in Suicide Prevention; had 89 Meal Replacements; 135 Physical Activities; 142 Health presentations; 6 Community Collaborations

Taking second place with a total of 294 points, Jeffersonville Fire Department will receive a grant in the amount of \$10,000. Jeffersonville trained in life saving Narcan and suicide prevention as well as 34 health webinars; 49 healthy meals; 28 physical activities; 78 health presentations and 4 community collaborations.

Both grants were presented and made possible by Aileen Gunther.

Additionally, "Turtle Awards" in the amount of \$500 were given to three fire departments to recognize their work in specific areas related to Encouraging Healthy Behaviors and building a culture of health. The categories include Mental Health Programming, Improved Nutrition, Increased Physical Activity and Community Collaboration. The departments being recognized with Turtle Awards also placed with overall points. The awards were announced at the parade and will be delivered to individual departments over the coming months.

With overall points of 189; and in recognition of their work to bring mental health programming to their fire house; their efforts to improve nutrition and increase physical activity, as well as their outstanding community collaboration, spirit and creativity, Lake Huntington Fire Department received five Turtle Awards.

With overall points of 172; and in recognition of their efforts in the area of mental health programming, improving nutrition, and increasing physical activity, Kauneonga Lake Fire Department received three Turtle Awards.

With overall points of 124; and in recognition of their work to improve nutrition; increase physical activity and engage their families and the extended community Wurtsboro Fire Department received three Turtle Awards.

Since January when the challenge kicked off, 17 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. The challenges were meant to be easy and attainable but impactful. 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.

Healthiest Fire Department Turtle Award sponsors included: Hudson Valley Gives; Liberty and Monticello Rotary; New Hope Community; NYSEG; Prestige Towing; Resorts World Catskills; Schmidt's Wholesale; Schmidt's Rentals; Sullivan Fire Protection; Thompson Sanitation and the Zufall Family.

## **Big Eddy Film Festival Sneak Peak – Highlights**

9/23 - BEFF SOUNDCHECK\*

Enjoy a free screening of *LITTLE RICHARD: I AM EVERYTHING* (2023, Magnolia Pictures) in the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods on Saturday Evening, 9/23. Advance registration is suggested; doors open at 6 PM, screening at 7 PM with an incredible panel to follow. Presented in partnership with Bethel Woods, the documentary tells the story of the Black queer origins of rock n' roll, exploding the whitewashed canon of American pop music to reveal the innovator - the originator - Richard Penniman. Registration is available on the Bethel Woods website. \*pre-festival event

9/28 - BEFF IGNITE!

Join us Thursday Evening, 9/28, for a BITE! Enjoy a vibrant food event followed by a screening of *LA BRIGADE* (2022, Samuel Goldwyn Films) and engaging discussion with creatives and local chefs. We're raising funds and awareness for *A SINGLE BITE*, the Sullivan County non-profit dedicated to promoting farm-to-table nutrition. Location TBA.

9/30 - FAMILY PROGRAMMING

New for this year, BEFF is offering two new family programs that speak directly to kids, teens, and tweens.

Saturday morning, 9/30, kickstart your day with "Kids Make Film" at the Tusten Theatre, showcasing young artists from the area. Kids are then invited to dive into a hands-on experimental *ANIMATION WORKSHOP*, where participants will directly draw on transparent film, creating a mesmerizing array of colorful dancing abstractions. Spots for the workshop are limited; advance reservations are required.

Saturday afternoon, 9/30, after the workshop, bring your teens and tweens for a Sullivan County premiere of *STRAIGHT/CURVE* (2017, Rocofilms), the groundbreaking body positivity documentary that swept the globe. We are *THRILLED* to engage in the discussion with our panel featuring plus size supermodel Robyn Lawly, agent Becca Thorpe, and star of the film Anastasia Garcia with producer and local Jess Lewis. Moderated by former Rockette Amanda McCormick.

10/1 - SEXY BREAKFAST!

On Sunday morning, 10/1, we are Bringing Sexy Back...breakfast, that is. This sold-out event was the most fun and flirty of the Festival in 2022. The program of *SEXY SHORT FILMS* will be sure to butter your biscuits. Pajama-themed costumes are encouraged, so dress in your finest robe and slippers and sashay over to the Narrowsburg Union for trivia, short films, and *SEXY BREAKFAST*. Stay tuned for details on the mouth-watering menu and fabulous prizes. This is definitely an R-rated event.

STAY TUNED!

Anticipation is building as we prepare for the full lineup announcement later this week. And a reminder: Full Schedule and Film Selections will be unveiled at Bar Veloce on Thursday, September 7th at 5 PM.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

## 2nd to NONE!

The 143rd Grahamsville Little World's Fair this August 19-21 was a tremendous success! Larry Bracken, President of the Neversink Agricultural Society Board of Directors, all of the Fair Board Directors, Associate Directors, volunteers and all of the people behind the scenes that make the fair possible have our congratulations and thanks for the spectacular work they have done.

The weather could not have been more beautiful for a fair, the entertainment, programs and shows were amazing, and the attendance was the greatest seen in years. Old time fair directors know that when you survey the fairgrounds from the information booth or anywhere up on the hill, and cannot see the midway ground because there are so many people, that it is a good day!

The reason we are writing this is that we know first-hand how much physical, mental and administrative work it takes to run a successful fair. The old-time directors were from families like Many, Walters, Furman, Erath, Smith, Clark, TerBush, Garigliano, Sheeley and others, had limited resources, but "gave it their all" to keep it going from the early part of the 1900s through the 1970s. In the 1970s, the State was going to shutter the operation due to inadequate water and sewer systems. The board of directors at the time had little money, were overwhelmed by the situation, and were going to "fold up the tent." But they were urged by a few enthusiastic members of the board to make it work. They collaborated with the Town, with the result being the purchase of a small parcel of the fairgrounds by the Town for the current swimming pool and bathhouse. The DEC approved the right to hook into the town sewer system. Eugene Osterhout and family (owners of adjacent property) offered access through their adjoining property, and also volunteered his family to install the sewer connection with other volunteers and for only cost of materials. They also built the bathhouse for the Town pool property. It was around this time as well that the Neversink Agricultural Society offered the Town use of the fairgrounds year-round as a town park, and to be the ultimate owner of the grounds should the Society ever cease to exist.

In the next three decades, members of the Board of Directors have been family members of the previous generation(s). Their challenges were just as great, with weather, infrastructure, and financial issues. But each generation of board members has risen to the challenge in order to keep this 143 year tradition alive for the public.

Most community members know that the fair provides important opportunities for our local organizations such as the Lion's Club, Grahamsville Fire Dept, Daniel Pierce Library, Tri-Valley FFA Chapter and others to raise funds for their operations. These entities, as well as Cornell Cooperative Extension, 4-H clubs, and Sullivan County Sportsman's Federation all make the fair what it is.

That brings us to our current Board members and this year's fair many of these Directors are third and fourth generation family members of the "Old Timers". Most fair-goers will have noticed the vast improvements made to the grounds over the past 5 years. Some of these were behind the scenes upgrades, such as the electrical system. But the new buildings, new bathrooms, increased number of vendors on the midway, new entertainment and shows, are all due to the hard work, administrative know how and commitment to continuing a 143 year tradition. They understand the history and hard work that their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents did to bring it to this point.

We truly appreciate the new leadership and congratulate you on a very successful fair.

With gratitude,

Philip Coombe, Jr (20 year board member 1960s - 1970s)  
Philip Coombe, III (20+ year board member 1980s -1990s)  
Catherine Coombe (20 + year board member 1990s - 2017)

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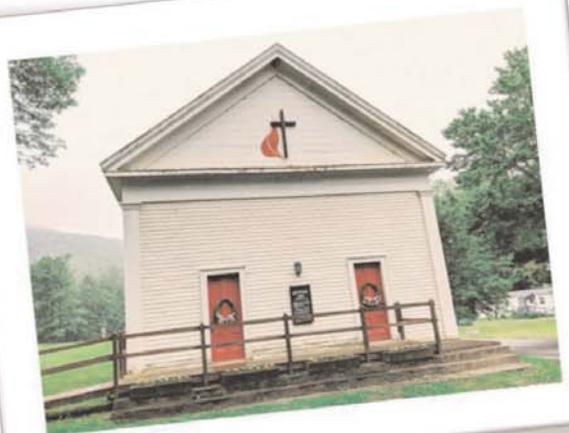
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## Big Eddy Film Festival Sneak Peak – Highlights

(From Pg. 25) ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Big Eddy Film Festival is produced by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), the arts council for Sullivan County. The Festival aims to advance the traditional art of storytelling by showing the newest and best independent films from around the world and our own backyard.

“There is nothing like coming together to experience powerful stories and discover new voices on the big screen. The Big Eddy Film Festival is truly the epitome of DVAA's initiatives -it provides our community the opportunity to immerse themselves in unique and inspiring programming that includes local, national, and international makers. I'm excited to have Kate return once again as our festival director, and with our amazing team and presenting partners, build on the great time attendees had at last year's Big Eddy!”

-Ariel Shanberg, Executive Director of DVAA

Heading into their second year as Festival Director, the accomplished Kate Bergstrom is back. Kate is known for her exceptional directorial talents. She's joined this year by Line Producer Amanda McCormick, adding her expertise to the team.

“The community, the film lovers and the artists here have been incredibly welcoming and inspire this year's Big Eddy. I am looking forward to the Festival's continued exploration of counter-currents - critical conversations sparked by the rural imagination locally and across the globe. With new partnerships, immersive events, and exclusive screenings, BEFF 2023 is going to be a long weekend of revelation and revelry!”

-Kate Bergstrom, Big Eddy Film Festival Director

Coordinating the army of volunteers that run the four-day extravaganza are Jill Fructer and Jeffrey Allison. For those interested in Volunteer Opportunities and Sponsorships, contact DVAA at (845) 252-7576.

“Volunteers power the Festival with their time and energy, filling a myriad of front-of-house roles, helping visitors find what they need, and get to where they want to go. We couldn't do it without them (and we wouldn't want to!)”

-Jill Fructer, Big Eddy Volunteer Coordinator

### Tickets & Venues:

Screenings and events will take place at the Tusten Theatre, DVAA's Krause Recital Hall, the Narrowsburg Union, and other venues around Narrowsburg. Screening tickets range from \$10 to \$15 unless stated otherwise.

Get your All-Access Pass for \$125, providing entry to all screenings and special events, including exclusive BEFF events and artist mixers. Pass holders will receive a personalized Festival Pass, the 2023 tote bag featuring artwork by Jorge Colombo, and discounts on festival merchandise plus an exclusive invitation to opening night's producer's toast.

Purchase your tickets online at [www.bigeddyfilmfest.com](http://www.bigeddyfilmfest.com) or by calling the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance at (845) 252-7576.

### BE A FESTIVAL SPONSOR!

Tailored sponsorship opportunities are available that bring excellent visibility to our partners and ensure that the Big Eddy Film Festival is presented at the highest level. From hosting a filmmaker to underwriting a screening or event, local support is vital to Big Eddy's success.



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### SUPPORT

DVAA's programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts, the Sullivan County Legislature, the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund, the Fair Games Fund, the Heartland Embers Fund, Business Sponsors, DVAA members, and supporters like you.

### CONTACT

For more information, contact Kacy Colson, DVAA Communications Manager, at (845) 252-7576 or [communications@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](mailto:communications@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

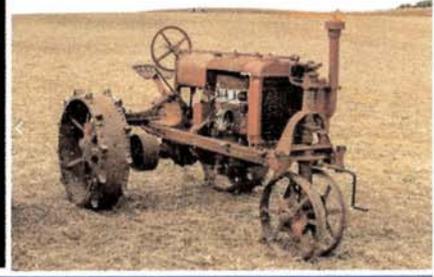
## Federation Announces Honorees for SC “Media Men” Gala

This year the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is honoring five “Media Men” at their annual dinner gala on October 19th at the Mountainview Manor in Glen Spey. The Federation has chosen to honor Paul Ciliberto, Jonathan Charles Fox, Barry Lewis, Mike Sakell and Eddie Wilson.

“Over the years these radio personalities and journalists have used their talents and platforms to support our organization and those we serve over and over again” says Federation director Kathy Kreiter. “I believe this type of dedication to the community becomes larger than the sum of its parts.”

Tickets to the gala are \$90.00 each, and include a scrumptious cocktail party w/ open bar in addition to a delicious dinner. All proceeds from the October 19th event will directly benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless and those they serve.

The Federation for the Homeless provides education, goods and services to those who are without resources. If you would like to join the gala committee, purchase tickets or learn about sponsorship and journal opportunities, please call Kathy Kreiter at (845) 794-2604, or email her at [scfh@hvc.rr.com](mailto:scfh@hvc.rr.com).



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# Senior Shopping Bus Service Is Back to Five Days a Week Open to 60 and Older; Reservations Required

Kauneonga Lake, NY - Sullivan County officials happily announce that the free Senior Shopping Bus service is resuming full weekday runs starting today, September 11.

"This means that at least once a week, residents over 60 from each part of the County can access our free shopping bus services to run their errands in Monticello," said Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul at a press conference held Friday at the Bethel Senior Center in Kauneonga Lake. "Our mission at the Office for the Aging is to provide support for individuals aging in place, and our shopping bus is a big part of that."



*From the left: Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul, Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty, Transportation Director Ruthann Hayden, District 4 Legislator Nick Salomone, Bethel Town Supervisor Dan Sturm, District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, driver Barbara Pirog, driver David Dibble and Nutrition Coordinator Jane Bozan.*

"This bus behind me is solid evidence that this Legislature cares deeply about the people of Sullivan County, especially our seniors," affirmed Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty, speaking in front of the buses to be used. "Our Senior Shopping Bus, like our separate Move Sullivan public transportation, doesn't charge a fee to ride. The County pays for it all, thanks to a Legislature that is forward-thinking and focused on spending taxpayers' dollars where they will do the most good."

"I am very excited for this new start, as is our staff," stated Transportation Director Ruthann Hayden. "We will serve every part of the County over various days of the week, thanks to a team of friendly drivers ready to take people to Walmart, Shoprite and Aldi's in Monticello, then get them back home. Every person also gets two extra stops, which could be for prescriptions, to pick up their mail, go to the bank, etc., so long as they're not lengthy transactions."

"It's so nice to see the program going back to five days a week," stated District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez. "This can help you get from your home to

shopping without having to worry about parking, getting gas or driving in tough conditions."

"Five-days-a-week bus service for our seniors is going to help us immensely," noted Bethel Town Supervisor Dan Sturm, in whose township the service begins on the 11th. "I'd also like to thank the bus drivers that are here. What they carry with them every day is such a great responsibility, and we are grateful for what they do."

"Our bus services are a valuable connection to work, shopping and the doctors. It's a real lifeline for many people in Sullivan County, and I brag about it wherever I go," added District 4 Legislator Nick Salomone. "I'm very proud to be part of a Legislature and a County government that truly cares about this County."

The service is open at no charge to all Sullivan County residents 60 or older. Buses carry up to 14 people, are fully accessible to wheelchairs and other mobility devices, and run door-to-door in these locations on these days:

#### o MONDAYS:

o Town of Bethel - Smallwood, Cohecton, Bethel Senior Housing and White Lake

o **Town of Neversink - Neversink, Grahamsville, Foxcroft Village**

#### o TUESDAYS:

o Town of Fallsburg - Woodridge, Mountindale & South Fallsburg

o Town of Rockland - Livingston Manor & Roscoe.

#### o WEDNESDAYS:

o Town of Liberty - Liberty, Golden Park, Barkley Gardens & White Sulphur Springs

o Town of Mamakating - Summitville, Wurtsboro & Bloomingburg

#### o THURSDAYS:

o Towns of Tusten, Highland and Lumberland - Narrowsburg, Eldred, Barryville, Glen Spey, and surrounding areas

o Town of Thompson - Monticello, Mongaup Valley

#### o FRIDAYS:

o Towns of Delaware, Fremont and Callicoon - Fremont Center, Callicoon, Hankins, Jeffersonville, etc.

o Liberty Village & Town of Fallsburg- Liberty Village Apts., Hurleyville, Loch Sheldrake & Kiamesha Lake

Two hours are allotted to shop at Walmart, Shoprite and Aldi's in Monticello, plus up to two extra stops per passenger for short transactions at other businesses.

Reservations must be made no later than noon the previous business day at 845-807-0244.

For more information, contact the Office for the Aging at 845-807-0241 or the Transportation Department at 845-807-0180, or visit [www.sullivanny.us/departments/transportation](http://www.sullivanny.us/departments/transportation).

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# Fraud Task Force Announces Arrests

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



*Jacqueline M. Vargas*

July 23, 2023 - Jacqueline M. Vargas, 39, of Liberty, was arrested and charged with Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, also a Class E felony. It is alleged that Vargas stole \$1,435 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to disclose on

a Periodic Report a second source of income from a second job between June 29, 2022 and December 20, 2022. During this time frame, Vargas was in receipt of SNAP benefits. This unreported income resulted in an overpayment of \$1,435 in SNAP benefits that she would not have otherwise been entitled to. Vargas

was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



*Waleska Rivera-Sawo*

July 26, 2023 - Waleska Rivera-Sawo, 48, of Monticello, was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that Rivera-Sawo stole \$1,093 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to disclose that she was employed between July 15, 2022 and December 31, 2022. During this time frame, Rivera-Sawo was in receipt of SNAP benefits. This unreported income resulted in \$1,093 in SNAP benefits paid to Rivera-Sawo that she was not otherwise entitled to. Rivera-Sawo was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

September 1, 2023 - Marietta E. Trimble, 44, of Fallsburg was arrested and charged with Welfare Fraud in the 3rd Degree, a Class D felony, and Offering a False Instrument in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that Trimble stole \$3,067 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to disclose on her SNAP application that she was employed from July 21, 2022 through September 1, 2022. During this time frame, Trimble was in receipt of SNAP benefits. This unreported income resulted in an overpayment of SNAP benefits in the amount of \$3,067 that she would not have otherwise been entitled to. Trimble was processed and released to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



*Marietta E. Trimble*

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## Governor Hochul Announces \$7.7 Million to Support Addiction Workforce Development Through New Fellowship Program

### *Funding To Support Innovative Program at Four New York State Medical Schools*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced more than \$7.7 Million in funding will be distributed through the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports to support a new workforce development and fellowship program at four medical schools across New York State. This innovative addiction workforce training initiative will support 83 New York State fellows with professional healthcare experience to gain educational training and development to best meet the needs of New Yorkers impacted by addiction.

"In my 2023 State of the State address, I outlined our commitment to supporting New Yorkers struggling with addiction across our state through significant investment in harm reduction, preventive, and treatment support programs," Governor Hochul said. "As medical professionals study the disease of addiction, it is imperative that we provide the appropriate professional educational training needed to best serve this population."

This program will allow medical students, current medical professionals, and certain state workers to enter the fellowship program by supporting their stipends (or salaries) and benefits, and will also support curriculum development, instruction, and supervision of the fellows. Enrolled addiction professionals will gain experience across multiple prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery settings.

Each of the awardees listed below will receive funding through the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Supplemental Grant covering the program's implementation for two years:

- o SUNY Upstate Medical University - \$3,562,691
- o New York University Grossman School of Medicine - \$2,397,908
- o Albert Einstein College of Medicine - \$921,833
- o The Research Foundation for the State University of New York on behalf of the University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences - \$864,627

The enrolled fellows will represent the following healthcare professions: physicians, medical students, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, licensed social workers, occupational therapists, licensed mental health practitioners, psychologists, Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselors (CASACs), Credentialed Prevention Professionals (CPPs), Credentialed Prevention Specialists (CPSs), and Certified Recovery Peer Advocates (CRPAs).

New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham said. "Expanding and enhancing the addiction workforce is a vital part of OASAS' efforts to support the full continuum of services across the state. These professionals perform important work on a daily basis to assist New Yorkers who have been affected by addiction. This new, innovative fellowship program will help addiction services workers across multiple disciplines receive vital training and other professional development, which will benefit individuals and communities across the state."

Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer said, "The opioid crisis continues to take the lives of far too many New Yorkers

each and every day. One of the best ways to combat this crisis is ensuring our communities have the resources and addiction service professionals to ensure our most vulnerable populations have the support they need. I am proud to help deliver this \$7 million federal boost to help expand our healthcare workforce and addiction service training programs at medical schools across New York."

Representative Adriano Espaillat said, "Addiction has touched the lives of far too many New Yorkers, and we must ensure resources, including funding for prevention programs, are allocated equitably across our state to support families and individuals who are affected the most," said Congressman Adriano Espaillat.

Representative Paul Tonko said, "We must use every resource at our disposal to address the overdose epidemic, and expanding and training our future healthcare professionals to better enable them to care for those struggling with addiction is a key facet in that effort," Congressman Paul Tonko said. "I'm proud of my work to secure this federal funding through the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Supplemental Block Grant and am thankful to those who are ensuring compassionate, comprehensive care for those in our New York communities who need it most."

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(From Pg. 34) State Senator Nathalia Fernandez said, "The people working in the addiction services workforce are essential as our front line in the battle against substance use disorders. That is why it is of the utmost importance to bring more talented individuals to these positions. I believe this fellowship program will do just that. I am hopeful that we will also offer more support to those currently in the workforce for a much deserved improvement on their quality for their increasingly important work."

Available addiction treatment including crisis/detox, inpatient, residential, or outpatient care can be found using the NYS OASAS Treatment Availability Dashboard at [FindAddictionTreatment.ny.gov](https://www.findaddictiontreatment.ny.gov) or through the NYS OASAS website. If you, or a loved one, have experienced insurance obstacles related to treatment or need help filing an appeal for a denied claim, contact the CHAMP helpline by phone at 888-614-5400 or email at [ombuds@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:ombuds@oasas.ny.gov).

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



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## Neversink Town Historian Carol Smyth's September *Picture of the Past* – Answer



On the back of the photo, the men are identified and the date is listed as 1933. It is believed these men were among the first correction officers employed at Woodbourne.



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## Delaware & Hudson Canal Interpretive Center

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# Upcoming Canal Events

## Guided Canal Trail Walk

**Sunday, September 10, 2023 1:00 pm**

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

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## Guided Canal & O&W Trail Walk

**Sunday October 15, 2023 1:00 pm**

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

Contact Mamakating Library to register. Email: [mamcirc@rcls.org](mailto:mamcirc@rcls.org) or call 845-888-8004.

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## D&H Canal Presentation

**Sunday October 22, 2023 2:00 pm**

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

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

**Town of Thompson Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.  
Town of Fallsburg Supervisor, Katherine Rappaport**

**September 8, 2023**

**Ruling on Petition for formation of the Village of Ateres**

William J. Rieber, Jr. and Katherine Rappaport, Supervisors of the Towns of Thompson and Fallsburg respectively announce that we concur the petition for the formation of the Village of Ateres complies with the requirements of Article 2 of NYS Village Law.

We thank the many citizens who participated in this process. Many well-articulated objections were received over the course of the review period; however, no qualitative or quantitative analysis is even allowed in the process under current NYS Law. Therefore, many of these objections, while full of merit, are not actual reasons for challenge based on the antiquated Village Law.

We note that we, as Town Supervisors, are required to review the petition with a narrow set of circumstances as governed by State law. After many hours of public hearings, reviewing submissions, consulting with staff and our attorneys it was painfully obvious that the approximately 100+ year-old NYS statute governing Village formations is in dire need of a re-write. We are beyond the days of communities meeting at the local Grange to map out their future. Fortunately, the Assembly and Senate agree, having both approved an updated bill which awaits Gov. Hochul's signature. We are governed by the current law, absent the Governor's signature.

The current law ignores concerns such as: Environmental impact; water and sewer infrastructure needs; roadway improvements and maintenance; staff needed to administer the Village; poverty status; NYS's own desire to consolidate and dissolve villages; proper planning to study fiscal, service, and taxation interests; Comptroller's oversight for the residents who must pay for this new layer of government; and a possible infringement of the public's 1<sup>st</sup> amendment right of free speech due to the law's requirement for objectors to not only disclose their name and address but to sign the objection and place themselves in a position to be deposed or even possibly be conjoined in a suit.

While this concludes the first step in creating the new village, State law lays out the next steps and processes that must be followed. We will fulfill our duties as public officials to comply with the law.

**William J. Rieber, Jr.**  
Supervisor Town of Thompson  
845-794-2500 Ext. 306

**Katherine Rappaport**  
Supervisor, Town of Fallsburg  
845-434-8810 Ext. 5

- It's worth noting that one of the last villages to be created in NY was in 2010 by the Village of Mastic Beach, only to be dissolved less than a year later, as the cost of expenses to run the Village created a significant tax burden to Village residents, since it was never adequately studied, because it was not required.
- Environmental concerns, water and sewer infrastructure needs, roadway improvements and maintenance, and staff needed to administer the Village are not part of the Village Creation law, and they should be. These are all important aspects that could cause significant negative impacts to the local residents within and around the proposed Village and should be studied and analyzed.
- The State has a technical assistance brochure entitled "The Citizen's Guide to Petition for Local Government Consolidation & Dissolution" which is a great resource, *however, the same does not exist for Local Government creation.*
- In reviewing Census data for other similar communities, it's interesting to note that the poverty level in these areas is significantly higher than the surrounding areas, thus creating a distressed community ("ghetto") that will be dependent on State and Federal services and programs to survive. For example, the Village of Bloomingburg had a poverty rate of 17% in 2000 and 16.8% in 2015, but as of the 2020 census, the poverty rate has increased to 48.7% and the current 2021 ACS has it at 54.6%. Other poverty rates for similar villages are as follows:
  - Kaser – 60%
  - New Square – 53%
  - Kiryas Joel/Pine Tree – 40.5%
  - Monsey CDP – 45.7%

# Ulster County Clerk Welcomes Theatre on the Road at the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to welcome Theatre on the Road to the Matthewis Persen House on Saturday, September 16 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for an interactive information session about their upcoming fall performances. The house is located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the historic intersection of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

This Saturday, meet Frank Marquette of Theatre on the Road for an informational meet & greet at the Persen House. Marquette will be talking about the theatre's involvement with the Burning of Kingston on October 14th, as well as plans for October cemetery tours at the Old Dutch Church. Cemetery tours this fall will focus on some of the remarkable women who survived the burning of Kingston by the British in 1777, including a young housewife, an enslaved woman, a grieving Native American, and even a British spy!



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To learn more about Theatre on the Road and their

upcoming performance schedule or the Burning of Kingston events this October, please visit their websites

at  
[www.theatreontheroad.com](http://www.theatreontheroad.com)  
and [www.burningofkingston.com](http://www.burningofkingston.com).

For more information on the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs by the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040

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# Senator Gillibrand, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins Stand at Westchester Medical Center Calling for Nearly \$180 Million to Address Nation's Maternal Mortality and Maternal Mental Health Crisis

## *Black Non-Hispanic Women in the United States Are Up To 3 Times As Likely To Die From Pregnancy-Related Complications*

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins stood at Westchester Medical Center calling for legislation and nearly \$180 million in federal funding to address the nation's maternal mortality and maternal mental health crisis. The United States continues to have the highest rate of maternal mortality in the developed world, driven in large part by the high mortality rates among women of color. Gillibrand's approach would support mothers at every step of their maternal health care journey and help address racial disparities in maternal health by awarding grants to grow and diversify the maternal health workforce and working to eliminate racial bias in maternal care. The leaders were joined by Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, Westchester Medical Center OB/GYN Director Dr. Sean Tedjarati, WMCHHealth President and CEO Michael Israel, and Dr. Catherine Daniels-Brady, Psychiatrist at WMCHHealth Behavioral Health Center.

"More people in the United States die from pregnancy-related complications than in any of our peer countries - this is outrageous and downright shameful. We must do more to support and listen to women and pregnant people at every step of their maternal health journey," said Senator Gillibrand. "I'm fighting to include nearly \$180 million in the end-of-year spending bill to help implement evidence-based health care standards for all women, no matter their race or ethnicity. I'm also pushing to pass the Moms Matter Act to provide critical mental health and substance use disorder support to pregnant people and moms. I will never stop fighting to ensure every mother is heard and gets high-quality health care - no matter their race, socioeconomic status, or zip code."

"The Moms Matter Act, sponsored by Senator Gillibrand, represents a crucial step towards addressing the longstanding gap in mental health and overall well-being support for new mothers who have been historically underserved and excluded from accessing these vital resources," stated New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "In our unwavering commitment to reproductive health, maternal care, and favorable pregnancy outcomes, my colleagues in the Senate Democratic Majority and I are dedicated to ensuring that every individual has unfettered access to life-saving information and high-quality care. We are equally devoted to enhancing and fortifying available resources to ensure that pregnant individuals across the state receive the comprehensive care they deserve. I applaud Senator Gillibrand for her invaluable contribution through this legislation and her tireless efforts to support mothers, not only in New York but also throughout our nation."

"Pregnant and postpartum women in the United States are dying at rates up to ten times that of women in other high-income nations. Among them, Black women are dying at twice the national average. And, in recent years, the trend has only gotten worse. To reduce these shameful disparities, we need to invest in solutions that benefit all new mothers while focusing on the needs of those who are most at risk. The Moms Matter Act will do just that, by addressing mental health and substance abuse disorders - which are among the leading causes of maternal death - at the community level. Senator Gillibrand's advocacy on this issue will promote fairness in maternal health care, and it will save

lives," said Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky.

"Senator Gillibrand's Bipartisan Moms Matter Act represents a pivotal moment in our ongoing efforts to prioritize the health and well-being of mothers. The legislation's focus on addressing maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders is not just timely, but essential. As County Executive of Westchester, I wholeheartedly support this initiative, and I commend Senator Gillibrand for her dedication to improving maternal health outcomes. We must continue working to ensure that every mother, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status, receives the care and support they need during and after pregnancy," said Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

"The bill proposed by U.S. Senator Gillibrand is coming at a crucial time in this country's history as we are seeing increasing rates of mental health and substance use disorder among disenfranchised pregnant women leading to illness and even death," said Michael D. Israel, President and CEO of Westchester Medical Center Health Network. "This bill aligns nicely with our recently launched Center for Women's Health Equity which seeks to proactively eliminate the social, economic, cultural and racial determinants of health that can result in increased morbidity and mortality rates among pregnant women across the Hudson Valley. We applaud the Senator for her leadership on this issue and look forward to working with her now and into the future to address this public health crisis."

Senator Gillibrand's Moms Matter Act would establish two grant programs to support moms with maternal mental health conditions or substance use disorders by investing in community-based programs that provide mental and behavioral health treatments. Additionally, the bill would provide funding for programs to grow and diversify the maternal mental and behavioral health care workforce in an effort to ensure quality, culturally competent health care.

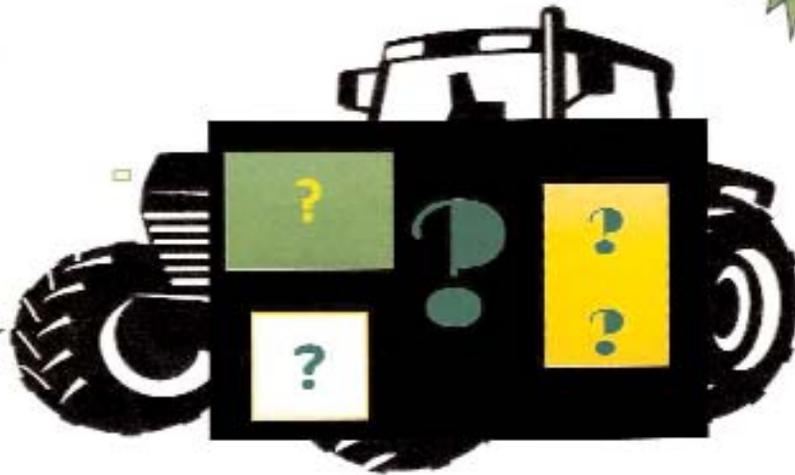
Ahead of final negotiations for the FY24 appropriations package, Senator Gillibrand is calling on Senate Appropriations Committee leaders to include \$164 million for the Safe Motherhood and Infant Health Program, which will boost the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) ability to provide assistance to state Maternal Mortality Review Committees in their data collection efforts.

Senator Gillibrand is also pushing for \$15 million in federal funding for the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM), a program that works with states and hospital systems to implement toolkits to improve maternal outcomes. AIM works on a range of maternal safety topics, including obstetric hemorrhage, severe hypertension in pregnancy, maternal mental health, obstetric care for women with opioid use disorder, and education on peripartum racial and ethnic disparities.

Senator Gillibrand is a relentless champion for the health and rights of mothers and their families. Gillibrand fought for and successfully established a National Maternal Mental Health Hotline, which provides free, confidential, 24/7 support to pregnant and postpartum women facing mental health challenges. Counselors are available by text and phone in English and Spanish and have access to interpreter services that can support 60 other languages. The hotline can be reached at 1-833-943-5746 (1-833-9-HELP4MOMS). More information is available here.

Gillibrand also supports the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, which includes her Moms Matter Act. She leads the Modernizing Obstetric Medicine Standards (MOMS) Act, which would develop standardized maternal safety best practices to prevent maternal mortality and morbidity and provide hospitals with the resources to help prevent maternal death and complications before, during, and after childbirth. Gillibrand also secured \$17 million in maternal health care funding in the bipartisan FY2021 appropriations package and an additional \$42 million in the FY2023 funding package. Gillibrand has also taken action to address Black maternal mortality and eliminate racial bias in maternal care by advocating for federal funding for evidence-based training programs to reduce implicit bias in maternal health care delivery.

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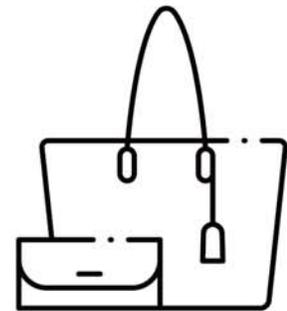
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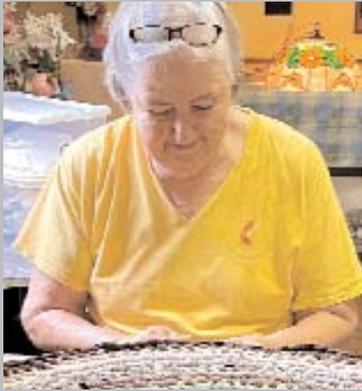
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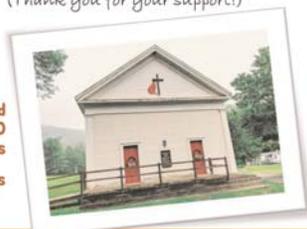


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# Monticello Kiwanis Supports Action Toward Independence



*Debbie Worden holding a Kiwanis Cup, Publicity Chairperson Sheila Lashinsky and Vice President Karen Ellsweig*

The guest speaker at the August Monticello Kiwanis Meeting was Deborah Worden, Executive Director at ATI (Action Toward Independence). Ms. Worden enlightened us on what services ATI provides to our residents and especially to the youth in our County. She advised us that the organization provides assistance to children in foster care and in transitional services to children aging out of the Foster Care System. They also provide assistance in life and social skills to elementary, middle and high school aged children. These services comply with the mission of Kiwanis to improve the world one child and one community at a time and also to the mission of our Sweet Dreams Project, which is to assist the children being removed from their homes and transitioning into the foster care system.

Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport thanked Ms Worden for a very informative presen-

tation and the club donated \$250.00 to ATI from the Sweet Dreams Funds to be used in assisting ATI with their services to the youth in our community.

## Town of Fallsburg Partners with Rolling V Bus Corporation to Provide Free Transportation to Monthly Pop-Up Food Pantry

FALLSBURG, NY - September 12, 2023 - The Town of Fallsburg is proud to announce an exciting partnership with Rolling V Bus Corporation to offer free transportation services to the monthly pop-up food pantry. This initiative aims to enhance access to essential resources and support residents across all hamlets within the Town of Fallsburg.

The collaboration between the Town of Fallsburg and Rolling V Bus Corporation underscores their commitment to addressing food insecurity and ensuring that all members of the community can access nutritious food. This innovative partnership will offer free transportation services to and from the pop-up food pantry locations, making it easier for individuals and families to participate.

Nick Vallone, Executive Vice President of Rolling V Bus Corporation, expressed his enthusiasm about this partnership, stating, "Rolling V Bus Corporation is dedicated to giving back

to the communities we serve. We believe that everyone should have access to the food they need, and we are proud to support the Town of Fallsburg in their efforts to combat food insecurity. By providing free transportation to the pop-up food pantry, we hope to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors."

The Town of Fallsburg Supervisor, Kathy Rappaport, emphasized the significance of this collaboration, saying, "We are thrilled to partner with Rolling V Bus Corporation to expand our community's access to vital resources. This partnership aligns with our commitment to improving the quality of life for all Fallsburg residents. By removing transportation barriers to the pop-up food pantry, we hope to ensure that no one in our town goes hungry."

Starting Tuesday September 26th residents of Fallsburg can take advantage of the free transportation services provided by Rolling V Bus Corporation. Buses will be available at convenient locations at the post offices in every hamlet within the Town of Fallsburg. The schedule and additional details will be made available on the Town of Fallsburg's official website and through social media channels.

This partnership between the Town of Fallsburg and Rolling V Bus Corporation exemplifies the power of collaboration and community-driven solutions. It represents a significant step toward addressing food insecurity and supporting the well-being of all Fallsburg residents.

For more information please contact: Town Hall 845-434-8810 X 5

## Gillibrand Announces Legislation to Prevent Jobseekers from being Kicked off Snap Benefits

- *If Jobseekers Earn Wages From Work Training Programs, They Face The Prospect Of Losing SNAP Benefits*
- *Gillibrand: "Jobseekers Should Not Face The Impossible Choice Between Work And Food"*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to announce her Training and Nutrition Stability Act, legislation to help prevent jobseekers from losing their SNAP benefits. The bill would rectify loopholes within the SNAP Employment and Training program that can cause a SNAP recipient to lose benefits due to receiving wages as part of their job training. By doing so, it would help ensure that SNAP recipients continue to receive critical nutritional assistance while gaining skills, working to secure employment, and eventually achieving self-sufficiency.

"Loopholes in SNAP's E&T program force job seekers to make an impossible choice: to participate in job training and potentially lose desperately needed nutritional assistance, or to give up employment opportunities in order to keep food on the table," said Senator Gillibrand. "My Training and Nutrition Stability Act is a commonsense fix that will provide jobseekers with sustained nutritional assistance as they seek to expand their skill sets and secure good-paying jobs so that they no longer need to rely on SNAP. I'm committed to getting this bill passed and making sure working families have the support they need to get back on their feet."

"People returning home from incarceration should have every opportunity to gain additional skills and job training to provide a better life for themselves and their families. However, right now, there's a 'Catch-22' in SNAP Employment & Training where an individual could be kicked off of SNAP due to the income they earn from a job training program," said Sam Schaeffer, Chief Executive Officer of Center for Employment Opportunities. "We thank Senator Gillibrand for pursuing a fix in the Farm Bill that will allow people to complete paid employment training - that will support permanent independence - without having to compromise putting food on the table while they're doing it."

The SNAP Employment and Training program offers a variety of services to help SNAP recipients secure employment, including work experience opportunities, job search assistance, and educational and vocational programs. It also offers participants a variety of supportive services to overcome other common barriers to sustained employment, like reimbursements for transportation, child care services, and safety equipment.

Under current law, SNAP E&T program participants risk losing their SNAP eligibility, and subsequently their ability to participate in the E&T program itself, because of the extra income they earn through the program. The Training and Nutrition Stability Act would fix this issue by excluding wages derived from a public workforce training program from SNAP income calculations. This change would allow participants to maintain their nutrition benefits and maintain their enrollment in high-quality training programs leading to better outcomes, permanent employment, and self-sufficiency.

Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC), Rep. Max Miller (R-OH), and Rep. Marcus Molinaro (R-NY) lead this bill in the House.

## Governor Hochul Highlights School Bus Safety with NYS Students Returning to School

*A New Video Reminds Motorists of the Importance of Following the Rules to Keep Kids Safe*

Governor Kathy Hochul released a new video to underscore the importance of keeping New York State's children safe as the school year gets underway. According to the New York Association for Pupil Transportation, an estimated 50,000 motorists pass stopped school buses with red lights flashing statewide each school day.

"As a parent and grandparent, there is nothing more important to me than the safety of New York's children," Governor Hochul said. "The fact remains that way too many motorists are still passing stopped school buses, in the process endangering children and other drivers. As New Yorkers, let's collectively make it our goal to make this school year a safe one for all."

The safest way to transport children to and from school is by school bus. Students are about 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a school bus instead of traveling by car, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. However, when walking to the bus, and while buses are loading and unloading students, kids become vulnerable to injury. This is largely due to an increasingly high frequency of motorists illegally passing stopped school buses.

In New York, it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus when the large red visual sign is in operation. Flashing lights mean the bus is picking up or discharging students. All motorists are required to stop whether approaching a stopped school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear. This applies whenever their visual signal is in operation on any public highway, street, or private road. The Department of Motor Vehicles has also proposed changes to DMV regulations to increase driver violation points for passing a stopped school bus, as part of its efforts to address dangerous driving and take dangerous drivers off the road.

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, "With school back in session, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that all kids arrive at school and return home safely each and every day. Every driver should stay alert and look out for kids - especially in neighborhoods and around school buildings. I encourage all New Yorkers to heed the rules of the road to protect our children - the future of the Empire State."

New York State DMV Commissioner and GTSC Chair Mark J.F. Schroeder said, "Every driver has a responsibility to our children to ensure they arrive safely at school each day. We count on drivers to do the right thing and come to a complete stop when approaching a school bus stopped with red lights flashing. Knowing that school buses are on the roads once again, building a few extra minutes into your commute each day and eliminating distractions inside your vehicle are just a few ways we can help keep students safe."

New York State Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez said, "School is back in session, and while school buses are among the safest modes of transportation, students unfortunately still face many dangers during loading, unloading or even while walking to the bus stop. To help ensure a safe and successful school year, I encourage all motorists to make sure they are following the traffic safety laws in place that help keep our children safe, and I urge parents and caregivers to teach their children proper safety procedures and tips to follow while waiting for or riding on the school bus." (Contd. Pg. 49)

## Governor Hochul Highlights School Bus Safety with NYS Students Returning to School

(From Pg. 48) **Here are some other helpful tips for drivers:**

- o School buses make frequent stops, including at all railroad crossings. Be patient, slow down, and be prepared to stop for them.
- o Yellow lights mean the bus is going to stop, so slow down.
- o Look for children at bus stops and those walking to bus stops. Stay alert for children arriving late for the bus as they may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- o Look before you back out of your driveway or garage and watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
- o Watch carefully for children in the morning and afternoon, especially when in the vicinity of school buildings.
- o Stay alert. Never use electronic devices while driving and be sure to actively focus on the road and your surroundings.

It is also important for students to be prepared, whether it's before they get on the bus, while they're riding to school, or when they're getting ready to get off the bus back at home.

**Here are some tips for parents to go over with their kids:**

- o Be an early bird. Aim to be at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- o Look carefully to the left, right, and left again if you must cross the street. When school is opening in the morning and closing in the afternoon, the area around the school is very busy and crowded.
- o When waiting for the school bus, maintain a safe distance by standing at least six feet away from the curb when the bus approaches and away from the street.
- o Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay to step onto the bus.
- o When exiting the bus, look to the rear of the bus to ensure no cars are coming. Take five giant steps straight out the bus door and out of the danger zone (areas around buses where the driver can't see you).

Remain visible to the bus driver at all times and never walk behind the bus. If you need to cross in front of the bus, make sure you make eye contact with the driver and wait for the driver to signal you before you cross. For more information on school bus safety, click here. <https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/school-bus-safety>

## Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Declare Lunar New Year a School Holiday

### Legislation (A.7768/S.7573) Requires All Public Schools Close for Asian Lunar New Year

Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation to declare Asian Lunar New Year a public school holiday across New York State. Legislation (A.7768/S.7573) would ensure schools are not in session on Lunar New Year, underscoring Governor Hochul's commitment to supporting and protecting New York's AAPI community.

"By designating Lunar New Year as an official school holiday, we are taking an important step in recognizing the importance of New York's AAPI community and the rich diversity that makes New York so great," Governor Hochul said. "It is not just a day off from school - it is an opportunity for our children to learn about and celebrate their own or different cultures and traditions."

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie said, "Making Lunar New Year a holiday for New York's public schools is a direct result of the hard work of the Assembly Majority and the dedicated members of our

Asian Pacific Task Force. New York State is beautifully diverse, with people from different ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds living, working and raising families together. The Lunar New Year holiday will give thousands of Asian students in our state the ability to gather together and celebrate with family and friends without having to sacrifice their education. I hope this will also shine a light on the culture and traditions of our Asian friends and neighbors, and in a time where we have seen hate and violence against Asian communities, this will open people's eyes, encouraging tolerance and acceptance. I thank Governor Hochul for her leadership and signing this important legislation."

Legislation (A.7768/S.7573) amends the education law to declare Asian Lunar New Year a public school holiday statewide. The legislation requires that all public schools close for the Lunar New Year holiday.

State Senator Brian Kavanagh said, "New York's story could not have been written without the many and varied contributions of Asian New Yorkers. Yet in many schools throughout the state, Asian families and students have to choose between attending school and celebrating their community's most significant holiday. And many other New Yorkers are denied the opportunity to celebrate the diverse heritage of our state. So I am very proud that as of today we officially recognize Lunar New Year as a school holiday. I thank the many Asian individuals, families, and organizations who advocated for this bill, the growing and powerful delegation of Asian colleagues in the State legislature for their leadership, guidance, and support - especially Assemblymember Grace Lee and Senators John Liu and Iwen Chu - Assembly bill sponsor, Bill Colton, for his great work passing the bill in the Assembly, and Governor Kathy Hochul for signing it into law today."

Assemblymember Grace Lee, Co-Chair of the Assembly's Asian Pacific American (APA) Task Force said, "It is an honor to have led this historic effort to recognize Lunar New Year as a statewide holiday in New York. As Asian Americans, we have gone unseen and unheard in New York for too long, and this bill is recognition for our contributions to New York history, and validation that our voices and our stories matter. Now, I will be able to join thousands of families across the state in celebrating Lunar New Year at home with my kids. This law will expose new generations to Asian culture, and it will promote diversity and inclusion at a time when Asian New Yorkers are suffering from anti-Asian hate. By making New York the first state in the country to mandate statewide school closures in observance of Lunar New Year, we are setting a valuable example for other states to follow. I thank Governor Kathy Hochul, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and all my colleagues who supported this effort to secure this historic achievement for New York's AAPI community."

Governor Hochul has remained committed to supporting, protecting, and celebrating New York's AAPI community. In the FY 2024 Budget, Governor Hochul allocated \$30 million in awards for community organizations through Asian American Federation and the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families - the largest investment ever to support AAPI communities in the entire state. This funding goes towards an ever more diverse pool of community-based organizations providing culturally responsive and linguistically competent services, as well as addressing systemic violence, racism, and discrimination faced by the AAPI community.

State Senator John Liu said, "The Lunar New Year is the most significant time of the year for Asian Americans, and as the fastest growing community in the country, we need to make sure our heritage, culture and traditions are treated with the same respect and reverence as any other American holiday. Declaring Lunar New Year a State holiday is an important step in the recognition and validation of Asian Americans not just here in New York State, but throughout the country. Many thanks to Governor Hochul for making the signing of this legislation a priority."

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*For any other questions  
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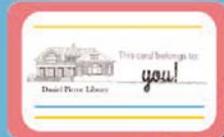


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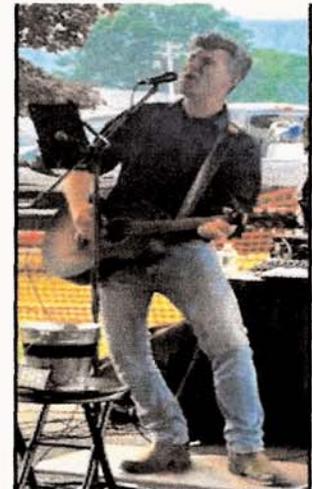
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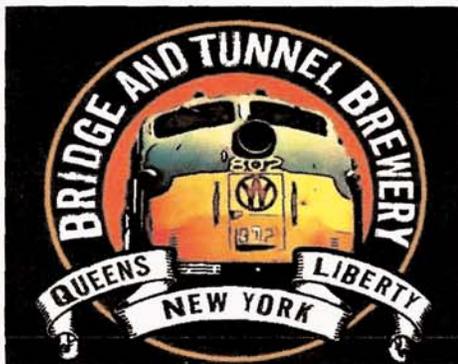
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# Report Shows the Cost of Homeownership and Rent is Out of Reach for Most Hudson Valley Residents

**Stagnant wages and skyrocketing rents have put significant stress on renters**

**Path to homeownership is shut down, as median home prices exceed mortgage qualifications by more than \$100,000 in all nine counties**

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress today released a new report that underscores the affordability crisis for housing in the region, as stagnant wages, increasing rents, and skyrocketing home prices have stretched household budgets to their limits. The report, *Out of Reach Hudson Valley 2023*, uses federal and local data to examine the gap between wages and the cost of rental housing for those living in the nine-county region. Pattern also examined the affordability of homeownership throughout the Hudson Valley by comparing median home prices to the mortgages for which typical families would qualify in each county.

The data show a persistent and clear trend across the entire Hudson Valley: the cost of housing has pushed beyond reasonable levels of affordability for most of our neighbors. A single worker cannot afford fair-market rent for a one-bedroom apartment in any of the nine counties, and median home prices are more than \$100,000 higher than the mortgage that typical families would qualify for in every county.

“The data we analyze each year tell a clear and troubling story: most of our neighbors cannot afford to live in the communities where they work,” Pattern CEO Adam Bosch said. “As our neighbors choose to leave the region, have smaller families, and our workforce slowly shrinks, the Hudson Valley is starting to feel some of the most painful ramifications of stagnant housing and zoning policies. Civic leaders at every level must rally around evidence-based solutions to solve our regional crisis of housing affordability and availability. The vibrancy and viability of our communities will depend on actions that encourage the production of more housing at prices our working-class neighbors can afford.”

The full *Out of Reach* report can be found on the Pattern for Progress website by clicking [here](https://www.pattern-for-progress.org/portfolio/out-of-reach-2023/?portfolioCats=104%2C106%2C65%2C58%2C59%2C56%2C110%2C57%2C131%2C107%2C82) <https://www.pattern-for-progress.org/portfolio/out-of-reach-2023/?portfolioCats=104%2C106%2C65%2C58%2C59%2C56%2C110%2C57%2C131%2C107%2C82>

*Out of Reach* utilizes county-by-county data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition, which examines hourly wages and fair-market rents to measure the affordability of rental housing. (Fair-market rent is the 40th percentile of renters who have moved within the past two years, which means it is lower than median market-rate rents.) Affordability is calculated by the standard that no individual or family should spend more than 30 percent of its total monthly income on housing. This year Pattern also used that standard to measure the affordability of homeownership in the Hudson Valley. We calculated the mortgage for which households earning the area median income would qualify

and compared that to the median price of homes in each county. Pattern examined these data for the nine-county region, including Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties.

Some key conclusions from the report include the following:

- o Single adults working 40 hours per week on average renter wages cannot afford a one-bedroom apartment in any of the nine counties. Renters would need to earn anywhere from \$1 to \$26 more per hour to afford rent in their respective counties. Renters in every county are considered “cost burdened.”

- o Fair-market rents would need to decline anywhere from \$33 to \$1,343 per month to make them affordable for a person earning average renter wages across the region.

- o Families are also stretched thin. Two working adults in a two-bedroom apartment can afford rent in seven of the nine counties. Fair-market rents remain unaffordable in Putnam and Rockland. However, two working renters meet the affordability standard by less than \$100 per month in Orange and Ulster counties, which leaves little money left over for other expenditures or emergencies.

- o Wages earned by a typical renter ranged from 39-61 percent of the area median income, a key metric for housing policies and programs.

- o Since 2010, renters have comprised a larger proportion of all households in the Hudson Valley. From 2010-2021, the region saw an 8 percent increase in renter-occupied households and a 2 percent increase in owner-occupied households. The growth in renter-occupied households outpaced owner households by 2-to-1.

- o The median price of a home in the Hudson Valley exceeds mortgage qualifications for the typical household by more than \$100,000 in all nine counties. For a two-person household, the gap is anywhere from \$109,609 in Putnam County to \$280,699 in Westchester County. Data indicate that more middle-income households are staying in rentals as the cost of homeownership gets further out of reach for a greater proportion of them.

- o An analysis of income data found that low-, moderate-, and middle-income earners saw their spending power stagnate or decline from 2010-2021. The trend for the bottom two-fifths of earners, which generally include people making up to \$50,000 per year, are of special concern. These workers have seen their wages flatten or decline relative to inflation, exacerbating their financial stress for housing and other necessary expenses. For earners in the lowest two quintiles, the Hudson Valley has seen wage growth that significantly underperformed statewide and national trends.

The data in *Out of Reach* indicate that renters and homeowners in the Hudson Valley have little to spend on necessary and discretionary expenses because the cost of housing is gobbling up a large proportion of their incomes. Many service workers, for example, are living month-to-month with little money left over for savings or emergencies. This has broader implications for the Hudson Valley. For example, migration data from the Internal Revenue Service show that more people have moved out of the Hudson Valley than into it for 24 of the last 25 years - a trend that has resulted in a net loss of 134,505 people since 1996. State education data show there are 34,088 fewer children in our schools than in 1996. These deleterious trends are connected to, and partially caused by, the relatively high cost of housing in the Hudson Valley. (Contd. Pg. 57)

# Report Shows the Cost of Homeownership and Rent is Out of Reach for Most Hudson Valley Residents

(From Pg. 56)

As a result, our region is now struggling through the early stages of a workforce crisis. Data show that our workforce shortages will also worsen in the next two decades unless we see a shift in well-established population trends. Currently, the older half of the labor pool (45-64) outnumber the younger half (ages 25-44) by approximately 100,000 people. As the Baby Boomer generation continues to retire in larger numbers, the cohorts of workers coming into the Hudson Valley labor pool are only a fraction of their size. Consequentially, almost every industry sector in the nine-county region is struggling to find enough workers to meet their needs for labor. Pattern explained this trend - and its connection to housing - in greater detail earlier this year when we released our report The Great People Shortage and its Effects on the Hudson Valley.

Go to: [https://www.pattern-for-progress.org/portfolio/the-great-people-shortage-a-special-report-analyzing-hudson-valley-demographic-trends-and](https://www.pattern-for-progress.org/portfolio/the-great-people-shortage-a-special-report-analyzing-hudson-valley-demographic-trends-and-consequences/?portfolioCats=104%2C106%2C65%2C58%2C59%2C56%2C110%2C57%2C131%2C107%2C82)

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## About Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress is a nonprofit organization that provides objective research, planning, and educational training throughout the region. Its work identifies civic challenges and promotes regional, equitable, and sustainable solutions to constantly improve the quality of life in Hudson Valley communities. Pattern develops its work upon a considerable foundation of facts and experience, without political aims or affiliations. Pattern was founded in 1965 by the region's academic, business, and nonprofit leaders. It serves a nine-county region that includes Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. Visit [Pattern-For-Progress.org](https://www.pattern-for-progress.org). Follow on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn @PatternForProgress and on Twitter @HVPattern.



## My Energy Independence and America First Policy Plan

This week, I released my Energy Independence Plan and my American First Foreign Policy Plan, which highlight my work to correct the Biden administration's terrible foreign policy and strengthen our American leadership. The Biden administration's failed policies have hurt us, damaging our once-respected presence on the global stage. We need to reassert our leadership by standing up against oppressive regimes and defending our values. I am also committed to promoting innovation and supporting solutions that make American energy cleaner and more affordable. It is time we act to reverse the energy disaster President Biden has created and restore our nation's energy independence. Both these plans highlight my commitment to advancing core American interests while promoting international security.

To read my full Energy Independence Plan, click here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/energy-and-environment-plan-2023.pdf>

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## Cutting Mayorkas' Salary to \$1 for his FAILURE

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Secretary Mayorkas should not be paid hundreds of thousands of tax dollars to continually fail to protect American taxpayers from threats crossing our borders. Thanks to Secretary Mayorkas' work, or lack thereof, there have been at least 5.8 million illegal crossings of our southern border since Biden took office, turning all our communities into border communities.

This week, I introduced an amendment to the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill to invoke the Holman Rule against Secretary Mayorkas for his failure to secure our border. This will cut his salary down to \$1. If the President refuses to fire him for his dereliction of duty, his salary must reflect his failures.

READ MORE: Rep. Claudia Tenney Invokes the Holman Rule to Reduce Mayorkas Salary to \$1

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/gop-reps-tenney-roy-move-reduce-mayorkas-salary-1-over-border-crisis>

## NY-24 Sheriffs Supporting My Law Enforcement Plan

### Sheriff Spike Attended the State of the Union Address with Rep. Tenney this Year!

Last month, I unveiled my Law Enforcement Plan, highlighting my work to support our brave men and women in blue in NY-24 and across the country. Since then, I have received outstanding feedback from dedicated Sheriffs in our communities. Thank you to Sheriff Schenck, Sheriff Spike, Sheriff Filicetti, and all the brave law enforcement officers for your unwavering commitment to keeping our communities safe.

"Securing and maintaining safe communities today is more challenging than ever for law enforcement," said Cayuga County Sheriff Brian Schenck. "We must give those that wear the badge the tools and support they need to confront these challenges in an effective way. (Contd. Pg. 58)

## This Week With Claudia

(From Pg. 57)

While it is incumbent upon these public servants to make sound decisions and build positive relationships with those they serve in order to successfully police our communities, it is also critical that those served partner with and support these professionals to ensure their success. Sound legislation that supports public safety, the public, and law enforcement officers is essential to public safety as well. Thank you Representative Tenney for addressing these concerns and supporting our mission to enhance the quality of life for all we serve, and those that put their lives on the line each day.”

“The job of a law enforcement officer in these times is challenging and complex with laws, reforms, technology and social norms ever changing,” said Yates County Sheriff Ronald Spike. “Having the support of the community for professional training and funding will boost the profession in the recruitment and retention of good officers. Representative Claudia Tenney's efforts in supporting and “backing the blue” for professional law enforcement is commendable for increasing police morale, community trust and public safety to our citizens and crime victims. Thank you Claudia.”

“A career in law enforcement has always been a challenging path to take,” said Niagara County Sheriff Michael Filicetti. “In recent years I would describe the environment in this profession as sometimes hostile and leaving the rank and file with a feeling of abandonment. Unfortunately, this new era was ushered in by some of our elected representatives seizing the moment to blame the police for all of society's problems. It is refreshing that Congresswoman Tenney and other like-minded elected officials have stepped up to do what is right for those tasked with keeping our communities safe. These proposals will go a long way in restoring morale and supporting the men and women who serve the public every day.”

You can read my Law Enforcement Plan here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/law-enforcement-plan-2023.pdf>

### **Joe Biden MUST be Impeached! Rep Tenney on Newsmax Discussing the Need to Impeach Biden**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQsdPRqw-hY>

House Republicans have strong enough evidence to impeach President Biden:

FIRST we have his failure to secure the border,

THEN we have his gross malfeasance in the botched Afghanistan withdrawal,

NEXT there was his attempt to bribe a foreign national to prevent an investigation into his corrupt son,

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I believe that once we open an inquiry, the evidence will only grow. The time to impeach Biden is now!

READ MORE: Rep. Claudia Tenney pushes for impeaching President Biden

<https://www.newsmax.com/newsmax-tv/claudia-tenney-joe-biden-impeachment/2023/09/05/id/1133315/>



## **Reps. Molinaro & Ryan Press for Changes to U.S. Farm Bill that Will Benefit Local Farmers**

*Leaders urge increased access to federal technical and financial assistance for farms across New York and the nation*

STONE RIDGE (Ulster County) - Demonstrating bipartisan support for Hudson Valley farmers, U.S. Reps. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) and Pat Ryan (D-NY-18) announced their joint commitment today to ensure the pending federal Farm Bill will meet the needs of hard-working local farms that supply fresh food to residents of the region and New York City and drive a thriving agricultural economy across the United States.

The Congressmen spoke at Growing America (USA Farm Bill Gathering) held at Stone Ridge Orchard in Stone Ridge, where they highlighted specific recommendations, they are proposing to advance in the bill. Additional participants in the event included farmers and other agricultural stakeholders from across the region. Host farmer Elizabeth Ryan conducted a tour highlighting climate-friendly agricultural practices utilized at the orchard. The event was held in collaboration with Scenic Hudson, the Northeast Carbon Alliance, and the NY League of Conservation Voters Education Fund.

The current Farm Bill will expire on September 30, 2023. Congress has been actively working on the bill, and there are significant opportunities to increase funding and expand programs, especially to underrepresented farmers.

The Farm Bill, passed by the United States Congress roughly every five years, is arguably the single largest source of funding for agriculture and conservation across the nation. It addresses various aspects of agriculture, food, nutrition, and rural development, including:

- o Programs to address hunger and food insecurity (e.g., SNAP benefits and nutrition training)
- o Farm subsidies
- o Conservation programs
- o Crop insurance
- o Research and extension services
- o Investment in rural communities (e.g., jobs, housing, and infrastructure)
- o Agricultural trade issues
- o Renewable energy programs

“Farmers are being asked to do more with less - to keep producing safe and affordable food, be thoughtful stewards of our environment, and break down barriers for individuals of all backgrounds and abilities,” said Representative and House Agriculture Committee Member Marc Molinaro. “As capable and dedicated as our farmers and farm families are, they cannot do this alone. Our work is focused now on listening and learning from farmers in Upstate New York so we can craft a Farm Bill that makes sure they have the resources and flexibility to have economic opportunities, preserve our natural resources, and reduce our impact on the environment. (Contd. Pg. 59)

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(From Pg. 58) With this feedback, we will deliver a bill that moves us in a direction that ensures a sound, sustainable future for agriculture in Upstate New York and across the nation.”

“Farmers and farm families make the conscious choice every day to raise the crops and livestock that sustain us. This hard and often thankless work frequently goes unnoticed, yet the role they play continues to grow in importance - to keep meeting increased demands for fresh, nutritious food and take steps to protect our planet,” said Representative Pat Ryan. “We need to embrace the farm community and make sure there is a path forward for their continued viability, as well as help usher in the next generation of farmers who will build on and improve farming practices that benefit everyone. I join my like-minded colleagues from every walk of life in supporting and advancing sound investments in agriculture that provide real, positive results for our farms and communities, in the Hudson Valley and across America.”

“The local, family-owned farms throughout New York and Northeastern states provide a diverse array of food and farm products to residents of the region and country. They can also provide clean water, healthy forests, and the potential to reduce and slow the impacts of climate change,” said Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan. “Congressmen Molinaro and Ryan have demonstrated the depth of their understanding of these issues and the underlying economic interests of the region's farms as advocates at the nation's capital and through the introduction of supportive legislation. As the Farm Bill advances, it is now critical for their colleagues in Washington to listen carefully and support our hard-working farmers and their family farms by removing obstacles to the implementation of federal programs, enhancing technical assistance to farmers, and ensuring smart public policy that balances agricultural and environmental goals.”

“The 2023 Farm Bill is a tremendous opportunity for our country to build on recent climate wins like the Inflation Reduction Act,” said New York League of Conservation Voters President Julie Tighe. “That historic legislation delivered nearly \$20 billion for climate-smart agriculture and technical assistance for farmers, and it is vital that this funding remains committed to conservation.”

### Summary

Initiatives Congressmen Molinaro and Ryan are championing, along with other measures to become part of or strengthen the 2023 Farm Bill:

1. Increased Technical Service Provider Access Act (H.R. 3036/S.1400) - Technical Service Providers (TSPs) help farmers access USDA conservation programs through hands-on, individualized assistance.

2. Naturally Offsetting Emissions by Managing and Implementing Tillage Strategies Act (NO EMITS, H.R. 4163) - The NO EMITS Act assists farmers with transitioning cropping systems to methods that achieve environmental goals while also addressing the economic risk posed by

the transition.

3. Flooding Prevention Assessment, and Restoration Act (H.R. 5250) - This legislation creates flexibility within the USDA that will help communities restore flooded areas to pre-disaster levels, including the restoration of natural land, and enable them to manage the impacts of climate change.

4. Peer Learning Conservation Education Act (H.R. \_\_\_ / S. \_\_\_) - Bill in progress - This bill prioritizes on-farm activities that manage soil health and other natural resources and broadens the type of activities that are eligible for federal support.

## Rep. Molinaro to Participate in NYC Field Hearing on Evolving Homeland Security Threats & Emergency Preparedness Post-9/11

New York, NY - On September 12 U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) joined the House Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology for a field hearing at the 9/11 Memorial Museum to examine the nation's evolving threat landscape over two decades after the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Read more in the Washington Examiner. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/house/fire-chief-first-to-respond-911-testify-at-homeland-security-field-hearing>

## Rep. Molinaro Statement on Government Funding Ahead of September 30 Deadline

### *Molinaro to White House & Congressional Leaders: Pass Bipartisan Funding Bill to Keep Government Open*

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today released the following statement, calling on the White House and Congressional Leaders to begin work immediately to pass a bipartisan government funding bill before funding expires on September 30:

“Continuing to spend beyond our means hurts our economy and mortgages away our children's future. A shutdown would impact working families, seniors, service members, veterans, and the most vulnerable among us. To avoid this, we need serious negotiations and a bipartisan agreement. I am working to and support keeping the government open while bending the current rate of unsustainable federal spending.

“As a Mayor and County Executive I delivered balanced budgets - understanding that our government must be responsible to taxpayer and the country. Partisan posturing and paralysis in Washington has to stop getting in the way of sensible fiscal policy. Time is of the essence; I urge the White House and Congressional Leaders to deliver a bipartisan government funding agreement that keeps the government open and uses taxpayer dollars more wisely. I support and am working for a smaller, smarter and more efficient federal government.”

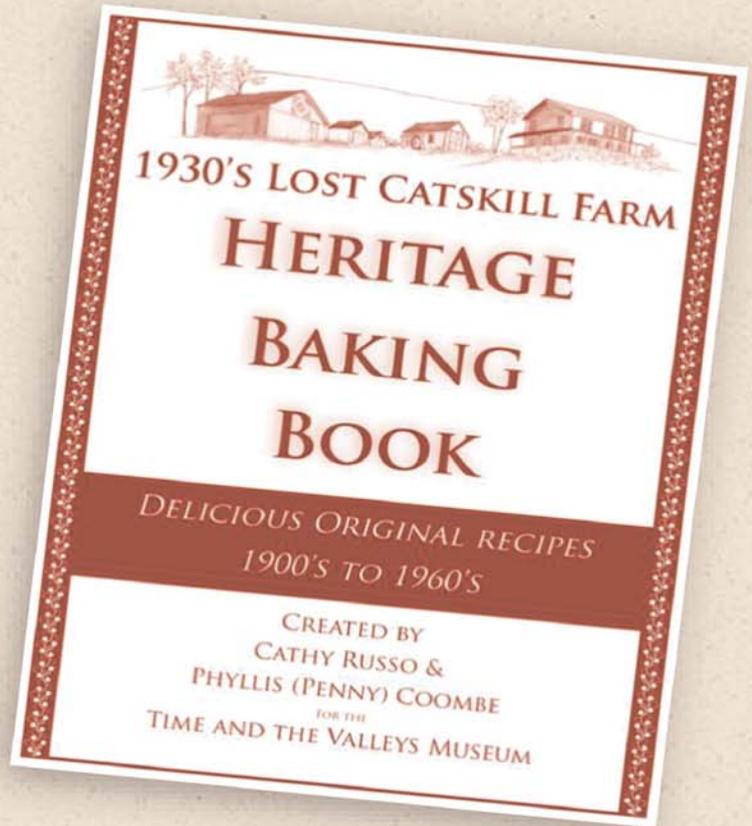
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*The NRAMA Antique Tractor Show is looking for antique “household” machinery to display at our show this year. Do you have any you want to bring to the show to display?*



This year the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association (NRAMA) wants to include antique household machinery as part of the Antique Tractor Show. There will be lots of tractors and other large machinery on display—but what about the smaller machinery—the old washing and dryer devices; spinning wheels and sewing machines; ice boxes; cherry pitters, etc.

If you have any household machinery you want to display please contact CHER at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com) or 845-985-2401 for more information.



# **During Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, Governor Hochul Announces Transportation for Life Summit to Support Prevention Efforts and Raise Awareness**

- **Multi-Agency Summit Represents a First-of-its-Kind Collaboration to Develop a Comprehensive Approach to Suicide Prevention in Public Spaces**

- **Summit Will be Held on September 22 in the Hudson Valley; Registration Now Open**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that registration is now open for the upcoming Transportation for Life Summit on Friday, September 22 at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie. Coinciding with Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, the one-day, interagency summit will focus on building a first-of-its-kind coordinated and comprehensive approach to mental health awareness and suicide prevention in public spaces.

“Every year, we lose far too many New Yorkers to suicide, leaving families devastated and communities in mourning,” Governor Hochul said. “By bringing together leaders in public health, transportation, education, and a variety of other fields, this summit will help us build a comprehensive approach to prevention to save lives and better support New Yorkers experiencing a mental health crisis.”

“When we bring together State agencies, mental health experts, and community leaders, we can work to prevent suicide across New York and ensure services are widely available for those in need,” said Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. “Every agency, organization, or person has the power to make a difference and save lives. We’re committed to building a safer, more supportive state for all New Yorkers.”

The Transportation for Life Summit is a collaborative effort that will bring together professionals, experts and stakeholders from various fields, including mental health, transportation, education, community organizations, among others. The goal is to promote a commitment to suicide prevention and to collectively explore innovative strategies and initiatives to prevent suicides, raise awareness and support those impacted.

Hosted by the New York State Bridge Authority and the New York State Office of Mental Health, the summit will convene experts from multiple disciplines to help transportation entities share best practices and better respond to mental health incidents at their facilities. The event marks the first collaboration among state agencies to address suicide prevention in public spaces and overall mental health awareness.

The summit will feature keynote speakers and panels with a range of experts, including state agency executives, operators of public-facing spaces, public health officials, and other policy makers. The event is expected to draw first responders, engineers, architects, information technologists, and the general public.

The summit is hosted in partnership with MTA Bridges and Tunnels, Metro-North Railroad, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Thruway Authority, the Office of General Services, as well as the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Statistically, deaths by suicide occurring in public spaces are fewer in number than those in other settings. The public

nature of suicide deaths at transportation facilities, however, often make them the subject of extensive media coverage, which often amplifies the impact of these tragic deaths at the community level.

The summit builds upon Governor Hochul’s strong commitment to improving mental health services throughout New York State. Her comprehensive plan to revitalize the continuum of mental health care and the historic investments she secured in the FY 2024 Budget to accomplish this plan are aimed at dramatically expanding access, reducing wait times, and ensuring appropriate levels of care statewide.

The plan will increase operational capacity for inpatient psychiatric treatment by 1,000 beds, dramatically expand outpatient services and create 3,500 new housing units for New Yorkers with mental illness, in addition to expanding mental health services for children and youth; broadening insurance coverage for mental health and substance use disorder services; and investing in the mental health care workforce. The FY 2024 Budget provided \$60 million to support the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline -an increase of \$25 million from the prior budget.

Earlier this summer, Governor Kathy Hochul announced the successful rollout of the state’s 988 Community Education and Awareness Toolkit, an interactive resource tool designed to support individuals facing suicide-risk. This three-digit number is available nationally and will connect the caller to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. New Yorkers experiencing thoughts of suicide can call or text 988 or visit [988lifeline.org/chat](https://988lifeline.org/chat) for a direct connection to care and support.

Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, “The tragic loss of life by suicide impacts thousands of New Yorkers each year. This timely summit will bring together experts and policy makers from many different areas to discuss how we can help individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Through unique events like this, Governor Hochul continues to demonstrate her full commitment to improving all facets of mental health care throughout our state.”

JDCC President Dr. Peter Jordan said, “Dutchess Community College is always proud to provide a platform for our community to engage in challenging and productive discussions about mental health, especially in these post-COVID times. As an institution of higher learning, we’re also committed to advancing the wellbeing of the greater community. To this end, we’re glad to partner with the NYS Bridges Authority and NYS Office of Mental Health to facilitate a dialogue about suicide awareness and prevention. We look forward to contributing our perspectives and expertise, as a college, and learning from our peers as we work together to address these important issues.”

## **About the New York State Bridge Authority**

The New York State Bridge Authority operates the Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon, Mid-Hudson, Kingston-Rhinecliff and Rip Van Winkle Bridges. It also owns and maintains the structure of the Walkway Over the Hudson pedestrian bridge. The Authority receives no operating funding through state or federal tax dollars, with nearly all of its revenue coming through tolls. Tolls are reinvested back into capital improvements on the Authority’s spans, ensuring these critical pieces of infrastructure can continue serving the Hudson Valley for decades to come.

## **About the New York State Office of Mental Health**

The Office of Mental Health promotes the mental health of all New Yorkers, with a particular focus on providing hope and recovery for adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances. OMH operates psychiatric centers across the state and regulates, certifies and oversees more than 4,500 programs, operated by local governments and nonprofit agencies. For questions about mental health services or to find a mental health service provider, please call 1-800-597-8481.

## Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Expand Access to Civil Service Opportunities

*Legislation (S. 5486/A. 6855) Requires That Civil Service Examination Announcements Be Issued to (BOCES), School Districts, Public Colleges, Public Universities, Local Social Services Districts, and, To the Extent Practicable, Job Training Programs*

*Legislation (A. 7155/S. 5494) Allows For Provisional Employees to Credit Their Probationary Service to Any Probationary Time Required for Permanent Appointment to the Same Title*

Governor Kathy Hochul signed two pieces of legislation to expand access to opportunities in civil service. Legislation (S. 5486/A. 6855) requires the Department of Civil Service and municipal civil service commissions to make civil service examination announcements to the local Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), school districts, public colleges, public universities, local social services districts, and, to the extent practicable, job training programs. Legislation (A. 7155/S. 5494) requires that any time spent as a provisional employee be counted towards an employees' probationary term upon receiving for a permanent appointment in the same title. The Governor signed the legislation in Albany at a stop on the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees' and the Civil Service Employee Association's "Staff the Front Lines" Bus Tour, joined by AFSCME President Lee Saunders and CSEA President Mary Sullivan.

"This legislation will help to strengthen the pipeline to civil service, allowing even more New Yorkers to heed the call to join our public workforce," Governor Hochul said. "New York's civil servants are the engines that keep our state moving, and from our historic plan to increase the minimum wage and index it to inflation to our initiative offering 12 weeks of fully paid parental leave to more than 150,000 state workers, my administration is committed to honoring their contributions and building a modern workforce ready to meet the needs of our state. I thank the bill sponsors for their partnership in helping attract the best and brightest workers to New York, and I will continue working with groups like AFSCME and CSEA to ensure that our hardworking civil servants have the access, benefits, and protections they deserve."

Legislation (S. 5486/A. 6855) requires the Department of Civil Service (DCS) and municipal civil service commissions to make civil service examination announcements to the local Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), local school districts, public colleges, public universities, local social services districts, and, to the extent practicable, job training programs. These institutions would also be allowed to sign up for electronic notification of exams.

Legislation (A. 7155/S. 5494) requires that any time a public employee spends in a provisional title counts toward any required probationary time period that the employee must serve when they become a permanent employee in the same title.

## Ulster County Board of Elections is Recruiting Dedicated Individuals as Election Inspectors

The Ulster County Board of Elections is excited to announce a call for dedicated individuals to join our team as Election Inspectors for the upcoming election season. With the introduction of brand new Hart Intercivic voting machines, this is an excellent opportunity for community members to play a vital role in ensuring the integrity of our electoral process.

As the cornerstone of democracy, elections are a collective effort that relies on the commitment and dedication of individuals like you. By becoming an Election Inspector, you can actively contribute to the smooth functioning of the voting process, help your fellow citizens exercise their right to vote, and safeguard the integrity of our elections.

### Key details about the Election Inspector opportunity:

**Training Sessions:** Training sessions have already begun and will continue throughout the coming weeks until mid-October. These training sessions are designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to perform your duties effectively. Whether you're a seasoned election veteran or completely new to the process, we provide comprehensive training to ensure everyone is well-prepared. Each training session includes roughly two hours of in-person training and an hour of online training.

**Responsibilities:** Election Inspectors play a crucial role in our democracy. You will have the opportunity to assist voters by checking them in, explaining the voting process, and helping them use the state-of-the-art Hart Intercivic voting machines. Your guidance and support will ensure that every voter can cast their ballot with confidence.

**Benefits:** Aside from the satisfaction of contributing to the democratic process, Election Inspectors receive compensation for their time and commitment as we have raised the wages to \$16.50 an hour. You will also have the chance to work alongside experienced professionals and gain valuable insights into the election process.

**Eligibility:** To qualify, individuals must be eligible voters in Ulster County, demonstrate a commitment to impartiality, and be able to work on Election Day. A variety of shifts are available, allowing you to choose the one that best fits your schedule.

Election Commissioner John Quigley remarked, "Election Inspectors are the backbone of our democratic system, ensuring that the election process runs smoothly and that every eligible voter's voice is heard. With our new voting machines, we're excited to welcome new Inspectors who can help make this election season a success."

"The role of an election inspector is the cornerstone of our democracy. It is a commitment to safeguarding the fundamental right to vote, ensuring transparency, and upholding the principles of fairness and integrity in our elections."

To join our team of dedicated Election Inspectors and make a difference in your community, please visit our website at [voteulster.com](http://voteulster.com) or contact our Election Inspector Coordinators at 845-334-5470 for more information on training schedules and requirements.

Your participation as an Election Inspector is essential in upholding the principles of democracy, and we look forward to working together to make this election season a resounding success.

# Dance at CAS, Neil Greenberg, Ardsley Residency, and Bill Beirne

Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Space is proud to present a full program of performing art and dance over the month of October. The festivities open on October 7 with Neil Greenberg's *The Disco Project Remix 2023*. The performance, which is free and open to all, will take place at 4pm on the second floor River Gallery of Catskill Art Space, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. This event will be followed by a talk-back with Greenberg and the performers.

On October 20 at 6pm, emerging choreographer Olga Rabetskaya workshops a new piece as the culmination of The Ardsley Dance Residency, co-presented by CAS and Dance Gallery Festival in the picturesque Catskill Mountains. Bill Beirne's *They Could Be Dancing* will take to the democratic spaces of Main Street over October 20 and 22, addressing the presentation of self in public spaces and explores the routinization of our everyday behavior. Details on each program follow.  
**Neil Greenberg's *The Disco Project Remix 2023*, October 7 at 4pm**



Adapted from *The Disco Project* (1995), Greenberg's recollection of lives lost to AIDS and an acceptance of his own HIV+ status, this updated remix stages elements of its original choreography for the CAS space. The work addresses experiences of liberation, trauma, and survival through a transvisual inquiry into the power of LGBTQIA vocal anthems like RuPaul, Sylvester, and Jimmy Somerville, while experiencing post-modern dance. A combination of movement for five dancers (including Greenberg), projected text, and an assemblage of recorded audio, the work authentically recalls lives affected by AIDS, with diary-like directness.

Influenced by his time as a member of the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, Greenberg expanded Cunningham's radical methods that fostered an autonomous relationship between choreography, music, and scenography. While the energy of vigorous dance might delight its audience to the disco soundtrack, the same gestures would also be performed in silence, creating a startling effect that shudders with the reality of life during an epidemic. The performance will be followed by a talk-back with the choreographer and dancers, offering the audience privileged access and insight to the creative process and the artists' personal lived experiences. Like most of the Catskill Art Space programming, this performance is free and open to the public. This project is made possible in part with funding from a Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts

Alliance.

## The Ardsley Dance Residency Presentation, October 20 at 6pm

Together with the Dance Gallery Festival (DGF), CAS is thrilled to welcome emerging choreographic and dance talent for a week-long residency in Livingston Manor. The residency brings together choreographer Olga Rabetskaya and collaborators for an immersive creative experience intended to enhance the deliberation and depth of the work that is created. In its sixth year, this annual residency has been fruitful for choreographers workshoping new dances, giving space and inspiration to create in the picturesque Catskill mountains. Audiences are invited to view the dance workshoped over the residency, and participate in a talk-back with the choreographer and dancers.

Rabetskaya will workshop and premier *Sand*, a 30-35 min choreographic work with four dancers and two musicians that explores how individuals from different cultures get along and find peace with each other and harmony within ourselves. It reveals how beliefs can be unsteady like falling sand. As a Belarussian immigrant and part of a large diasporic wave happening now, Rabetskaya's work hopes to communicate that multiculturalism, identity, and beliefs change greatly based on points of origin and lived experiences.

## Bill Beirne's *They Could Be Dancing*, October 20 - 22, 11am - 5pm

For several hours concurrent with the opening hours of the Catskill Art Space, performer Bill Beirne will



pre-determined route along Livingston Manor's Main Street, appearing as any other pedestrian. His movements do not differ from those that one might see at any time. He follows the proscribed route with a series of choreographed movements, each repeated in the same sequence at the same locations. The performance allows for routine interruptions such as someone recognizing or talking to the performer or asking for information such as directions. Free and open to all, *They Could Be Dancing* addresses the presentation of self in public spaces and explores the routinization of our everyday behavior.

## ABOUT CATSKILL ART SPACE

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

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



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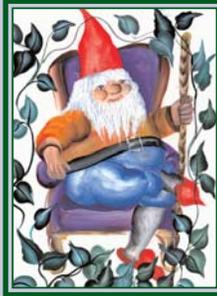
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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Anne Bancroft

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**"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II"  
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THE PRINCESS BRIDE**

(83 min. / Crime Thriller / 1987 X-RAY / PG CC)



Based on William Goldman's novel of the same name, *The Princess Bride* is staged as a book read by grandfather (Peter Falk) to his ill grandson (Fred Savage). Falk's character assures a romance-weary Savage that the book has much more to deliver than a simpering love story, including but not limited to fencing, fighting, torture, death, true love, giants, and pirates.



Directed by Rob Reiner and starring Cary Elwes, Mandy Patinkin, and Chris Sarandon

**"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III"  
ON AMAZON PRIME ON DEMAND  
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

(1 H 38 / CC / KIDS / 2020 X-RAY / PG)



*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG* tells the story of the world's speediest hedgehog as he embraces his new home on Earth. Sonic and his new best friend Tom team up to defend the planet from the evil genius Dr. Robotnik and his plans for world domination.



Directed by Jeff Fowler and starring James Marsden, Tika Sumpter and Jim Carrey.

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