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Tri-Valley Hosts Second Annual Bear Bash



The Tri-Valley community came together on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, for Tri-Valley Central School District's Second Annual Bear Bash, a celebration that proved to be a resounding success.



Held at Tri-Valley Central School District, the Bear Bash was an evening filled with activities, entertainment, and community engagement. From 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., attendees enjoyed a variety of attractions, including music, interactive booths, food, face painting, inflatable obstacle courses, bounce houses and jousting. (Contd. Pg. 5)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, seek ye and ye shall live. Amos 5:4

OBITUARIES

Steven I. Komorsky January 25, 1953 to September 12, 2024



Steven I. Komorsky of Libpassed erty away on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at Garnet Hospital in Middletown. NY. He was 71 years old and the son of

the late Seymour and Sylvia Komorsky and was born on January 25, 1953, in Brooklyn, NY.

Steven graduated from Tri- Valley High School in 1971. After graduation, Steve had various jobs but became a Corrections Officer starting at Greenhaven Correctional Facility in 1979 and then to Eastern Correctional, Sullivan Correctional, and retiring as a Sergeant at Woodbourne Correctional Facility in 2011.

After retiring, Steve lived in Liberty and was truly a jack of all trades and was so very skilled at all his undertakings. He was an excellent mechanic and collected several vehicles which he restored including a T-Bucket. In addition to his mechanical skills, Steve was an excellent carpenter and woodworker and had his very own sawmill on his property with which he milled hardwood planks and slabs and made tables and benches, which were unusual and ornate. Steve was an avid songwriter and owned and played multiple guitars. He loved the music of John Prine, John Lennon, Bob Dylan, and Chris Stapleton. He watched many "how to" YOU-TUBE videos and learned many crafts that way. He also built a pizza oven and loved to cook. He came up with some strange, but delicious concoctions.

Steve is survived by his two longtime beautiful cats Smokey and Lulu, his sister Esta Jacob (Grahamsville), his brother Glenn Komorsky (Debbi) of Woodbourne, and brother Brian Rubenstein, and his wife Stacie and his two nieces Rachel and Rebecca of Plantation, FL.



Steven will be sorely missed by his family but will be in good company with family members who predeceased him. On the positive side, Steve is now at peace and is no longer suffering.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Steve's memory can be made to The American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, or SPCA of Rock Hill. A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home at 845-434-7363 or www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

Robert M. Brenner, age 88, of Long Beach, New York passed away on Friday, September 13, 2024.

A funeral service for Robert was held Monday, September 16, 2024 at Riverside-Nassau North Chapels, in Great Neck, NY. Following the funeral service there was a committal service was held in Claryville, NY.

Kenneth W. Bivins, Sr. of Neversink, a life long area resident, died Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Northeast Center for Rehab. And Brain Injury, Lake Katrine, NY. He was 78.

The son of the late Wilber J. and Dorothy Doughty Bivins, he was born April 10, 1946 in Liberty, NY.

Kenneth was a Correction Officer at Woodbourne Correctional Facility and later at Sullivan Correctional Facility in Woodbourne, before retirement in 2004. He was a 35+ year fireman; he was the President of the Neversink Fire Department and Past Commissioner; and past President of Monticello Fire Department; he was a member of the Liberty Elks Lodge # 1545 for 33 years; he had worked for the Town of Liberty Highway Department and The Town of Fallsburg Highway Department. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Days of Yore... Today's History

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Nature Column - L. Comando

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

<u>October 6, 1954</u>

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allison are the parents of a baby girl, born October 3, 1954 at the Liberty Loomis Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murray of Ulster Heights are the parents of a baby girl, Jo Ellen, born September 30th at the Hamilton Ave. Hospital, Monticello. Mr. Murray is the shop teacher at Tri Valley Central School.

The Rev. Raymond Visscher, 65, of Darlington, Indiana, passed away on September 29th. He is survived by his widow; one son, Arlington Visscher, and one grandson, Raymond Visscher. The Rev. Mr. Visscher was known to people of this community as he had supplied the pulpits to both the Reformed Church and the Methodist Church.

<u>September 16, 1964</u>

Miss Carole Cypert, a June 1961 graduate of Tri Valley Central School, placed second in the graduating class at Benedictine Hospital School of Nursing in Kingston. Her overall average was 89.4. Miss Cypert will be employed as a nurse's technician at Albany Veteran's Hospital. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cypert of Frost Valley.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks who became parents of a baby boy on Wednesday. He was born at Liberty Loomis Hospital and weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and is named James Howard Brooks Jr.

October 2, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Probst of Grahamsville, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn to Thomas V. Osterhout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Osterhout of Hasbrouck. Miss Probst is senior at Tri Valley Central School. Her fiancé is presently employed by the Town of Fallsburg Highway Dept. No date is set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLean are the proud parents of a baby girl. Robin Clair McLean was born Thursday, Sept. 19, 1974. She weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 18 inches long. (Contd. Pg. 4)

October 4, 1984 Household Hint:

Stop Water from Boiling Over Use a Wooden Spoon

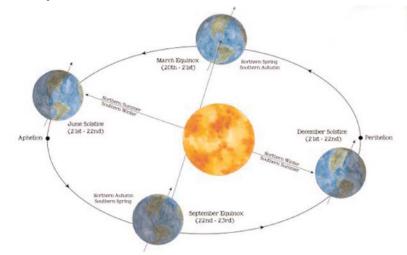
Place a wooden spoon across the top of the pot to pop bubbles before they escape and boil over . The spoon's cooler temperature also helps steam condense back into water.

The Autumn Equinox

All the signs are apparent that summer is in its final days in the Catskills. The sun is rising later each day and setting earlier each evening as the arc of the sun shifts toward the south. Birds and butterflies are migrating southward following the path of the sun.

While many of us are so busy we may not notice the signs like earlier generations who spent most of their time out of doors and followed the cycles of the Sun using the sky as both clock and calendar. They could easily see when the sun's path across the sky changed the location of the sunrise and sunset throughout the year. Stone circles like Stonehenge, dating back more than 3,000 years, are aligned to the Solstices and the Equinoxes.

Today, we know each equinox and solstice is an astronomical event caused by Earth's tilt on its axis and ceaseless orbit around the sun.



The Earth does not orbit upright, but is tilted on its axis by 23 1/2 degrees. Earth's Northern and Southern Hemispheres trade places in receiving the sun's light. Thus we have an equinox twice a year, spring and fall. It is when the tilt of the Earth's axis and Earth's orbit around the sun combine in such a way that the axis is inclined neither away from nor toward the sun. At the equinoxes, the sun appears overhead at noon if seen from Earth's equator. The sun will be on the celestial equator, and the celestial equator intersects all of our horizons at points due east and due west. At the equinox the sun will rise due east and set due west. If you have a chance and do go outside around sunset or sunrise, note the location of the sun on the horizon relative to familiar landmarks. Return to the same spot a day or two later at sunrise or sunset, and continue to do so and you will observe the sun moving further and further south.

If you look up at the night sky, you will see Fomalhaut, the Autumn Star making its way across the heavens each night. You will also see the point where the Ecliptic crosses the Celestial Equator. It is presently lying in the constellation Virgo, which is one of the 12 sun signs of the zodiac. When the Sun passes this point each year, the Autumnal Equinox has occurred and nights begin to grow longer than days, and continue to do so in the Northern Hemisphere until the Winter Solstice in December when the sun appears at its lowest altitude above the horizon at noon.

The Autumn Equinox is not celebrated quite as intensely as the Winter Solstice or Midsummer Solstice, but it is a good time to get out those warm woolies, stoke up the fire and prepare for the winter ahead. Take out a little time this week to enjoy the last days of summer before the Autumn Equinox on Sunday, September 22nd, a seasonal signpost of Earth's orbit around the sun!

OBITUARIES

(From Pg. 3) Kenneth Bivins

Kenneth was a life member of the NRA; and past owner of the Hemlock Hunting Club in Monticello and a member of many other hunting clubs. Kenneth was a director of the Neversink Agricultural Society, a member of the Neversink Roundout Antique Machinery Association and he enjoyed restoring old tractors. He was an avid golfer, hunter and enjoyed camping.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Bivins, at home; one son, Dru M. Bivins of MA; one daughter, Kimberly S. Bison of RI; one step son, Michael Haff and his wife Christina of Youngsville, NY; one step daughter, Christy Terbush and her husband Ken of Woodbourne, NY; four grandchildren, Harley, Brianna, Sawyer, and Abigail; one brother, James Doughty and his wife Jane of Youngsville, NY; and one nephew, Travis Doughty. He was predeceased by one son, Kenneth Bivins, Jr.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 10 AM to 12Noon in the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. The Neversink Fire Department will conduct Firematic Services at 12 Noon followed by funeral services, in the funeral home. The Rev. Harriet Wilkin will officiate.

Dignified cremation provided by the Harris Crematorium LLC; burial will be in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Memorial contributions in Kenneth's name may be made to Sullivan County SPCA, PO Box 995 Rock Hill, NY 12775 or to The Neversink Fire Department, PO Box 627, Neversink, NY 12765.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 www.Harris-FH.com

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October 4, 1984

Michael Heverly, a 1984 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, joined the U.S. Army and departed for basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Pvt. Heverly enlisted in the Army's Delayed Entry Program and selected the infantry for his guaranteed enlistment option. Pvt. Heverly is the son of Mrs. Judy Tremain of Hurleyville.

Congratulations to Master Brandon Wolfe for choosing Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wolfe as your loving and proud parents on Sept. 26, 1984. There is an old Chinese belief that when a baby is born they are already one year old. So....we will be watching for you, Master Brandon, to be taking your first steps.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley Published August 20, 1998

My children Vera, Floyd, Ella, Minnie, Thelma, Danny, Audrey and baby John spent all their time growing up, running and playing barefoot in the fields or woods as we moved from place to place following my husband's jobs. We had no telephones, video games or other expensive toys. They grew up with their own imaginations and learned how to think for themselves.

Now and then their dad would pack us all in "Old Warner", his Model T Ford. It was fun and when we would stop at a filling station, after the attendant filled it up with gas, checked the tires and radiator, dad would ask who wanted a soda. Of course we all did! Just outside the office of a gas station near Elmira, on one of our rides, sat the soft drink dispenser. It wasn't big and tall with blinking lights and a change maker-but it did have character, painted red and blue, The dispenser was square and boxy and just a bit rusty. The bottles were immersed in ice cold water, held in place by a long metal channel that suspended them by the neck, just below the cap. We had to reach down until we could grasp the bottle top and slide it along the metal channel to the end of the row. Here the bottle swung free from the channel. Then you placed a nickel in the coin tray and slid it in until it clicked. Somewhere inside that wonderful machine a "ping" sounded, then a loud click and the soda was free, ice cold and delicious. As the kids, Dan and I had our sodas, we usually stood there a minute just holding the wet, chilled glass between our hands. Then we place it in the opener on the side of the box, carefully positioned it then pushed down until the cap came off.

Nothing I've tasted since has ever come close to that refreshing cold soda that I enjoyed with my family on those hot summer afternoons so long ago.

When I go for a ride with one of my daughters or son, with just that putt-putt of the engine, I just can't help recall that noisy sound of "Old Warner" so many years ago-those were the good old days.

Borscht Belt Film Fest

Presenting a lineup of 10 incredible films spanning 75 years of cinema history, celebrating the nostalgic magic of the iconic Catskills resort era.

Festival-goers will have the unique chance to schmooze with directors and special guests, diving deep into the stories behind the films and the era that inspired them.

We are honored to welcome Oscar-winning director Ang Lee (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon; Brokeback Mountain) as our guest of honor!

Don't miss his Q&A on his film Taking Woodstock, where he'll share insights into the making of this beloved film and the cultural impact of the Borscht Belt.

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Tri-Valley Hosts Second Annual Bear Bash



(From Pg. 1) Community groups and businesses joined forces to make the event a success, contributing to its atmosphere and smooth operation. Volunteers from Tri-Valley played a crucial role in organizing the event and ensuring that everything ran seamlessly. Local community organizations also made significant contributions, further enhancing the day's festivities. Their involvement was instrumental in making this event a success, and Tri-Valley is deeply appreciative of their contributions.

"We're thrilled with how the Bear Bash turned out," said Superintendent, Erin Long.. "It's a testament to the strength of our community and the dedication of everyone involved. This event is not only a chance to have fun but also to strengthen the bonds that make Tri-Valley such a special place."



POW/MIA Day to Be Observed in Monticello



Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency will host a special ceremony in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 20 inside the lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. The public is cordially invited to attend.

"Please join us in taking the time to remember those who were Prisoners of War (POW), those who are Missing in Action (MIA), and their families," offered Veterans Service Agency Director Stephen Walsh.

The Fallen Comrade Table, present at every Sullivan County POW/MIA Recognition Day, features a specific set of items designed to remember American servicepeople who were/are Prisoners of War or Missing in Action.

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Then She Vanished Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 100 by John Dwaine McKenna

Mysterious Book Report No. 418

Published Septeember 17, 2020

California private eye Roland Ford-a tough ex-marine, grieving widower and insightful detective-takes on his toughest case yet

in author T. Jefferson Parker's fourth and newest novel: *Then She Vanished*, (G.P. Putnam's sons, \$27.00, 338 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-53767-0).

The novel begins when Ford is hired by state representative Dalton Strait-who's in the midst of a tight reelection campaign-to find his wife Natalie, who has disappeared without a trace. She suffers from bipolar disorder . . . and she's done it before . . . eventually turning up in Las Vegas, 100 grand in the hole. It ought to be a simple and straightforward missing persons case, but it isn't, because the more we learn about Dalton Strait, the more complex and deadly Ford's job becomes.

Like a lot about California, much about Strait is an illusion. Is he a war hero or a coward? An honest politician or a crook who's abusing the public trust? And finally, is Natalie in danger, having been abducted, or is Dalton Strait engineering an elaborate campaign hoax in an attempt for sympathy and publicity? Is Natalie a victim, a participant, or a runaway who doesn't want to be found? Ford's doubts about his flaky client get bigger with every new revelation.

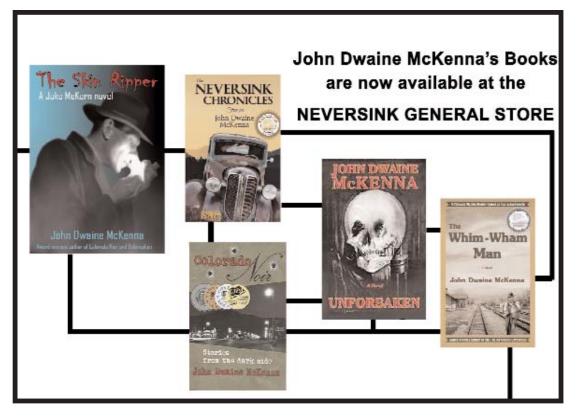
Meanwhile, something called the Chaos Committee is setting off bombs in post offices, and sending them to public officials, urging people to join the anarchy and promising more of the same still to come. And just how does the disappearance of Natalie Strait tie in . . . or does it? As Roland Ford is drawn deeper and deeper into the quagmire that surrounds his client, his own life is increasingly at risk, and his mounting doubts multiply the chances that he won't solve this complex southern California whodunit from the hand of a master!

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Thank You!





The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

The Precise Word

I can recall a fellow English teacher tell me and her students not to use the word "great." The word had been so overused that it has lost its power to convey a precise meaning. Some words that we may consider "old-fashioned" had the ability to enliven and enhance our writing and conversations.

For example, someone who was "dumb" might be called a "nitwit" or "nincompoop."

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "**Toward the Sun**," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye*

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Here is a list of my favorite words, not in vogue now, but should be resurrected to spice up our fourth-grade level vocabulary of social media:

Hooligan Shenanigans Jamoke Whippersnapper Bamboozle Poppycock Discombobulated Kerfuffle Skedaddle Canoodle Humbuggery Gobsmack Monkeyshines Hornswaggle Flummox Whatchamacallit Brouhaha

Be "persnickety " with your language and avoid the "gobbledegook" and "hackneyed" level of communication.

"The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter. 'Tis the difference between the lightening bug and the lightening." Mark Twain

Support Your Right to Read with a Trip to the DPL

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-In support of the American Library Association's (ALA) Banned Books Week (September 22-28), we will be hosting our own reading challenge: check out (and read) a book from the challenged list and receive a raffle ticket that will automatically enter you in our contest, of which, you could win a prize.

First established in 1982, **Banned Books Week** offers an opportunity to support freedom of reading across the nation. The week-long spotlight on challenged books and censorship of materials allows supporters to voice their opinions and to share in the fight amongst library staff, teachers and bookshop owners who are trying to reserve the right to offer, teach, or sell books that others deem inappropriate for one reason or another. According to the ALA website, library staff across the nation are "facing an unprecedented number of attempts to ban books." The ALA website further explains that their office for Intellectual Freedom documented 1,247 demands to censor library books and resources in 2023. This was up 65% compared to 2022, and according to the ALA, the highest level documented in over two decades of tracking, with 4,240 titles targeted for removal from schools and libraries. And that number continues to climb.

To access our list of challenged books, please visit our website. With nearly 20 titles included and ranging from children to adult novels, there is a wide variety of choices. Classics, such as: *To Kill* a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl and Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck are included, as well as, more recent works by J.K. Rowling with the entire Harry Potter series and the Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins.

In other news,

We are offering a fantastic adult "Paint and Sip" program Thursday, September 26 at 6PM. Pre-registration is required and tickets are \$20, which covers all supplies. Participants will follow along with local artist, Robin Raykoff, in painting their own fall gnome masterpieces. It's sure to be a fun-filled evening with friends!

Then, coming up on November 16, is our 5 Hour Pre-Licensing class. This course, for permit holders, is DMV approved and mandatory for unli-



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censed drivers 16 and up looking to get their driver's license. The course will run from 10AM to 3PM in our community room so those attending should bring their lunch. Upon completion of the class, offered through J& J Driving, instructed and owned by Jerome and La June Black, students will receive a certificate good for one year. The class fee is \$45 per student and requires participants to have and show a NYS photo permit to attend. Pre-registration is required (available through our website) and seats fill up quickly, so register ASAP! To secure registration, submit checks to DPL payable to J & J Driving School prior to class date.

Our much beloved Fall Children's Programs for children 12 months to five-years-old (residing in the Tri-Valley CSD) are also filling up quickly, so if you are planning on registering you child(ren) do so as soon as possible to we can better prepare for the programs starting the week of October 14.

On a final note, we have great fall inspired fictional books (adult and children's) as well as a nice selection of true crime non-fiction books on display for perusal. We also have many cookbooks that offer fall comfort inspired recipes. What's better than digging into a warm casserole and a cozy book? Nothing.

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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison No Column this week.

Fun is in The Air at the Fallsburg Fall Festival and the Morningside Park Duck Race

Join in the fun at the 4th Annual Fallsburg Fall Festival, Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 10 A.M. thru 4 P.M. at Green Avenue in the Village of Woodridge.

There will be food, craft and yard sale vendors as well as information booths from many local agencies. There will be games, crafts, and prizes for the youngsters, as well as Live Entertainment that could have you dancing in the street, if you like!

A Hula Hoop Contest will be held at Noon with a children's and an adult's category. No outside hula hoops allowed; we will supply the hula hoops!

In addition, 'Patrick McDuck', among others, will be selling "Duck Race" tickets for the festivities at Morningside Park on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Children ages 1 - 12 could win a prize if they enter the "Duck" Costume Contest at the "Race". It doesn't have to be an elaborate costume, let's just have some fun with it. The Duck Race festivities begin at 11:00 A.M. at Morningside Park, Hurleyville, NY.

Many Thanks go to the Sponsors of this year's Fallsburg Fall Festival: Jeff Bank, Murray's Chicken, Mountain Service Distributors, Colonial Memorial Funeral Homes, and Catskill Hudson Bank.

For more info on each event, please contact Dawn at dawnkpln@yahoo.com or Diane @ dsenn10151@aol.com

Hope to see you at each event!

New Fall Exhibitions open at DVAA featuring Dale Emmart and Margaret Inga Urías

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) is excited to announce the opening of our fall exhibitions, Imperfect Books by Dale Emmart in the Alliance Gallery and Of Cloud & Ash: Eons, Epochs, and Eras by Margaret Inga Urías in the Loft Gallery.

Viewers are invited to immerse themselves in these two genrebending shows that explore time and transformation through the practices of artist books and site-specific installation, on view from September 21st and running through October 27th.

Join us for the opening reception on Saturday, September 21st, from 4-6 PM. DVAA Galleries are free and open to the public Thursday through Sunday, 11 AM - 4 PM, and by appointment.

***These are DVAA's final solo exhibitions for 2024 before our galleries are transformed for the 20th annual Art in Sixes small works show. Submissions are due by November 3rd. Visit our website for details.

Dale Emmart -Imperfect Books

On View: September 21st - October 27th, 2024

Opening Reception: Saturday, September 21st, 4-6 PM

Artist Talk Scheduled for October 5th, 1-3 PM

Known primarily as a painter and printmaker, Dale Emmart

(Honesdale, PA) has ventured into the world of artist books-a



medium that invites intimate, hands-on interaction. These books, which began during the isolation of the pandemic, reflect a range of ideas and emotions, from environmental concerns to personal losses. Emmart's work invites viewers to engage with art in a tactile, participatory way, exploring the sequence and rhythm of turning pages, where each fold and

crease holds a new discovery.

"Turning pages takes time and invites the viewer to participate with time in sequence, where the cadence of seeing drawings, paintings, and other two-dimensional art unfolds in an orchestration determined by the maker." _-Dale Emmart

ABOUT THE ARTIST

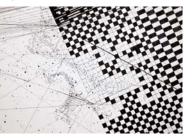
Emmart is a graduate of Cooper Union School of Art and Rhode Island School of Design. With a career spanning several decades, she has taught at prestigious institutions like Parsons, RISD, and The Brearley School. Her diverse career includes residencies at The MacDowell Colony and The Virginia Center for the Arts, as well as a NYFA Grant in Painting. Emmart leads a yearly Plein Air workshop in Travanca do Monte, Portugal.

Margaret Inga Urías – Of Cloud & Ash: Eons, Epochs, and Eras

On View: September 21st - October 27th, 2024 Opening Reception: Saturday, September 21st, 4-6 PM

Artist Talk TBA for October

Through intricate works on paper and glass, Margaret Inga Urías (Scarsdale, NY) maps the cosmos, tracing the evolution of matter, life, and time itself. Her minimalist yet profound use of black ink forms cosmic cartographies



that invite viewers to ponder the fragility and transience of existence. This body of work is a meditation on the origins and endings of the universe, and our place within it.

"This work is about confronting deep time: its origins and endings, the interconnectedness of all things across all known time. It is about loss and trying to find a way to go back in time, or at least slow it down, and to understand its eerie ability to bend and deceive."_- Margaret Inga Urías

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Urías is an interdisciplinary artist whose practice spans drawing, murals, photography, and glass engraving. She is a recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant and the New York Foundation for the Arts fellowship. Urías holds degrees from Barnard and Pratt and has been a resident artist at the Saltonstall Foundation and the Bronx Museum of Art's AIM program.

ABOUT DVAA

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Walk-ins are welcome. DVAA's galleries are ADA-accessible.

Gallery & Shop Hours are Thursdays- Sundays, 11 AM - 4 PM & by appointment.

For more information, visit DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org or call (845) 252-7576.

DVAA serves as a home in the Upper Delaware Valley and Sullivan Catskills Region, giving artists platforms to share their voices in our galleries, on our stages, and at our festivals, including Riverfest in July and the Big Eddy Film Festival held every Fall. DVAA funds Sullivan County creatives and cultural organizations through our role as the county's Arts Council.

THE TOWNSMAN

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Editor's Notes:

This past weekend we attended the opening night of *The Garbologists* at **Shadowland Stages Studio Theater** on Market Street in Ellenville. When asked how I liked the show, my response was, "It was different. It was a learning experience. And most of all it was interwoven with quick wit and sagacity. I loved it!"

What is a garbologist? Like a socialogist, or a pharmacist, I learned a garbologist is one who studies garbage.

The Garbologists wasn't just about what the sanitation workers are responsible for but rather a story of how two people who have preconceived notions and biases about one another's life, were basically stuck with each other on the job.

Liberal Ivy league, well-educated Black female, Marlowe's first assignment was in Dan's garbage truck. Dan, a middle-aged conservative white man well-seasoned in the art of garbage is a blue-collar worker for the New York City Santitation Department who worked with the 'newbies'.

Thrown together in the cab of a garbage truck, they spend their first shifts engaging in arguments. Marlowe learns the secret art of mongo -hunting for discarded treasure. Although they come from different worlds they discover there's more that determined their relationship than picking up the trash. While complete opposites, over time, they were able to overcome adversity.

Danny and Marlowe were just fun to watch together, even when they were at odds.

You will have a chance to glimpse into an unknown world that we see every day. As we learn our way through this dramatic comedy, we also become students of *garbage* –Garbologists.

The actors, only two, fill the stage every moment.

The play zooms by so fast it's over before you know it.

Make plans for the weekend. Enjoy every delightful moment of *The Garbologists*! Trust me you will still be laughing all the way home.

Get tickets right away. The theater fills up quickly.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

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Creating your own art is a form of meditation and a therapy unique to your own self. *In the Spirit* of *Sumi-e*, written and illustrated by Linda G. Comando, is an easily understood explanation including simplified drawings that will lead you on a path of relaxation and will reveal your own potentiality and creativity.

> Now available on Amazon: Go to: Amazon.com then type in In the Spirit of Sumi-e



Liberty, NY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Join us on 9 September 26th for an Evening of Appreciation!

Join us on September 26th at 5:30pm in the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts for an Evening of Appreciation!

We will celebrate the progress and collective impact of our volunteers, schools, communities and partners. Together, we are empowering a healthier generation!

We will also express our appreciation to Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther for her years of support and friendship.

We will also recognize The Black Library & Tusten Social for their innovative efforts to engage youth.

RSVP by 9/20 to (845) 295-2680 or Info@Sullivan180.org.

Learn How to Present Better Pictures at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center

Summitville, NY - Will you be out taking photos of the fall foliage and amazing views throughout the parks in Sullivan County? If so, join Frank Coviello for his discussion on "Editing for Better Pictures" hosted by the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department.

Open to all levels of photographers, the class will revolve around digital editing of photographs to improve quality by adjusting highlights, shadows, contrast and saturation. This event is FREE and will be held at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center, 16 Bova Road, Summitville, on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 2 p.m.

For additional information and to register for the event, visit the D&H Canal Interpretive webpage at www.sullivanny.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/DelawareHudson, call 845-807-0287, or email scparks@sullivanny.us

Lake Superior Swimming, Boat Rentals Continue on September Saturdays!

Bethel, NY - Lake Superior State Park will remain open to the public for picnicking, boat rentals, and swimming on

p.m.



\$8 per hour choose from kayaks (1- or 2person), pedalboats or rowboats. Several picnic pavilions are availutification office at



able for rent; please contact the Parks, Recreation & Beautification office at 845-807-0287 for more information.

Located on Dr. Duggan Road in Bethel, Lake Superior State Park is operated by the County of Sullivan pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

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Saturdays during September. Hours will be from 10 a.m.-6

Daily admission to enter the park is \$5 per person. Season Pass holders, children under 3 years old and veterans who present a valid ID issued through the Sullivan County Return the F.A.V.O.R. program can enter for free. Boat rental fee is

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Half Night, Half Day, Fall is on its Way - L. Comando

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Chicken Pot Pie

1 lb skinless, boneless chicken breast - cubed 1 cup sliced carrots 1 cup frozen green peas 1/2 cup sliced celery 1/3 cup butter 1/3 cup chopped onion 1/3 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon black pepper 1/4 teaspoon celery seed 1 3/4 cups chicken broth 2/3 cup milk 2 (9 inch) unbaked pie crusts

Gather all ingredients and preheat the oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C.) Combine chicken, carrots, peas, and celery in a saucepan; add water to cover and bring to a boil. Boil for 15 minutes, then remove from the heat and drain. While the chicken is cooking, melt butter in another saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and cook until soft and translucent, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in flour, salt, pepper, and celery seed Slowly stir in chicken broth and milk. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until thick, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside. Place chicken and vegetables in the bottom pie crust. Pour hot liquid mixture over top. Cover with top crust, seal the edges, and cut away any excess dough. Make several small slits in the top crust to allow steam to escape. Bake in the preheated oven until pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbly, 30 to 35 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before serving. Serve immediately and enjoy!

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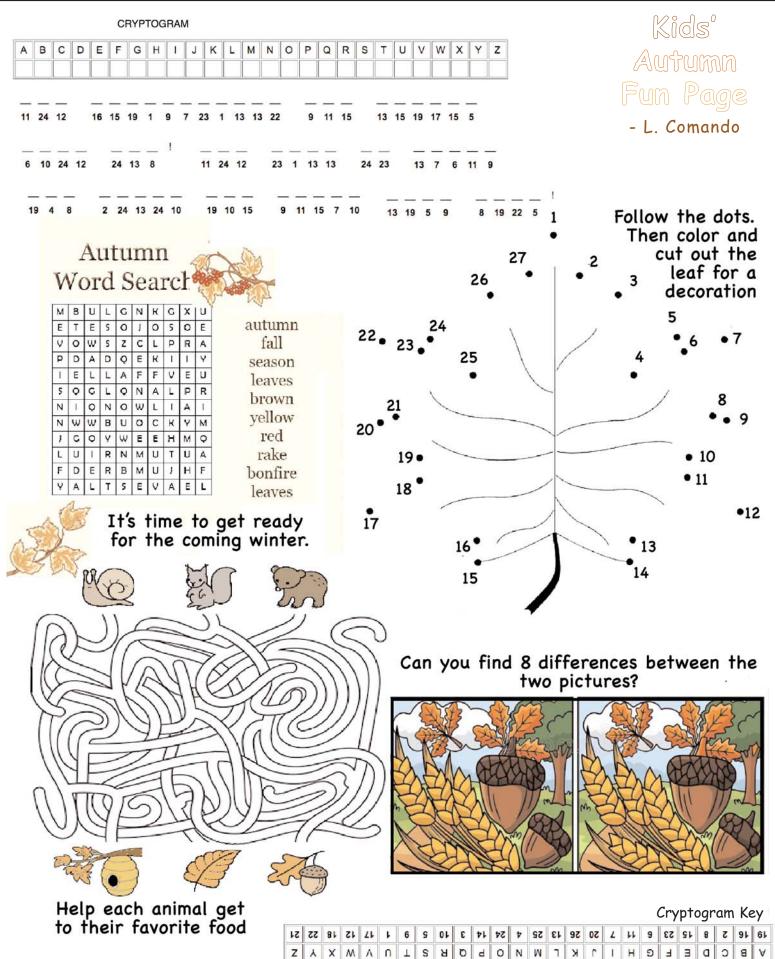
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EGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Specification & Instructions to Bidders Plowing 2024-2025 Season -Neversink Fire District

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

1. One Year Contract for **November 1st 2024 - April 31st 2025** with the option for a one year extension with an agreed upon percentage/ inflation rate increase.

2. Hourly rate per snowfall event

3. On demand salt/sand mix

4. No sub-contractors unless approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners

5. Must submit proof of valid insurance with the bid.

6. Plow every two (2) inches.

Please include the above stipulations in your bid and pricing. Awarded bidder is required to submit rate adjustments by **September 1st, 2025** if they would like to extend their contract. If the awarded bidder chooses not to extend the contract another year, they must also notify the District by **September 1st, 2025**. Bids are due by **Thursday, October 11th, 2024**. Bids will be opened and awarded on **Thursday, October 17th, 2024**.

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

Sincerely,

Dana Vogler, Secretary Neversink Fire District

9/12; 9/19; 9/26; 10/3; 10/10

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept 26, 2024

Board Workshop Committe Meetings

2024 FALL CLEAN-UP OCT. 16th, 19th & 23rd

In order to Participate, you will need your BLUE 2024 Permit Card, cards will be punched for each load.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who reside (*have their household and generate their waste material*) in the Town of Neversink.

OWNERSHIP OF VACANT LAND <u>DOES NOT</u> QUALIFY FOR USE OF THE FACILITY.

Limitations:

**Two (2) Pick-up/small trailer load per permit holder.

**TVs and other Electronic equipment when disposed of must be paid for with SW coupons. <u>Please bring these items</u> <u>at a different time</u>. <u>No</u> batteries, ballasts or CFLs.

**Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers and Air Conditioners <u>WILL NOT</u> be accepted during this time. <u>Please bring</u> them at a different time.

****Scrap Metal** can be taken at any time. <u>Please separate</u> your scrap metal out and bring it at a different time.

"The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made

possible by the Taxpayers of Sullivan County."



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HOBBY & OCCUPATIONAL INFO & DEMOS. **VENDORS, MUSIC, FOOD, & FUN**

MUSIC BY VETERAN GREEN BERET DEREK STONER **ALONG WITH JESSE NOREN & ALBI BELULI**

VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND MEMBERS OF **OUR COMMUNITY WELCOME!**

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Do You Like Sullivan County's Parks? Do You Want to See Something Changed? Survey Results Will Help Determine Parks' Master Plan

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County is developing a Parks & Recreation Master Plan to provide a framework for improving and expanding parks and facilities owned/operated by the County.

To that end, the Parks & Recreation Department has developed a quick survey for residents and visitors to provide their feedback and vision for the County's parks system.

"Please take this opportunity to let us know about your Parks and Recreation needs and wants!" encourages Parks Director Brian Scardefield. "Input from this survey will be incorporated into the Master Plan, and it will only take a few minutes of your time. Your comments can make a huge difference!"

The survey will be open until September 30: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SullivanCountyPRMP

For more about Sullivan County's parks, visit https://sullivanny.us/Departments/ParksRecreation or call 845-807-0287.

Office for the Aging to Have Limited Service on September 24 Due to RSVP Luncheon Majority of Staff Will Be Attending Recognition Ceremony

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Office for the Aging will provide limited service on Tuesday, September 24 while staff prepare for and attend the Annual Luncheon of the Office's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

"In order to give our RSVP volunteers the kind of appreciation they deserve, we'll need most of our staff engaged in the celebration," explained Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul. "Thus, with only a small crew in our Monticello office, the public should anticipate a potentially longer wait time and a temporary lack of full capability."

"We will be at full staffing on all other days of that week, so I encourage people to stop by either Monday, September 23 or Wednesday, September 25, avoiding the 24th altogether," she added. "Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding!" For more information, the Office welcomes calls at 845-807-0241.

Delaware Valley Opera Center Fall Concerts, Parties and Theater

Now that our opera season is over, we will continue to present concerts and all kinds of events in the Fall and Winter for your enjoyment! If you didn't get a chance to come to the ARTS NEST concert series this year, you missed some fantastic musicians. So now is your chance to find out how good it can be.

Arts Nest - Owen Walsh in concert September 21 2024 Saturday 7:00PM 09:00PM

Arts Nest Concert - Beat the Devil September 28 2024 Saturday 7:00PM 9:00PM

River Rep Theater - The Thanksgiving Play October 05 2024 Saturday 8:00PM 10:00PM

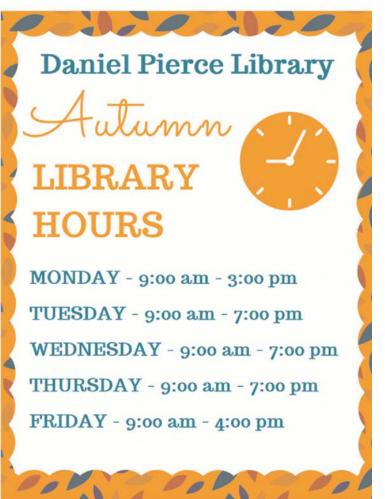
River Rep Theater - The Thanksgiving Play October 06 2024 Sunday 2:00PM 4:00PM

River Rep Theater - The Thanksgiving Play October 12 2024 Saturday 8:00PM 10:00PM

River Rep Theater - The Thanksgiving Play October 13 2024 Sunday 2:00PM 4:00PM

Arts Nest Concert - Hal Galper October 19 2024 Saturday 7:00PM 9:00PM

Halloween Boogie Boo! with April Mae and the June Bugs October 31 2024 Thursday 7:00PM 9:00PM



THE GARBOLOGISTS

Learn about THE GARBOLOGISTS and meet director JAMMIE PATTON https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcUXJP64XSQ

We're thrilled to present the fresh and thought-provoking comedy, *The Garbologists* by Lindsay Joelle, directed by SHADOWLAND STAGES veteran Jammie Patton. The production opened this past weekend at our intimate Studio Theatre, running from September 13th to 29th.

The Garbologists follows an unlikely partnership between two New York City sanitation workers: Danny, a seasoned, no-nonsense veteran, and Marlowe, an Ivy League-educated newcomer. As they traverse their garbage route, the pair uncovers the hidden art of "mongo" (finding discarded treasures) and forges common ground amidst the city's trash and treasures.

Critics rave about *The Garbologists*, calling it "A must-see… laced with wit and wisdom" (Broadway World) and "Delightfully intimate, surprising, and profound" (onStage Pittsburgh). Starring DeAnna Supplee as Marlowe and Joel Rainwater as Danny, this production promises to be a standout this season.

Preview performances began on September 13th and September 14th, with the official opening night on September 14th. Opening night festivities include a pre-show tasting sponsored by Chelsea Rialto Studios in the Studio Lobby (14 Market Street) and a post-show gathering at Marbella Tapas Bar in Ellenville.

The Garbologists will run Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 PM and Sundays at 2 PM until September 29th. Tickets are now on sale! Evening tickets are \$43, and matinee tickets are \$39. Purchase tickets online at *shadowlandstages.org* or call our box office at (845) 647-5511.

We can't wait to see you at The Garbologists-an evening filled with wit, wisdom, and plenty of heart!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

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UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

Register now for Fall classes at The Academy at SHADOWLAND STAGES! CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

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BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT SHADOWLANDSTAGES.ORG

PHONE OR VISIT THE BOX OFFICE: 845.647.5511 NOON - 5PM and BEGINNING TWO HOURS PRIOR TO CURTAIN AT THE VENUE WHERE THE SHOW IS PLAYING

157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY 12428

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Letter to the Editor:

Incinerators release toxic pollutants, like dioxins, PFAS, and mercury, that poison surrounding communities and the entire planet. They also generate hazardous waste in the form of toxic ash that must be dealt with.

But Sullivan County is considering building, likely with neighboring counties, a "waste-to-energy" (WTE) facility that is an incinerator - to burn our trash.

There will be a Public Meeting on Thursday, September 19 at 12 pm at the Sullivan County Government Center 100 North St., Monticello

An incinerator would threaten our health, our environment, and our economy. Help us protect Sullivan and the surrounding counties!

Speakers include:

Wes Gillingham (he/him) is a farmer, and co-founder and Associate Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper. Dedicated to pushing New York into a Just Transition away from fossil fuels, he has lived off the electric grid for over 30 years and serves on the Center for Earth Ethics advisory board.

Chloe Cesir (she/her), a New Jersey native, serves on the NJ Environmental Justice Advisory Council and works for the Ironbound Community Corporation as an Environmental Justice Organizer. She works for zero waste, creating a just transition, and fighting against toxic gas polluting power plants and incinerators at the grassroots level.

Rebekah Creshkoff (she/her) is the co-founder of Beyond Plastics Sullivan County NY and founder of NYC's Project Safe Flight.

Neil Tangri (he/him) is the Senior Director of Science and Policy at GAIA and a Senior Fellow at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy. He has a background in climate and earth sciences and 25 years of experience in the waste sector.

Hannah Thomas (she/her) is a mom, grand, and greatgrandmother, and Council member of the Setalcott Nation, who worked primarily in healthcare and has been a community advocate standing against the Brookhaven landfill for over 50 years. After the murder of George Floyd, she, her niece, and other community members co-founded the Brookhaven Landfill Action and Remediation Group (BLARG) to fight one of the biggest local threats to black life: the Brookhaven Landfill, a 270-foot monument to environmental racism.

Moderator:

Jessica Roff (she/her) is the Plastics & Petrochemicals Program Manager - US/Canada at GAIA. She's spent more than fifteen years fighting to stop fossil fuels and for a sustainable, just energy system that centers front line, fenceline, and environmental justice struggles and the voices of Black, brown, and Indigenous communities.

Ramsay Adams, Executive Director Mountainkeeper

THE THANKSGIVING PLAY at River Rep Theatre

River Rep Theatre is thrilled to close its 2024 season with MacArthur Genius Larissa FastHorse's hit comedy THE THANKSGIVING PLAY, which follows a troupe of (very) well-intentioned theater people as they scramble to create a pageant that somehow manages to celebrate both Turkey Day and Native American Heritage Month.

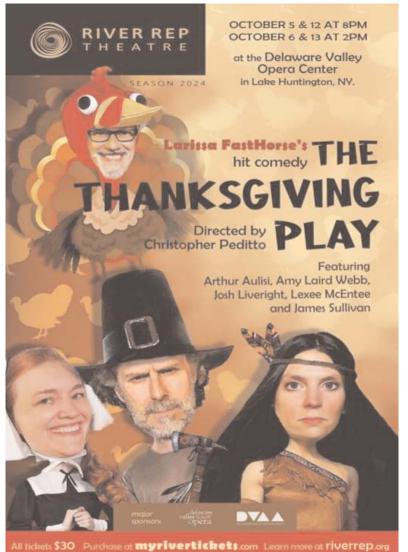
"Very, very funny ... [it] skewers liberal pretensions with glee - this clever satire is something for which to be truly thankful." -Hollywood Reporter

Rambunctious, thorny and not quite politically correct, THE THANKSGIVING PLAY serves up the hypocrisies of woke America on a big, family-style, platter. Get ready to laugh, gasp and have a smorgasbord of things to talk about!

Featuring Arthur Aulisi, Amy Laird Webb, Josh Liveright, Lexee McEntee and James Sullivan. Directed by Christopher Peditto. Costumes by Alyena Galvin-Bliefernich.

October 5 & 12 at 8pm l October 6 & 13 at 2pm at the Delaware Valley Opera Center, 6692 NY-52, Lake Huntington, NY.

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/19/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
9/19/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
9/21/24	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
9/21/24	NRAMA 24th Annual Tractor Show & Community Yard Sale - Grahamsville Fairgrounds 10am-6pm
10/2/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
10/5/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
10/8/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
10/9/2024	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
10/15/24	Claryville Fire District Budget Meeting and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm

Save the Date!

Saturday, Sept 21 • 10 am - 6 pm NRAMA 24th Annual Tractor Show & Community Yard Sale

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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 16 - 20, 2024

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

Monday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

o 4:00 PM - Audit Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and via Legislative livestream

o 5:30 PM - Caucus: Democrats, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o 6:00 PM - Caucus: Republicans, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

The Following Public Hearing & Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and may be viewed via Livestream at *https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203*

o 7:00 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2024, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P*2,

o Immediately following the Public Hearing - Legislative Session

Wednesday, September 18

o 8:00 AM - Workforce Development Board, in the Ulster County Career Center, 521 Boices Lane, Kingston

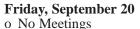
o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston **o 10:00 AM** (Or Immediately Following IDA) - **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation,** in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o 12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline

o 5:30 PM - County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Establish The Department Of Assigned Counsel, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, September 19

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



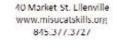


Every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6-7:00 pm

All ages and abilities are welcome!

Drums will be provided, first come first serve. If you have a drum, bring it!

I or more information visit our website



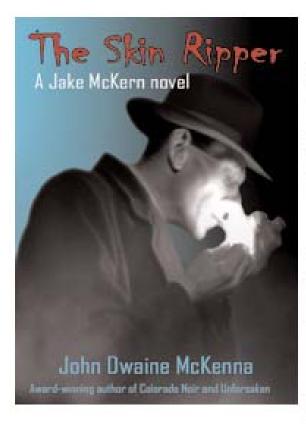
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The Skin Ripper

A novel John Dwaine McKenna

From the award-winning pen of John Dwaine McKenna comes a searing new novel five years in the making . . .



Recently promoted and just out of the hospital after a long recuperation from injuries he received while battling Lee Roy Morgan gang as they were trying to rob Colorado Commercial Bank, Colorado Springs homicide detective Jake McKern is on his first case . . . the double murder of an elderly couple who ran a small grocery on the 'Springs near west side . . . while at the same time, his personal life is crashing down around him.

With the only clue being a handwritten journal in an unknown and indecipherable language, the victims turn out to be Jews who survived Auschwitz and the horrors of the Shoah, the case suddenly takes on an international flavor with worldwide consequences.

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

hour and his greatest adventure to date!

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

Sullivan Partners with PaintCare to Recycle Old Paint Customers Are Welcome to Drop Paint Off for Free

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Department of Solid waste & Recycling is pleased to announce a new partnership with PaintCare, a nonprofit organization created by the paint industry through the American Coatings Association (ACA) to manage leftover paint in states that have enacted paint steward-ship laws.

The Monticello Transfer Station, 91 Landfill Drive, will now serve as a drop-off site for PaintCare's new Statewide paint recycling program which allows households and businesses to recycle leftover paint, stain, and varnish conveniently and sustainably. PaintCare recently opened its 300th drop-off site in New York State and continues to grow its partnerships with paint retail stores and locally managed government facilities.

New York's paint recycling program comes in the wake of a paint stewardship law that was passed by the State Legislature in 2019. The law ensures that everyone who produces, sells, and uses paint works together to minimize, reuse, and recycle unwanted paint.

"We are thrilled to be expanding our paint stewardship program into Sullivan County so that households, businesses, and institutions can easily dispose of paint responsibly and sustainably," said Andrew Radin, PaintCare's New York Program Manager. "We're grateful for the important role that our partners play in making sure this initiative is successful."

How It Works

PaintCare makes it convenient to recycle leftover paint by establishing drop-off sites at local government facilities and paint and hardware retailers near residential neighborhoods. These locations are easy to find by visiting PaintCare's online site locator at www.paintcare.org or by calling PaintCare's hotline number at (855) PAINT09.

The Monticello Transfer Station will serve as a drop-off site, and customers are encouraged to bring their paint in during normal operating hours: Monday-Saturday from 7:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. The drop-off area can be found at the scalehouse/residential drop off area, and any drop-off related questions can be directed to Kassie Thelman at (845) 807-0291 or recycling@sullivanny.us.

The Monticello Transfer Station accepts both latex- and oilbased architectural paint products, including paints, stains, sealers, and varnishes. Paint must be dropped off in its original container with its original manufacturer's label. A full list of products accepted by the program is available on PaintCare's website at www.paintcare.org/products.

There is no cost to residents and businesses when dropping off their unwanted paint for recycling. A small fee on the sale of new paint - called the PaintCare fee - funds all aspects of the program including paint collection, transportation, processing, and public education. The PaintCare fee in New York varies by container size: no fee for half-pint or smaller; \$0.45 for larger than half-pint up to smaller than one gallon; \$0.95 for one gallon up to two gallons; \$1.95 for larger than two gallons up to five gallons. Businesses, organizations, and households with 100 gallons of paint or more to recycle may request a free pickup at their location. Some restrictions apply. More information and a request form can be found on PaintCare's website at www.paintcare.org/pickup.

The program has already collected more than 1 million gallons of paint since it began. In New York, over 30 million gallons of paint are sold annually, and it is estimated that about 10 percent of household paint goes unused. PaintCare helps ensure the "highest, best use" for paint collected in the program, including giving away good quality material as-is, recycling it, or putting it to another beneficial use. Most of the paint PaintCare receives is latex-based and can be remixed into recycled content paint by processors.

Visit www.paintcare.org/NY for more information about the PaintCare program.

Sullivan 180 to offer Free Suicide Prevention Training Learn QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) and Make a Positive Difference

[Ferndale, NY] -September is National Suicide Awareness Month, and all are invited on Friday September 27, 2024 to participate in a free QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training from 10 a.m. to noon at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd. Liberty, NY. QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer - the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide.

Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis; and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.

The Surgeon General's National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, defines "gatekeeper" as individuals trained to recognize a crisis; and the warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide. Gatekeepers can be anyone, but includes parents, friends, neighbors, teachers, ministers, doctors, nurses, office supervisors, coaches, foremen, police officers, advisors, caseworkers, firefighters, and many others who are strategically positioned to recognize and refer someone at risk of suicide. They are trained to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. As a QPR-trained Gatekeeper participants will learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer hope, and know how to get help and save a life. The more people trained in QPR, the more lives saved.

Sullivan 180 Community Health Champion Trainers are ready to bring QPR to workplaces, schools, fire departments, community centers and places of worship at no cost. "Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis that can save lives. I am so proud to train both facilitators and gatekeepers for our county's suicide prevention program, QPR," shared Jill Holland, Master QPR Instructor & Sullivan 180 Community Health Champion Trainer.

To register for the next QPR Gatekeeper Training taking place on Friday September 27th at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan or to bring this training to your group, email trainings@sullivan180.org or by calling 845-295-2680.

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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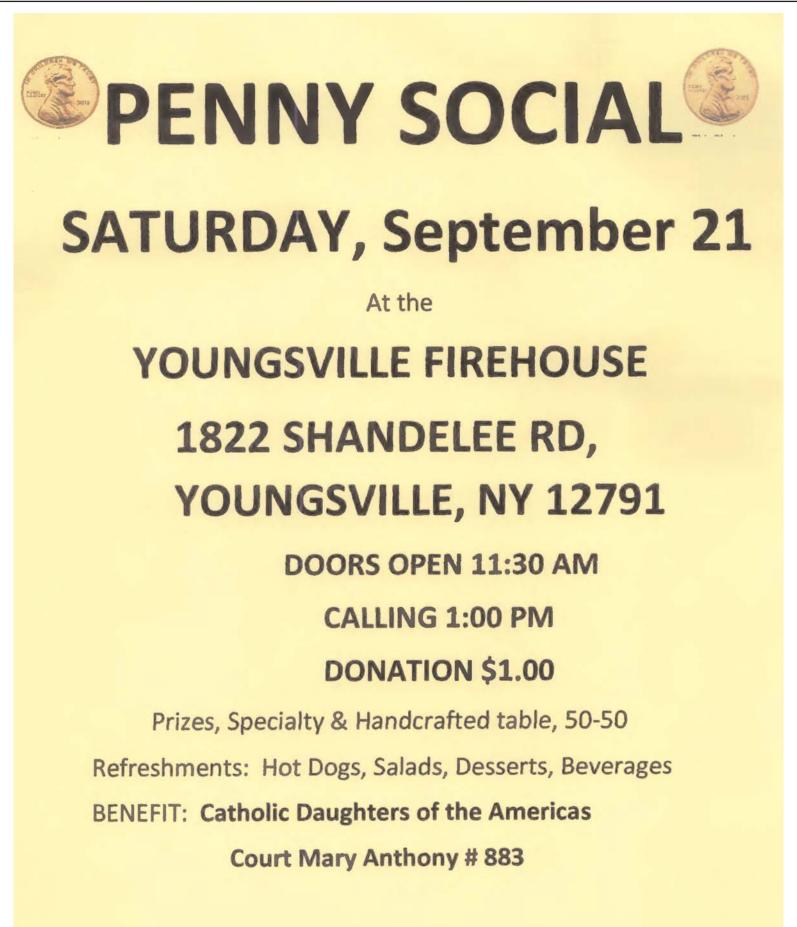
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Giant Pumpkin Party Volunteers Needed!



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

We need your help!

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

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

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



Bittersweet Memories Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds

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



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MONTIGRAM President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James



Dr. Bethany England spoke to the Monticello Rotary Club about the new and awesome program of All Kids Can Learn: NCA Adaptive AYM Program being held at Nesin Cultural Arts. Students with special needs at all levels are learning Music in a meaningful and engag-

ing manner. Research shows that

Music Therapy is one of the fastest growing programs in the country and to have this opportunity in our own back yard for those most vulnerable and to provide learning options to help enhance their lives in an integrated manner is something special. We look forward to hearing more on the success of this new pro-



President Lori James and Dr. Bethany England

gram and are proud that Monticello Rotary supports programs at Nesin Cultural Arts.

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

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Our Speaker this coming week is Fred Stabbert - Sullivan County Democrat and Newspaper History in Sullivan County.

Thank you to all who came out to participate in this year's Monticello Rotary Annual Scholarship Golf Outing at Tarry Brae. Money raised from this event goes toward the \$10,000 a year scholarships distributed by the Monticello Rotary in the Monticello and Fallsburg School Districts. A special shout out to the sponsor and raffle donors.

Committee Meeting Reminder: There will be a Rotary Executive Board Meeting on Tuesday night, 9/17/24 at 5:30 before our regular Board Meeting.

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

Agenda for September 17, 2024

- 1. Meeting Called to Order President Lori Orestano-James
- 2. Pledge Of Allegiance Past President Alex Rey
- 3. Introduction of Guests of Members Full Membership

4. Guest Speaker - Fred Stabbert: History of SC Democrat and Sullivan County Newspapers

- 5. Committee Reports:
- o Scholarship Golf Outing Bob Ernst & Randy Katz 9/14/24
- o FBG at Forestburgh 9/21/24 Brad Rutledge

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8SnDWRCkLQM1houdZ9CH2105uYcRoadOVvqfoNN1YBvc4w_ae m_d_JuYgRlf_trvArk7iZZ9A o Alzheimer's Walk at Bethel Woods 9/28/24 at 10am Barbara Carr (See Link Below)

o Joint Club Blood Drive (Lori James) - The Krissy Walsh Memorial Blood Drive - September 30, 2024. Noon - 6pm, Resorts World Epicenter

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/317712

- o Community Unity Lori Orestano-James 10/5/24
- o Youth Committee Interact
- o Coat Drive Committee
- o Rotary Radio Rick Stein
- 6. Regional Updates/District Updates Learning Rotary Learning Center Live
- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business

9. Happy Dollars

10. 50/50 Raffle

11. Adjourn

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

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Rotary Board of Directors Meeting - 9/17/24, 5:30pm

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

Alzheimer's Walk - September 28, 2024 10am - Bethel Woods (Link Above and in Story Below)

Rotary Joint Club Krissy Walsh Memorial Blood Drive, September, 30, 2024, Noon-6pm. Resorts World Epicenter. https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/317712

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

With Rotary Pride,

Lori Orestano-James President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

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FALL into Action

Summer isn't officially over but school days & the up-coming holiday season finds our Rotary with Fall on their minds! We have had our first meetings for the Wellness and Youth Services and both committees are overseen by Cris Spinner and they are off and running. Our Coat Drive will be held in October this year and we're grateful that Jackie Rutledge has taken charge! Our Food Drive, chaired by Cris Spinner, is scheduled for Saturday November 23rd, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We are looking over a few options for location, always attempting to find what yields us the biggest bounty for our community members in need. Our Comfort Closet which traditionally has served residents of Achieve Rehab and Nursing remains the same. Lori James will organize that effort for the December holiday gifts to the residents. In addition we will be distributing the teddy bears to the hospital compete with carolers (get your voices in tune Rotarians :)) and Santa!! Once Interact gets rolling we will be working toward a Comfort Closet that will benefit our young people in need.

And speaking of Interact, Cris and Lori will be meeting with the Monticello School Advisor Amy Ross on Tuesday Sept. 17th. We look forward to working with Amy to grow our Monti Interact Club. We are eager to inspire our youth to what is possible in their lives through Rotary! We are awaiting the Fallsburg advisor's appointment and we'll be in Fallsburg as soon as we are apprised.

The Monticello Rotary indeed knows how to FALL into action!

Overlook Mountain Center to Lead Two Guided Tours Two Equinox Hikes Kick off Fall Programs

Woodstock, NY - Nonprofit Overlook Mountain Center (OMC) announced two free autumn hikes and guided tours of Native American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes at Lewis Hollow/Overlook Mountain and Diamond Notch Falls in Spruceton Valley.

The walks kick off with a tour of Overlook Mountain's Lewis Hollow Archaeological site, guided by OMC board chair Glenn Kreisberg. It is part of the annual Hudson River Valley Ramble. Information and registration are available at this link or calling 845 417 8384:

https://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble/events/ev-detail/tour-of-lewis-hollow-archaeological-site

Then, on Indigenous Peoples Day, Monday October 14, from 10am - 2pm, OMC will lead a hike to Diamond Notch Falls in Spruceton Valley in Westkill, NY, which will include a visit to another Ceremonial Stone Landscape site. This hike is part of the annual Catskill Lark in the Park. Information and registration are available at this link:

https://catskillslark.org/

For more info on any of these programs call 845 417 8384 or email overlookmountaincenter@gmail.com Overlook Mountain Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit formed in 2013, promotes awareness and understanding of the relationship between Overlook Mountain and the human populations that have encountered it throughout time. OMC creates programs and conducts research to educate, experience and celebrate all aspects of Overlook Mountain and its ecosystems. More info: www.overlookmountain.org.



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

Ulster County Enhances Emergency Preparedness with Simulated 'Tabletop' Emergency Response Exercise

KINGSTON, NY - On Saturday, September 7, the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, in conjunction with numerous stakeholders, executed a mass casualty tabletop drill at HealthAlliance Hospital in Kingston.

The exercise, designed to evaluate and strengthen the County's emergency preparedness and response strategies, involved emergency first responders, including EMS, fire, police, County 9-1-1-dispatch, as well as government officials and community partners. The exercise simulated a mass casualty incident on a busy roadway, providing attendees with a realistic and challenging scenario to test their response plans and coordination capabilities.

Throughout the session, participants engaged in strategic discussions, decision-making, and problem-solving to address the evolving situation. The exercise featured a detailed, multi-stage scenario that tested participants' ability to respond effectively to a mass casualty incident, including triage, resource allocation, and public communication.

Representatives from various agencies worked together to enhance coordination and communication, including:

- o Ulster County Department of Emergency Services
- o Esopus Volunteer Ambulance (TEVAS)
- o Esopus Fire Department
- o Port Ewen Fire Department
- o St. Remy Fire Department
- o HealthAlliance Hospital (WMCHealth)
- o Ulster County Sheriff's Office
- o New York State Police

"I had the opportunity to see first-hand the incredible value of these exercises for enhancing our county's emergency preparedness and response strategies in a mass casualty incident," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "While such incidents are rare, they do happen, making it all the more important that our first responders and emergency management teams are prepared and can respond seamlessly and effectively in these kinds of situations, which involve a high level of coordination across agencies and strategic decision-making and problemsolving. I want to thank Ulster County Emergency Services for organizing the exercise, and also thank HealthAlliance Hospital, the Sheriff's Office, the Town of Esopus, and all first responders who participated."

"This tabletop exercise exemplifies Ulster County's commitment to preparedness and interagency cooperation," said Everett Erichsen, Ulster County Emergency Services Director. "By simulating a challenging mass casualty scenario, we've strengthened our collective ability to respond swiftly and effectively in real-world emergencies. The collaboration demonstrated today between County services, local fire departments, law enforcement, and healthcare providers is crucial for protecting our community. These exercises are invaluable for identifying areas of improvement and ensuring we're always ready to serve Ulster County residents when they need us most."

"Being able to come together and train is crucial to the safety and wellbeing of the community, residents, and all stakeholders," said Michael Madison, Ulster County Emergency Services Deputy Director. "A tabletop exercise or any exercise is the best way to accomplish the coordination and collaboration of first responders before an incident occurs."

"Participating in this tabletop exercise underscores our commitment to community safety and preparedness," said Josh Ratner, HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley Chief Executive Officer. "By collaborating with Ulster County Department of Emergency Services and other key agencies, we are better equipped to respond swiftly and effectively to emergencies. This exercise not only enhanced our coordination and communication but also strength-ened our collective ability to protect and serve our community in times of crisis."

"Our squad primarily covers the Town of Esopus, a large and busy area with 5 fire districts," said Taylor VanVliet, Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance Squad Captain. "Since being a member and after speaking with many experienced members, I realized that it has been a long time since an MCI drill has been conducted. I want to do this to ensure that our volunteers and surrounding departments are prepared in the event that a large-scale incident occurs. This table-top exercise gave us just a glimpse on how many agencies and resources are required to be optimally prepared for an MCI and how we should structure the upcoming drill itself. I want to thank everyone who helped put this event together and all of our participants for volunteering their time off to give us ideas on how we can conduct a great drill in the near future. The time to learn is now, not when an event occurs."

This tabletop exercise is part of Ulster County's ongoing efforts to ensure a robust and coordinated response to emergencies. By regularly conducting these exercises, the County aims to build resilience and ensure that all stake-holders continue to be prepared to act swiftly and effectively during an incident. The insights gained from this exercise will be used to update emergency response plans and further strengthen these agencies' preparedness for any future incidents.

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Appoints Epidemiologist Eve Walter as Director of Public Health, Pending Legislative Confirmation

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has appointed Epidemiologist Eve Walter as Director of Public Health, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. With an extensive background in epidemiology, preventative healthcare and administrative leadership, she brings to the position a wealth of experience and a profound commitment to person-centered approaches to community health. As a former County Legislator, she also brings to the position a deep knowledge of County government operations and budget. Walter holds a Ph.D. in Epidemiology from SUNY Albany and a Master's in Community Health from the Lehman College Department of Public Health. Her appointment to the position of Public Health Director has been approved by the New York State Commissioner of Health.

Walter is currently Senior Director of Research and Evaluation at AllianceChicago, and Associate Professor of Research at Mount Sinai Icahn School of Medicine. As Senior Director of Research and Evaluation at AllianceChicago, Walter has been responsible for managing a portfolio of 30-35 healthcare research projects totaling more than \$6 million in funding, managing a team of 14, handling strategic planning and partnerships, and working with over 30 medical institutions and the Center for Disease Control on public health initiatives. In her role as Associate Professor of Research, Walter has been responsible for healthcare research and quality improvement in partnership with numerous primary care physicians and nurses annually.

In addition to these roles, Walter has served as a consultant for the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports to address youth risk behaviors. She also served as Assistant Vice President of Population Health/Senior Research Scientist at the Institute for Family Health, where she spearheaded primary care and population health initiatives around chronic disease management, health disparities, and maternal health. Walter has authored more than 30 academic papers addressing chronic disease, medication adherence, women's health, health disparities, and injury/violence.

Additionally, Walter has valuable experience in County government, having served as an Ulster County Legislator representing New Paltz in 2020-2023, and in legislative leadership roles including Vice Chair of the Legislature in 2022-2023, Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, and as a representative for NYS Health Committee, both in 2022.

"I am thrilled to appoint Eve Walter as the new Director of Public Health," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "We undertook a rigorous interview and selection process for this important position, and she is clearly the best qualified to lead Ulster County's Public Health Department. With 25 years of experience in the field of health research and evaluation, disparities research, and women's health and gender equity research, her experience will be invaluable as we continue to prioritize the health and wellness of our communities across Ulster County. Her experience in the Legislature and as former Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee will be an asset to the job, as she comes into this leadership role with considerable knowledge of the Department she will oversee as well as County operations and budget more generally."

The County Executive instituted an extensive selection process for this important position, with four rounds of interviews, including input from representatives of the Ulster County Board of Health and County Departments that work closely with the Health Department.

"I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to further serve Ulster County, drawing from my decades of work in public health locally, regionally and nationally," said Dr. Eve Walter. "I am committed to dedicating myself to the health and wellbeing of all residents in our great County through expanded outreach and services."

Walter earned her Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the University at Albany, focusing on social factors affecting health outcomes. She has worked at the NYC Department of Health and SUNY, publishing the book Epidemiological Criminology in 2013. At SUNY New Paltz's Benjamin Center, she collaborated with health organizations on projects like youth substance use and mental health assessments. Throughout her career, she has partnered with the Centers for Disease Control, the National Association of Community Health Centers, the National Institute of Health, and academic and community partners to reduce health disparities and improve patient care.

Walter, who holds a Public Health Doctorate Degree, replaces Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith, who retired earlier this year. In May 2024, the Legislature voted to approve a change to the Ulster County Charter to align the requirements for the position with New York State Public Health Law, which allows for a County Department of Health to be overseen by either a Director, with a health-related Master's Degree, or a Commissioner, certified to practice medicine. The charter previously required a medical doctor to serve in that position. ROURKELAW.COM

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Ardsley Dance Residency -October 11 - 12, 2024

Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Space is proud to present the Ardsley Dance Residency now in its seventh year. Co-pre-



sented with the Dance Gallery Festival, the residency will give emerging choreographer, Madison Hicks time to workshop and present to our audience. Audiences are invited to open rehearsals on Friday, October 11 from 11am - 5pm. The culminating performance, which is free and open to all, will take place on Saturday, October 12 at 4pm in the second floor River Gallery of Catskill Art Space (CAS), 48

Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. This event will be followed by a talk-back with Hicks and her collaborators

The Ardsley Dance Residency Presentation, October 12 at 4pm

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 Madison Hicks and collaborators for an immersive creative experience intended to enĥance the deliberation and depth of the work that is created. The annual residency has been fruitful for choreographers workshopping new dances, giving space and inspiration to create in the picturesque Catskill mountains. Audiences are invited to view the dance workshopped over the residency and participate in a talk-



back with the choreographer and dancers.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Madison Hicks holds a BFA in Dance from The Juilliard School and an MFA in Choreography from California Institute of the Arts. She is the Director and Founder of The Moving



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Forward Collective where she presents original work by herself and her collaborators. She has received choreographic residencies at Orsolina28, 14StreetY, Chez Bushwick, DanceLabNY, and was a Jacob's Pillow Ann and Weston Hicks Choreographic Fellow. Madison has been commissioned by universities such as Loyola Marymount, The Fordham Ailey BFA program, Peabody University, University of Texas, and Wayne State University. She has also been commissioned by companies such as Vitacca Ballet, Ballet Arkansas, Avant Chamber Ballet, Mash-Up Contemporary Dance company, Ballet Project OC, and Water Street Dance Milwaukee. Most recently, she worked alongside Tony Yazbeck and Chip Abbott as Associate Choreographer for Manhattan Concert Production's Children of Eden at Lincoln Center. Learn more at madisonhicks.com.

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.

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With Kids Back in School, Senator Gillibrand Announces Bill to Provide Free Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner to All School Children Only 8 States Provide Universal School Meals: California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, and Vermont

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference calling for the passage of the Universal School Meals Program Act, legislation that would provide free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack to all schoolchildren regardless of income. The bill would also expand access to free meals over the summer and eliminate school meal debt.

"In the richest country on earth, it is unacceptable that millions of kids go hungry each day. The Universal School Meals Program Act would provide funding for free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack for all students and slash burdensome red tape for school administrators," said Senator Gillibrand. "This bill would make our families and communities healthier and stronger, keep kids in school, and work to fight the stigma too often associated with meal programs. I look forward to passing this critical legislation so every child in the United States has the food they need to succeed."

The Universal School Meals Program Act would:

1. Permanently provide free breakfast, lunch, and dinner to all schoolchildren regardless of income and put an end to burdensome applica-

tion paperwork that poses a barrier to enrollment in meal programs.

2. Increase the reimbursement rates for school authorities participating in the food and nutrition programs to more accurately reflect the true cost of providing meals.

3. Reduce stigma associated with meal programs by eliminating meal debt and prohibiting school food authorities from discriminating against or overtly identifying a child participating in the free meal program.

4. Expand the summer food service program and Summer EBT program by making all children eligible to participate in the programs. Currently, only communities where 50 percent of children are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch can operate a summer meals program; the Universal School Meals Program Act would make all communities eligible regardless of income.

Senator Gillibrand is a longstanding champion for childhood nutrition. She leads the bipartisan MODERN WIC Act, which would make WIC benefits more accessible to low-income families by allowing them to certify and recertify for WIC services remotely. She also leads the bipartisan Summer Meals Act, which would provide meals to children and teens in low-income areas during the summer months when school is not in session.

A summary of the Universal School Meals Program Act is available here. https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Universal-School-Meals-Program-Act-of-2023_Bill-Summary.pdf



DEC Announces Start of Small Game Hunting Seasons New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar announced the opening of small game hunting seasons across New York State. Depending on species and location, New York offers small game hunting opportunities from Sept. 1 through March 30.

"New York offers abundant opportunities for hunters seeking small game, from a variety of game birds to a diverse cross section of furbearing mammals," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "New for this year, DEC has expanded pheasant stocking programs in an effort to bolster small game hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation and to provide greater opportunity for current pheasant hunters."

Season dates, bag limits, and other hunting regulations for New York's small game species are available in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide (PDF), which can be obtained from any license-issuing agent or on DEC's website.

Squirrel, Rabbit, and Hare Hunting

Opportunities to pursue squirrels and rabbits can be found throughout the state, including on many public lands. Squirrel seasons started Sept. 1 in upstate New York and begins Nov. 1 on Long Island. Rabbit hunting begins Oct. 1 in Upstate New York and on Nov. 1 on Long Island. With ample opportunities and mild weather, squirrel and rabbit hunting are great ways to introduce novices to hunting.

Snowshoe hare (or varying hare) season starts Oct. 1 in the Northern Zone. Hare hunters in the Southern Zone, where the season starts in late fall or early winter, are encouraged to report their observations to DEC through DEC's website. Youth Waterfowl and September Canada Goose Seasons

Waterfowl seasons in New York begin with a September Canada goose season designed to help manage resident or less migratory local Canada goose populations. The season in upstate New York and eastern Long Island is open from Sept. 1 through 25. The season closes when migratory Canada geese return to New York at the end of the month.

In addition to September Canada goose seasons, New York also offers youth waterfowl hunting days and Military waterfowl hunting days. Military season dates vary by zone, but the youth waterfowl dates in all upstate zones are the weekend of Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29. On Long Island, the youth dates are Nov. 9 and 10.

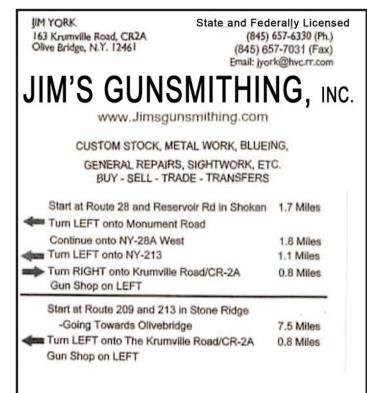
Pheasant Season and Pheasant Program Update

DEC has made significant efforts to modify the pheasant propagation program to more effectively recruitment new hunters and to retain or reactivate existing hunters. Changes include:

o DEC's Reynolds Game Farm hatched roughly 13,000 pheasants for cooperators across the state to raise to adulthood and release on public hunting areas;

o Improved hunting experiences by increasing the number of stocking locations, targeting areas closer to populated areas, increasing the number of days pheasants are stocked and the number of birds released per day, and releasing birds into December in some upstate regions (avoiding southern zone firearms deer season);

o DEC reserved up to 6,000 birds for the Sponsored Hunt Program. Sponsored hunts are free, non-competitive events coordinated by a group, club, individual, or organization to benefit youth, women, first-time hunters, veterans, people with



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disabilities, and other underrepresented groups. Sponsored hunts can occur any time during the hunting season, not just during special seasons. DEC is still accepting applications from people interested in hosting an event; and

o DEC developed a new HuntFishNY registration page for mentored hunting and fishing opportunities. Hunters interested in attending a mentored hunt can find opportunities in their area and register directly through the website for sponsored hunts.

An interactive map of statewide pheasant release sites, approximate timing of stocking, and number of birds stocked can be found on DEC's website. If hunters prefer to search based on the property name, region, county, or township, they can use the table view. Please note that stocking in some regions extends later into the hunting season. Late season stockings are snow depthdependent and stocking locations and the number of birds released are subject to change.

Ruffed Grouse Hunting

Ruffed grouse hunting season runs from Oct. 1 through the last day of February in most parts of the state. In Northern New York, the season opens Sept. 20 and runs through the last day of February. In New York City and on Long Island, the season is closed. (Contd. Pg. 39)

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Ruffed grouse hunters in the Northern Zone are reminded to positively identify quarry before shooting. The Northern Zone, specifically Wildlife Management Units 5C, 5F, 6F, and 6J, is also home to the spruce grouse, a State-endangered species that is illegal to hunt. Loss of a single spruce grouse, particularly a female, could be a significant setback for a small local population. For tips on how to discern the two species, view the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide or the Ruffed Grouse Hunting Information page on DEC's website.

DEC encourages ruffed grouse hunters to take part in the grouse hunting log program and submit feathers from harvested birds to assess recruitment (number of young produced per adult female grouse) for different parts of the state. Interested hunters should visit the DEC website to learn more.

Furbearer Hunting Seasons

With 16 species of furbearers in New York, furbearer hunting and trapping opportunities are abundant. Coyote hunting season begins Oct. 1 across much of the state and hunting seasons for other furbearers such as bobcat, raccoon, and fox begin Oct. 25.

As a reminder, hunters that harvest a bobcat in New York must complete a furbearer possession tag (PDF) and get the pelt or unskinned animal sealed. DEC is also interested in examining coyotes that exceed 50 pounds as part of an effort to better understand the genetic makeup of these uncommon specimens. Hunters can contact a regional wildlife office or DEC law enforcement (1-844-332-3267) to arrange for DEC to collect a biological sample.

Season dates and zone boundaries for all furbearers can be found on DEC's website and in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide.

DEC Encourages Hunter Safety

While statistics show hunting in New York is safer than ever, mistakes are made every year. Every hunting-related shooting incident is preventable, and DEC Interim Commissioner Mahar encourages hunters to use common sense this season and remember what they learned in DEC's Hunter Education Course:

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

In addition to blaze orange or pink being required for hunting big game with firearms, DEC encourages small game hunters to wear blaze orange or blaze pink. Wearing orange or pink makes hunters more visible to other hunters.

For more information and other important safety tips, please visit DEC's website and watch videos about hunter safety. For more information about getting outdoors safely and responsibly, visit DEC's website.

DEC Forest Rangers -Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

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

In 2023, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 370 search and rescue missions, extinguished 146 wildfires covering nearly 1,400 acres, participated in 52 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 1,000 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in hundreds of tickets and arrests.

"Whether they are leading complex search and rescue incidents, suppressing wildfires, enforcing laws on State lands and easements, inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards, or encouraging responsible recreation, Forest Rangers stand ready to help when called," DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said. "Forest Rangers' wide-ranging expertise and collaboration with local, State, and federal partners are instrumental in protecting New York's public lands and the many visitors who use them."

Town of Denning Ulster County

Wilderness Search: On Sept. 14 at 10:20 p.m., Ray Brook Dispatch was contacted about an overdue hiker who had been dropped off at the Biscuit Brook trailhead at 7:30 a.m. The reporting party indicated the 83-year-old from Shandaken met other hikers at the trailhead and had advised she would get a ride home when she was finished. At 12:55 a.m., Forest Ranger Franceschina and local police checked the hiker's residence and confirmed she had not returned home. Rangers Franceschina and Stratton began linear searches over Big Indian and Fir mountains, where the subject was scheduled to hike. At 1:30 a.m., NYSP received coordinates from the subject's phone on Fir Mountain, but when Rangers arrived at the location, she was not there. At daybreak, five additional Rangers and Catskill Mountain Search and Rescue joined the search. At 10 a.m., the lost hiker sought assistance from a resident on Frost Valley Road. The homeowner called 911 to report the missing subject was lost and at the residence seeking assistance. Lieutenant Slade and Ranger Stratton interviewed and evaluated the subject, who was in good health. At 12:30 p.m., Shandaken Police drove her home.

Town of Hunter Green County

Wilderness Rescue: On Sept. 12 at 2:55 p.m., Greene County Dispatch requested Forest Ranger assistance with a hiker experiencing shortness of breath at the stone step trail at Kaaterskill Falls. At 3:15 p.m., Rangers Dawson and Dempf located the 76-year-old from Schenectady who admitted he had only eaten one piece of coffee cake that day. Hikers should make sure they are hydrated and wellnourished before heading out for an adventure. They should also bring extra food and water in case the hike takes longer than expected. Rangers helped the subject to Ranger Dawson's truck where he rested before walking the rest of the way to the Laurel House parking area. Resources were clear at 4:07 p.m. THE TOWNSMAN

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024





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For more info on the tractors and antique vehicles contact Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081
***For more information on how to become a vendor or if you have any antique household & small farm
equipment you want to display contact Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401 OR at cherwoehl@gmail.com ***
(LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER)

Check out our NRAMA Facebook page for more details on the show and info on how to get your raffle tickets (for some incredible gift card prizes!)

Beginning

eptember

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

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

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

> Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

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



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

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

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

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

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

• 833-586-9358; Booking Code 2411

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

Events:

Monday, September 23, 2024

• 3:00 Check-in and/or join us at the Main Lobby of the Casino

• The reunion will begin at Resort's World Casino with a **Meet and Greet** in the Alder Annex. There will be No-Host Mexican fare and bar options available.

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

• 12 Noon - Tour of Grahamsville's "Time and the Valleys" Museum and the Daniel Pierce Library (\$5.00 Museum donation)

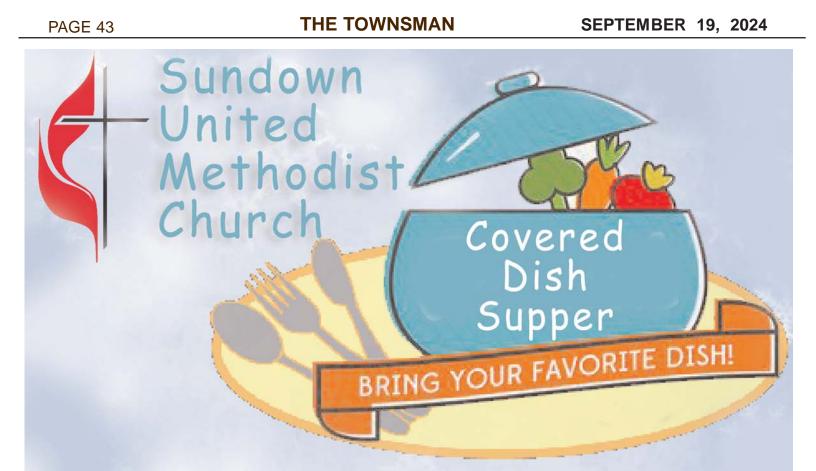
• 4:00 Guided Tour of Tri-Valley Central School - "A Trip Down Memory Lane"

• 5:30 Join your classmates at the <u>Tri-Valley School Cafeteria</u> for Brisket and Rotisserie Chicken Dinner catered by the Neversink General Store. Dinner cost will be covered by each guest, the amount to be determined by September 10th as the final count is made.

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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

Contacts: Peggy La Polt Mumford (508) 241-0301 mum022542@aol.com Eric Bernstein (815) 531-2705 ebernste@me.com



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Time and the Valleys Museum

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Need a last minute gift? Stop By! Free Admission Anytime! Governor Hochul Announces \$50 Million to Support 5,500 Chilc Care Seats and Highlights Expanded Access to Affordable Child Care Digital Portal Streamlines Access to State's Child Care Assistance Program Apply for Child Care Assistance Through Digital Portal https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/ccap/

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$50 million in funding awards to support an estimated 5,500 seats at child care facilities for New York families. This follows Governor Hochul's previous efforts to expand access to affordable child care, including the launch of a digital portal that streamlines access to the State's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) for families statewide. CCAP covers free or low-cost child care for 130,000 kids statewide, with most eligible families paying no more than \$15 per week in child care costs.

"We are expanding access to affordable, high-quality child care for kids and parents across New York State - because when our families have the resources to be successful, everyone benefits," Governor Hochul said. "As we make historic investments to expand the number of child care seats and drive down costs, I encourage families to utilize our digital portal and apply for New York's Child Care Assistance Program."

The grants, supported through New York's Child Care Capital Program, will be distributed to an expected 45 awardees across New York State. These grants will assist child care providers in creating or expanding the capacity of their programs and support approximately 5,500 seats across all awardees. Final awards will be based on successful completion of contracting and projects.

Region Amount Awarded		
New York City	\$18,371,066	
Hudson Valley	\$7,766,984	
Central New York	\$7,848,284	
Capital Region	\$6,360,146	
Western New York	\$5,072,336	
Long Island	\$3,103,987	
Finger Lakes	\$1,134,342	

The Capital Program is overseen by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY). Awardees will receive reimbursement grants for the design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, equipment, and other capital assets for existing or proposed state-licensed, not-for-profit or for-profit child day care centers and registered school-age child care programs. The facility must be intended to be used as a child care program for at least eight years.

More information on the Child Care Capital Program requirements and awardees is available on the Child Care Services page of the OCFS website.

Additionally, under Governor Hochul's leadership, a historic \$1.8 billion state and federal investment in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) was secured in the FY25 Enacted Budget.

In July, Governor Hochul announced the launch of the state's new digital portal making it easier for families statewide to apply for child care assistance through CCAP.

While eligibility is based on multiple factors, including income and family size, many families may qualify for CCAP if their household income is at or below 85 percent of the State Median Income. Currently, 85 percent of the State Median Income for a family of four is approximately \$108,000.

OCFS Commissioner Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden said, "The newly awarded capital grants will increase childcare availability throughout New York State. Governor Hochul's deliberate actions to increase the supply of child care openings to meet the demands of affordable, accessible, and quality child care are historic. Increased access to these opportunities afford parents with a peace of mind when they know their children are well-cared for and nurtured while they are at work or furthering their education."

DASNY President Robert J. Rodriguez said, "DASNY is privi leged to support Governor Hochul's strategic initiative aimed at enhancing child care accessibility for New Yorkers. Through the expansion of facilities and the allocation of vital capital funds, we are committed to developing additional childcare resources that will substantially benefit families across New York."

New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan said, "Access to affordable, high-quality child care is fundamental to the health of New York City parents. Without it, parents bear the added burden of mental and physical stress having to make trade offs that no parent should have to make, and which in the long run worsens the risk of chronic illnesses like heart disease and diabetes. This awards program means more choices and better well-being for thousands of families, and lower health care costs for society as a whole."

State Senator Roxanne J. Persaud said, "With a historic \$50 million investment to support 5,500 childcare seats and increased support for providers, this initiative makes it easier for families to find and afford the care they need. The new digital portal also simplifies the process, allowing every eligible family to benefit from the Child Care Assistance Program. I applaud Governor Hochul for her dedication to ensuring that every New York family has access to affordable, high-quality childcare."

Assemblymember Maritza Davila said, "This investment of \$50 million will create thousands of new child care seats and provide essential support to child care providers statewide. By making child care more affordable and accessible, we are empowering New York's families and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive. I would like to thank Governor Hochul, for her leadership and for making a real difference in the lives of our children and working parents."

Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi said, "I am grateful to Governor Hochul and her team at OCFS for making it easier to apply for child care assistance, targeting funds to providers who offer free and low cost services and supporting 5,500 childcare seats. These are significant actions which will benefit New York's families. Huge thank you to Speaker Heastie and Majority Leader Stewart Cousins, as well as Governor Hochul for finding resources for these appropriations."

Time and the Valleys Museum



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

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



For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

Governor Hochul Announces New Resources to Help New Yorkers Find Careers in State Service

• State Agencies Collaborate To Help Fill Important Job Openings in Public Service

 Prospective Candidates Can Attend Workshops via New Statewide Career Centers and Learn More About Thousands of Diverse Jobs Currently Available in State Government
 State Entrance Exams Waived for Most Positions Available to the Public; Fees Waived for Remaining Exams through 2025

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that multiple resources for jobseekers are now available in person and throughout communities across New York State to bolster recruitment for thousands of vacant openings with New York State agencies, expanding access and opportunities for potential jobseekers, and easing the pathway for those interested in a rewarding career in public service while growing and strengthening the Empire State's economy. The New York State Department of Civil Service has partnered with the New York State Department of Labor in establishing the Centers for Careers in Government within specific New York State Department of Labor Career Centers, including a center recently opened in the Capital Region. This is one of the many proactive initiatives available to the public and led by the Governor to fill public service vacancies to better meet the needs of New Yorkers while building upon her Administration's continued support for state workers.

"It's been a priority of my administration to support the existing state workforce and bolster their ranks by reducing barriers to employment and making it easier than ever to seek a job with New York State," Governor Hochul said. "Public service is a noble career, and state employees make a real difference in the lives of millions of New Yorkers daily - I encourage the best and brightest to join State service and make a positive impact in their communities today."

In Albany, the joint-agency Center for Careers in Government is one of 10 facilities throughout the Empire State where professional Department of Labor and Department of Civil Service staff collaborate to provide comprehensive support to assist jobseekers in their job searches by helping them to learn about the State's civil service merit and job classification systems, as well as the New York Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide (NY HELPS) program. Prospective candidates can visit the Centers for Careers in Government website to view upcoming job fairs and workshops to learn about careers in public service.

New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "Careers in public service provide stability, competitive salaries and great benefits. I encourage New Yorkers to check out the Centers for Careers in Government, located within ten Career Centers across the State, to find out more about available job opportunities that will help them thrive in the global economy."

Department of Civil Service Centers for Careers in Government staff provide proactive outreach to their surrounding communities and local educational institutions, part of the State's strategic recruitment efforts to attract and cultivate diverse candidates to public service careers.

Staff at the centers assist job seekers in learning about the varied opportunities in public service and how and when to apply, while also providing enhanced resources to current state employees within their coverage area to bolster career mobility and transfer opportunities. This complements the wide-ranging career guidance available in all 100 Career Centers across New York that serve to connect individuals to training and career pathways in both the public and private sectors.

Community-based organizations and educational institutions can connect with their local Civil Service representative to schedule workshops and informational sessions for the areas they serve. Interested jobseekers, state employees and local groups can visit the Centers for Careers in Government website or email CCG@cs.ny.gov for more information and to sign up for workshops.

Civil Service staff also promote and enhance the hiring of individuals and veterans with disabilities, and support recruitment efforts for critical hard-to-recruit positions and vacancies, addressing shortages in public service positions throughout the State workforce.

The joint centers are just one of the many initiatives Governor Hochul has championed since taking office to strengthen and support New York's public workforce.

Earlier this year, the Governor announced an expansion of the ny helps program to assist agencies in filling vacancies open to the public so that the State can better meet the needs of New Yorkers. Since the program's inception in 2023, more than 20,000 New Yorkers have been hired into the HELP program, allowing the State and local governments to quickly fill critical roles.

The NY HELPS program temporarily waives the civil service exam requirements for thousands of vacant state job openings open to the general public. For those remaining positions that require exams, all state exam application fees are waived through December 2025 following an agreement secured by Governor Hochul in the FY 2024 Budget.

To promote the thousands of open jobs and the breadth of career opportunities available to all, the Department of Civil Service has also been running a multi-faceted marketing and public awareness campaign this year. The campaign has been featured across digital and out-of-home channels in both English and Spanish and highlights the value of public service and the benefits and diverse opportunities available across state government. Campaign videos launched in May, with new videos added this summer, and are available online.

Governor Hochul has also taken additional steps to support and bolster the State workforce, such as lifting the yearslong state hiring freeze, expanding opportunities via the Governor's Program to Hire Individuals and Veterans with Disabilities (55/b/c), and providing funding for new testing centers across the State.

To learn more about working for the State of New York and how to take the next step in pursuing a rewarding career in public service, please visit the Department of Civil Service website and follow the Department on Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn.

New Yorkers in search of careers are also encouraged to take advantage of NYSDOL's many no-cost services, including the newly expanded Virtual Career Center, which utilizes cutting-edge technology to help connect New Yorkers to thousands of available job opportunities across New York State. Job seekers are encouraged to check out the New York State Job Bank, Part-Time Hiring Opportunities Job Bank, and NY Seasonal Jobs to browse available statewide jobs. New Yorkers can also check out our Career Center Events and Recruitments Calendar to sign up for Virtual Workshops and Virtual Career Fairs.

DEC Announces "Summit September" Theme for Love Our New York Lands Photo Contest

Contest Accepting Photo Submissions through Sept. 30

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced the September 2024 Love Our New York Lands photo contest. September's theme is_"Summit September" to help increase awareness of principles and guidelines that encourage safe, accessible, respectful, and sustainable_use of public lands heading into the fall season.

"During Summit September, DEC is encouraging New Yorkers to get outside and enjoy the outdoors and the special places they love," DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said. "New York State is home to a wide range of lands and sites, scenic peaks and summits, providing ample opportunities to take a break from dayto-day challenges and connect with nature. During their outdoor adventures this month, DEC is encouraging New Yorkers to capture images that reflect safely and responsibly reaching their personal summits, in whatever form that may take."

New York State has a wide range of opportunities to get outside_and enjoy activities year-round, including birding and wildlife viewing; warm-weather adventures such as swimming, biking, and horseback riding; cold-weather pursuits such as skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling; and challenging adventures like geocaching or rock and ice climbing. For accessible recreation, check out DEC's Accessible Recreation destinations webpage.

The Love Our New York Lands campaign, launched in 2020 by DEC and the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, encourages all users of State-owned lands to recognize that these lands are shared by ALL of us, our families, and our neighbors, and we all need to take care of them. The campaign includes guidance on Leave No TraceTM principles so that visitors can do their part to help ensure these special places are protected for future generations. Love Our New York Lands encourages visitors to be respectful of other visitors in these shared spaces. Visitors are

asked to share trails, treat people with kindness, and leave things as they found them for others to enjoy. Visitors are encouraged to think of themselves as responsible for helping protect these irreplaceable destinations for future generations._More information is available on DEC's website.__

Five winning pictures will be chosen that feature creative shots of the public enjoying outdoor activities on public lands all across New York State. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries. Photos will be judged on the following criteria: originality; artistic composition; technical quality; and whether the photograph showcases_people enjoying_New York's outdoor activities safely and responsibly._

Summit September submissions should be emailed to social@dec.ny.gov_by Sept. 30, with the subject line Summit September, the full name of the submitter, the State land or site where the image was taken (if applicable), and the submitter's Instagram/social media handle as appropriate.

DEC encourages New Yorkers to join the State's ongoing efforts to protect lands and resources for generations to come by minimizing impacts, carrying out what they carry in, and encouraging others to care for our shared lands, as well.

New Yorkers can take action to give back:

o Participate in one of DEC's Love Our New York Lands Stewardship Days, including the last stewardship day in 2024, scheduled for Sept. 28;

o Get involved with local trail crews to help build and maintain trail systems nearby, and_Adopt a Trailhead;

o Take a_Leave No TraceTM_workshop or become a Leave No TraceTM_educator;

o Apply for a stewardship position in the Catskills or Adirondacks;

o Explore becoming an Assistant Forest Ranger; and

o Volunteer_with one of DEC's many natural resource programs. August Contest Winner

DEC's Love Our New York Lands August "Accessible Recreation" theme highlighted the importance of removing barriers for New Yorkers of all ages and abilities. The winning photo depicts an adaptive hike for people with mobility impairment, submitted by Scott Trager.

View the winning photos on DEC's Flickr page.

https://www.flickr.com/photos/nysdec/albums/7217772031916515 8/



THE TOWNSMAN

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute! Here's what she's been up to this week



1. Remembering 9/11

On the 23rd anniversary of 9/11, Kirsten joined victims' families and local leaders to attend memorial services at Ground Zero. To ensure survivors and first responders don't lose access to critical health care, Kirsten is leading the effort to make sure that the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP), which helps cover health care costs for survivors and first responders, is permanently funded.

This week, the WTCHP was expanded to cover more first responders at the Pentagon and Shanksville sites who were previously excluded from the program. Learn more and apply to the WTCHP here

https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/

2. Universal school meals for kids

Kirsten is committed to making sure schoolchildren don't go hungry and are provided free meals at school. Free school meals help improve attendance and school performance, and they are associated with a variety of positive outcomes for students.

This week, Kirsten renewed her push for the passage of the Universal School Meals Program Act, a bill that would provide free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack to all schoolchildren regardless of income. The bill would also help eliminate school meal debt and expand access to free meals for students over the summer.

Read more. https://www.wwnytv.com/2024/09/12/senator-gillibrand-pushes-free-school-meals/

3. Securing federal \$\$\$ to help NY rebuild

Kirsten is committed to delivering federal support to help New York communities rebuild following severe weather events.

This week, following the devastating storms and flooding that impacted communities across Upstate New York last July, Kirsten secured \$8 million in federal grants to help rebuild roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure that were damaged by the severe weather.

4. Thanking transit workers

This week, on the 23rd anniversary of 9/11, Kirsten sat down with members of the Transport Workers Union of America who responded on and after 9/11 to thank them for their service and discuss how she is fighting to ensure they continue to receive the care they deserve.

5. Confirming judges

Earlier this year, Kirsten recommended that Jeannette Vargas, a longtime federal prosecutor and an expert in civil litigation, be nominated to serve on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. This week, Ms. Vargas was officially confirmed by the Senate.

Read more.

https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrandstatement-on-confirmation-of-jeannette-vargas-to-serve-on-u-sdistrict-court-for-the-southern-district-of-new-york/

6. WATCH: Kirsten on CNN

This week, Kirsten joined CNN's The Lead with Jake Tapper to discuss how she is fighting to permanently fund the 9/11 health program and ensure that survivors and first responders don't lose access to medical care.

Watch here. https://www.cnn.com/2024/09/11/us/video/thelead-kirsten-gillibrand-911-victims-ground-zero-attack-newyork-fire-department-jake-tapper

7. Interested in military service academies?

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

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

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

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

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

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

https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/academy-nominations/

8. Helping constituents with retirement benefits

When a constituent needed help to correct and secure retirement benefits payments from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), she contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted OPM on her behalf, and as a result, her account was corrected and she received over \$4,500 in retroactive payments owed to her.

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

https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/



Last week in Washington, I joined with colleagues from both sides of the aisle to remember the heroes we lost 23 years ago in the September 11th attacks, including far too many Hudson Valley residents. There were moving demonstrations of unity, of showing up together for something greater than ourselves. When we do that, America is at its best. And I'm hopeful that we can carry that momentum into the coming weeks of tough work ahead in Washington; to truly put country ahead of party and deliver for American families.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11TH

https://www.foxnews.com/video/6361858198112



I was in my second year at West Point on 9/11, alongside my current colleague in Congress, Representative John James.

We swore to never forget the heroes we lost that day, including far too many members of our Hudson Valley community, and now we're putting those words into action, working together across party lines to introduce legislation to commemorate the week beginning on September 11 and ending on September 17, Constitution Day, as "Patriot Week."

In the weeks and months that followed 9/11, Americans demonstrated remarkable unity, compassion, and a reclaimed patriotism that illuminated one of our darkest hours and embodied the best of humanity.

I believe to my core, that is who America is.

It's who we will always be.

Watch the interview Rep. James and I gave here.

CONDEMNING POLITICAL VIOLENCE

As we all await further details, first and foremost I am glad to hear that former President Trump is safe, and want to thank law enforcement for their quick response.

There is no excuse whatsoever for political violence.

WORKING TOGETHER TO BOLSTER PUBLIC SAFETY IN ORANGE COUNTY

I'm fighting to bolster public safety across the Hudson Valley - and that means working with our local leaders to deliver the resources they need, regardless of political party.

That's why I'm pushing for nearly \$2 million in federal funding for the Orange County government, Sheriff's Office, and Department of Emergency Services.

For months, I've worked with County Executive Neuhaus, Sheriff Arteta, and Emergency Services Commissioner Cirigliano on the applications for the Real-Time Intelligence Center and 200 body-worn cameras for corrections officers at the Orange County Jail.

I'm proud to announce both public safety projects have passed through the Appropriations Committee, and are on the way to becoming law.

Together, we are going to ensure Orange County is a safe community for everyone. Watch here . https://hudsonvalley.news12.com/wheretowatch

WORKING ACROSS PARTY LINES TO DELIVER

Rep. John James and I learned from our service how to set aside differences and work together to accomplish a mission for our country.

It's a work ethic we've taken to Congress, collaborating on many issues from increasing access to workforce training and apprenticeships for veterans to keeping our kids safe on social media.

I'm proud that our Global Anti-Human Trafficking Enhancement Act passed the House last week with overwhelming bipartisan support. I'll keep working with anyone who wants to deliver for Hudson Valley families and our country.

Coming together with Rep. John James to wash the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

My team goes that extra mile to cut through bureaucratic red tape and get Hudson Valley families the benefits they've earned with the C.A.R.E.S. Van.

If you need help navigating anything from IRS returns to Social Security, hope you'll join one of September's events!

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF OUR MILI-TARY'S LEADERS

At West Point I learned how to live a life grounded in duty, honor, and country. Nominating the next generation of recruits is an incredible privilege.

Our military is also one of our most diverse institutions. My goal is to develop an officer corps that reflects our community. This starts by reaching out to everyone in New York's 18th Congressional District and empowering them with the information and resources to take part in the nomination process. That's why I'm hosting my Second Annual Service Academy Information Session.

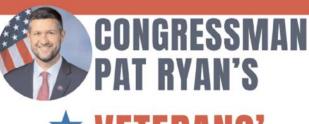
To learn more about the service academy application process, Congressional nominations, and pursuing a life of service to our country, join the session from 6:00PM to 8:00PM on Friday, September 20th on the SUNY Orange campus at One Washington Center in Newburgh.

For more information on applying for a Congressional nomination to a service academy, visit my website. https://patryan.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations

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THANKING OUR VETERANS





Congressman Pat Ryan invites veterans from across the Hudson Valley to join him for a breakfast to thank them and honor them for their service

🛗 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

() 9:00AM - 11:00AM

 Orange County Veterans Center 30 Lawrence Avenue New Windsor, NY 12553

For additional information and to RSVP by September 19, please contact Congressman Ryan's office at (845) 443-2930 or destiny.hallenbeck@mail.house.gov * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Our veterans made huge sacrifices for our country - every day, I'm fighting to honor them for their service and ensure they have access to the benefits they earned.

I also want to ensure they know how grateful we are for their sacrifices. On September 21, every Hudson Valley veteran is invited to join me for a breakfast to honor their selfless service. To our veterans, thank you, and hope to see you on the 21st from 9:00AM to 11:00AM at the Orange County Veterans Center at 30 Lawrence Avenue in New Windsor.

HONORING HEROES WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE



Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover Marine Corps Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole L. Gee Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan W. Page Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui Navy Petty Officer Third Class Maxton W. Soviak Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss

Last week, I joined colleagues in honoring the 13 heroes who lost their lives in the catastrophic Abbey Gate terrorist attack with the Congressional Gold Medal. It was a profoundly moving and solemn ceremony.

Their sacrifices for our nation are immeasurable - we owe them a debt that can never be repaid.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Last Sunday marked International Literacy Day, and I want to give a shout out to our teachers, librarians, parents, and volunteers who empower our kids with a love for learning through reading.

Thank you for all you do preparing our kids for bright futures!

BRINGING AWARENESS TO SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. If you or a loved one are in crisis, know that support is here: Call or Text 988 Chat at http://988lifeline.org Find accessible care options at SAMHSA's find help toolkit here. *https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help*

KICKING OFF POUGHKEEPSIE'S OKTOBERFEST *https://x.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/1832450706764427601*



It was an especially fun night in the Hudson Valley last Friday as I got to be the honorary mayor for Germania of Poughkeepsie's Oktoberfest and tap the keg to kick off the festivities.

Thanks for welcoming me for this great celebration of German-American heritage and culture - Prost!

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Fighting for Cuomo to be Held Accountable

This week former NY Governor Andrew Cuomo appeared in front of lawmakers on the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic to answer for his March 25 directive that resulted in the deaths of over 15,000 New Yorkers i. The hearing followed the release of a memo outlining the extent to which Cuomo's office intentionally withheld scientific data on nursing home COVID-19 deaths from official reports. Further, it described how on numerous occasions Cuomo directed his staff to edit New York Department of Health documents in order to obfuscate his responsibility for the thousands of deaths that resulted from his unscientific, authoritarian policies.

Rather than take responsibility for his reckless and malignant response to the COVID-19 pandemic, disgraced former Governor Cuomo expressed zero empathy for his directive that sent thousands of positive patients back into nursing homes. This week's hearing exposed the extent of the cover-up by Cuomo and his staff to conceal the true number of nursing home deaths and shift responsibility onto other government employees. On behalf of the victims and the families across New York who lost loved ones due to his cruel policies, I am committed to ensuring Cuomo's deadly actions are not forgotten and that he his held accountable. Read full statement here. my https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/congresswoman-tenney-demands-cuomo-be-held-accountable-deadly-nursing-home

My America First Foreign Policy Plan

Over the past three and a half years, the Biden administration's terrible foreign policy has reduced the United States' standing on the international stage to its lowest point in modern history. As the mother of a Marine officer and former member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I understand the importance of American leadership on the global stage. We must return to the model of former President Ronald Reagan, who understood that peace through strength makes America stronger.

A strong military paired with robust diplomacy are the most effective tools we have at our disposal to protect our homeland for future generations. We must use them wisely to advance core American interests. However, we also must ensure any international efforts in which we engage in are in the United States' best long- and short-term interests. Currently, the greatest threat to international stability is China and its burgeoning relationships with Russia and Iran, which together comprise a modern Axis of Evil.

My American First Foreign Policy Plan combats China's malign global influence, counters the Iranian Mullah's bru-

tal regime of terrorism and oppression, maintains peace and stability in the Western Balkans, protects American taxpayer dollars from corrupt international organizations, and supports our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel.

READ MY FULL AMERICAN FIRST FOREIGN POLICY PLAN HERE https://tenney.house.gov/issues/america-firstforeign-policy-plan

My American and Family Values Plan

I believe it is vital that our nation holds true to the framework of values it was founded on. Personal liberty, freedom, and community are uniquely American ideals and the cornerstone of our constitutional republic. In recent years, many of our timeless American values have come under attack, as politicians and bureaucrats in Washington have spent valuable time and resources on programs and initiatives that undermine the value of life, fail to protect our children, and push a dangerous woke agenda.

There has been a widespread push to undermine women's sports, attacks on pro-life pregnancy centers, efforts to promote radical gender ideologies and gender affirming care on children, and CRT and DEI ideologies that have poisoned our once great institutions. I am backing a comprehensive plan that protects the rights of the sanctity of life, defends women's rights, protections our nation's children, and bans radical and racist ideologies like CRT and DEI. Together, we can work to protect life and the core values that our country was founded on. READ MY FULL AMERICAN AND FAMILY VALUES PLAN HERE *https://tenney.house.gov/issues/supporting-commonsense-american-and-family-values*

As your representative in Congress, my top priority is championing legislative initiatives that benefit you and your families. Each week, I review numerous bills and letters, engaging in thorough discussions with members of our community to determine which actions to support and address your needs. Below are a few bills I recently cosponsored.

H.R. 8386, the President Donald J. Trump Congressional Gold Medal Act - This bill would create a Congressional Gold Medal to honor President Trump's strong leadership. During his time in office President Trump achieved four years of peace, strengthened our economy, and provided safety and security for Americans domestically. It is the duty of Congress to honor those who have contributed to our nation and there is no one more deserving than President Trump.

H.R. 5636, the Protect Children's Innocence Act - This legislation would make performing gender transition surgeries on minors a Class C felony. Performing these genital mutilation surgeries on our children is unconscionable, and we must hold individuals performing these dangerous surgeries on our children accountable.

H.R. 9060, the Biodiesel Tax Credit Extension Act - The legislation extends the 40A Biodiesel Tax Credit through 2025 and promotes the production and use of biodiesel fuels to help lower energy costs for New York families. Biodiesel and conventional heating oil blends are safe, efficient, and cleaner than conventional home heating fuels.

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Molinaro Delivers Over \$10 Million in Federal Funds to Airports in Broome, Chenango, Columnbia, Otsego & Tompkins Counties

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced \$10,322,845 in federal funding will go to Greater Binghamton Airport, Ithaca Tompkins International Airport, Columbia County airport, Albert S Nader Regional Airport, Tri-Cities Airport, and Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport.

These funds are available through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grant Program and the Airport Improvement Grant Program. With these investments, the airports will upgrade existing terminals, terminal aprons, passenger boarding bridges, runway lights, and other airport infrastructure. Rep. Molinaro serves on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, which oversees the FAA, and voted to pass legislation that increases funding for the FAA's safety and infrastructure programs.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I'm excited to announce these significant investments in our airports across Upstate New York. This funding will support important infrastructure advancements to ensure our local airports remain competitive and provide comfort for travelers."

Roxan E. Noble, Airport Director for Ithaca Tompkins International Airport said, "We are thrilled to receive these grants from the DOT: Federal Aviation Administration with the support of Congressman Marc Molinaro. The combined funding for these grants is a testament to our commitment to enhancing both the sustainability and infrastructure of Ithaca Tompkins International Airport. These projects will not only improve our operational efficiency but also ensure a safer and more reliable travel experience for our community."

Kerri Harrington, Airport Administrator for Albert S Nader Regional Airport said, "The City of Oneonta and its Airport Commission would like to thank the FAA and Congressman Marc Molinaro for their continued support of the Albert S. Nader Regional Airport. This dedication will enhance the safety of our airport by providing important funding which will prevent and / or mitigate airspace hazards, ensuring a better experience for all who travel through our region."

Shane Butler, Airport Administrator for Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport said, "Thank you to Congress, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS-DOT) for their continued support of Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport (OIC). The safety of our pilots and their passengers is of the greatest importance to us. Funding this project will make sure Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport continues to be a catalyst for both economic and recreational activity in Chenango County into the future.

A full list of grants can be found below:

Greater Binghamton Airport will receive \$4,937,777 to reconstruct 51,000 square feet of existing terminal building, upgrade the security screening area, hold room area, baggage claim area, restrooms, HVAC, roadway canopy, and sidewalks, and replace two passenger boarding bridges. This project also reconstructs existing edge lighting on a taxiway, rehabilitates 6,720 feet of the existing paved taxiway, and rebuilds 46 existing airfield signs.

Ithaca Tompkins International Airport will receive \$3,791,588 to reconstruct 5,000 square yards of the existing Terminal Apron pave-

ment, rehabilitate 20,000 square yards of the existing Terminal Apron pavement, update the Sustainable Master Plan/Solid Waste Recycling Plan and improve the Geographic Information System.

Columbia County Airport is receiving \$927,270 to reconstruct the existing edge lighting on a taxiway.

Albert S Nader Regional Airport in Oneonta will receive \$387,434 to get rid of pathway obstructions in the airport to bring the facility into conformity with current standards.

Tri-Cities Airport in Endicott will receive \$117,249 to reconstruct runway end identifier lights system for existing runways.

Lt. Warren E. Eaton Airport in Norwich is receiving \$161,527 to remove on and off airport trees from the runway to bring the airport into conformity with current standards.

Check this out. Great for the Kids Rep. Marc Molinaro's Kids Section

https://molinaro.house.gov/kids/

Below you will find exciting information about the United States government and other fun things.

Do You Know What Happened on This Date in History?

https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/september-18/

Ben's Guide to U.S. Government *https://bensguide.gpo.gov/*

Learn how your U.S. Government works, about its history and your civic responsibilities by reading these pages and playing the games on this site.

Kids in the House: The Official Kids' Page of the U.S. House of Representatives

https://kids-clerk.house.gov/

Learn about the legislative process and its effect on you. Experience the exciting world of government like you never have before.

Kids' Post

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/kidspost/

Read news just for kids at the Washington Post Kids Page.

First Gov for Kids

https://www.usa.gov/education?source=kids

The federal government's portal for fun, educational and safe sites for kids.

NASA Just for Kids

https://www.nasa.gov/learning-resources/nasa-kids-club/

Learn about our missions to space, new technologies and the history of our space program.

National Children's Museum

https://nationalchildrensmuseum.org/

Take a tour of the National Children's Museum.

EPA's Explorers' Club

https://www.epa.gov/students

Learn about the environment and what you can do to protect it. Smithsonian Kids' Castle

https://www.si.edu/kids

The Smithsonian's official site for kids includes games and learning material about the things that kids are interested in.

The Congressional Award

https://www.congressionalaward.org/

The Congressional Award is a public partnership created by Congress to promote and recognize achievement, initiative, and service in America's youth. The Congressional Award provides a unique opportunity for young people to set and achieve personally challenging goals that build character and foster community service, personal development, and citizenship. **Congress for Kids**

https://kids-clerk.house.gov/young-

learners/lesson.html?intID=29

A kid friendly introduction to everything you need to know about the House of Representatives.

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Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we move through the last weeks of summer, I want to take a moment to share some important updates and insights from our work in the State Senate. Your engagement is the driving force behind our efforts to create a better, stronger, and safer community for everyone.

In this edition of our newsletter, you'll find information on recent legislative initiatives, upcoming events, and key issues that impact our district. I am committed to transparency and open communication and I encourage you to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have.

Thank you for staying informed and involved. Together, we can make a positive difference in our community.

Warm regards, Peter Oberacker Senator, 51st District

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23 years ago today, the world stood still. The pain, loss, and heartbreak of the September 11th attacks still echo in our hearts. We honor the innocent lives taken far too soon, and we remain forever grateful to the heroes who risked, and gave, everything to save others.

I often think back to September 12th-a day when, in the midst of unimaginable

tragedy, our Nation found extraordinary strength. We stood together, not divided by our differences, but bound by our shared humanity, our compassion, and our commitment to each other. It is this unity that defines the very heart of America and makes us a beacon of hope and resilience to the world. We will always remember. We will #NeverForget.



Click here to find a Blood Drive near you https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

Senator Peter Oberacker Announces Signing of Electronic Appearance Bill

State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) and State Assemblyman Chris Tague (R/C - Schoharie) announced the signing of their electronic appearance bill (S6798A/A06738A) which expands the use of virtual arraignments to Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie counties.

Senator Peter Oberacker said, "I am proud that we were able to pass this bill to make it easier for our district attorneys and law enforcement agencies to do their jobs. It's a transformative step that addresses an important need in our rural communities while saving valuable time and resources. This new law also enhances the safety and security for our law enforcement and judicial system. Thank you to Assemblyman Tague for your leadership in the Assembly, Governor Hochul for her decisive action on this bill, and to our local partners and advocates who were crucial in making this significant change a reality."

Click here to view the full release

https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/2024/peter-oberacker/senator-peter-oberackerassemblyman-chris-tague

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Whether you're diving into the suspenseful world of Sherlock Holmes like I do or seeking a peaceful escape, your library card opens the door to endless adventures.

Visit your local library today and start your reading journey!

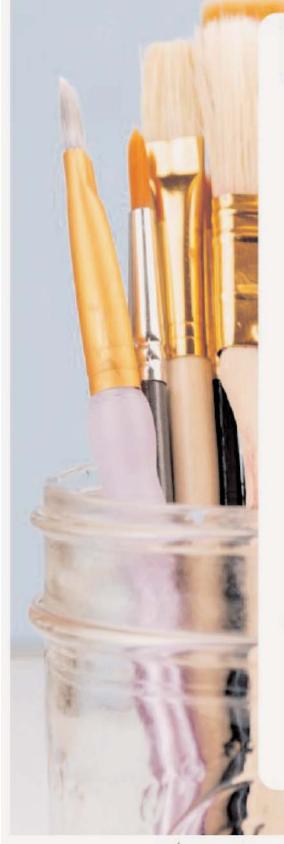
Overdose Awareness Day Candlelight Vigil



I was honored to join a moving Overdose Awareness Day candlelight vigil in Monticello with Sullivan 180. My heartfelt thanks go to Lindsay and her team for organizing such a poignant event and to the brave speakers who shared their stories.

Fly Creek Named America's Best Cidery

I'm thrilled to share that the Fly Creek Čider Mill has been named America's Best Cidery by USA Today! Read the full article here. https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-cidery-2024/



Daniel Pierce Library Paint & Sip

Fall Fundraiser



Thursday, September 26th Community Room | 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun filled evening painting your very own fall gnome. Local artist, Robin Raykoff will guide you in creating your masterpiece. We supply the canvas, paint & brushes while you have fun with friends.

\$20 fee includes supplies & light refreshments Ages 18 and older. Space is limited

> Registration is required at danielpiercelibrary.org



Daniel Pierce Library 328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268 Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233 www.danielpiercelibrary.org



LIVE CHARITY AUCTION SEPTEMBER 21

PRESENTED BY THE ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

HAZE GAL CALL/TEXT: 516-356-7687 EMAIL: HGAL12420@GMAIL.COM

LOCATION:

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

PREVIEW DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 12-3 PM

AUCTION DATE - IN PERSON & ONLINE:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 BIDDING STARTS AT 12:30 PM

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2024 SHOW DATES

SATURDAY 9/21/24 OUTPOST BBQ SHOW

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, 6611 ROUTE 209 KERHONKSON, NY 12446

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 4:00 PM PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 25; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW.

Caregiver

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County

ALZHEIMER'S \{\) ASSOCIATION

Parkinson's Support Group



Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome!

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

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

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

Donate your used books!

We are now accepting donations of good quality books for our book sales.



DONATION GUIDELINES



We accept: Good quality and clean hardcover and paperback books, DVD's, music CD's, and audio books.



We CANNOT accept:

Damaged, dirty, or old books. Books that are soiled, brown, with mildew or mold. Textbooks, encyclopedias, reference sets, or condensed books. Magazines and newspapers. VHS and cassette tapes.

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

Donations will be accepted by appointment only . Please contact Michelle at 845-985-7233 x104.



Thank you for your support!



Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SullivanCountyPRMP

Sullivan County is developing a Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan will provide a framework for improving and expanding parks and facilities in Sullivan County.

Please take this opportunity to let us know about your Parks and Recreation needs and wants.

Input from this survey will be incorporated into the Master Plan. This survey will remain open until September 30th. It takes approximately 5 - 10 minutes to complete. Thank you for your participation!

Sullivan County Parks, Recreation & Beautification Department scparks@sullivanny.us | 845-807-0287 | https://sullivanny.us/Departments/ParksRecreation



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A SUPPORT GROUP FOR SPOUSES OF VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS

PLEASE JOIN US EVERY **2ND** AND **4TH** MONDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 5:30PM TO 7:00PM.

> ACTION TOWARD INDEPENDENCE 309 E BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701

FOR UPCOMING GROUPS, WE WILL BE HAVING GUEST SPEAKERS, FIELD TRIPS AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES TO HELP SPOUSES, AND THEIR FAMILIES, BECOME MORE INFORMED OF SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE.

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



Daniel Pierce Library Jall Children's Programs Register Now!

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

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

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

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

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. (Children will be registered at school.) Tuesday, October 15th

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



FALL FUND-RAISING DINNER

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 6:30 - 9:30 pm at the Phoenicia Diner 5681 Route 28 (1 mile east of Phoenicia)

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





ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Registration is open for Grades K-5.

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

- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

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Middle School Social Skills



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

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

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

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ACCESSIBILITY IN THE WORKPLACE New York System Change Inclusive Opportunity Network "NYSCION" Mid-Hudson Region will be hosting a 4-part virtual series for employers! Discover how enhancing workplace accessibility cannot only increase diversity, but also boost your bottom line by tapping into a broader talent pool and improving employee productivity! REGISTER NOW! Disability Etiquette SEPT Speakers: Joe Zesski 4TH Northeast ADA Center 10am-11am Via Zoom ADA & Employment Overview SEPT Speakers: Joe Zesski **18TH** Northeast ADA Center 10am-11am Via Zoom Center for Workforce Development Key Considerations for Recruiting and SEPT Hiring Job Seekers with Disabilities Columbia-Speakers: Jeffrey Tamburo Greene 25TH Northeast ADA Center 10am-11am Via Zoom Iortheast ADA Center Making the Business Case: www.northeastada.org Strategy for Promoting ADA Implementation OCT Speakers: Jeffrey Tamburo 2ND Northeast ADA Center 10am-11am Via Zoom ARE YOUR DOL For questions or accommodations, please contact: Scott Curry | sidney.curry@sullivanny.us | 845-807-0587

Veteran Peer Support

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



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



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

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

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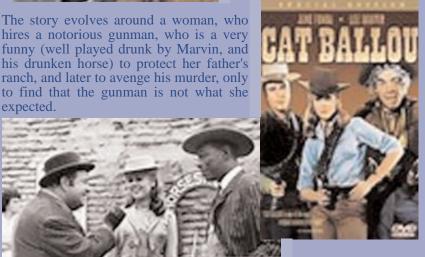
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> 'at Ka (Western/Comedy 1965)



Cat Ballou is a 1965 American Western comedy film starring Lee Marvin, who won an Academy Award for Best Actor for his dual role, and Jane Fonda. The supporting cast features Tom Nardini, Callan, Dwayne Michael Hickman, Nat King Cole and Stubby Kaye, who together perform the film's theme song.



Knarf says a very trumped up, but very funny show and great for the family.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Walter Matthau

This weeks' Trivia question:

What L.A. thoroughfare lends its name to a story about a woman with amnesia?

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE & TRIVIA (From Pg. 76)

TCM; IMDb; YouTube Color, CC, rated PG. A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (Musical, 1949)



"A Connecticut Yankee In King Arthur's Court" (1949) takes an amazing book by Samuel Clemens and mixes in Bing Crosby's soothing baritone and style, Rhonda Flemming's... everything, and William Bendix's comedy to create a mood that you just can't shake even hours after the movie is over.

A hum drum auto mechanic (Crosby) receives an un-expected bump on the head that transports him to the days of "Camelot," where medieval times are still alive. Thought processes collide creating a very funny story,

Directed by Tay Garnett and starring Bing Crosby, Rhonda Fleming, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, and William Bendix. Color, CC, rated PG. *KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE & TRIVIA* Amazon Prime; Netflix 1917, rated R · 2019 · 1hr 59 min · War/Drama.

1917



April 6th, 1917 –the height of the First World War – as a regiment assembles to wage war deep in enemy territory, two soldiers are assigned to deliver a message. Schofield and Blake are given a seemingly impossible mission. In a race against time, they must cross enemy territory and deliver a message that will stop a deadly attack on hundreds of soldiers with Blake's own brother among them.

Released on Jan 2, 2020. Directed by Sam Mendes. Starring Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Daniel Mays and Colin Firth.

> Stay safe and stay well, Knarf Odnamoc Gnomg