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## Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting on September 9th



*From left to right: Terry Delaney, Stephen Miller, Stacey Wizwer, Brianna Worden, Jayce Walter, Janna Walter, Hugh Delaney, Pat Menje and Bill Brenner.*

On Monday, September 9, 2024, the Tri-Valley Lions had their monthly dinner meeting at Casa Mia in Hurleyville. We were joined by Janna Walter, (daughter of Frank and Linda Comando), as well as Janna's daughter Brianna Worden who made us aware of a very serious health condition suffered by Brianna since birth.

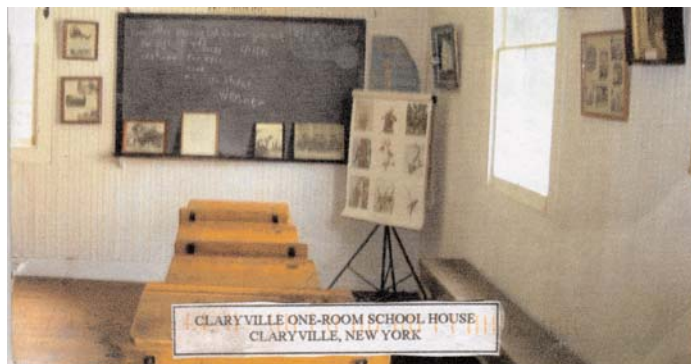
Brianna was born with neurofibromatosis type one (N1), which is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on the nerves throughout the body. Neurofibromatosis can lead to blindness, deafness, loss of limbs, severe disfigurement, learning disabilities, and a rare deadly form of cancer.

Brianna has plexiform neurofibromas. This type of tumor grow deep within the nervous system, and isn't always visible to the exterior. Some N1 patients also have dermal tumors... these are the type of tumors that are the "lumps and bumps" that are more visible. Unfortunately, persons with plexiform neurofibromas have an increased risk of developing rare malignancy (cancer). Brianna has had three malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors, also known as MPNST's. This type of tumor is very rare and also very deadly. The fact that Brianna

is still with us today is a miracle. Several young friends have been lost to this very same type of cancer. (Contd. Pg. 5)

## New Joint Restoration Project: Claryville One Room Schoolhouse

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Time and the Valleys Museum and the Claryville Reformed Church are pleased to announce a joint one room schoolhouse restoration project, at 946 Claryville Road, Claryville NY, made possible by a substantial donation from Vera Curtis Wranovics, a former Claryville resident. Opened by 1848 through 1956, when closed the school was given to the Claryville Reformed Church by the school District. Everything was left in the schoolhouse, and has remained so throughout the years, maintained by the church and opened periodically for special occasions. The schoolhouse retains many of its original features, including light fixtures, stove, desks, books and items on the walls. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 30:19

## OBITUARIES

**Ross H. Barringer**, of Grahamsville, NY, passed away on September 18, 2024 at the age of 91 in the comfort of



his home. Ross was born in Samsonville, NY on May 20, 1933; the son of Otis and Wilma (Beesmer) Barringer.

Ross dedicated a significant part of his career to mechanics, having worked for Reynolds Metal Company in Middletown, NY, as well as for himself. His skill and expertise in mechanics were evident throughout his life.

Ross was not only dedicated to his work but also to his hobbies. He found immense joy in hunting and fishing, activities that allowed him to appreciate the beauty of nature. Additionally, he had a deep passion for building street rods, showcasing his creativity and mechanical skills.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Ross proudly served his country, receiving an honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1955.

Ross is survived by his loving wife, Janice (Rose) Barringer whom he married on October 14, 1956; his children, Wayne Barringer and his wife Soledad, Susan Sheeley and her husband James, and Dennis Barringer and his wife Susan. He was a proud grandfather to nine grandchildren and a cherished great-grandfather to ten great-grandchildren.

He has joined his 11 siblings in eternal rest, leaving behind a legacy of love, strength, and cherished memories.

Visitation was held on Monday, September 23, 2024, at Loucks Funeral Home in Ellenville, NY, followed by a funeral service. Burial will take place in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

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

### October 13, 1954

The waters of the East Branch of the Delaware River will soon be flowing through the East Delaware Tunnel at

Lows Corners. The river, which has flowed for centuries down its channel to the sea, was cut off from its normal course on September 15th when the portal of the diversion tunnel was closed.

New steps and platforms were built for the Red Hill Fire Tower last week to replace the original ones put in when the tower was built in 1920. The first wood work was of white pine and was in surprisingly good condition considering its age and the terrific battering the tower takes in its exposed location. The new steps are made of fir. Rangers Herb Lepke, Charles O'Neill, George Maier and Observer Ed Lewis did the job.

### September 23, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Farringer of Langley Air Force Base, Virginia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacquelyn to Airman 2/C James Lievre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lievre of Sundown. No date has been set for the wedding. Miss Farringer has been attending the Riverside School of Nursing at Newport News, Virginia.

Gilbert W. Van Valkenburgh, 67, died at Hamilton Ave. Hospital, Monticello on September 18, 1964. He was recovering from a gallbladder operation. Born on August 18, 1897 at West Branch, Town of Denning, he was the son of William and Minnie Barnum Van Valkenburgh. He was married July 5, 1929 at Grahamsville to Elsie M. DeVoe. Surviving are his wife, at home; three sons: David of Sundown, Ralph of Grahamsville and Philip of Lyons, N.Y.; one daughter, Mrs. Frieda Glassford of O'Fallon, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Harry Cole of Claryville; thirteen grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

### October 9, 1974

Mrs. Ada V. Sheeley, 78, of Grahamsville, died Wednesday at the Ellenville Community Hospital after a long illness. She was born in Eureka on April 22, 1898 to James and Voila Gockel Akerley. She was married to Earl D. Sheeley. A lifetime area resident, she was co-owner of the Earl D. Sheeley Trucking Co. She is survived by her husband; a son, Horace of Grahamsville; a daughter, Mrs. Frances TerBush of Grahamsville; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Eagle Scout Scott Grey of Grahamsville Scout Troop 87, son of Major and Mrs. James Grey of Sundown, received his Eagle Scout Medal at ceremonies at Tri-Valley School on Saturday, September 28, 1974. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Days of Yore...

### Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

**October 9, 1974** – Scott also received the New York State American Legion Citizenship Award and World-wide Fellowship Award jointly with Life Scout Joseph Barkley.

#### **October 18, 1984**

Mrs. Kathleen Rolfs of Claryville was inducted Sunday, October 7th into the Quilters Hall of Fame at the Arkville Cultural Center. Mrs. Rolfs is the wife of William Rolfs.

Scott Nyhof, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harlan Nyhof of Grahamsville, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1984 spring semester at Southampton College of L.I. Scott is a senior majoring in Marine Geology and is a 1981 graduate of Tri-Valley High School.

Patricia L. Ehrhardt and Steven P. Carlsen were married September 8, 1984 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellenville with Rev. Colomba Gilliss officiating. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Marian Ehrhardt of Camp Road, Grahamsville. The groom is the son of Louis and Lucy Carlsen of Sugar Loaf Road, Grahamsville. Following a wedding trip to Wellfleet, Cape Cod, the couple is at home in Harris, N.Y.

## LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

Published July 30, 1998

There's something special about mornings as the sun rises to take its first peak over the trees and the air smells so sweet. I look out of my bedroom window and say good morning to two beautiful sunflowers nodding and smiling in my front lawn, gifts from a friend. This morning as I stood gazing out of my bedroom window, a thought came to mind. What do you suppose God thinks as he looks down on this once beautiful world he created, knowing what mankind has done to it?

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

### Household Hint:

#### How to Cure that Lingering Odeur in Your Car

Get rid of bad smells in your car. Just take a few sheets of fabric softener and place them under the seats and in the trunk.

### 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 Vernoooy and Carolyn Coombe.*

### Silver and Jewels

#### Displayed on a Touch-Me-Not

The Jewelweed near the pond and along the stream is in full bloom. They're water-repellent, so they look like they're covered with tiny jewels (raindrops) after it rains. The underneath part of the leaves are very pale. When leaves are underwater, they like silver. The trumpet-shaped flowers hanging from the plants resemble jewels from a necklace. Putting this all together, accounts for its common name, Jewelweed. This time of the year, the little seed pods are ripe and ready to explode and disperse the seeds! It is fun to touch the seed pods and watch them 'pop' - thus his plant is also known as Touch-



Me-Nots.



Jewelweed is an annual, so it only lives for one year. Jewelweed grows from 3 to 5 feet. It has leaves that are oval, round-toothed with lower leaves that are opposite and upper leaves that are alternate. This herbaceous native plant has a distinctive succulent, translucent, hollow stem. There is a clear watery liquid inside the stems, especially in the nodes..

Jewelweed blooms from July to October. Generally the blossoms are orange with dark red dots.

Spotted Jewelweed is often visited by nectar-loving animals, such as hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies. These animals help pollinate the plant by accidentally taking pollen with them and dropping it off on another plant. Pollination allows jewelweed to grow fruits and seeds.

The seeds are often eaten by Northern Bobwhite and White-footed Mice.

Jewelweed grows in wetlands, especially in the shade. Often it grows in dense stands (many jewelweed plants together). Jewelweed often grows on the edge of creek beds. We can see it all along the Rondout Creek in Sundown. There is plenty of jewelweed in the wild, and it is not hard to find once you learn to identify it.

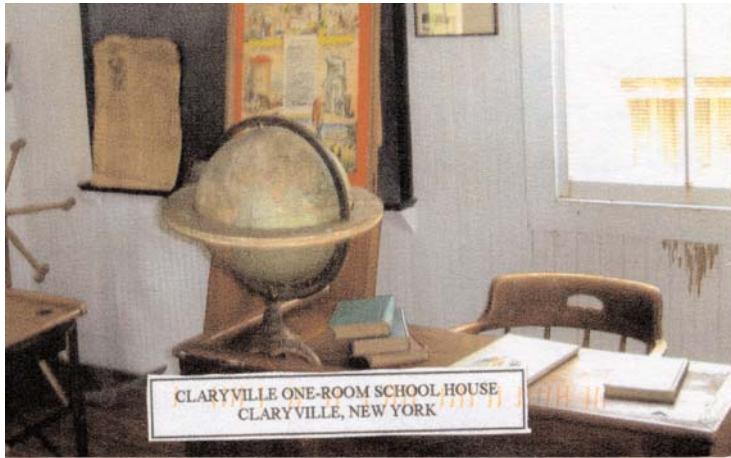
Some good things to know about Jewelweed are, that when you are out in the field and find you have been exposed to poison ivy, oak, or stinging nettle you can reach for the jewelweed plant and slice the stem, then rub its juicy inside on the affected area of the external skin. This will promptly ease irritation.

Originally utilized by the Native Americans, the jewelweed plant has long been recognized as both an anti-inflammatory and general folk-medicine. Many tribes, including the Cherokee, Iroquois, Mohegans, and Ojibwas, used this plant to heal such illnesses as poison ivy rashes, nettle stings, hives, burns, and even the measles. Some also turned the plant into a yellow or orange dye.

Jewelweed may not really turn to silver, but it certainly is worth its weight in gold if you ever run into a patch of Stinging Nettles, that is also thrives quite well in Sundown along the creek!!

## New Joint Restoration Project: Claryville One Room Schoolhouse

(From Pg. 1) It is an early rural education time capsule- entering is like taking a step back in time!



The Museum has a 25 year lease with the Claryville Reformed Church to begin needed repairs, including updating the electric, installing heat, repairing leaks and painting, all made possible by Vera's generous donation. Members from the Museum, church and Claryville community are inventorying and cataloguing school records, books, memories and photos and plan on restoring the interior, creating exhibits and programs and opening the building to the public on a regular basis.

Help with this exciting new restoration project is needed in the

form of volunteers to do inventory and planning; donations of photos, artifacts and memories to expand the collection; and funds for archival storage and exhibit materials. For more information or to make a much needed donation, please go to [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). To find out more about volunteering, please email [director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or call Donna Steffens at 845 985-7700. Claryville residents are encouraged to get involved!

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



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

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities, including the new exhibition As the Wheel Turns: Water Powered Industries in the Catskills.
- o Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds a collaborative augmented reality art exhibition of the buildings and homes taken for NYC's water system.

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**About the Claryville Reformed Church:** The Claryville Reformed Church is a member of the Reformed Church in America. Established in 1849, the Claryville Reformed Church has played an important role in the life of this community for over 170 years. The congregation resides in Claryville and the neighboring towns of Denning, Oliveria, Grahamsville, and Neversink. It is the only church from Curry to Oliveria or from the Neversink Reservoir and the entire length of the East and West branch of the Neversink River. They are passionate about their mission "Serving God in our community and beyond" and are a strong group of individuals who are a caring and welcoming congregation. Call 845 985-2041 or email [claryvillechurch@gmail.com](mailto:claryvillechurch@gmail.com) for more information.

## Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting on September 9th

(From Pg. 1) To date there is no cure for neurofibromatosis. There are newer treatment options that are available, a type of chemotherapy that helps to slightly shrink the tumors to prevent increased growth. This treatment has been available less than 10 years. Research funded by the Children's Tumor Foundation and NF FORWARD has made this treatment available.

Brianna and mom Janna have made it their mission to help educate people about neurofibromatosis and what it is like to live with a chronic illness. Their goal is to help patients and their caregivers to understand that they are not alone. Groups like the Children's Tumor Foundation can help link patients and their families to care.

Living in Sullivan County has its challenges for families who are caring for a child with a chronic or severe acute illness. The nearest Children's Hospital is approximately two hours away. Families are challenged by lack of transportation, and cost associated with having to travel for healthcare needs. Brianna and her mom, Janna, are eternally grateful for groups like the Tri-Valley Lions Club, Ride to Survive, and Angel Flight who help to support families in need. Many years ago, the Lions Club donated to the family and helped with transportation getting back-and-forth to the hospital in Boston. They will always be thankful for the support they provided.

As guest speakers at the Lions Club meeting on September 9th, Brianna and mom Janna were able to share their journey, the challenges that they have faced, and how they continue to overcome those challenges. The hope is to inspire others to know that they are not alone, and there is help. At the end of the informative presentation, the Tri-Valley Lions Club voted to make a donation in the amount of \$300 to the Children's Tumor Foundation in honor of Brianna. For more information you can visit the Children's Tumor Foundation at <https://www.ctf.org>.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 47th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley School Community Service and Achievement Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or [hvacpat69@gmail.com](mailto:hvacpat69@gmail.com) or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or [sgrecords@hvc.rr.com](mailto:sgrecords@hvc.rr.com)

## Temple Sholom Plans October Events

Temple Sholom invites the community to help assemble our sukkah. Helpers will meet on Monday, October 14, at 10:30 am. If you can help, please call Ira Simon at 914-799-0921. Coffee and donuts will be served.



The Temple will host a communal meal in the sukkah on Friday, October 18, at 5:30 p.m. Join Ira and Julia Levin to celebrate this mitzvah. Attendees should bring their own picnic dinners and a warm jacket. During dinner, attendees will have an opportunity to shake the lulav and etrog. Shabbat services will follow.

The Temple Sholom Book Club will be reading Exodus, Revisited by Deborah Feldman. The book is available at Amazon in hardcover, paperback, and Kindle versions. The next discussion meeting will be Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 PM by Zoom and all are welcome to attend. RSVP to receive the Zoom link by emailing Valerie Taitel at [vmtaitel@gmail.com](mailto:vmtaitel@gmail.com) or (508) 314-0511.

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## Then She Vanished

### Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 101

by John Dwaine McKenna

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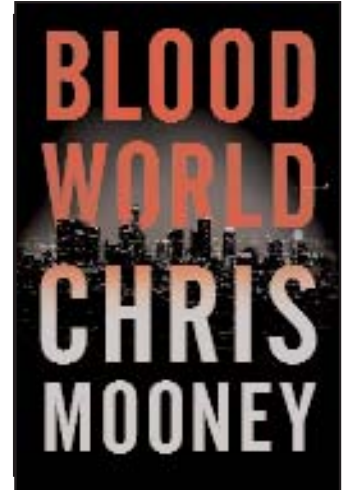
By combining sci-fi and crime-fiction, thriller writer Chris Mooney has come up with an irresistibly striking story that's as thought-provoking as it is entertaining and explosive to read. In his recently released *Blood World*, (Berkley Books, \$27.00, 436 pages, ISBN 978-0-593-19763-9) Mooney posits a world in which near-immortality is attainable for a wealthy and privileged few . . . but only at the expense of the most innocent and vulnerable among us . . . our children. The younger the better.

The novel begins in a near-future United States, where scientists have discovered a new wonder drug that makes the blood of certain "carriers" into a virtual fountain of youth. It means that those who have the means and connections – the elites – to obtain this precious blood can have their ailments and diseases cured as well as their power and strength amped up until they are almost superhuman. All of that, and all of the money involved makes carriers of the exotic blood into targets for criminals. So-called "blood farms" spring up around the country, where kidnapped children are held and routinely bled, so that their blood can be sold to the unscrupulous, self-centered and wealthy . . . with its epicenter in Los Angeles, California . . . where youth and beauty are Hollywood's stock-in-trade.

The problem is so pervasive that the LAPD has formed an elite 'Blood Unit' to combat the problem. It's an exclusive and highly sought-after assignment that accepts only the highest quality candidates, which is why a young officer named Ellie Bautista joined the police department. But she's been consistently denied a transfer to the Blood Squad, until she and her partner are ambushed during a routine stop. What happens next gains her an undercover assignment that plunges the dedicated young police officer into a seamy and depraved underworld where life is cheap and death comes often in an environment more treacherous and deadly than she could ever have imagined.

Then, a terrifying psychopath comes up with a disgusting new way to increase the potency of carrier blood by a thousand-fold . . . and only Ellie Bautista stands in his way.

*Blood World* is explosive and timely, set in a world we can all recognize and should be scared of .



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## The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

# Obsolete Jobs

"Find out what you like doing best, and get someone to pay you for it."

Katharine Whitehorn

I was fortunate to love my work. I cannot imagine working at a job that was hated or found to be unsatisfying.

Jobs, however. Change with the times. Teaching today is so different from my tenure at Onteora.

I began thinking about jobs that once were on demand and are no longer needed by the mainstream of society.

There are, of course, jobs that were before my time like Lamplighters of the gas street lights, pin setters at bowling alleys, knocker-uppers who were paid to awaken others by knocking on a door or window, Trolley conductors, and Slubber-Doffers who were children working in textile mills to clean up empty bobbins.

However, the lust of occupations below actually disappeared in my lifetime:

Telephone switchboard operators

Coopers

Linotype setters

Milkmen

Shoe repairmen

Projectionist

Soda Jerks

Lift (elevator) operators

Shepherds

Ice cutters

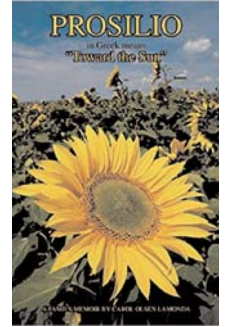
Door to door salesmen

As I write this list, I am aware of the fact that these were mostly male jobs except telephone operators. Hard to believe in a time that women did not also work to provide family income.

What will the jobs of the future be?

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



## Fall into a Good Book:

Join our 'Banned Books' challenge,  
volunteer for GPP  
or gear up for Halloween...  
it's a busy season at the DPL!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Happy fall, everyone!

It's finally the season for snuggling up to a hot cup of coffee and a good book. Luckily, we are the place to go to meet your reading needs. We've decked out the library with all things fall including book displays just begging to be checked out. This week would be the perfect time to come in as it's also our Banned Books week. During this week-though, we are big proponents of the freedom to read throughout the year-we are collectively supporting the right to individually choose and read books within your own comfort level by offering those willing to read one of the many books on the banned books list (provided on our website) the opportunity to enter the raffle to win a prize. Just pick up a raffle ticket at either circulation desk when you check out one of the "banned" books.

While our adult paint and sip fall fundraiser program on Thursday, September 26 is now full, we just posted our Halloween event for Tri-Valley teens in grades 7 through 12. Join us on Wednesday, October 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the community room to deck out your very own custom trick or treat bag just in time for the Tri-Valley PTO Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26 (we'll be there!) or for Halloween trick or treating. For those wishing to attend our program, please register online to secure your spot for this ghoulishly good time, sharing seasonal snacks and memories with friends.

This week, our end-of-season sale has kicked off for our summer book tent. Come to the tent and pick out a bag of books for just \$2.00. There's a lot of great gems still available as we have continually added throughout the season. If you aren't interested in reading the books, think of all the Pinterest-worthy crafting you could do with your purchase. Also, some vintage childrens' books were snuck into the tent and could make for some interesting nursery decor. The possibilities are endless!

T-minus 10 days to GPP: volunteer, buy raffle tickets or show up...be part of a great community event!

With October right around the corner, we're especially busy prepping for GPP (or Giant Pumpkin Party). We're still on the lookout for volunteers for the big day-October 5-so, if you're available

Saturday, please take a look at our signup sheet on our website. All volunteer opportunities are listed with the time slots needing to be filled and there is a separate one for student volunteers



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# The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

Although I'm still somewhat mired in a project, it seems the Live Music Gods are still with me as I was rewarded with the most amazing music post Labor Day.

It all began with JOHN SLAVER at CABERNET FRANK'S on a Sunday afternoon. I was not familiar with him, but it was clear that the majority of this well attended event was. This purported eighty-one year old, has an amazingly strong voice and equally amazing guitar skills and repertoire. On stage with him was steel pedal virtuoso JAY GANZ, which seemed an unlikely duo of instruments, but boy did it work beautifully.

Back at the beginning of September, I reported for jury duty and although not picked, I did receive glowing endorsement of another musician I was not familiar with from another 'dismissed'. BOB said he and his wife caught her at the RUSSIAN MULE and were so impressed that he just had to mention her to me. And his recommendation did not fall on deaf ears as I had noticed ALI HAYES has been appearing at CABERNET FRANK'S quite regularly. Anyone who knows good live music knows that this is the place to catch only the best. So on a Wednesday night, I put my project overload aside and headed out.

This young woman does Irish folk music, "...some you'll recognize and some that will be new to you..." as she put it. What a voice!! Yes, you'll get the beautiful lilt of the expected, which serves to make one really listen to the poignant lyrics. Go. Go see this young woman. There just are not enough words to say how much you will enjoy yourselves.



On a Thursday night, my friend AARON SADOVSKY popped by on his way to the LONCON FESTIVAL in a place called ....further upstate



where he and STEVE SCHWARTZ from STEVE'S MUSIC in Rock Hill would be performing at the opening. Where does one take a musician? CABERNET FRANK'S of course for

the Open Mic hosted by NICK (HEATHEN) HEARMON. I've been to a few of these, and whoever shows up, one just knows they'll be good. But I did not expect what transpired.

Every time that door opened, it was another of the musicians I have great respect for. There were only a few I didn't know but soon learned they were of the same caliber. Whoever was up next from the sign-up sheet may have started out solo, but soon had a full band as others joined them on stage. The only way I could describe this was a love fest of musicians!! DRAZZ,



MITZI and DAVE (the core of CON QUESO), DR NICK, TOM HANLEY, STEVE TANCZYN, BILL FLECK and KIM SIMONS (from the MISFITS), even KEN BOWLES from Orange County! What a great way to set one's stress aside for an evening!

The surprise to all was newcomer ROXANNE, who took the stage asking for musicians who played the blues. Well, you know that perked up my ears. And she nailed it with one of those voices just made for singing the blues. I'm so hoping that she and her band appear in the area soon so you can experience what we all did.

My "must see" picks (so far) at Cabernet Frank's, 38 Main Street, Parksville ALI HAYES will be at CABERNET FRANK'S this coming Wednesday night, Sept 26 at 7pm.

MD and the HEALERS Saturday, Oct 5 at 5pm Keep October 10 loosely open. I saw something about SHANE RENNISON performing at HPAC in Hurleyville, for the short film festival, but when I went back to find more information, I couldn't find anything. More on this next week

Am looking forward to seeing JOHNNY JULES at CABERNET FRANKS this afternoon (I'm writing this on Sunday, Sept 22) and will tell you about it next week.

The dreaded CoVid is apparently running rampant again, so please take precautions. I sure am.

Until next time.....

## Monticello Kiwanis Annual Fundraiser Dinner

The Kiwanis Club of Monticello is once more making their Annual Bernie Shore/Rose Raimond Fundraising Dinner available at a time of one's choosing from Yanni's Café on Pleasant Street in Monticello. Tickets are \$25 each, which entitles the buyer to dinner platter choices of Hot Open Roast Beef, Grilled Chicken or Gyro Platter or Vegetarian Crepe. Included are choices of soup or salad as well as two side dishes. Dinners can be socially distant "eat in" or "take out" at the window by ordering ahead.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are valid currently until December 31, 2024. They are available by contacting a Monticello Kiwanis member or by mailing a check made out to Kiwanis Club of Monticello, P.O. Box 413, Monticello, NY 12701.

All proceeds benefit charitable projects in the community helping the Kiwanis Club fulfill their mission of "serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time".

For further information on obtaining tickets, contact Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.

## Be Like Fred - Come Speak to Rotary

Monticello Rotary was lucky to hear from Sullivan County Democrat Publisher Fred Stabbert at its recent meeting. Fred shared the history of the paper in Sullivan County and why local newspapers are so important to a local community.

Les Kristt is instrumental in securing speakers for the Monticello Rotary Club. Learning about our community is important in the work the club does in meeting the motto of Service Above Self. Please reach out to Les Kristt or Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James if you would like to be a speaker at one of our meetings. (RotaryMonti@gmail.com)

Monticello Rotary meets every Tuesday night at Albella Restaurant in Monticello, NY at 6:30pm. To learn more, visit <https://monticellonyrotary.org/>

## SCDW Casting Call

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is still celebrating its 75th Anniversary as the oldest Community Theatre in Sullivan County. To end the 2024 Season, the SCDW proudly presents the classic radio play "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" with performances on December 13, 14 & 15, 2024.

Come and audition for this radio play and become part of the SCDW family. Auditioners will be asked to do a cold reading for this radio show. Auditions will be held at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg on September 28 & 29 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

For more information, please contact Director, Harold Tighe SCDWTreasurer@gmail.com or 845 807-7212..



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## A Number to Remember: 988 National Suicide Prevention Hotline Open 24/7

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"Instead of remembering a ten-digit number during really tough times, you just need to remember three," affirms Deputy Health & Human Services Commissioner Melissa Stickle. "988 will instantly connect you to someone who can help, who can listen."

"Just like 911 for emergencies and 211 for non-emergencies, 988 is meant to be easy to remember and use," adds District 5 Legislator Cat Scott, chair of the Legislature's Health & Human Services Committee. "No one needs to struggle with mental and emotional challenges all alone. There are always good people willing to help, and that one call to 988 can make all the difference."

According to a recent survey by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), approximately one in five adults in the United States experience mental illness each year.

"This statistic highlights the urgent need for accessible and effective mental health resources," notes Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle. "By promoting 988 awareness, we hope to make it easier for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis - including suicidal thoughts - to reach out. Sullivan County has a lot of resources, and my crew are eager to talk with everyone about those resources."

## Sullivan 180 Scholarship Recognizes Volunteerism

[LIBERTY, NY] Sullivan 180, in partnership with The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, awarded two scholarships to volunteers who made a significant contribution to a 2024 Sullivan 180 project. These scholarships will be awarded for the spring 2025 semester to the following individuals:

Liza Mitchell of Rock Hill dedicated her time to volunteering with the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance. Her efforts focused on trail maintenance in the Towns of Fallsburg and Liberty where she beautified entrance gardens, hung trail markers and organized cleanups to keep the trails accessible and welcoming. "Volunteering with the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance allowed me to connect with my community in a meaningful way, improving and beautifying the local trails," Liza said. "It was inspiring to see the community come together and to educate others on the importance of maintaining our shared natural resources." Liza is a junior at SUNY Geneseo studying accounting.

Erin Skinner of Parksville brought her passion for service to The Daffodil Project. She contributed by creating artwork symbolizing the children lost in the Holocaust and collaborated with others to design interactive trees where participants could leave poems or messages in remembrance. "Through experiences like assisting at the Liberty United Methodist Church's Thrift Store and participating in the Daffodil Project, I've learned the importance of connection, compassion, and the power of community," Erin shared. In addition to her volunteer work, Erin also serves as a junior firefighter with the Neversink Fire Department. Erin is a freshman at SUNY Geneseo majoring in biology with a pre-med focus and a minor in Spanish.

For more information on the work and initiatives of Sullivan 180, visit [www.Sullivan180.org](http://www.Sullivan180.org) or call (845) 295-2680.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Need Drone Aircraft Carriers

The Israeli/Gaza war has shown the need to build up our aircraft carrier strike forces. The USS Abraham Lincoln carrier strike group (CSG) had to be moved from covering the Pacific to the Middle East to provide additional firepower against a possible Iranian attack against Israel. With the USS Roosevelt CSG on station in the Middle East, the Indo-Pacific region was left without a CSG.

We currently have 11 CSGs to cover the world, but only five or six carriers are available at one time due to nuclear refueling and overhauls of five or more years, routine maintenance, modifications, crew relaxation, replenishment and transit times.

At a cost of about \$15 billion per carrier and the need for a crew of 5000 to 6000 sailors the Navy has a formidable task to try to increase its carrier forces. Additionally, the U.S. ship-building industry has been seriously depleted.

The Ukraine/Russia war has shown the importance of utilizing drones in warfare. Maybe we should be looking at modifying our existing 11 CSGs to have the capability to conduct offensive and defensive drone operations; and construct new drone aircraft carriers at a much lower cost than \$15 billion while lowering on-going operational costs. Also, a much smaller crew would be required for drone carriers.

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### Daniel Pierce Library

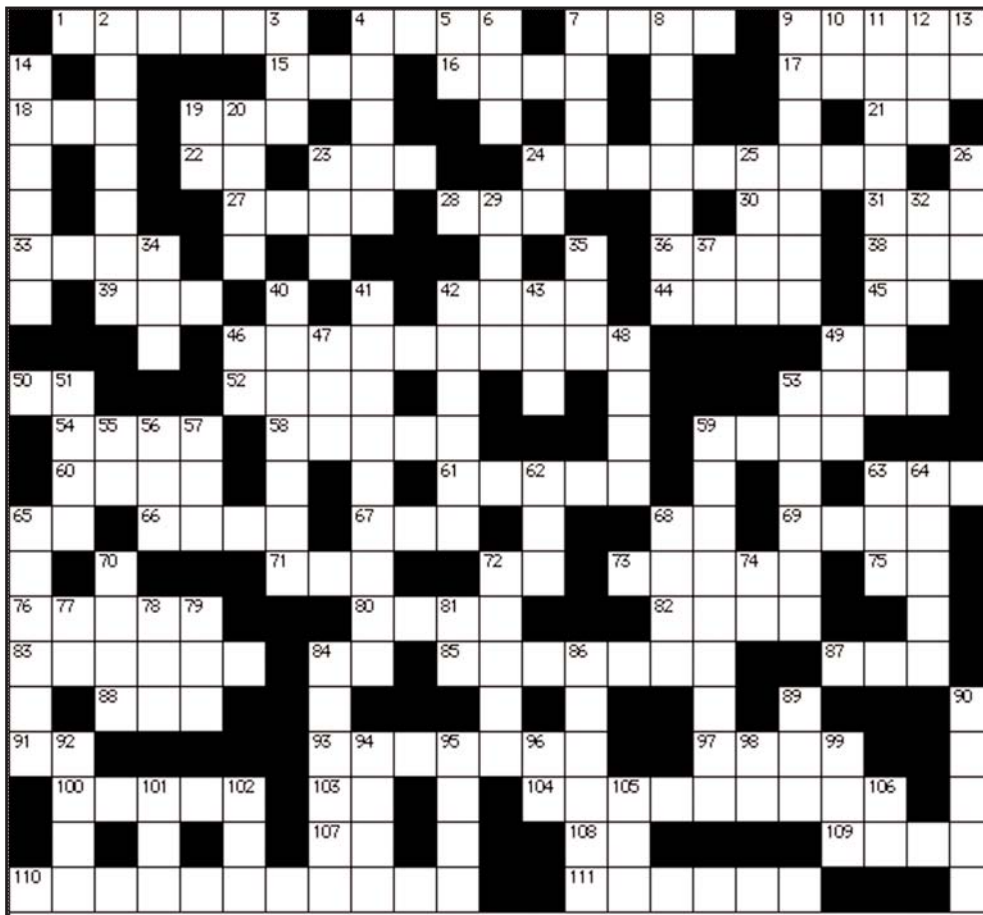
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- 19 Consumed food
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- 22 Perform
- 23 Order of St. Ursula
- 24 A place for domestic fire
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- 31 Hot brewed drink
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- 45 Loss Angeles
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- 52 Half a quart
- 53 Angle
- 54 Adam and Even's son
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- 59 Pellets of frozen rain
- 60 Clarified butter
- 61 Cool color
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- 80 Courage
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- 84 Belonging to the speaker
- 85 Lack of liquid to sustain life
- 87 Past tense
- 88 Inquire impertinently
- 91 Common Era
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- 103 Part of the human psyche
- 104 Flower that is covering our landscape with yellow

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- 19 Advertisement
- 20 Type of painting used to decorate domestic items
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- 24 Field Officer
- 25 Fortune
- 26 Feline
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- 68 Enter in a ledger
- 70 Pile
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- 77 Regarding
- 78 Make a mistake
- 79 Pigpen
- 81 Used to identify something
- 84 In the middle
- 86 Gossip
- 89 Feminine pronoun
- 90 Wares
- 92 Collection of Norse poems
- 94 Effigy
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**Potato Corn Soup**

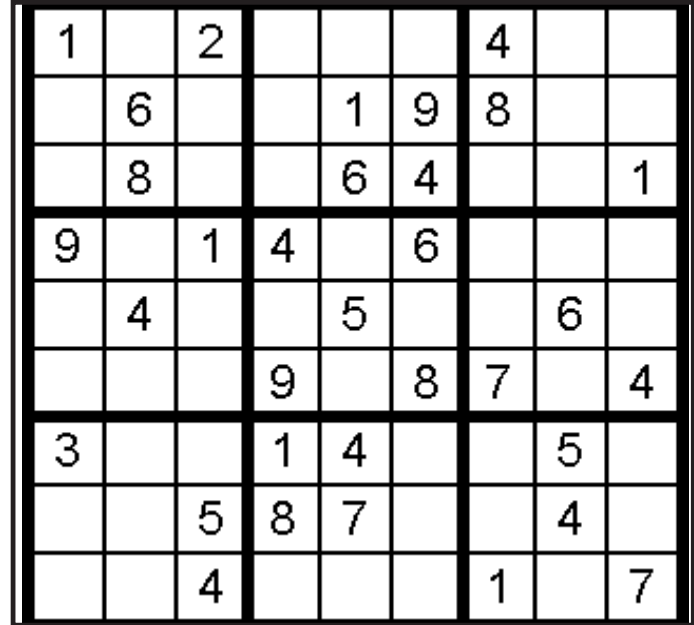
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 potatoes, peeled and cut into small cubes
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1/4 cup diced cooked ham
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

In a soup pot over high heat, combine chicken broth, potatoes, and onion; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium, cover, and cook 10 to 12 minutes, or until potatoes are tender.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan over low heat, melt butter; whisk in flour until smooth.

Whisk flour mixture into soup until thickened. Slowly stir in remaining ingredients, mixing well. Simmer 5 to 10 minutes, or until heated through.

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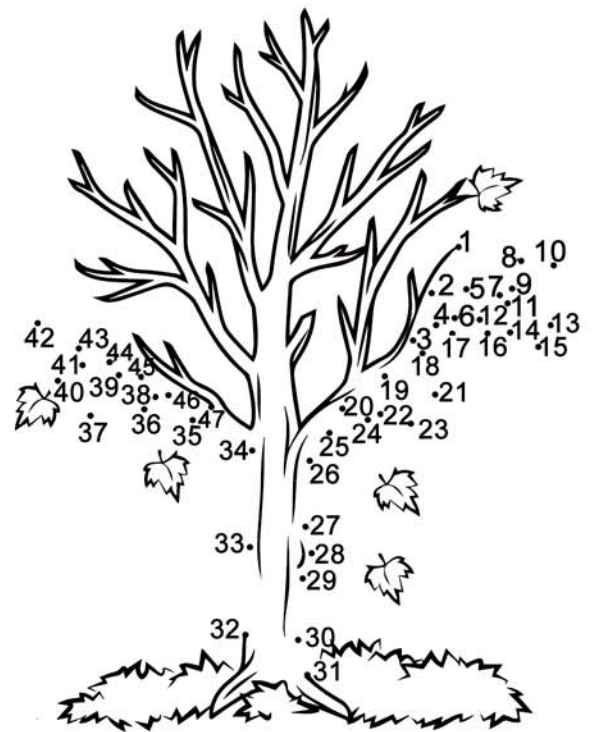
Help Joe through the maze so he can empty the leaves in his wheelbarrow

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# LEGALS/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 [neversinkfiredistrict@gmail.com](mailto:neversinkfiredistrict@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Dana Vogler, Secretary  
Neversink Fire District

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

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### **Denning Residents, Please Take Notice:**

2025 Budget Workshop;

Pursuant to New York State Law § 108 a **WORKSHOP** for the Town of Denning 2025 Preliminary Budget will be held after the adjournment of the regularly scheduled Town Board and Town Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board  
Nancy Parrow  
Town Clerk  
Sept. 23rd, 2024

9/26; 10/5

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

WHEREAS on the 17th day of September, 2024, pursuant to Section 105 of the Town Law and Section 181 of the Town Law, The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District confirmed that the Annual Fire District Budget Hearing will be conducted with reference to the Annual Fire District Budget for the fiscal year 2025 on 17th , October, 2024, commencing at 6:30 P.M. at Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall located at 1500 Caryville Rd., Claryville, in the Town of Denning, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners is required to adopt a proposed budget at least 21 days before October 17, 2024, so that it is available for public inspection prior to the public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District has adopted a proposed Annual Fire District Budget for 2025 as of this date for purposes of discussion and review at the Budget Hearing to be held on 17, October 2024, and a copy of the proposed budget is available from the Fire District Secretary, and from the Town Clerks of the Towns of Neversink and Denning. In addition, copies of the proposed budget will be available on the night of the said hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the aforesaid budget will be presented to the residents and taxpayers of the Claryville Fire District and to the Board of Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District, for their respective consideration at this public hearing and for the purpose of considering the said budget and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning the same on 17th, October, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall, 1500 Claryville Rd., Claryville, New York

This Notice is being publicized and posted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Officers Law and the Town Law of New York by order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District.

Dated: September 20, 2024

Anne-Marie Kremer

Secretary, Claryville Fire District

9/26

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## **NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT**

### **NOTICE OF 2025 BUDGET HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Budget Hearing to vote on the upcoming year's budget will be held for the Neversink Fire District on Thursday, October 17th, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Neversink Firehouse located at 7486 State Rt. 55 Neversink, NY 12765. There will be a regularly planned Commissioners' Meeting to follow.

Dated: September 27th, 2024

Dana M. Vogler, Neversink Fire District Secretary

9/26 - 10/17

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES****Tri-Valley CSD  
Board Meeting****Thursday, Sept 26, 2024****Board Workshop  
Committee Meetings****Thursday, October 10, 2024  
at 7:00 p.m.  
Secondary School  
Lower Level Library****The meeting will be livestreamed on  
the District's YouTube channel**<https://www.youtube.com/CHANNEL/UCKI224vKO8nAWWhR6N%20%20Vao24w/live>**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://sulli->

**2024 FALL CLEAN-UP  
OCT. 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**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 DOES NOT QUALIFY  
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**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. Please bring these items at a different time. No batteries, ballasts or CFLs.**

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

**\*\*Scrap Metal can be taken at any time. Please separate 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."

**SLAC**

*Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County*

**Monthly Meeting**

**10 AM, Friday, September 27, 2024,  
in the Legislative Meeting Room,**

**at the Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello NY**

The purpose of the SLAC meeting on the 27th is to:

1. Share the power point presentation.
2. Does this presentation meet the medical needs of Sullivan County Residents?
3. Not for profit tax form 990 on Garnet Health showing income and salaries for Middletown and Harris
4. Adult care center update

# The Bead in the Cake

- Ellen Botto

In order to describe this incident, I must tell something of the character of my mother, for it is important to understand the conflict that I must have suffered when I made the decision to withhold the truth of my mischief from her.

Though she loved us all, her most important job was trying to get meals for eleven hungry people three times a day. Even though I was less than ten years old, I was fully aware of her unexpressed anxiety. She was a stern woman and I never remember her fussing over me except when she combed and curled my long, blonde hair. I'm sure that life was a pretty serious business in those days and I believe Dad left the responsibility to her whenever possible, for he was a dreamer and she was the practical one.

I must have been quite alone in the house on that summer day, for the pantry was off limits to us kids, because the precious food supply was kept in this small narrow room. There was a small window on the back wall which let in the daylight and a loose hanging cellar door opened to rickety, wooden steps which led to the dirt bottomed cellar. The dank odor from this underground storage space penetrated through the floor boards and gave the pantry its own peculiar smell. One wall had spikes sticking out from it and it was used for hanging kitchen utensils. On the opposite wall there were shelves which held the rest of the utensils plus various other staples. Dishes and silverware were on the shelf closest to the front room. Directly beneath them, on the floor, sat a big sack of flour. That day the top had not been carefully closed and the contents were fully exposed.

I was on the prowl, investigating. I was curious about something shiny I could see on one of the shelves. There, carefully tucked between the plates and cups, someone had tried to conceal a pair of pearl beads. They were the dime store kind that we nearly always received from church or school at Christmas time. They always came in a long narrow box, lined with a bed of cotton and were a delight to open.

This was a real find because it was now summer time and a set of these shiny baubles seldom lasted more than a few days after the holidays. They must have been strung on very weak thread because when they were taken from the box and examined immediately, we often found ourselves on hands and knees, desperately searching the church carpet to gather our broken, elusive pearls, with the forlorn hope that enough of them could be found to take home for restringing.

Anyhow, it was with unspeakable delight that I began trying to extricate my finding, and carefully drew them across the newspaper lined shelf.

Oh, the dismay and the disappointment when I realized that this necklace was also broken! And then, I watched with horror as one tiny, miniscule pearl bead rolled quickly across the shelf and quicker than I could think, it fell with a soft plop into the open sack of deep, snowy flour.

I stood frozen with terror. I had heard that swallowing glass could be fatal. Now, was I brave enough to confess to my mother that I had polluted a bag of her precious flour?

I convinced myself that I would tell her at the right moment. However, as the day went on I lost my courage and I must have decided that it was easier to risk the responsibility for the death of one of my family. This incident shows how terrified a child can be of a parent's displeasure.

I pushed this secret deep down into my innermost soul. Each time I saw my mother take flour from that sack I would begin to pray. Then while the family ate, I secretly watched each one for signs of choking, sudden collapse or other fatal symptoms.

I don't know how many days this went on, but I know I was constantly fearful. It was not that I loved my siblings overmuch, but the overwhelming guilt that I suffered was immobilizing.

There came a day when Mama decided to make a raisin cake. Strange, that the day it was served I was anxious for my share and had no thought of the bead.

Probably it was a Sunday because it was unusual for us to have dessert on a week day. It was a flat cake without frosting. It was cut in small square pieces and was passed around from one to another in the same tin that it had been baked in. When my turn came I carefully extricated my meager portion.

By today's standards, I'm sure it was not an excellent cake, for it was made as economically as possible. There were never enough eggs or shortening for any kind of quality baking, but to me the first bite was delicious. So, was the second, except, suddenly I felt a crunch between my teeth. The realization of what I had in my mouth didn't dawn immediately, but when it did I fairly trembled with relief. The world was a good place again and I carefully spit out the small object that had caused me so much anguish. The bead had come back to me in my piece of cake.

This story bears out the old prophesy - "curses and chickens come home to roost."

**ED NOTES:** *Ellen Botto (Lievre) grew up in Sundown. She is the youngest daughter of Hazel and Ben Lievre. Like many of us, we have some very fond memories of Sundown. Ellen has been gracious to share a glimpse into her past as a child growing up in Sundown. For those who knew Hazel, you will enjoy this story as you reflect on your own memories of Hazel... and Sundown. For those who didn't know Hazel, I am sure you too will enjoy Ellen's story.*

*Thank you Ellen!*

# WHAT ARE CRITICS SAYING ABOUT THE GARBLOGISTS?

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"...the beauty of Supplee's performance. Her character is present in so many different ways, so many emotions. You can feel her certainty, her advanced education, but you can also feel her pain. There's more to Marlowe than meets the eye and Supplee is able to reveal the layers slowly and delicately. It's a beautiful performance to watch."

- Carol Montana, *Sullivan County Democrat*

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Joel Rainwater & DeAnna Supplee

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*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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**Mass Times**

**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**  
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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday  
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Thursday, 3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplete followed by Mass

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
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**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sale  
Oct 12, 2024  
9 am to 12 noon**

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

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

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link  
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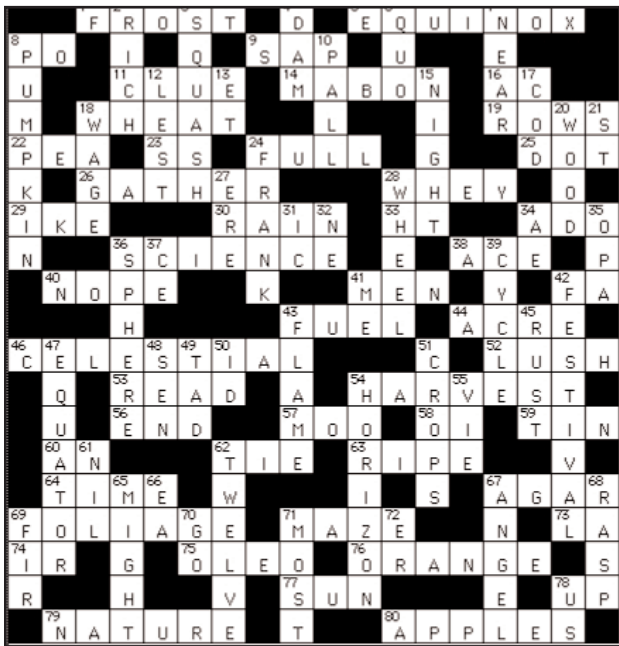
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

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**Thrift Sale Schedule 2024**

Oct - 12th and 28th

Nov - 2nd and 18th

**Dec 7th - Holiday Craft Sale**

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grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com



**Sundown  
United Methodist Church  
Covered Dish Supper**

Saturday,

October 5th, 2024 5:30 pm  
at the Church Hall

**Check out the tables with Yard Sale items  
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10/2/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
10/5/24	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall</b>
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
10/12/24	<b>Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon</b>
10/15/24	Claryville Fire District Budget Meeting and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
10/17/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
10/17/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

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

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

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

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

**Ulster County Legislature**  
**Weekly Calendar Update**  
**for the Week Of**  
**September 23 - 27, 2024**

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

**Monday, September 23**

**4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board Meeting**, in the County Executive Conference Room, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; Via Zoom, ID: 816 2807 6524, Passcode: 497877; & 186 Hommelville Road, Saugerties 12477

**5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

**6:00 PM - Fleet Management Review Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 878 9035 1180 & By Phone: (646) 558-8656

**Tuesday, September 24**

No Meetings

**Wednesday, September 25**

**3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Turnpike, Cottekill 12419

**6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4252 9615, Passcode: 278571

**7:00 PM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District**, in the Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Office, 5 Park Lane, Highland 12528

**7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Thursday September 26**

**4:30 PM - Ulster & Delaware Corridor Advisory Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**CANCELLED: Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee**

**6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Public Hearing On The Draft 2025 Budget**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

**6:15 PM (Or Immediately Following Public Hearing) -Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

**Friday, September 27**

No Meetings



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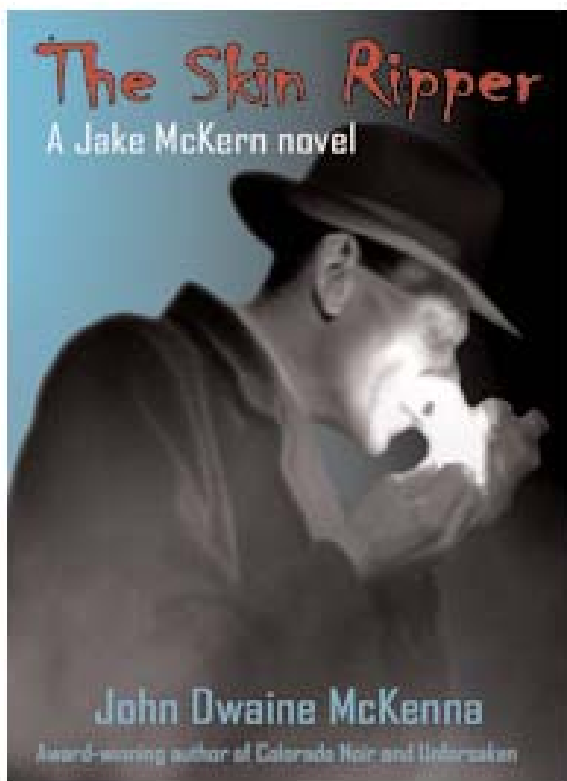


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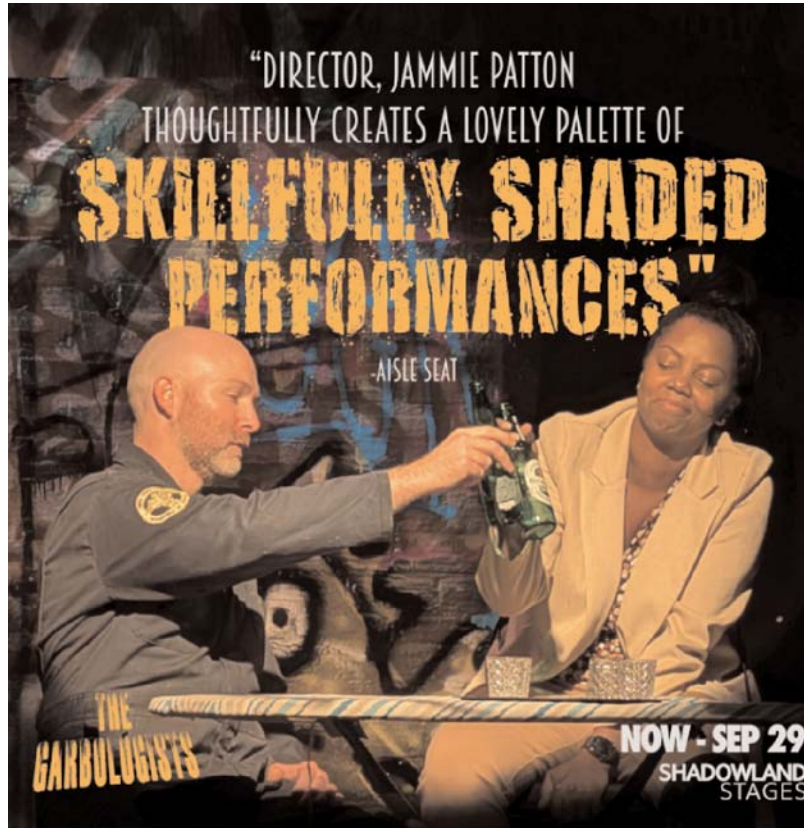
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## ***THE THANKSGIVING PLAY* at River Rep Theatre**

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.

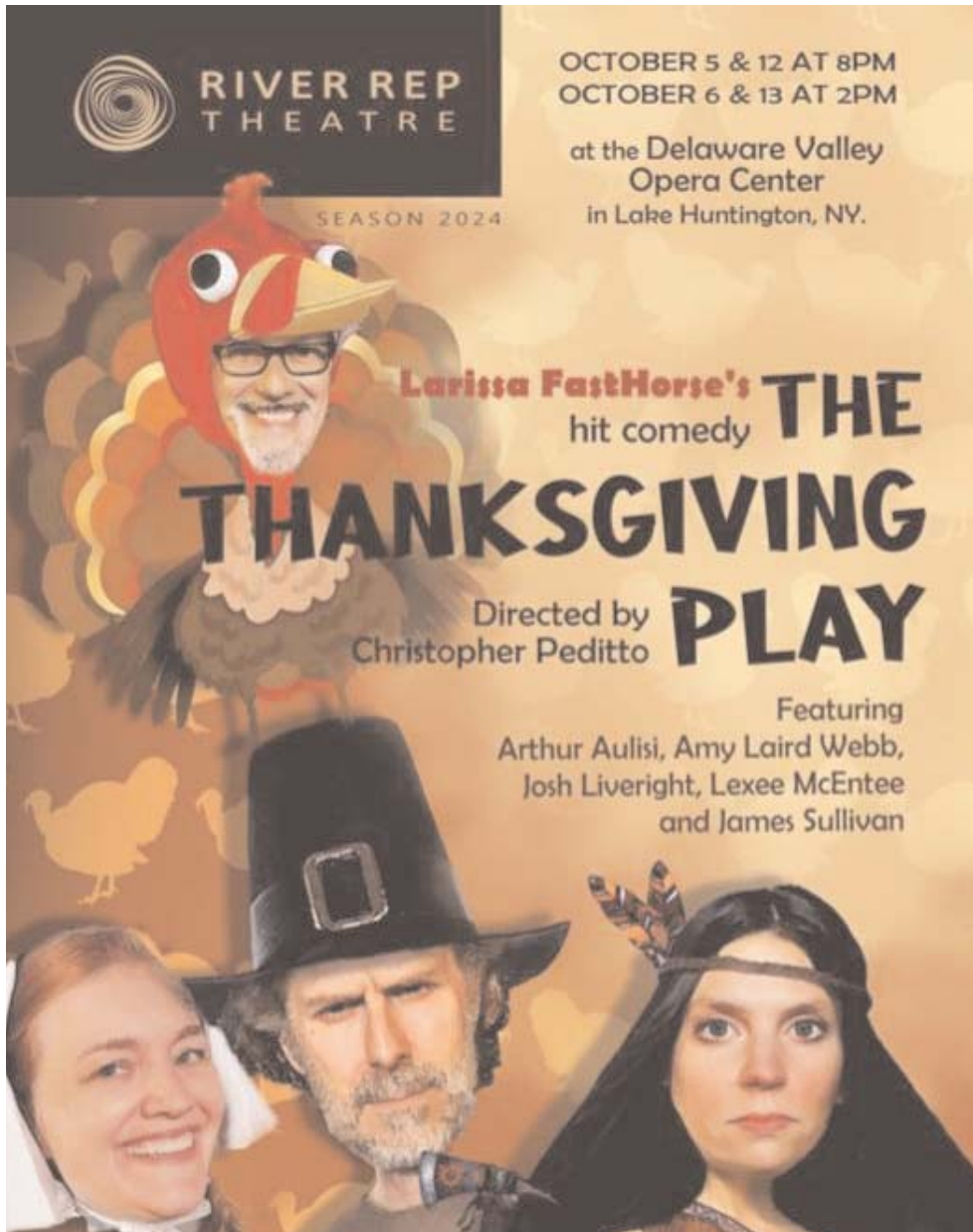
"Very, very funny ... [it] skewers liberal pretensions with glee - this clever satire is something for which to be truly thankful." -Hollywood Reporter

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!

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Lulu

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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.

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Their owner was my brother who recently passed away and he had both cats for at least 12 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.



Smokey

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## The Project:

- ◆ Repair, restore and preserve the building
- ◆ Gather and catalogue school records, books, memories and photos
- ◆ Restore the interior & open to the public
- ◆ Create programs for children and adults

## We need:

- ◆ Volunteers
- ◆ Funds
- ◆ Photos, records & memories

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# *Bittersweet Memories*

## Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds

### ARTISTS

LaVerne Black  
Kate Hyden

Marcia Fink  
Margaret McLaughlin

Caroline Harrow  
Valerie Taggart

Ann Higgins  
Jennifer Weiss

Maureen Winter

# Closing Reception & ART AUCTION!

Sunday, October 6, 2024 2 p.m.

Bids can be placed NOW through October 6th  
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# MONTIGRAM President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James



More than just the news, *Sullivan County Democrat* Newspaper Publisher, Fred Stabbert shared the history of the newspaper business in Sullivan County over the last century and how the industry has changed. But, he also noted that although there has been change, the need to provide local news, stories, and events remains an integral part of what the newspaper is all about. People still want cover-

age on what is going on in their back yard. And, that is the focus of the *Sullivan County Democrat* today. Thank you Fred for a wonderful reflection on the importance of our hometown newspaper.

Our Speaker this coming week is Beau O'Loendorf - Rotary District 7210 DGE and District Foundation Committee Chair

The Week Ahead: Monti Rotary Alzheimer's Walk - 9/28 (10am Bethel Woods), Joint Club Rotary Blood Drive 9/30 (Noon - 6pm), Coat Drive Starts October 1st.

### Committee Meeting Reminder:

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

### Dates to Remember can be found below.

Agenda for September 24, 2024

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - DGE Beau O'Loendorf
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Guest Speaker - Beau O'Loendorf - DGE & District Foundation Chair: Rotary Foundation
5. Committee Reports:

FBG at Forestburgh - Brad Rutledge  
Alzheimer's Walk at Bethel Woods 9/28/24 at 10am Barbara Carr (See Link Below)  
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](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/317712)  
Community Unity - Lori Orestano-James 10/5/24  
Coat Drive Committee  
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=MUNmWnhZanR6M21CSy9McjNQSTBudz09>

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:  
Alzheimer's Walk - September 28, 2024 10am - Bethel Woods  
Rotary Joint Club Krissy Walsh Memorial Blood Drive, September, 30, 2024, Noon-6pm. Resorts World Epicenter. [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/317712](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

### Stories

**WALK to End Alzheimer's**

**WHAT? 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's**

**WHERE? Bethel Woods**

**WHEN? Saturday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m.**

**WHY? Raise Awareness of a Dreadful Disease**

**WHO? Club Members, friends, family and our community!**

Our Rotary Club has a team walking to raise awareness of Alzheimer's and Dementia once again this year! EVERYONE is welcome to walk with us! The more, the merrier!!

Our goal is to raise \$2,500

If you would like to join our team to help raise funds, or to make a donation to our team, use this link:

[https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=17798&pg=team&team\\_id=910154](https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=17798&pg=team&team_id=910154)

If you would like to make a donation in cash, or with a check payable to Alzheimer's Association, please give the cash or check to Barbara Carr, or any other team member.

Thank you for your support!

### Rotary Joint Club Blood Drive in Memory of Krissy Walsh

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

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

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

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

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

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

[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/317712](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/317712)

### Far Beyond Gone Rocks The House for Rotary

Far Beyond Gone at the Forestburgh Playhouse Tavern Rocked the House for Rotary on Saturday night. A joint event of the Monticello and Liberty Rotary Clubs, a packed house was on hand to enjoy fun and friendship while dancing the night away to fabulous music. A great night to help raise some additional funds for each of the clubs through

a raffle, and a special treat since Far Beyond Gone Lead Vocalist is Monticello Rotary Past President Brad Rutledge. Franklin Trapp and his crew at Forestburgh Playhouse Tavern were the perfect hosts for this event and we thank them for partnering with us for this fun-filled evening. (Contd. Pg. 33)





# MONTIGRAM

## Monti Rotary Annual Golf Outing Landed On The Green



This year's Monticello Rotary Annual Scholarship Golf Outing realized over \$10,000 to help provide scholarships to students in the Monticello and Fallsburg School Districts.

"We are grateful to all of the sponsors and raffle donors who helped to make this year's Monti Rotary Golf Outing such a huge success," said Randy Katz, Co-Chair of this year's event. "Having such strong community support in our goal to provide scholarships to our local graduating seniors is a testament to the work we are doing to help in the area of education."

President Lori Orestano-James shared a special thank you to long time Golf Tournament Chair Bob Ernst who is handing off the chairmanship torch this year for his outstanding dedication to this event and establishing a scholarship foundation to secure the long-term ability to continue to provide these scholarships to students. "Bob had a vision to make sure that the scholarship account would remain strong through investments to ensure the ability to grant scholarships to worthy students and to grow the program long term. He was a force behind this work and because of his forethought, many more students will be able to receive much needed scholarship opportunities," said Orestano-James.

Thank you to all who came out to participate in this year's Monticello Rotary Annual Scholarship Golf Outing at Tarry Brae.

## 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!



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# Giant Pumpkin Party Volunteers Needed!

Sign  
Up!

**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.**

**Shady United Methodist Church**

**Turkey Dinner**

**Homemade Apple Dessert**

**Sat. October 12**

**Takeouts Only**

**4:00 - 6:30 PM**

**Adults \$18 Children \$9**

**Church Road - Rt. 212  
5 miles West of Woodstock**

**Information: 845-679-2982  
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## DEC Finalizes Regulations Restricting 1,4-Dioxane in Consumer Products Measure Protects Public Health and Environment by Reducing Harmful Emerging Contaminant in Cleaning, Personal Care, and Cosmetic Products

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced the adoption of new regulations to reduce the presence of 1,4-dioxane in household cleansing, personal care, and cosmetic products. New York is the first state in the nation to adopt regulations that reduce 1,4-dioxane in these product categories to help protect consumers and natural resources and create healthier communities.

“Protecting the health and well-being of New Yorkers is paramount and science has shown that ongoing exposure to certain chemicals like 1,4-dioxane can harm public health and water quality,” Interim Commissioner Mahar said. “The regulations finalized today will enable DEC to fully implement the nation-leading law in place that helps prevent everyday household products from containing 1,4-dioxane for the benefit of the environment and our communities.”

1,4-Dioxane is a synthetic industrial chemical commonly associated with chlorinated solvents and was widely used as a chemical stabilizer in other formulations. It is also a byproduct or contaminant in consumer products such as laundry detergent and shampoo. 1,4-dioxane has been found in groundwater at sites throughout the U.S., particularly in Long Island's sole source aquifer and in association with legacy industrial and hazardous waste sites. The toxicity and persistence of 1,4-dioxane in the environment represents a growing challenge because of the need for complex and costly treatment technologies to remove it from drinking water supplies.

Citizens Campaign for the Environment Executive Director Adrienne Esposito said, “This is a terrific success story and we are thrilled that New York's law limiting 1,4-dioxane in consumer products is working and the NYSDEC's newly adopted regulations further protects our drinking water and health from this hidden carcinogen. No longer are we washing our clothes, hair, bodies, and babies with high levels of this toxin. Manufactures have

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the ability to remove 1,4-dioxane from their products and the newly adopted regulations provide additional clarity ensuring products are in compliance with the law. CCE applauds the NYSDEC for advancing these regulations and in doing so protecting our families, drinking water and environment from 1,4-dioxane.”

The underlying New York State law requiring the reductions in 1,4-dioxane went into effect in December 2022. The regulations adopted today will bolster those efforts by defining the scope of covered products, establishing a standardized method of quantifying the 1,4-dioxane in covered products, and clarifying the process manufacturers must follow to receive waivers. These regulations also put the maximum allowable limits for 1,4-dioxane into regulation. Effective Dec. 31, 2022, the 1,4-dioxane limits for cosmetic products are 10 parts per million (ppm); effective Dec. 31, 2023, the limits for household cleansing and personal care products are 1 ppm.

DEC held a hearing to gather stakeholder input on the proposed rulemaking in February 2024, and accepted written comments and stakeholder feedback before finalizing the regulation. The final regulation and additional information are available on the DEC website.

## Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Expand Health Care Access for New Yorkers

***Legislation S.8486-C/A.9102-C Relates to Medicaid Reimbursement for Treatment in Place and Transportation to Alternative Health Care Settings by Ground Ambulance Services***

***Legislation S.6226-A/A.5789-A Provides For Availability of Ambulance Services and Advanced Life Support First Response Services to Store and Distribute Blood and Initiate and Administer Blood Transfusions***

Governor Kathy Hochul signed a legislative package to ensure equitable access to essential health care and reaffirm New York's commitment to safeguarding public health and improving patient outcomes across communities.

"My Administration is committed to addressing health care disparities in our State and ensuring all New Yorkers can access the care that they need and deserve," Governor Hochul said. "This legislation ensures essential treatment and transportation, and allows New Yorkers to focus on their well-being during an emergency rather than worrying about the financial cost or availability of critical health care when they need it most."

Legislation S.8486-C/A.9102-C requires Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance services when treatment in place is administered and/or when transportation is provided to alternative health care settings instead of a general hospital

Legislation S.6226-A/A.5789-A authorizes ground ambulance and advanced life support first response services to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions, mirroring authorizations provided to air ambulance services.

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Across New York State, EMS providers are in crisis, facing severe challenges that threaten their ability to stay open, from inadequate reimbursement to onerous rules that prevent them from delivering life-saving care as demand for their services grows. I'm proud that two of our bills directly addressing these issues are now law, finally ensuring EMS will get paid for care they're not currently reimbursed for, like on-site treatment, telemedicine, and specialized transport to mental health facilities and allowing ground ambulances to carry and administer blood transfusions to trauma patients in all emergency situations, not just between hospitals. EMS is a pillar of our healthcare system, especially in rural and medically underserved areas where getting to a hospital can take over an hour. These bills will immediately strengthen EMS and save lives, and I thank the governor for signing them into law."

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

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

**Town of Windham • Greene County Wilderness Recue:** On Sept. 17 at 12:15 p.m., Greene County 911 received a call from an injured mountain biker in Elm Ridge Wild Forest. Forest Rangers and Greene County EMS responded. Ranger Fox provided first aid and controlled the bleeding to a significant arm laceration. Rangers helped the 68-year-old from Monroe walk out approximately one-half mile to a waiting ambulance. Resources were clear at 2:30 p.m.

**Town of Hunter • Greene County Wilderness Rescue:** On Sept. 21 at 6:05 p.m., Forest Rangers Gullen and Peterson responded to a call for a hiker with a knee injury near the lower portion of Kaaterskill Falls. Rangers reached the 47-year-old from Schenectady, wrapped her knee, and assisted the hiker to a waiting Hunter Ambulance at the trailhead. Resources were clear at 8:20 p.m.

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

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

# DEC Seeks Participants for New Online Survey About Winter Rock Salt Use *Property Owners and Managers Encouraged to Provide Feedback on Use of Rock Salt to Remove Snow and Ice*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar is encouraging participation in a new survey to help better understand typical rock salt use by New Yorkers and public awareness regarding the potential environmental and health impacts of salt overuse. Results of the survey will help DEC tailor future outreach and education to help reduce overuse of rock salt on roads, parking lots, and sidewalks.

"DEC is working with State and local partners to implement the Adirondack Road Salt Task Force's recommendations and explore ways to balance safety with the protection of public health and sensitive ecosystems," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "This short survey will help DEC learn more about how New Yorkers use rock salt at their homes, businesses, municipal buildings, and other properties to help target effective outreach and meet salt reduction goals to protect lands and waters."

Although applying rock salt on roadways, parking lots, and sidewalks helps to ensure the safety of those traveling by vehicle or foot, overuse of salt can degrade infrastructure and contaminate runoff that enters streams and waterbodies.

In 2023, the Adirondack Road Salt Reduction Task Force completed a comprehensive review of rock salt contamination and road salt appli-

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cation best management practices within the Adirondack Park. The findings and recommendations of the Task Force, while originally focused on the Adirondacks, are applicable statewide.

The survey launched today is helping fulfill one of the Task Force report's recommendations to develop a public education and outreach campaign that encourages New Yorkers to manage rock salt use effectively and safely. Survey responses can help DEC better understand perceptions surrounding rock salt usage and make appropriate recommendations for reduction strategies that can be applied throughout New York.

The public can submit feedback. The survey can be filled out on a smartphone, tablet, or computer and will remain open until Nov. 1, 2024.

DEC is committed to protecting New York's waters and recently pledged up to \$15 million to help protect water quality by promoting proper salt storage and application, fulfilling another recommendation of the Adirondack Road Salt Reduction Task Force. The funding is part of up to \$215 million in grant funding made available through the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program, a competitive, statewide reimbursement grant program that supports implementation projects that directly improve water quality or habitat, promote flood risk reduction, restoration, enhanced flood and climate resiliency, or protect a drinking water source.

For additional information and resources, visit DEC's Rock Salt Reduction webpage.

# End of season sale

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**We are no longer accepting book donations. Please check in with us in the Spring!**

For more information please call Michelle at 845-985-7233 x104

## Ulster County Executive's Recommendations Approved by Legislature to Fund Five Affordable Housing Projects \$2 Million of Projects Approved in First Round of Funding through Housing Action Fund

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Legislature approved County Executive Jen Metzger's recommendations to award \$2 million in funding through the Housing Action Fund (HAF) for five affordable and supportive housing projects in Ulster County. The awards are the first made through the \$15 million Fund, which was established last year by the County Executive and Legislature to address the housing crisis.

The Legislature voted 21-1 in favor of the recommendations at the September 17 legislative session. The five projects all meet the Fund's affordability and sustainability requirements:

- \$300,000 to the Affordable Housing Conservancy for the development of Harmony Hall, a 51 Unit Permanent Senior (62+) Affordable Rental Housing development in the Town of New Paltz.
- o• \$500,000 to RUPCO for the Quality Inn Conversion Project in the Town of Ulster, an 83 unit permanently affordable and supportive housing development for homeless individuals or families with unmet housing needs.
- \$400,000 to the Affordable Housing Conservancy for eight new affordable manufactured homes at the Gallis Hill Manufactured Home Park in the Town of Hurley.
- \$400,000 to Ulster County Habitat for Humanity for the development of the Jeffrey Court project in the Town of Saugerties, a subdivision with 10 new affordable homes developed for homeownership.
- \$400,000 to the Kingston City Land Bank for the Third Avenue Housing Development in the City of Kingston, an approximately 50-unit new, affordable housing development on a vacant infill site in the city.

"These projects represent the kind of diverse housing mix we need, with both home ownership and rental opportunities, with supportive housing for our homeless and most vulnerable residents, senior housing for our elders, and new homes for families for whom homeownership has been out of reach," said County Executive Metzger. "I'd like to thank the Housing Oversight and Review Committee for their diligent work in reviewing applications to the HAF, as well as the Legislature for their partnership to address the urgent housing needs of our community."

The Housing Policy and Oversight Committee (HPOC) oversees the implementation of the Housing Action Fund, issuing the Notice of Opportunity for funding earlier this year, reviewing applications, and making recommendations to the County Executive for consideration.

"With the passage of this resolution, Ulster County is taking an important step in addressing the urgent need for affordable housing," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature. "These projects will provide essential housing

options for seniors, families, and individuals experiencing homelessness, creating a more inclusive and supportive community. I'm proud of the Legislature's commitment to this vital work, and we will continue to prioritize affordable housing solutions for all of our residents."

"With my colleagues voting to support the allocation of funds to these five projects we are one step closer to creating a broader range of affordable housing options for the residents of Ulster County," said Majority Leader Abe Uchitelle, Chair of the Legislature's Health, Human Services, and Housing Committee. "Our community deserves an investment in housing that is targeted, fair, and transparent - and I am excited to see these projects continuing to move through that process here."

"With the initial allocation of \$2 million from the Housing Action Fund in support of five housing projects throughout the county, the County Legislature and Executive have started to address our county's housing crises. This is just the start of a sustaining commitment to housing," said Jeff Collins, Ulster County Legislator and Chair of the Housing Subcommittee. "Each year, the Housing Action Fund will help fund worthy housing projects. This long-term, sustainable investment in housing will pay dividends through economic growth but more importantly, provide desperately needed housing for our residents."

For more information on the Ulster County Housing Action Fund, visit the Participate Ulster website here: <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/housing-action-fund>.

## UC Executive Metzger Unveils New Off-the-Grid EV Charger During Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week

KINGSTON, NY - In celebration of Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week (September 13 - 29), Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger today unveiled the County's EV ARCTM vehicle charging station, an innovative charging facility that is entirely off the grid, powered by solar and equipped with battery storage, that can be used in remote areas with limited grid access as well as during power outages, helping bolster resilience to the impacts of climate change.

The electric vehicle (EV) charging facility, which is portable, is currently stationed at the County's Office Complex on Ulster Avenue in Kingston, which houses a number of County Departments, including Social Services, Veterans Services, and Office of the Aging, as well as Family Court. Later this year, the charging station will be relocated to its new home in the Ashokan Trail parking lot off Route 28 in Boiceville.

Other speakers joining the County Executive at the event were Legislator Chris Hewitt, Chair of the Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee; Tim Guinee, president of Climate Action Now and Legislative Director of the NY Climate Reality Project Chapters Coalition; and Betta Broad, Campaign Director of New Yorkers for Clean Power, and Director of Advocacy at the Association for Energy Affordability. (Contd. Pg. 41)



## UC Executive Metzger Unveils New Off-the-Grid EV Charger During Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week

(From Pg. 40) Ulster County was among the first counties to install EV charging infrastructure, beginning in 2015, and currently has 22 Level-2 chargers (44 plugs in total) located at different County facilities for public and government use. In nine years, the County has hosted 32,032 public charging sessions (not counting County fleet vehicles), with 5,160 public charging sessions in 2023, alone.

At the unveiling, County Executive Metzger highlighted progress by the County in implementing the Executive Order on Climate that she issued in her first month in office last year, making Ulster County the first in the state to align its climate goals with the state's nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The comprehensive Executive Order included provisions to expand EV infrastructure and strengthen the County's Green Fleet Policy, making EVs the default purchase for passenger vehicles and setting a goal of an electrified transit fleet by 2035. EVs provide not only greenhouse gas emissions reduction but also save the County taxpayer dollar through a lower total cost of ownership.

The Ulster Avenue Office Complex currently has 12 Level-2 chargers and will be adding four high-speed DC chargers in 2025. The County is also expanding its bank of chargers at the Trudy Farber Building in Ellenville, creating a charging hub with two high-speed chargers and three Level-2 chargers for communities in the western end of the County.

The County is also supporting local government efforts to expand EV charging through an ARPA-funded Solar & Electric Vehicle Infrastructure grant program. Ten municipalities recently received awards for solar and EV projects, and the County Executive is planning a second round of grants for public EV charging in 2025.

"Ulster County is taking a solutions-oriented approach to addressing climate change, leading by example," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "The County's new ARC electric-vehicle charger combines solar power and battery storage, enabling zero-emissions charging without connecting to the grid. It is an ideal technology for remote locations, like trailheads, and also provides climate resiliency benefits, capable of charging not just cars but other devices as well. The unit is fully transportable on a flatbed truck, and could be dispatched if needed to provide power for vehicles and other uses anywhere in the County."

"The Ulster County legislature is focused on securing green technologies that reduce our carbon footprint and encourage an economy that regenerates our earth," said Legislator Chris Hewitt, Chair of the Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee. "We are in the process of empowering all of our towns to invest in modern green energy, like the new innovative EV charging station at the DSS. Improvements like this move our county forward on its path to having the greenest fleet in the state."

"Emissions from the transportation sector constitute a major source of New York's greenhouse gasses," said Tim Guinee, Legislative Director, NY Climate Reality Project Chapters Coalition. "The new EV ARC demonstrates another bold move to address these challenges and secure for county residents a safe, healthy, sustainable future. Executive Metzger and the legislature deserve our thanks and admiration for their commitment to the public good and well-being."

"Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger is leading by example, and showing that to implement NY's Climate Act requiring that we decarbonize our entire state, and do it equitably by 2050, we need to get projects built locally, so more people can plug into the clean energy transition," said Betta Broad, Campaign Director of New Yorkers for Clean Power, and Director of Advocacy at the Association for Energy Affordability. "There's never been a better time to switch to an EV, and EV chargers are surprisingly affordable. New Yorkers for Clean Power has free clean energy coaches that you can make an appointment with online who will guide you through the process of buying an EV, installing a charger, or adopting other clean energy and energy efficient all-electric technologies for your home or community."

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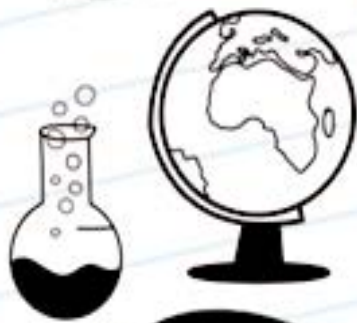
We invite all homeschooling families to join a self-guided group that meets monthly at the Daniel Pierce Library.

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).

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## BLUE MOUNTAINS TROUT NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2024

By Ed Ostapczuk



*Several members represented the Chapter by staffing our tent at Olive Day. Left to right are Victoria Lawrence, Mark Loete, George Holz, Russell Martin, Forrest Hutchinson, Tony Coccozza and Jody Hoyt. Photo by Amanda Yanzek.*

### September Chapter Meeting is Sept. 26!

With autumn upon us, chapter activities are back in full swing. Our first fall meeting is 7:30 PM Thursday, September 26, and will feature guest speaker Robert Adams, NYS Region 3 Department of Environmental Conservation Fisheries Aquatic Biologist.

Originally from Southwest Michigan, Bob split most of his early years between Michigan and Northern Mississippi, where he completed high school. Then he pursued an undergraduate degree in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Michigan and his graduate degree in the Biology Department at Eastern Michigan University. Bob began his career at NYSDEC in 2007 as a contract employee for the Hudson River Fisheries Unit (Division of Marine Resources). In 2019, he migrated inland to the Bureau of Fisheries, where he is now responsible for the fisheries resources in Ulster and Dutchess Counties, including our Esopus Creek.

This is also our Annual Meeting, where election of officers and board members will take place. This newsletter serves as notification of the chapter's annual meeting and elections.

The Nominating Committee has put forth the following slate of officers and directors. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor by chapter members in good standing.

President - Mark Loete; Vice President - Tony Coccozza; Secretary - Forrest Hutchinson; Treasurer - John Yanzek; Board of directors up for election to the 2024-2026 term are: Yuki Asada, Chris Hensley, Jody Hoyt, Chet Karwatowski, and Ed Ostapczuk. Current 2024-2025 board members not up for election include: George Holz, BJ Leifeld, Russell Martin, and Roy Meyerhoff.

Current past-president director remains John Hoeko.

Please make an effort to attend the Annual Meeting to participate in electing our officers and directors. Plus, you won't want to miss Bob Adams, who always has interesting information to convey to his audience.

### Fall Fund-Raising Dinner at the Phoenicia Diner on October 26!

Big news! For the first time since Covid our chapter is hosting a Fund-Raising Dinner, on Saturday October 26 between 6:30 and 9:30 PM. The event will be held at the Phoenicia Diner, 5681 NY 28, a mile east of Phoenicia. It's a buffet style dinner, and the food is great at the Diner! Come for the fishing, stay for the fun and camaraderie, meet some old friends and make a few new ones. Help the chapter celebrate its rich Catskill angling heritage.

Besides some fine food, there will be a silent auction and raffle. Tickets are \$75/person. You can get tickets now online. Click on the button/link below, and you'll be taken to the Trout Unlimited National website Events Center where you can order your tickets. Help support your chapter; this is our major fund-raising event for the year. Hope to see you there.

#### Order Tickets Now!

### Olive Day a Big Success!

This year again our chapter staffed an outdoor booth at Davis Park in West Shokan on Olive Day - September 7. Many Chapter members "worked the booth", including Forrest Hutchinson, who demonstrated fly tying for the public. We saw lots of participation from the general public too, despite the weather. Many thanks to chapter members who represented the Chapter: Tony Coccozza, George Holz, Jody Hoyt, Forrest Hutchinson, Chet Karwatowski, Victoria Lawrence, Mark Loete, Russell Martin, and Roy Meyerhoff.



Forrest Hutchinson provided the fly tying demo in the Chapter tent on Olive Day. Photo by Chet Karwatowski.

### Time to Remove Stone Dams in the Streams

Once again, with the dry, hot summer behind us, it's time to breach those stone dams that wet waders left in creeks the last few months. These structures, if left in place, can hinder upstream migration of spawning brown and brook trout, especially given low stream flows. No permit is needed to remove a few rocks, allowing water to flow through the remaining rocks, when done so by hand. Many of these rocky structures can be found on NYS Forest Preserve lands, but any existing ones on private property do require landowner permission to breach. (Contd. Pg. 49)





## Blue Mountain Trout News (From Pg. 48)



Help a spawning trout on its migrating journey, remove a few rocks next time you're wandering a stream, let the creek waters flow again and fish do their thing. (See the photos above of one of these stone dams, and a breached dam that will allow trout to pass. Photos by Ed Ostapczuk.)



Photo by Ed Ostapczuk

*Evidence of Late-season "Iso-mania". Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.  
Esopus Creek - Late Season Isonychia*

No doubt about it, much anticipated, much beloved late-season Isonychia have been around since before Labor Day. The question before fly fishers is this: have September water temperatures been cool enough to allow for responsible angling? On certain days, I think the answer was yes, if one utilizes a stream thermometer, picks their stream locations wisely, while watching time of day and its effects on water temperatures.



Photo by Ed Ostapczuk

*Above, a 16-inch Esopus rainbow that had to taste a #14 Iso Spun Dun. After a stellar battle, it quickly darted away upon release. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.*

### Acid Rain Report

Jody Hoyt reported during July there were 8 measurable rain events recorded in Boiceville measuring 3.66 inches, hav-

ing a 5.5 weighted average pH, while in August there were 7 measurable rain events measuring 8.07 inches, having a 5.5 weighted average pH. By comparison, in July 2023 there were 11 rain events measuring 9.99 inches having a 5.7 weighted average pH, and in August 2023 there were 8 rain events measuring 9.60 inches having a 5.3 weighted average pH. Clearly last summer was much wetter than this year, almost twice as much rainfall in July/August 2023. Thanks again Jody for these reports.

In recent years, there have been more and more summer reports like this NPR piece: <https://www.npr.org/2024/08/31/g-s1-19833/fishing-angling-trout-montana-water-climate-change-black-foot-river>

### Membership

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

Until next time,

Ed Ostapczuk

September 21, 2024

## Board of Elections Offers Extended Office Hours for Voter Registration

Commissioners Quigley and Torres are pleased to announce that they will be offering extended office hours on Saturday September 28, 2024 for Ulster County residents who would like to register to vote or update their registration information for the November 5, 2024 General Election. The office, which is located at 79 Hurley Ave., Suite 112, Kingston, will be open:

**Saturday, September 28 12 PM - 9 PM**

As always, the Board of Elections office is open Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 5 PM. You can stop by to complete a voter registration, apply for an Absentee or Early Vote by Mail ballot, or review sample ballots. The deadline to register to vote for the November 5, 2024 General Election is Saturday, October 26, 2024.

You may also download voter registration forms or apply on-line by visiting our website: [www.voteulster.com](http://www.voteulster.com).

### Important Election Dates:

**September 28, 2024 12:00pm-9:00pm**, Voter Registration Extended Hours

**October 10, 2024 9:00am-5:00pm**, Statewide Local Registration Day

**October 26, 2024**, Voter registration deadline

**October 26, 2024**, Last day for the BOE to Receive Early Vote by Mail/ Absentee Ballot application

**October 26 - November 3, 2024**, six Early Voting Centers open for 9 consecutive days

**November 5, 2024, General Election Day**

Check your polling location, learn about Early Voting, or apply for ballots to be mailed to you directly by visiting our official election webpage at [Voteulster.com](http://Voteulster.com). Many voter resources are now available on-line. Contact the Ulster County Board of Elections with any additional questions at (845) 334-5470.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*For any other questions  
845.798.2077 [nickneedsokidney@gmail.com](mailto:nickneedsokidney@gmail.com)*

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## Schumer, Gillibrand, Ryan Announce Nearly \$4 Million in Federal Funding to Build Onshore and Offshore Wind Safety Training Facility in Orange County

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and U.S. Congressman Pat Ryan announced \$3,828,000 in federal funding for the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry to help establish a Global Wind Organization (GWO) onshore and offshore wind safety training facility in Walden, NY to train New Yorkers for careers in clean energy.

"I was proud to have pushed to secure this nearly \$4 million federal investment to help the Global Wind Organization build an onshore and offshore wind safety training facility in the Hudson Valley. This new offshore wind training facility will help train hundreds of workers here in Orange County for good-paying clean energy jobs and union careers with the best of the best at IBEW Local 3," said Senator Schumer. "With this federal funding, Orange County can be among the New York communities leading the way on environmentally-friendly industrial development, ensuring more wind technologies are not only powering New York, but also made with local union NY labor. I called on the Commerce Department to deliver this funding because I know how important it is to invest in clean energy and the workers in New York that help produce it. Together, we are ensuring that the growing domestic wind energy workforce can grow in the Hudson Valley to meet the energy needs of tomorrow."

"Clean energy and renewable jobs are the key to a successful future and a strong economy, and it is essential that these workers are properly trained to do their jobs safely," said Senator Gillibrand. "This nearly \$4 million in federal funding will bring a state-of-the-art safety training facility to the Hudson Valley, help boost the safety of workers at wind power facilities, and train the next generation of IBEW workers. I'm proud to have fought to secure this federal funding and will continue to fight for federal resources to boost climate resilience and support clean energy jobs across New York State."

"A thriving offshore wind industry is critical to building the clean energy economy of the future and the thousands of good-paying jobs that come with it," said Congressman Ryan. "That's why it's so important that we invest in training our Hudson Valley workforce to ensure they have the tools they need to succeed. I'm proud to help deliver this funding, and I'll continue working every day to create jobs and raise wages for Hudson Valley families."

"Local 3 IBEW is grateful for Senator Gillibrand, Senator Schumer, Congressman Ryan, and all of the elected officials in New York State who helped support the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund's efforts in achieving this U.S. EDA grant that will fund offshore wind GWO safety training for our members," said Christopher Erikson, Business Manager of Local 3 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. "Thanks to the Biden-Harris administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce, the training and work opportunities created by this grant will have a meaningful and positive impact on our current and future members who will work on the offshore wind projects critical to achieving the climate goals of New York State and our nation. In conjunction with the Joint Industry Board's Educational and Cultural Trust Fund and our signatory contractors in NECA New York, we will be able to construct a world class facility, in line with Local 3's val-

ues of education, safety, and training. Thank you, Senators Gillibrand and Schumer, Congressman Ryan, the Biden-Harris administration, and all of our supportive friends in federal, state, and local government for helping this grant become a reality for Local 3's members, who are eager to do their part in building offshore wind projects up and down our coastlines."

The federal funding, administered through the Economic Development Administration's Economic Adjustment Assistance program, will be used to renovate a 10,000 square foot building owned by the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry. This project is expected to provide training for 490 workers and provide support for 2,870 existing jobs. The facility will offer a wind safety skills program based on the GWO's existing curriculum to boost the safety of wind power facility workers and train the next generation of the growing domestic wind energy workforce.

The safety training facility will feature a working-at-height training module platform, a sea survival platform, a sea rescue tank, three classrooms, a storage room, a fire awareness training room, and a helicopter underwater escape training platform. This safety training is necessary for all workers on offshore wind platforms and will allow them to enter this growing renewable energy sector.

Schumer has long been a champion for boosting NY's clean energy industry, including championing the Inflation Reduction Act the largest investment in clean energy in history which is driving much of the increased demand for wind manufacturing in NY. The Inflation Reduction Act provided billions for a clean energy and climate smart economy, including investment for solar, wind, electric vehicle, battery, and green building technologies. It also included a series of new incentives such as the Advanced Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit to support companies that domestically manufacture energy technologies. For instance, wind turbine component manufacturers are primed to benefit, with the credit supporting the production of blades, towers, distributed wind inverters, as well as both fixed-bottom and floating offshore wind platforms, which is why investment like today's in training workers on safety for these wind technologies is so critical.

Earlier this year, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand wrote to Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo to support the funding of this project. Senator Schumer's letter can be read below:

*Dear Secretary Raimondo:*

*I am pleased to write in support of the application submitted by the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry to the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Economic Adjustment Assistance Program.*

*With funding, the ECTF will establish an Offshore Wind Safety Training Facility that includes Global Wind Organization Basic Safety Training (GWO-BST) and OPITO Helicopter Underwater Escape Training (OPITO-HUET). This facility will focus on vital workforce needs for the industry in both current and forthcoming on and offshore wind energy projects.*

*The creation of this facility will provide a necessary and critical resource that will prevent training bottlenecks. Endorsed by both the industry and labor, the proposed facility stands out as an important partner in preparing the workforce for both on and offshore wind energy projects. The Establishment of the Offshore Wind Safety Training Facility in Walden, New York will be beneficial to the growth and sustainability of the offshore wind industry.*

*I applaud the Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry for its foresight and sincerely hope the application is met with approval. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my grants coordinator at (202) 224-6542. Thank you for your consideration.*

# Governor Hochul Highlights \$2.3 Billion in Tax Relief for Nearly 3 Million New Yorkers

*STAR Program Delivers Tax Exemptions and Credits to Families and Seniors Statewide*

*STAR Digital Portal Allows New Yorkers To Get STAR Credits Via Direct Deposit*

*Direct Deposit Sign-Ups For this Year Still Available on Long Island*

Governor Kathy Hochul today highlighted New York State's ongoing efforts to deliver \$2.3 billion in tax relief to nearly three million New Yorkers under the State's School Tax Relief program. More than two million New Yorkers have already received their STAR tax relief and nearly one million will receive their benefits in the coming weeks. The Governor also highlighted that New Yorkers on Long Island can still sign up for direct deposit before their STAR credits are issued in the coming weeks.

"Back-to-school season is also tax relief season for millions of New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "From tax credits to child care assistance to summer food benefits, we're continuing to put more money back in the pockets of working New Yorkers to address the cost of living and help families across our state."

The STAR program provides property tax relief to eligible New York State homeowners and senior citizens throughout the State. The dollar amount of each STAR benefit depends on the resident's income level and other factors.

For homeowners with incomes of \$500,000 or less, STAR benefits are typically worth several hundred dollars. For seniors age 65 and older with incomes below \$98,700, STAR benefits can exceed \$1,000.

New Yorkers receive this benefit in one of two ways: as a STAR credit issued via check or direct deposit to the resident, or as a STAR exemption that reduces their annual school tax bill. Once a homeowner enrolls in the program, they do not need to take further action to continue receiving the credit or exemption. More information on the program can be found here. <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/>

More than 2 million New Yorkers have already received their STAR tax relief, and the remaining relief will be delivered to nearly one million additional New Yorkers in the coming weeks. STAR credit delivery is generally based on timelines to meet the school tax due date. While September 30 is the most common school tax due date across the State, some parts of the State such as Long Island have later due dates this fall.

A breakdown of this year's total \$2.3 billion STAR benefits and nearly 3 million recipients by region is seen below:

REGION	STAR TAX RELIEF	RECIPIENTS
Long Island	\$736.4 million	596,000
Mid-Hudson	\$515.2 million	414,000
Finger Lakes	\$216.4 million	286,000
Western New York	\$188.2 million	328,000
New York City	\$167.3 million	495,000
Capital Region	\$152.3 million	248,000
Central New York	\$138.3 million	180,000

REGION	STAR TAX RELIEF	RECIPIENTS
Southern Tier	\$115.6 million	160,000
Mohawk Valley	\$69.9 million	103,000
North Country	\$49.8 million	90,000
TOTAL	\$2.3 billion	2.9 million


Governor Hochul and the State's Tax Department launched the first-ever STAR digital portal earlier this year. This new portal allows New Yorkers who receive STAR credits to sign up to get their credit sent via direct deposit, rather than a physical check in the mail.

For this year's payments, sign-ups for direct deposit are still available for New Yorkers on Long Island since their credits will be delivered in the coming weeks.

All New Yorkers who receive STAR credits can continue to utilize the digital portal to sign up for direct deposit for next year's payments.

As part of these efforts, Governor Hochul is continuing her focus on addressing the cost of living for families throughout the State.

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# Governor Hochul Announces Statewide Action Following Confirmed Case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis

- **New York's First Human Case of EEE Since 2015 in Ulster County Has Died**
- **State Issues Declaration of Imminent Threat to Public Health and Urges New Yorkers to Follow Recommendations to Reduce Risk of Mosquito-Borne Illness**
- **Governor Activated Multiple Agencies and Increased Coordination Between State and Local Health Officials**
- **Measures Include Mosquito Spraying, More Insect Repellent for Visitors at State Parks and Campgrounds, and Greater Outreach to Residents**

On Tuesday, Governor Kathy Hochul announced statewide actions to protect public health following reports that the first human case of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) in New York since 2015 has died. The case, which was confirmed in Ulster County on September 20 by the State Health Department's Wadsworth Center, is being investigated by the Ulster County Department of Health.

State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald issued a Declaration of an Imminent Threat to Public Health for EEE. The Declaration unlocks State resources to help support EEE prevention response and activities by local health departments - including ongoing mosquito spraying efforts - from September 30 to November 30, 2024.

Immediately after the case of EEE was confirmed the Governor activated multiple State agencies - including the Department of Health, Department of Environmental Conservation, and Parks Department - in a robust, coordinated response to expand access to insect repellent at State parks and campgrounds, increase public outreach and urge New Yorkers to follow recommendations to reduce risk of mosquito-borne illness.

"Keeping New Yorkers safe is my top priority," Governor Hochul said. "Following the first confirmed human case of EEE, my administration took statewide action to help protect communities - and with today's declaration we're making more State resources available to local departments to support their public health response. We've been informed this patient has passed away from EEE, we extend our sympathies and our hearts go out to their family."

The State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is making mosquito repellent available to park visitors at park offices, visitor centers and campground offices. State Parks is placing signage at Parks and Historic Sites to raise awareness of EEE and consulted with local health departments in affected areas about limiting park hours and camping availability during hours of peak mosquito activity.

Additionally, DEC is posting signage at DEC facilities, campgrounds, popular Hudson Valley trailheads, environmental education centers, and other State lands to raise awareness about EEE. DEC and State Parks are also alerting patrons with campground reservations about preventative measure they can take to avoid mosquito bites. DOH, DEC and State Parks are also launching a social media campaign to raise awareness of EEE and other mosquito-transferred pathogens and steps to avoid mosquito bites, including using repellent, covering exposed areas of skin, and avoiding outdoor activity at dawn and dusk.

The recent human case in New York State was identified by the Wadsworth Center. Other states, including Massachusetts, Vermont, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Wisconsin and New Hampshire, have also reported human EEE cases this year. Eighteen cases of EEE have been identified in horses across 12 counties in New York State this year.

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is a rare but severe viral disease spread by infected mosquitoes that can affect people and horses. People of all ages are susceptible to infection, but people over 50 and younger than 15 are at a high risk of acquiring the virus.

While most people bitten by an infected mosquito will not develop symptoms, severe cases may begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills and vomiting. The illness may then progress into disorientation, seizures, encephalitis and coma. Approximately a third of patients who develop EEE die, while many patients who survive EEE experience neurologic impairment.

There is no commercially available human vaccine for EEE and the best protection is to prevent mosquito bites.

The following precautions are recommended to reduce the risk of infection from EEE and other mosquito-borne illnesses:

- o Consider wearing long sleeves and tucking pants into socks and shirts into pants when outdoors at dusk or dawn, the time of day when mosquitoes are most active.
- o Use insect repellents containing DEET. Be sure to follow the insect repellent label directions. Children should not handle repellents directly. Instead, adults should apply repellents to their hands first and then gently spread them on the child's exposed skin. Avoid applying directly to children's hands. After returning indoors, wash your child's treated skin and clothing with soap and water or bathe the child.
- o Make sure there are screens in the windows and doors of the home. Make sure the screens are free of rips, tears and holes.
- o Eliminate all standing water in yards and around the home and property where mosquitoes can breed, including plastic containers, pool covers, wading pools, ceramic pots, clogged drainpipes and wheelbarrows. Also, change water in bird baths twice a week.

For more information about EEE, go to DOH's website. [https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/eastern\\_equine\\_encephalitis/](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/eastern_equine_encephalitis/)

## Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has released the following statement :

"I have been informed by County and State Health Department officials that an Ulster County resident who contracted Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) has regrettably passed away. I extend my sincere condolences to the patient's family and loved ones. This is the first human case of EEE in New York since 2015, and the Ulster County Health Department is working closely with New York State and other partners to monitor the situation and keep the public informed of any additional cases. I urge Ulster County residents to take all precautions to avoid mosquito bites, including by using repellent, wearing long sleeves and long pants, and avoiding outdoor activity at dawn and dusk."



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During a busy week down in Washington, I remained laser-focused on delivering for Hudson Valley families. From working to strengthen Social Security to bringing home investments to prepare NY-18 students for careers in science and technology, here's how I fought for Hudson Valley priorities this week:

#### **LOWERING THE COST OF LIVING\**

Last month when I introduced my four-bill Housing Agenda to tackle every angle of the housing crisis in the Hudson Valley, I also called on the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates to deliver much needed relief for Hudson Valley families.

This week the Federal Reserve responded with a half of a percentage point interest rate cut - the first cut since 2020.

This will make a significant difference in lowering the cost of housing, and I'll keep pushing every day to bring costs down across the board.

#### **KICKING OFF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

Last weekend we kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs until October 15th.

I want to give a huge thank you to David Sosa, Alderwoman Jeanne Edwards, the Kingston House of Culture, and our neighbors on Liberty Street for organizing an amazing Mexican and Central American Independence Day celebration.

#### **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!

#### **MAKING SURE YOU'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE**

Exercising the right to vote is a sacred responsibility and is vital for a healthy democracy.

This past Tuesday was National Voter Registration Day - make sure you're registered and ready to exercise your right by visiting [Vote.gov](http://Vote.gov) ! Check in on your friends and family to make sure they're registered, too.

#### **PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF STEM INNOVATORS**

The historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is creating good-paying, quality jobs for Hudson Valley families today AND preparing students for careers at the forefront of STEM fields for the future.

I'm proud that this \$199,376 in BIL funding will help SUNY Ulster build a state-of-the-art robotics lab to arm our students with the skills they need to thrive in tech careers.

Every day, I'm working to bring more of these landmark investments home to NY-18.

#### **STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SECURITY**

Seniors have worked hard and paid into Social Security for their entire lives - they deserve their full benefits, no matter their career.

That's why this week I joined with colleagues to demand that the House vote on the Social Security Fairness Act, which would eliminate provisions that currently prevent public servants from receiving the full Social Security that they earned.

I'll keep fighting every day to protect and strengthen Social Security for today's seniors and future generations.

#### **INVITING NY-18 STEM STUDENTS TO JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE**

NY-18 is home to absolutely stellar STEM students and I'm looking forward to seeing their creativity and skills in action in this

year's Congressional App Challenge.

The Congressional App Challenge invites students from every Congressional District to channel their tech and coding skills into designing and creating their own App.

Submissions are due October 24 - learn more and submit your App here ! <https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/>

#### **REMEMBERING OUR POW AND MIA HEROES**

On Friday, we marked Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day.

We must never forget the patriots who fought for our country, but remain missing and unaccounted for. Every day, we honor their sacrifice, and promise to never stop fighting to bring them home.

#### **THANKING OUR TRUCK DRIVERS**

Our truck drivers are often overlooked for their critical role in driving our nation's economy.

During this past week's National Truck Driver Appreciation Week I want to give a huge thank you to our truck drivers and all of my friends in labor for their vital work!

#### **CELEBRATING THOSE IN RECOVERY**

During this National Recovery Month of September, I want to let everyone in recovery across the Hudson Valley know:

Your strength is inspiring and the Hudson Valley is proud of you.

Every day, I'm working to make treatment and resources for those in recovery easier to access - no family should lose a loved one to addiction.

#### **WISHING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AN INSPIRING KINGSTONIAN**

I want to wish a huge Happy Birthday to Kingston's Tibor Spitz!

Tibor is a congregant of Chabad of Ulster County, survivor of the Holocaust, and a skilled artist.

Tibor: You, your story, and your artwork are inspiring gifts to our entire Hudson Valley community.

Thank you for the years of sharing them with us, and here's to many more!

#### **AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE**

Happy Birthday to the U.S. Air Force, which turned 77 this past Wednesday!

For nearly 8 decades, the Air Force has guarded our country's freedom from the skies and brought its values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all they do around the globe.

Always Aim High!

#### **CELEBRATING BIPARTISANSHIP WITH A COLD ONE**

One thing we can all agree on: Nobody makes beer better than the Hudson Valley.

I had a great time this week participating in Anheuser Busch's annual Brew Across America Congressional Brewing Competition, teaming up with my former West Point classmate Rep. John James.

Our "Spirit Mission" brew was made with Hudson Valley apples and canned right here at the Newburgh Can Plant. A huge shout out to our NY-18 farmers and the IBEW members who had a hand in making Spirit Mission a mission accomplished! Watch here. <https://x.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/183676135022521157>

#### **CONTINUING THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY**

Friday marked 13 years since President Obama signed the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," finally reversing the military policy that banned LGTBQ+ Americans from serving our nation in the military.

Our nation is stronger because of our LGTBQ+ service members.

As a veteran and member of both the Armed Services Committee and House Equality Caucus, I will always fight to protect the rights of the LGTBQ+ community.



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

**1. Getting illegal guns off our streets**

Thanks to Kirsten's legislation that helped make gun trafficking a federal crime, thousands of illegal guns have been taken off our streets.

This week, Kirsten announced that since the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act was signed into law in 2022, over 3,000 illegal guns have been taken off the streets, including 1,000 confirmed within the last 6 months alone.

Kirsten's legislation, the Hadiya Pendleton and Nyasia Pryear-Yard Gun Trafficking and Crime Prevention Act, formed the centerpiece of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act's anti-gun trafficking provision and has helped keep our communities safe.

Read more. <https://www.weny.com/story/51460633/gillibrand-authored-law-combating-gun-trafficking-takes-3000-illegal-firearms-off-the-streets-in-two-years-after-passage>

**2. Lowering prescription drug costs**

Kirsten is committed to lowering prescription drug costs so no one is forced to skip or ration life-saving medication because they can't afford it.

This week in New York City, Kirsten stood with advocates and local leaders to tout historic Medicare savings and lower costs for 10 commonly used prescription drugs thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act. She also announced the Capping Prescription Costs Act, legislation that would cap the annual out-of-pocket costs of prescription drugs at \$2,000 for individuals and \$4,000 for families with private insurance.

Read more. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/in-nyc-gillibrand-touts-lower-costs-for-10-prescription-drugs-and-announces-additional-legislation-to-cap-prescription-drug-costs-at-2k-annually/>

**3. Bringing federal \$\$\$ home to NY**

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

Just this week, she secured:

Nearly \$4 million to build an onshore and offshore wind safety training facility in the Hudson Valley to train the next generation of IBEW union electrical workers. Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/schumer-gillibrand-ryan-announce-nearly-4-million-in-federal-funding-to-build-onshore-and-offshore-wind-safety-training-facility-in-orange-county/>

\$1.7 million to restore Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Centennial Park's shoreline in Buffalo to improve its resilience to flooding and protect its habitats. Read more.

**4. Helping 9/11 first responders**

A 9/11 first responder contacted Kirsten's office for help with approval of alternative options for skilled nursing facilities under the World Trade Center Health Program, after weeks of trying to self-advocate with no progress. Kirsten's team contacted WTCHP, who worked directly with the constituent to find a suitable skilled nursing facility within a week.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with a federal agency, contact her here. <https://www.gilli->

[brand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/](https://brand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/)

**5. Honoring Billie Jean King**

Throughout her career, Billie Jean King has been a trailblazer in women's sports and a pioneer for gender equality. This week, Kirsten's legislation to award Billie Jean King the Congressional Gold Medal to honor her lifetime of achievement passed the House. Now, King will be the first ever individual woman athlete to be presented with the prestigious award.

**Gillibrand Announces 3,000 Illegal Guns Off Our Streets - A Direct Result of her Anti-gun Trafficking Provision in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act In Just Over Two Years, Gillibrand's Statute Has Allowed Law Enforcement To Seize More Than 3K Guns Nationwide And 250 In New York**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to announce a major new milestone in the seizure of illegal guns under the anti-gun trafficking statute in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which was shaped by Gillibrand's Hadiya Pendleton and Nyasia Pryear-Yard Gun Trafficking and Crime Prevention Act. As of this month, the anti-gun trafficking statute has gotten more than 3,000 illegal guns off our streets, including 1,000 confirmed within the last 6 months alone.

The seized weapons included:

- o 317 AR-15s and AR-style weapons;
- o 478 machine gun conversion devices, which can convert semi-automatic pistols and rifles into fully automatic weapons in under a minute;

206 ghost guns, homemade firearms that are completely untraceable - and a favorite of criminals.

The statute has also been used to charge 423 defendants in 33 states, plus D.C. and Puerto Rico, and to secure at least 119 convictions nationwide.

"While we still have a lot of work to do to fight the scourge of gun violence, we've made incredible progress prosecuting criminals and getting dangerous and deadly weapons off our streets in the two years my anti-gun trafficking statute has been in effect," said Senator Gillibrand. "I anticipate many more gun seizures, arrests, and convictions as a result of this statute in the years to come, and I will continue to work with my colleagues across the aisle to pass commonsense gun safety legislation."

Senator Gillibrand's Hadiya Pendleton and Nyasia Pryear-Yard Gun Trafficking and Crime Prevention Act formed the centerpiece of BSCA's anti-gun trafficking provision. Gillibrand first introduced the bill in 2009 after meeting with the family of Nyasia Pryear-Yard, who tragically lost her life at 17 years old when she was shot by a perpetrator using an illegally trafficked gun. Gillibrand worked with Nyasia's mother, Jennifer Pryear, to pass the bill into law, and they attended the bill signing together in 2022.

**Gillibrand Announces Legislation to Address Epidemic of Traumatic Brain Injuries in Service Members and Veterans**

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. - Following a disturbing report showing that service members are sustaining crippling traumatic brain injuries as a result of firing their own weapons, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand visited the Westchester County Michaelian Office Building in White Plains to announce legislation to address traumatic brain injuries among service members and veterans.

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## Gillibrand Announces Legislation to Address Epidemic of Traumatic Brain Injuries in Service Members and Veterans

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Service members who regularly fire heavy weapons are at increased risk of brain injury as a result of repeated exposure to explosions or blasts from their own weapons and explosives - otherwise known as blast overpressure. These brain injuries can cause depression, anxiety, cognitive problems, hallucinations, panic attacks, violent outbursts, suicidal tendencies, psychiatric disorders, dementia, and a variety of other serious health problems. At least a dozen Navy SEALs who have died by suicide over the past decade were later found to have suffered blast injuries, and many more service members have complained of health issues after blast exposure. Despite this, the Pentagon has struggled to properly investigate the impact of blast overpressure, effectively track the prevalence of blast overpressure-related injuries, or offer appropriate care to service members and veterans. Gillibrand is calling for more research and better treatment for those affected.

Gillibrand was joined by Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, New York State Assemblyman Chris Burdick, City of White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, Westchester County Board of Legislators Chairman Vedat Gashi, Director of the Westchester County Veterans Service Agency Ronald Tocci, City of Mount Vernon Director of Veteran's Services Andrea Molina, and local veterans.

"After repeatedly being exposed to blasts from their own weapons during both training and combat, our service members are sustaining severe and crippling brain trauma," said Senator Gillibrand. "This bill will require the DoD to investigate the prevalence and causes of these brain injuries; to track each service member's exposure to blasts; and to help service members access care. This is a critical bill and I look forward to getting it passed in the NDAA."

"With research showing an increased risk of traumatic brain injuries for our service members who regularly fire off heavy weapons, it is imperative we work together at all levels of government to start addressing the health implications they are being exposed to from the blasts of their own weapons. We know that doing so can truly save lives as blast overpressure has already been linked to the development of suicidal inclinations and cognitive issues," said New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "The Blast Overpressure Safety Act will provide tools to investigate the scope and root causes of TBIs while also tracking service members' exposure to blasts. The act will also promote access to care. I highly commend Senator Gillibrand for introducing this proactive piece of legislation, and I look forward to continuing to collaborate on initiatives to further protect our active service members and veterans who put their lives on the line to protect us."

New York State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I am honored to join Senator Gillibrand in showing our steadfast support for our veterans, both abroad and when they return home. Traumatic brain injuries can be life altering and early assessment is critical to ensure that veterans have the resources and support they need to continue living life to the fullest. As a state and nation, we must do better to support our veterans."

"I am very pleased to see Senator Gillibrand's support for the Blast Overpressure Safety Act," said New York State Assemblymember Chris Burdick. "This is a great step in taking care of our active service members and veterans, who have

already sacrificed so much for our country. As a society we are making progress in addressing traumatic brain injuries in sports, so it is not only appropriate but crucial that we also make progress concerning those who are putting their lives on the line for our democracy."

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "The brave men and women who serve our country deserve comprehensive care for the injuries they endure in the line of duty - that is the very least that we owe them. Traumatic brain injuries caused by blast overpressure are devastating and all too common, yet we've seen a lack of sufficient research and support for those affected. I applaud Senator Gillibrand's outstanding leadership on this legislation. It is a critical step toward ensuring those we send to the front lines receive the care and understanding they need to heal."

"Our service members have sacrificed so much for our country, and it is our responsibility to ensure they receive the highest level of care when they return home," said Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins. "The effects of blast overpressure are a silent threat, leading to traumatic brain injuries that can severely impact their quality of life. Senator Gillibrand's legislation is a vital move towards better understanding, tracking, and treating these injuries."

### Specifically, the Blast Overpressure Safety Act would:

1. Mandate regular neurocognitive assessments over a service member's career, including a baseline neurocognitive assessment before training.
2. Create blast overpressure exposure and TBI logs for all service members.
3. Increase transparency regarding blast overpressure safety in the weapons acquisition process. DoD must consider the minimization of blast overpressure during the acquisition process, require contracting entities to provide blast overpressure safety data, and publish blast overpressure safety data for weapons systems and its plans to better protect service members from in-use weapons systems.
4. Improve data on concussive and subconcussive brain injuries service members sustain. This includes information on discharges related to and medical providers trained in these injuries, as well as efforts with allies and partners to better address these injuries.
5. Enhance efforts to mitigate exposure and help service members access care. This includes retaliation protections for those who seek care; modifying existing weapons system to reduce blast exposure; updating and making publicly available blast overpressure thresholds and creating a waiver system for exceeding these thresholds; training high-risk service members to help them recognize exposure symptoms and creating strategies to mitigate their risk; and expanding the types of technologies in the Warfighter Brain Health Initiative pilot blast monitoring program.
6. Support service member treatment by establishing a Special Operations Comprehensive Brain Health and Trauma program, making the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) a program of record and requiring DoD to provide child care services to those seeking treatment there, and mandating training for medical and training personnel on blast overpressure and exposure and TBI.



### Anti-Semitic Professor Reinstated At Cornell

Following the horrific terrorist attack on Israel on October 7th, which claimed the lives of over 1,300 Israelis, Cornell Professor Russell Rickford described the Hamas-led violence as "energizing" and "exhilarating" during an anti-Israel rally on campus. I immediately called for his resignation. However, instead of being removed from his position, Rickford took a leave of absence for the 2023-2024 academic year and has now returned to teaching. This is deeply concerning, and this week, I sent a letter to Cornell's Interim President Kotlikoff demanding an explanation for Rickford's reinstatement.

Additionally, I am urging the university to launch a formal investigation into acts of vandalism that occurred on the first day of classes. While I fully support every student's right to free expression, this does not extend to acts of vandalism or threats against fellow students. These anti-Israel protesters are not just damaging property; they are terrorizing the Jewish community on Cornell's campus.

In my letter, I am demanding Cornell outline the specific measures it is taking to protect Jewish students this semester, as well as provide a justification for retaining a professor with such blatantly anti-Semitic views.

READ MORE: Rep. Tenney Seeks Answers from Cornell Over Reinstatement of Professor  
<https://www.fingerlakesdailynews.com/local/yates-schuyler-steuben-tompkins/rep-tenney-seeks-answers-from-cornell-over-reinstatement-of-professor>

### We Must Preserve the Trump Tax Cuts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zufg-Hn1rE0>

President Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) has been one of the most impactful policies for small businesses and hardworking families in NY-24. However, Vice President Kamala Harris has promised to rescind the TCJA, a move that would devastate our local economy and hit families across our community hard.

NY-24 is home to over 440,000 hardworking taxpayers, and if Trump's tax cuts expire as scheduled on December 31, 2025, the average taxpayer here would face a 25% tax hike. Additionally, 78,990 families in our district would see their Child Tax Credit cut in half, and 6,804 family-owned farms would lose half of their death tax exemption next year.

This looming tax hike would burden working families and small businesses, threatening the prosperity of NY-24.

### My Anti-BDS Labeling Act Passed the House of Representatives

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgJMzwM6r5o>

Following the October 7th attacks, the deadliest attacks on Jews since the Holocaust, there has been a marked rise in both anti-Semitic rhetoric and violence, along with increased support for the discriminatory BDS movement. This movement targets products from Israeli-controlled areas in Judea and Samaria, aiming to undermine Israel's economy and penalize both the state and companies based in Israel.

My bill, the Anti-BDS Labeling Act, codifies a rule that has been in place for nearly four years, ensuring that goods produced in Israel are accurately labeled. This reaffirms the United States'

commitment to Israel, our closest ally, by supporting its economy and demonstrating continued support for Israeli businesses. I am pleased that this critical legislation passed the House by a vote of 231-189, further strengthening the bond between our two nations and standing firm against efforts to delegitimize Israel.

### Calling for the UK to Designate the IRGC as a Terrorist Organization

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) carries out regime operations both inside and outside the country and provides direct support, weapons, training, and intelligence to terrorist organizations like Hezbollah, Hamas, the Houthis, and Palestine Islamic Jihad. The IRGC's involvement in supporting terrorist organizations across the globe presents a direct threat to international peace and security.

In 2019, the United States designated the IRGC as a terrorist organization, and Canada has recently followed suit. This week, I sent a letter to the UK Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Affairs, David Lammy, calling for the United Kingdom to proscribe the IRGC as a terrorist organization.

By designating the IRGC as a terrorist organization, the United Kingdom will send a powerful message that it stands united with its allies, like the United States and Canada, against the forces of extremism and terror. The UK must join its allies in taking decisive action to counter this destabilizing force.

READ MORE: Lawmakers press U.K. to designate IRGC as a terrorist group <https://jewishinsider.com/2024/09/david-lammy-islamic-revolutionary-guard-corps-terrorist-group/>

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.9525 - Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act** - This bill would create a new grant program for nonprofit organizations to provide service dogs to eligible veterans. These programs would include training for the service dogs and focus on veterans with disabilities, such as PTSD, survivors of military sexual trauma, TBI, blindness and deafness.

**H.R. 9462 - the Educational Choice for Children Act** - This bill would provide a tax credit for donations made to fund scholarships for children to attend K-12 schools, including private, parochial, and charter schools. A child's ZIP code should never determine their educational opportunities, and this bill helps incentivize private donations to fund school voucher programs.

Transparency in Congress and a well-informed electorate are vital to preserving our self-governing Constitutional Republic. My constituents deserve to know how their members of Congress vote, which is why I have explained every vote I have cast in Congress since I was first elected.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8314, the No Foreign Election Interference Act.** This bill would penalize tax-exempt organizations that donate to political committees after receiving funds from foreign nationals and would remove their tax-exempt status if they do so twice. Current law prohibits foreign national from contributing to political committees, however, a current loophole allows these individuals to donate to nonprofits that also engage in political activities. This bill closes this loophole and ensures tax-exempt organizations cannot launder funds from foreign nationals. This vote required a 2/3 majority to pass and failed by a vote of 218-181.

**I voted "No" on S. 2861, the Billie Jean King Congressional Gold Medal Act.** While I applaud Billie Jean King's historic career as one of the greatest female tennis players of all time, I am concerned about her support for the inclusion of biological men in women's sports. (Contdd. Pg. 59)

**This Week with Claudia** (From Pg. 58)

It is disheartening to see the very athletes, such as Billie Jean, who championed and promoted female sports now work directly against the women they fought for by supporting the participation of biological men in female sports. I continue to affirm that Congress should not use Gold Medals to advance partisan causes or activists—it should be a unifying process designed to honor individuals who made extraordinary contributions to their communities beyond partisan activities and policies. This bill passed by a vote of 308-87.

**I voted “Yes” on S. 1146, the Find and Protect Foster Youth Act.** This bipartisan bill reauthorizes Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to strengthen both federal and state capability’s in finding and locating missing foster youth. Additionally, the bill requires the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on why foster youth go missing in the first place and provide recommendations to policymakers on how to strengthen preventative measures. Under Title IV-E, states, territories, and tribes are entitled to claim partial federal reimbursement for the cost of providing foster care, adoption assistance, and kinship guardianship assistance to children who meet federal eligibility criteria. With the unfortunate rise in children entering foster care, it is imperative that the government assures that every child is accounted for properly. This bill passed by a vote of 408-7.

**I voted “Yes” on H.R. 9076, the Supporting America’s Children and Families Act.** This bill reauthorizes Title IV-B of the Social Security Act to make critical improvements to our nation’s child welfare programs. This long overdue reform will expand the availability of prevention services to better meet the needs of vulnerable families while also bolstering child support enforcement through better accountability and use of taxpayer dollars. I was honored that my “Ensuring Legal Representation for Child Welfare Act” was included in this piece of legislation, which will help provide legal representation for children in foster care and the child welfare system throughout the country. This bill passed by a vote of 405-10.

**I voted “Yes” on H.R. 1513, the FUTURE Networks Act.** This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish a task force on 6G wireless technology. This task force will be required to submit a report to Congress with detailed information on 6G wireless technology, including its possible uses and limitations and how best to work with Federal, State, local, and Tribal government entities to leverage such technology. Ensuring that the United States remains at the forefront of innovation in telecom and broadband technology is of vital interest to our nation’s economic and national security. This bill passed by a vote of 393-22.

**I voted “Yes” on H.R. 7213, the Autism CARES Act of 2024.** This bill reauthorizes various programs that support autism education, research, and resources and expands research activities on autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and increases the number of Centers of Excellence on ASD from five to seven. This bill will build on the tremendous successes achieved by the original Autism CARES Act and better support individuals with ASD. This bill passed by a vote of 402-13.

**I voted “Yes” on H.R. 5339, the Protecting Americans’ Investments from Woke Policies Act.** This bill works to ensure that financial institutions uphold their fiduciary responsibility to work for investors, not the woke mob. First, this bill requires that financial institutions must make financial decisions solely on financial factors, not based on the radical ESG agenda. Similarly, this bill requires ERISA retirement plans to focus on economic factors, instead of using workers’ retirement savings to advance radical policies. Next, this bill declares that ERISA retirement plans may not discriminate when selecting fiduciaries, counsel, employees, or service providers. Finally, this bill requires that workers are given an explanation of the differences between investments selected by ERISA fiduciaries and choosing investments through a brokerage window. This commonsense bill protects workers’ retirement savings to ensure that every worker can retire with dignity. This bill passed by a vote of 217-206.

**I voted “Yes” on H.R. 5179, the Anti-BDS Labeling Act.** This bill codifies the Trump administration’s “Made in Israel” rule amidst rumors that the Biden administration is considering overturning this rule. In 2020, the Trump administration announced its “Made in Israel” rule, which requires goods made in Israeli-controlled areas of Judea and Samaria to be labeled as “Made in Israel.” In 1995, Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin signed the Oslo Accords, that cemented Israeli civil and military control over Area C of Judea and Samaria. Despite this agreement, the Obama administration requires goods made in this territory to be labeled as “Made in West Bank/Gaza.” Additionally, this rule requires goods to be labeled as either “Made in West Bank” or “Made in Gaza”, rather than “Made in West Bank/Gaza”, recognizing the fact that Judea and Samaria and Gaza are two separate political units. I want to thank Chairman Jason Smith of the House Ways & Means Committee for advancing my commonsense bill, and I urge my Senate colleagues to pass this bill expeditiously. This bill passed by a vote of 231-189.

**I voted “Yes” on H.R. 7909, the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act.** This bill would require that illegal aliens that commit sex offenses or domestic violence are deported and are inadmissible for entry into the United States. As the Biden-Harris border crisis continues to plague our Nation, with millions of illegal aliens entering each year, this bill ensures that the most dangerous individuals that commit heinous crimes are deported. I am appalled that the overwhelming majority of my Democratic colleagues refused to support this commonsense bill and are willing to let these dangerous individuals, that have already broken the law by entering our country illegally, remain in our country. This bill passed by a vote of 266-158.

**I voted “Yes” on H.R. 9494, the Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2025.** This bill would extend Fiscal Year 2024 spending levels through March 2025 and includes the SAVE Act. While House Republicans have gone through regular order and passed the overwhelming majority of appropriations bill, the Senate has yet to pass a single appropriations bill. This reckless behavior by the Senate has once again led to a near-shutdown just days before the end of the fiscal year. This continuing resolution extends funding into March 2025, ensuring that no lame-duck omnibus is passed before the new Administration next year. Importantly, this bill also includes the SAVE Act which would ensure no illegal aliens vote in the upcoming 2024 election. This bill also provides an additional \$10 billion for disaster relief and \$1.95 billion for Virginia Class submarine procurement. Many communities in NY-24 suffered from the recent storms and tornadoes this past summer, and the disaster relief funding would help these communities rebuild damaged infrastructure and provide much needed relief. Additionally, the Virginia Class submarine is absolutely critical to our national defense, and we must continue to fund the production line despite the need for a continuing resolution. I urge my Senate colleagues to join House Republicans in restoring regular order and passing all 12 individual appropriations bills rather than waiting until the last minute to force a continuing resolution or omnibus. Unfortunately, H.R. 9494 failed to pass the House by a vote of 202-220.

**I voted “Yes” on H.R. 3724, the End Woke Higher Education Act.** This bill works to ensure that institutions of higher education educate students, rather than indoctrinating them with woke ideologies. First, this bill includes the Accreditation for College Excellence Acts, which requires college accreditors to ensure that they do not require, encourage, or coerce institutions to support a specific partisan or political ideology. Additionally, this bill includes the Respecting the First Amendment on Campus Act which requires institutions to uphold students’ First Amendment rights and prohibits any political litmus tests forced on students by college faculty or administrators. (Contd. Pg. 60)

**This Week with Claudia** (From Pg. 59) As we've seen, many colleges and universities have abandoned their missions to be institutions of higher learning in favor of promoting radical ideologies. This bill will work to return these institutions to their core mission and purpose. This bill passed by a vote of 213-201.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4790, the Prioritizing Economic Growth Over Woke Policies Act.** This bill makes commonsense reforms to federal financial regulation that will strengthen our financial system, refocus capital markets on international expansion, and protect the interests of investors from the hijacking of woke DEI radical activists. Under the Biden-Harris administration, regulatory agencies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) have strayed from their primary directives to pursue radical, highly partisan environmental, social, and governance (ESG) policies. This bill prevents the unelected bureaucrats within these agencies from enforcing their radical agenda on the American people. This bill passed by a vote of 215-203.

**I voted "Yes" on H.J. Res. 136, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code,** of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles". This joint resolution nullifies the rule titled Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on April 18, 2024. This out of touch Biden-Harris administration rule functions as a de facto EV mandate and will pose significant harm to our nation's automobile dealers and consumers. This regulation would require 56% of car sales to be electric by 2032, a requirement that almost no automobile manufacturers or dealers are ready to meet. This joint resolution overturns this radical rule and passed by the House by a vote of 215-191.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 9106, the Enhanced Presidential Security Act of 2024.** This bill requires the U.S. Secret Service to apply the same standards for security purposes for all Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates. As we've seen with the two recent assassination attempts on President Trump's life, the Secret Service must provide additional security to President Trump. I am honored to be a cosponsor of this critical legislation and was pleased to see it pass unanimously. This bill passed by a vote of 405-0.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5717, the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act.** This bill prohibits sanctuary states and cities from using taxpayer funds to pay for services for illegal aliens. While New York State and New York City continue to encourage illegal aliens to come to New York, Albany is using federal taxpayer funds to care for these illegal aliens. Taxpayers should never be forced to pay the price for Albany's reckless policy decisions that have fueled the ongoing Biden-Harris border crisis. I cosponsored this critical legislation to ensure that New York taxpayers no longer are forced to pay for services for illegal aliens. This bill passed by a vote of 219-186.

## MOLINARO MEMO



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

### Passed 6th Standalone Bill Through House With Bipartisan Support

I'm proud to have passed my 6th bipartisan bill through Congress along with 54 bipartisan measures and 12 measures

signed into law, making me the second most bipartisan member of Congress and top five for most bills passed. By passing my Lifespan Respite Reauthorization Act, we will continue providing caregivers with the relief and assistance they deserve.

### Forced Vote To Protect Social Security

I joined a bipartisan effort to force a vote in Congress on the Social Security Fairness Act to expand access to Social Security benefits. By signing a bipartisan discharge petition, this bill will now be voted on in Congress to close loopholes in Social Security payments and protect the benefits so many seniors have earned.

### Update On My Work To Support Individuals With Disabilities

My Think DIFFERENTLY Database Act is heading to the House Floor. This builds off my work in local government to encourage our community to break down barriers for individuals with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. Currently, many individuals with disabilities, families, and caregivers don't know what services are available to them. As a father of four children, one of whom has a disability - I've been there. Families with disabilities often don't know where to turn to get support. My bipartisan bill helps solve this by creating a first-of-its-kind national website with federal and state resources for individuals with disabilities.

### Delaware Opportunities Wins Angels In Adoption Award

It was great to have Shelly Bartow from Delaware Opportunities in DC! I was honored to select Delaware Opportunities in Hamden for the Angels in Adoption Award for New York's 19th Congressional District. They have been serving our community for years to ensure no child is ever left behind. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

### Investments In Upstate New York

I'm proud to deliver \$10 million in federal funds to airports in Broome, Chenango, Columbia, Otsego and Tompkins counties. These investments will support important infrastructure advancements to ensure our local airports remain competitive and provide comfort for travelers.

### Around New York

Great time at the Greene County Department of Human Service's annual Senior Citizen's Day! It was so good to see everyone and catch up. What a wonderful turnout!

Such a fun day in Catskill at Cornhole For A Cause listening to great music, eating good food, and of course, playing some cornhole. It's great to see the community come out to support individuals with disabilities!

Couldn't miss Athens Fire Department's annual Chicken BBQ! Enjoyed my time with everyone. Thank you to the Athens Fire Department for hosting this event and serving our community every day.

Beautiful views and great people at the Mountain Top Food Truck Festival in Ashland!

Wonderful time in Catskill with the Kiskatom Fire Department at their annual Chicken BBQ! Thank you to these brave firefighters who keep our community safe AND had the best BBQ Chicken in town. What a wonderful day honoring our military veterans and families at Vet2Vet of Greene County's Community Day.

The 39th Annual Delhi Harvest Festival was one for the books. Great to talk with old neighbors and new ones! So good to see everyone out and about celebrating the local vendors and producers in Delhi. I kept the festivities going at Oktoberfest in Binghamton, the best German festival of the year! Thank you to the Binghamton German Club for putting on this marvelous event, it was great hearing from everyone.

### No More Secret Six-figure Bonuses for Amtrak Executives

A TWU-supported bill that would end Amtrak's shameful practice of secretly doling out six-figure bonuses without giving the public and elected officials time to object advanced in the U.S. House of Representatives today. (Contd. Pg. 61)

## No More Secret Six-figure Bonuses for Amtrak Executives

(From Pg. 60) The bill, introduced by Rep. Marc Molinaro, was approved by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The TWU was the first union to call Amtrak out for its malignant bonus practice after the railroad in 2021 quietly gave top executives more than \$200,000 each. Some workers at the time were still out on pandemic furloughs. One Amtrak vice president, William Hermann, received approximately \$300,000 on top of his regular salary of \$353,000, the NY Post reported.

The "Amtrak Executive Bonus Disclosure Act" would require Amtrak to brief two Congressional committees on planned bonus payments at least 30 days before they are granted. Amtrak also would have to post the information in the Federal Register and on its own website.

"This bill will prevent Amtrak from sneakily giving fat bonuses to executives without giving the public the opportunity to comment and raise objections," TWU International President John Samuelsen said. "Amtrak deserves every bit of federal funding it gets to provide safe and reliable transportation. It absolutely should not, however, be doling out six-figure bonuses to wealthy executives sitting in comfortable office suites while the actual workers are out there providing service, fixing trains and cleaning coaches all day."

Samuelsen thanked Rep. Marc Molinaro for introducing and shepherding the legislation

**Rep. Molinaro Announces Mobile Office Hours in SC**  
Liberty, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced his constituent service team will hold mobile office hours on Thursday, September 26 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm on Friday, September 27 at the Lumberland Town Hall.

During these events, constituents will be able to connect with representatives from Rep. Molinaro's office to share comments and resolve issues they are having with federal agencies like the VA, IRS, and Social Security Administration.

If constituents aren't able to make these events, Rep. Molinaro has satellite offices in Sullivan County, Delaware County, and Otsego County. These offices are accessible by appointment and can be made by calling (518) 625-2100 or contacting the office online.

## Molinaro Passes 6th Standalone Bill with Bipartisan Support

### *Bill Delivers Support & Relief to Family Caregivers*

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today announced the Lifespan Respite Reauthorization Act passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. He introduced this bill alongside U.S. Rep. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA-29). Rep. Molinaro has passed 54 bipartisan measures with six being standalone bills and has had 12 measures signed into law. He was ranked the second most bipartisan member of Congress by the nonpartisan Lugar Center and is in the top five for most bills passed in Congress.

Respite services offer families temporary care or supervision for children and adults of all ages with disabilities and chronic conditions. The Lifespan Respite Care Program, which was authorized by Congress in 2006, provides states with federal funding to offer these respite services. In New York, the New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition receives this funding and uses it to train hundreds of volunteer respite providers.

With the Lifespan Respite Care Program set to expire in fiscal year 2024, Rep. Molinaro's bill reauthorizes the Lifespan Respite Care Program for 4 years. His bipartisan bill provides family caregivers with relief and support to help them maintain a normal life.

Rep. Molinaro said, "By passing the Lifespan Respite Reauthorization Act, we will continue providing caregivers with the relief and assistance they deserve. I'm proud to have this bill pass with bipartisan support to reaffirm our commitment to family caregivers who so selflessly care for a loved one with a disability or chronic illness. They deserve our utmost support."

## Rep. Monilaro Leads GOP Effort to Repeal Albany's Pro-Crime Policies

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today introduced the Keep Our Streets Safe Act to incentivize Albany to repeal bail reform and the Clean Slate Act, which hides felony records from the public. He was joined by U.S. Reps. Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11), Claudia Tenney (NY-24), Andrew Garbarino (NY-2), Nick Langworthy (NY-23), Anthony D'Esposito (NY-18), Mike Lawler (NY-17), Nick LaLota (NY-1), and Brandon Williams (NY-22).

Under Rep. Molinaro's bill, if a state like New York has laws that conceal felony records or prevent judges from considering dangerousness when determining pre-trial release, federal funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) will bypass the state and go directly to local governments.

The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with funding to support courts, crime prevention, corrections, law enforcement, and mental health, drug, and veteran programs.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Taxpayers shouldn't be on the hook to prop up a regime in Albany that is making us less safe. This bill will take funds from Albany and reinvest them directly into the local police, courts, and governments that are actually doing the work to restore public safety."

## Congressman Molinaro Forces House Vote To Strengthen Social Security

Delivering a campaign promise to protect Social Security, Congressman Marc Molinaro today signed a bipartisan discharge petition that will force a vote in Congress on the Social Security Fairness Act.

The bipartisan bill strengthens Social Security by fixing the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pensions Offset (GPO). These flawed 1980s-era federal laws can result in massive cuts or total elimination of a retiree's Social Security benefits.

Congressman Molinaro said, "Like millions of seniors my mom relies on Social Security. I'm forcing a vote so every senior gets the benefits they earned."

Congressman Molinaro has been a leading advocate for Social Security and Medicare in Congress and has stopped cuts to both programs. For his work, AARP has thanked Molinaro

## Bipartisan Molinaro Bill Headed to Floor will Create Website to Help Individuals with Disabilities Access Support Services

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today announced his Think DIFFERENTLY Database Act has passed out of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and will advance to the House Floor. Rep. Molinaro has passed 54 bipartisan measures with six being standalone bills and has had 12 measures signed into law. He was ranked the second most bipartisan member of Congress by the nonpartisan Lugar Center and is in the top five for most bills passed in Congress.

Individuals with disabilities, families, and caregivers are currently forced to navigate a confusing patchwork of federal, state, and local resources to find and access the services they need. Rep. Molinaro's bill creates a comprehensive and easy-to-access national website that connects individuals with disabilities to local support services and resources. He introduced this bill alongside U.S. Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ-11). Read more here.

<https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=48>

Rep. Molinaro said, "As a father of four children, one of whom has a disability - I've been there. Families with disabilities often don't know where to turn to get support. My bipartisan bill creates a first-of-its-kind national website so families can easily locate local services."

The Think DIFFERENTLY Database Act builds off Rep. Molinaro's nationally recognized "Think DIFFERENTLY" initiative, which aims to break down barriers for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities. In Congress, Rep. Molinaro has built on the effort by crafting a package of bipartisan legislation, calling for the passage of a series of bills that remove barriers in key areas of society for individuals with disabilities.

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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.

## Rethink Route 17 Alternatives: Highway Expansions Induce Demand

*Catskill Mountainkeeper urges state and federal officials to omit Route 17 project alternatives that expand peak capacity and are misaligned with community needs and solutions*

Hurleyville, NY - On September 19, 2024, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released the Route 17 Project Scoping Report, documenting the evaluation of preliminary concepts for further study. Upon first review, Catskill Mountainkeeper is appreciative that the Department of Transportation has begun to hear the concerns of our communities, and we share the state's desire to improve safety conditions and create new economic opportunities along Route 17. However, we remain concerned that state officials are still considering a massive highway widening that would bring more traffic, increase air pollution and waste taxpayer monies. This alternative is environmentally and fiscally irresponsible and does not address community needs.

Catskill Mountainkeeper and our allies differ with the state's approach to address safety and economic opportunities by increasing roadway capacity. We believe this approach is contradictory to our shared goals for the following reasons:

1. We are concerned that NYSDOT is designing the roadway to encourage higher speeds. This will result in more severe traffic accidents with more tragic outcomes. The most dangerous intersections and curves in the Catskills, and where the most fatalities occur, are on local arterials and county roads. If our elected officials are serious about traffic safety, they will devote resources to where the local problems are, not lavish funds on highway 17.

2. Increasing peak roadway capacity will result in more concentrated traffic on Friday evenings, creating more concentrated demand on our local roads. This will lead to an overall increase in congestion as local roads will now have to handle thousands of more vehicles during peak times. Resulting increases in greenhouse gas emissions and co-pollutants are inconsistent with the State's Climate Law. Increased emissions would further burden disadvantaged communities along the corridor with related health impacts, including respiratory conditions like asthma, and climate impacts.

3. This incredible investment of \$1 billion could be better spent in the region through the inclusion of public transportation alternatives that employ more people and increase mobility for more residents than highway upgrades alone. Using necessary funding to upgrade

Route 17 without adding additional lanes frees up funding for the Department of Transportation to allocate to land use and mobility plans that are guided by local communities.

"Catskill Mountainkeeper shares the state's concern for safety as well as recognizes the opportunity to drive economic opportunities and increase mobility for residents along the Route 17 corridor with needed upgrades and strategic planning. However, adding nearly 40 miles of expanded highway lanes will only increase traffic, spike pollution and waste taxpayer monies," said Catskill Mountainkeeper's Environmental Justice Coordinator, Taylor Jaffe. "We're in a climate crisis and our communities deserve solutions that meet our needs, align with the Climate Law, and promote the health and vibrancy of this region."

"We appreciate NYSDOT and USDOT's commitments in the Scoping Report to heed the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act's stringent greenhouse gas emission reduction and environmental justice mandates. At this early stage in the environmental review process, we once more emphasize that compliance with the Act is not a mere box-checking or paperwork-generating exercise. To fulfill its legal obligations, NYSDOT will need to substantially alter its policies, in general, and its vision for the Route 17 Project, in particular," said Michael Youhana, Senior Associate Attorney of Earthjustice.

"A hallmark of good planning is a robust community engagement process that generously incorporates stakeholder feedback," said Dr. Rachel Weinberger, Director of Research Strategy and Peter Herman Chair of Transportation at Regional Plan Association (RPA). "While we greatly appreciate the Scoping Report's call to meet the state's climate obligations, highway expansions do just the opposite due to what's known as "induced demand" - as new roads are constructed, or existing ones widened, new lanes encourage more driving. We hope NYSDOT and FWHA will take that knowledge into consideration as they refine their plans for Route 17. There are many ways to address safety without encouraging more traffic."

Orange Environment President Emeritus Dr. Michael Edelstein stressed the conflict inherent in promoting through traffic on a rebranded I-86 given the reliance upon Route 17 by Orange and Sullivan County residents as a main street of their communities. "Inducing more and longer distance traffic through the Route 17 corridor will only further inconvenience residents of the region. Alternatively, an important opportunity exists to use these funds and additional monies they might leverage to improve total mobility within the region, promoting sustainable and climate resilient transportation options while also enhancing highway safety."

Catskill Mountainkeeper and our allies in the Rethink Route 17 Alliance look forward to ongoing collaboration with the Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration to ensure that this project considers a broader range of alternatives to meet our shared goals.

# Sullivan County Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey

Scan the QR Code  
to take the Survey:



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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# Daniel Pierce Library

## Fall 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](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)



# **FALL FUND-RAISING DINNER**

**Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024**

**6:30 - 9:30 pm**

**at the Phoenicia Diner**

**5681 Route 28 (1 mile east of Phoenicia)**

**Come for the fishing...**

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**Help us celebrate our fishing heritage!**

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## **Silent Auction**

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## **Bucket Raffle**

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

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- 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.

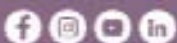
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## 5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING CLASS FOR PERMIT HOLDERS

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024**

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

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

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  - \*Additional course information to follow upon payment & registration
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SEPT  
4TH

*Disability Etiquette*  
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Northeast ADA Center  
10am-11am Via Zoom

SEPT  
18TH

*ADA & Employment Overview*  
Speakers: Joe Zesski  
Northeast ADA Center  
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SEPT  
25TH

*Key Considerations for Recruiting and Hiring Job Seekers with Disabilities*  
Speakers: Jeffrey Tamburo  
Northeast ADA Center  
10am-11am Via Zoom

OCT  
2ND


*Making the Business Case: Strategy for Promoting ADA Implementation*  
Speakers: Jeffrey Tamburo  
Northeast ADA Center  
10am-11am Via Zoom

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EVERY 2ND & 4TH

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30 PM



# Middle School Social Skills



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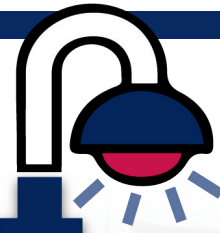


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Tri-Valley Central School District

# Guidepost



Back to School Edition

2024-2025

SEPTEMBER ISSUE

EDUCATING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN A CHANGING WORLD



## Superintendent's Message

Dear Tri-Valley,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Tri-Valley!

As we kick off the new academic year, I am filled with enthusiasm about the possibilities that await us. Our dedicated teachers, staff, and administrators have been hard at work preparing to make this year both rewarding and engaging for all our students. We have an array of new programs, initiatives, and improvements that will enhance the learning experience and support our mission to provide an excellent education for every child.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the District. Together, we will make this school year a remarkable one filled with growth, achievement, and joy. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school's administration or visit our District website for more information.

With Bear Pride,

Erin Long  
Superintendent of Schools

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!



We would like to welcome our new staff members to Tri-Valley! We are thrilled to have them join our community of dedicated educators and staff. They are part of a team committed to fostering an inspiring and supportive environment for both students and colleagues. Their unique skills and perspectives will be invaluable as we work together to enrich the educational experiences of the children we serve. Once again, welcome aboard—we're excited to start this journey with you all!

- Brianna Bellone- Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher
- Kevin Carbone- Elementary School Principal
- Heather Cassidy- Elementary School Aide
- Ryan Chous- Maintenance Worker I
- Kristy Closs- Secondary School Typist
- Bridget Corso- Secondary School ELA Teacher
- Samantha Damms- Secretary to the Asst. Superintendent of Business & Finance & District Clerk
- James Desira- Secondary School Mathematics Teacher
- Trevor Dibble- Elementary School Aide
- BillyJoe Drake- Maintenance Worker I
- Kelly DuBois- Elementary School Grade 5/6 Social Studies Teacher
- Sharon Kennedy- Elementary School 3rd Grade Leave Replacement
- Melanie Mencke- School District Public Information Officer
- Kelse Meyer- Elementary School Aide
- Anna Nelson- Elementary School Special Education Teacher
- Kathleen Paniccia- Elementary School 2nd Grade Teacher
- Caitlyn Robillard- Secondary School ELA/AIS Teacher
- John Theo- Secondary School ENL Teacher
- Shaun Towne- Secondary School Industrial Arts Teacher
- Alicia Trone- Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher

## PARENTSQUARE

We are excited to announce that we have officially launched ParentSquare for all District communication.



ParentSquare

The platform supports various communication modes, including text, email, and app notifications.

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CODE!**



## FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Submitted by:  
Principal Carbone



Greetings Tri-Valley Families! The elementary school is up and running with over 470 smiley faces each day. Our teachers have been getting to know their students and the students have been connecting with new friends, while reconnecting with old. We have been focusing on community in our classrooms and have transitioned into some academic work as well. Each day I am watching students work on engaging math activities, reading books with teachers and interacting with their friends in the cafeteria and on the playground. I am excited for what this year can bring and how we can all watch our littlest cubs grow into Bears!



## FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Submitted by: Principal Eberly

Our school year is off and running, and we're thrilled to welcome back all our Secondary students! It feels great to see our hallways, classrooms, and activity spaces filled with laughter and excitement once again. Our dedicated staff has been working hard to ensure a successful year, full of learning, activities, and opportunities for every student.

We have so much to look forward to, especially watching our graduating class of 2025 as they round out their high school careers and embark on their next adventures. Our 71 seniors have a year full of opportunities ahead, including college and career spotlights, homecoming, senior activities, canvas spotlights for the Bear Den, trips, and, most importantly, countless memories with their Tri-Valley family.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy, and successful 2024-2025 school year!



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

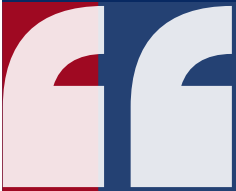
We are excited to share some updates regarding projects that were completed over the summer by our maintenance and custodial crews. The Secondary Lower Level Library has been transformed into a vibrant collaboration space designed to enhance student engagement and teamwork. This new area features flexible seating arrangements, modern technology, and a dynamic layout that supports both individual and group learning. These enhancements are part of our commitment to creating a more interactive and supportive educational environment.

The elementary school has recently completed a refresh of its teacher and staff lounge. The once outdated space now boasts a new coat of paint and modern furniture, creating a more inviting and functional area for staff to relax and collaborate.

The recent renovations, which focused on updating both the aesthetics and ergonomics of the lounge, are part of the school's ongoing commitment to supporting our teachers and staff. Looking ahead, the school has exciting plans to further upgrade the lounge with new appliances.







## ATHLETICS

Tri-Valley has 14 Fall Sports Teams for 2024.

**Our Fall Sports Teams offerings include:**

- Cheerleading-Football: Varsity, Modified
- Cross Country: Varsity Girls, Modified Girls (7-8)
- Cross Country: Varsity Boys, Modified Boys (7-8)
- Football: Varsity, Modified (7-9)
- Soccer: Varsity Girls, Modified Girls
- Soccer: Varsity Boys, Modified Boys (7-8)
- Tennis: Varsity Girls
- Volleyball: JV



We have 79 Fall Modified athletes and 114 Fall JV + Varsity athletes. This is an increase from 2023.

This is the first season for JV Volleyball.

**Reminders:** Homecoming Week is September 23rd - September 28th!

### Homecoming Dates

- Homecoming Week:** Monday, September 23, 2024 - September 28, 2024
- Homecoming Pep Rally:** Friday, September 27, 2024- (During 9th Period)
- Homecoming Bonfire:** Friday, September 27, 2024- 7:30 - 9:00
- Homecoming Game:** Saturday, September 28, 2024- 1:00
- Homecoming Dance:** Saturday, September 28, 2024- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## NURSES NEWS

As we embark on the new school year, we want to ensure that everyone stays healthy and safe. Please remember to keep your child at home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness, such as fever, cough, or sore throat, and consult a healthcare provider as needed. Encourage regular handwashing with soap and water, and remind students to use hand sanitizer when soap is not available. It's also important to stay up to date with vaccinations and to inform the school nurse of any chronic health conditions or medication changes. By working together and following these simple precautions, we can help maintain a healthy school environment for all. If you have any questions or concerns about health protocols or your child's well-being, please don't hesitate to reach out to the nurse's office. Wishing everyone a healthy and successful school year!



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## SEPTEMBER 2024

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23 – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2024**  
Homecoming Week

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2024**  
Homecoming Pep Rally- During 9th Period

**Homecoming Bonfire**  
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**  
Homecoming Game  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Homecoming Dance**  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2024**  
Board meeting  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Secondary School Library Lower Level

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 11, 2024**  
ES Fire Prevention Day  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Bus Loop, ES Gym, the Hill

**MONDAY OCTOBER 14, 2024**  
Columbus Day- School Closed

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2024**  
Fall Blood Drive  
11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
SS Upper Gym

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2024**  
Open Arbiter (Family ID) Registration for Varsity/JV  
Winter Sports

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 25, 2024**  
Open Arbiter (Family ID) Registration for Modified  
Winter Sports

**Picture Day for Grades UPK-6**  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Jr. FBLA Halloween Dance**  
SS Upstairs Gym

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024**  
Conference Day- No School for Students

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024**  
Secondary School Picture Retake Day  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm  
SS Upper Level Gym

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024**  
Veterans' Day Assembly  
8:50 am – 9:30 am



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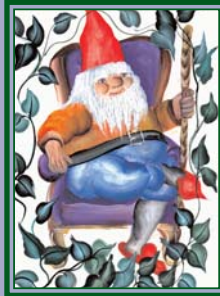
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**TENSION AT  
TABLE ROCK**  
(1956 / WESTERN / 1 h 33 Min.  
Rated PG )

The murder of the owner of a stagecoach  
station is one of the reasons a gunman takes  
his place at the way to the station.



Watch Richard Egan tame the west as he possibly falls for what  
may be the love of his life.

Directed by Charles Marquis Warren. Starring Richard  
Egan, Dorothy Malone and Cameron Mitchell

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Mulholland Drive*  
**This weeks' Trivia question:**

Who plays the role of a simple man in *Sling Babe*?

**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II "**

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**THE YOUNG GUNS**

(1956 / 1H 24M | WESTERN | TV-PG)



In 1897 a typical bad boy youth falls in with the wrong crowd.

**Directed by Albert Band. Starring Russ Tamblyn, Gloria Talbott and Perry Lopez.**

Not the best "YOUNG GUNS" film in my opinion. The 1988 version is my favorite.

**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III**

ON TUBI

**RIO BRAVO**

(1959 / 2H 21M | WESTERN | TV-14)

A sheriff enlists a long time "ole buddy," Dean



Martin –playing a great Sheriff that lost his nerve, and is now the town drunk. A youngster, and an old man try to help fight off a ruthless cattle men. **Directed by Howard Hawks, and starring John Wayne, Dean Martin and Ricky Nelson**

**"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III "**

ON PRIME VIDEO; APPLETV; FENDANGO AT HOME

**THE LEFT HANDED GUN**

(1958 / 1H 42M | WESTERN | TV-PG)



Up there with the best is Paul Newman's portrayal of William Bonny alias "Billy the Kid," caught in the middle in an very political Lincoln County Cattle War.

**Director Arthur Penn. Starring Paul Newman, Lita Milan, and John Dehner**

Want the true story of William Bonny, aka Billy the Kid? Read the story told by one of his contemporaries, Charles A. Siringo. In his book, published in 1915, "A Texas Cowboy," Chapter 21 entitled, "A Trip Which Terminated in the Capture of Billy the Kid", he tells that the shooting of Billy, was not a heroic killing for Sheriff Pat Garrett, since Pat, was crouched down behind a dresser, in a dark room while Billy's body was silhouetted by the hall lantern behind Billy's head. While Billy was entering the doorway of the dark room he was shot by Sheriff Pat Garrett. Charlie also said, "...that was the only way to kill Billy". He also said, "I could shoot as good as the Kid, but no where's near as fast and good."

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