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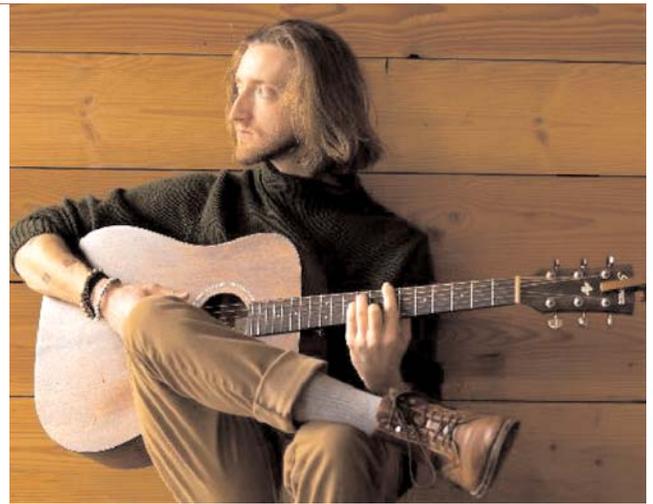
Shane Rennison - Nice To Meet You EP (out Oct. 13)

Indie-pop songwriter Shane Rennison's *Nice To Meet You* EP is an earnest five-track collection of songs that feel like a peek into Rennison's wide-open heart and his beloved home in the Catskill Mountains of New York. That's where he made many of the memories that fuel his music, which recalls the craftsmanship of The 1975, the sugary synth highs of Passion Pit and the effortless pop prowess of Harry Styles.

"It's just such a beautiful place. I can just take my guitar and go into the woods and hear nothing but birds," Rennison said. "You can hear yourself think. You can feel yourself breathe. You're more present. It's home."

Rennison made *Nice To Meet You* with Julian Giaimo, a talented composer and audio engineer who produced the EP and played all instruments except Rennison's piano parts. Together, the two turned out songs like lead single "Cold Winter," a slice of sparkling synth-pop and nostalgia that finds Rennison reapproaching an old flame with newfound maturity and perspective, and second single "Ghost," which incorporates rubbery funk elements and simmers with frustration about a dying relationship.

"That's about trying to deal with the emotions when a person you really cared about all of a sudden starts treating you differently," Rennison said. "After all this time, they're looking right through you." (Contd. Pg. 4)



Tri-Valley Lions Club presents Check to Route 42 Playground



Adele Barnard (Playground Chairperson), Tri Valley Lions: Stuart Wizwer (Past District Governor & Liaison Board Member NYS Bermuda Lions Foundation), Theresa Delaney (Treasurer), Stephen Miller (President), Stacey Wizwer (Secretary)

The Tri Valley Lions Club, with the financial assistance of the NYS Bermuda Lions Foundation, recently presented Adele Barnard, Chairperson of the Route 42 Playground Committee, with \$10,000 for Phase 2 of the Route 42 Playground Project. The award will be utilized to purchase three freestanding ADA-compliant side pieces to be placed at the Town of Neversink Route 42 Park in Grahamsville. These new pieces are due to arrive and be installed this fall as an addition to the Phase 1 large play structure which was installed earlier this past spring.

The Playground Project, supported by the Town of Neversink, has been a 2-year project facilitated by the Route 42 Playground Committee, which included Adele and Chuck Barnard, Corey Borden, Nicole Burkey, Dana McCarthy, Jennifer Perito, Erik Raykoff, Larry Whipple and Melissa Wilhelm.

The grant was presented by Tri Valley Lions Club member and Past District Governor, Stuart Wizwer (Liaison Board Member, NYS Bermuda Lions Foundation). The grant's matching requirement of \$5,000 was secured by the playground committee through fundraising efforts and generous donations from community members, local organizations, and surrounding businesses. (Contd. Pg. 5)

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Isaiah 26:7

**Dr. Robert Worden,
Jr. Recipient of
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Achievement Award
from Tuoro University**



Dr. Robert Worden, Jr. DPT is the recipient of the Highest Clinical Achievement Award for strong clinical knowledge of disease and treatment expertise, patient care and empathy Robert is a graduate of the Class of '23 from Tuoro University where he earned his doctoral degree in the medicine.

Robert attended Tri-Valley School. He continued his education at Mt. St. Mary's in Newburgh. After graduating from Mt. St. Mary's Robert attended Tuoro University on Long Island. He recently graduated with the Class of '23 and has earned his doctorate in medicine.

Congratulations Robert!

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

September 30, 1953

Miss June Caipan of Rochester, Indiana, became the bride of Pfc. Jay Victor Zanetti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zanetti of South Hill Road, Grahamsville on September 22, at Heidelberg. Mrs. Zanetti is a civilian employee of the Communications Division of the Armed Services. Pfc. Zanetti has been stationed 14 months in Germany in the Truck Transportation Service. He is due home in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward DuBois of Kingston are the parents of a daughter, Linda Suzanne, born on September 3rd at Kingston City Hospital. Linda Suzanne is an incubator baby as she weighed only 2 lbs. 12 oz. at birth. She is doing very well however, as is her mother, the

former Helen Erts of Ladleton. She baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Erts.

September 25, 1963

At the invitation of the Board of Trustees of Sullivan County Community College, the Tri Valley Senior Band participated in the dedication of the college on Monday. Dr. Richard Greenfield, President, conducted the dedication exercises in the newly reconstructed college building at S. Fallsburg. The band played under the direction of Mr. Arlington Visscher.

Callers at the Herbert George home last week included Mr. and Mrs. George Dayton of Jeffersonville and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis of White Sulphur Springs. These folks came to see the antique horse fiddle, an heirloom in the George family which has contributed much to the traditional skimmelon in this area for the past fifty years or so. Like the skimmelon, the horse fiddle is vanishing from the American scene.

October 17, 1973

John Tillson, 82, of Kripplebush Lane, Stone Ridge, died Friday at his residence after a short illness. Mr. Tillson was a 51-year resident of that area and a retired carpenter. He was born May 8, 1891 in Grahamsville to Cortland and Ellen Hall Tillson. He was married to the former Flossie George on Sept. 7, 1919. He was a member of the Grand Jury Assn. of Ulster County and former member of the Shawangunk Dairy Coop. Surviving are his widow and three sons and a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Low of Ulster Heights, Ellenville, N.Y. announce the engagement of their daughter, Debbie Low, to Scott Mickelson, stepson of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Merritt of Grahamsville, N.Y. on September 18, 1973.

September 29, 1983

Sculptor Dan Smythe has just received word that "Amerindian" has been accepted for the Berkshire Art Association 1983 exhibition of Painting and Sculpture at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, Mass. "Amerindian", the artist's most recent work, was first shown to the public at Smythe's one-person show in May at the Emma Willard School in Troy, N.Y.

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DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

(From Pg. 2) Tid Bits (from Tom Higgins) - When you're out following the lawn mower around, did it ever occur to you that there are more than 1,000 species of grass in the U.S. alone?....A survey shows that a majority of Americans are not superstitious about Friday the 13th. Nearly 8 out of 10 questioned in a public opinion survey said it was very unlikely that something bad will happen to them on Friday the 13th.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published September 26, 1996

One morning, way up in Grooville in the early 1900's, I was the only person up and out of bed real early and I went in the store and filled my apron pockets with peanuts. Then I headed for my favorite spot above the out-house and pig pen. I picked up two stones and began tapping them together and after a few minutes of tapping, my little chipmunk popped his head out of his hole in a decaying pile of logs. The wood 1996 had been left there years before when the men cleared the land to build our house. He sat with his two little bright eyes staring at me as I shelled a couple of peanuts. I placed them on a log and walked a short distance away as he gathered them up and scampered down the entrance to his home. I named that little chipmunk Frisky, as he always looked so cute and cheerful frisking around searching for beechnuts from our beech trees. He never failed to make me laugh as he scampered away with his little pouches filled with food. He looked so funny.

After I fed peanuts to my chipmunk, I went to the chicken coop and opened the door in search of my favorite white leghorn hen. She came flying out, almost knocking me down, looking for peanuts. My chicken and I sat under a tree enjoying the peanuts, she eating out of my hand. Then daddy came out of the house with a pail of chicken com. He scattered it around on the ground, gathering the chickens together and he told me he was planning on getting an ugly rooster to guard the flock if I didn't stop letting them out of their house so early in the morning.

Household Hint:

Clear Away Crayon Stains

Did one of the kids come home from school with crayon marks on their new shirt or pants?

Somehow or other, kids often manage to get crayon marks on their clothing. You can easily get these stains off by rubbing them with a recycled toothbrush soaked in undiluted vinegar before washing them

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Look Who's Hanging Out in the Backyard

At first we thought they were some of the creepy Halloween decorations on display on our son's front porch. With a closer look we saw they were real bats who live in the nearby bat houses. They were enjoying their meal of bugs that had collected near the porch light during the warm weather. This time of the year, it is not surprising to see a few bats flying in and out of the spider webs even on our front porch.



Indiana Brown Bat

A little research revealed that we are fortunate to have these great little flying mammals make their abode next door in the bat houses that are strategically placed in Joe's yard.

These small brown bats that are now "hanging out" in Sundown most likely are cave bats that don't migrate.

Bats are the only flying mammals (flying squirrels glide) that evolved to conquer the air ten million years ago and took advantage of the great food supply of night-flying insects.

Most bats have a breeding season, which is in the spring for species living in a temperate climate like ours. Bats may have one to three litters in a season, depending on the species and on environmental conditions, such as the availability of food and roost sites. Females generally have one offspring at a time, which could be a result of the mother's need to fly to feed while pregnant. Female bats nurse their young until they are nearly adult size because a young bat cannot forage on its own until its wings are fully developed.



Northern Longear Bat

The teeth and skulls of fossil bats are monkey-like and suggest a common ancestor for both bats and primates which could mean that those flying visitors may be relatives swooping and diving down erratically as clean a window or two, and look for insects!

New York is home to nine species of bats. Six of them –the Northern Bat, Little Brown Bat, Big Brown Bat, Indiana Bat, Eastern Pipistrelle, and Small-footed Bat – are cave bats and live in places such as the rock crevices at Minnewaska State Park Preserve and under bridges. The other three species of bats – the Red Bat, Hoary Bat, and Silver-haired Bat –are tree bats

Although Chiropterans don't usually fall into the category of cute furry animals, they are extremely important. All native New York bats are insect eaters and can eat 20-50 percent of their weight in insects in one night alone. Thus they are a natural solution to pesticides. The next time you take a walk outside and are not bothered by mosquitoes make sure to thank a bat!

The time to view bats is fast closing as they begin to hibernate or migrate during the fall due to the drop in temperature and the decline of insects.

In cultures all over the world, the peculiar characteristics of bats have captured the imagination of storytellers who claim they have mysterious and supernatural qualities giving the little bats a notorious, sinister reputation. Having them appear when they do, unquestionably adds a spooky touch to the Halloween season!

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(From Pg. 1)

Elsewhere, "Another Chance" is both a lament for the girl that got away and an earworm made of undulating keyboard melodies and reggaeton rhythms. "Drunk" centers around feelings of insecurity and pulls the curtain back on Rennison's '90s rock influences. And "Temptations" rounds out the EP with a feel-good story built on major chords and a syncopated beat that'll transport you directly to a tropical island.

"I wanted the whole EP to have this melancholic back-and-forth feeling to reflect my experiences," Rennison said. "But then 'Temptations' comes in and reminds you that, hey ... we're still happy to be alive."

Happy to be alive, and happy to be back in the Catskills, where Rennison grew up in a family with its own kettle corn business. He went to college in Florida, but dropped out after studying abroad in Paris and realizing he was heading down the wrong path toward a career in business and finance.

"I stepped away from my reality at the time and just woke up every day in a foreign place and said, 'What do I want to do today?'" he said. "And then I went and did it. And it showed me that that's possible, and I started thinking, 'Why can't I do this back home? Why can't I have this same energy and inspiration and fire back in the States?' That set me on my way."

Which leads us to Nice To Meet You and the follow-up full-length album, which Rennison and Giaimo are working on now, with hopes for a 2024 release.

"The music we're making is reflecting the work I've been putting in the past few years," Rennison said. "Because I'm self-taught and I haven't been doing this that long, there's just so much growth happening, and it's really exciting to think about what the future holds. I feel like I'm still at the ground level of what I'm trying to do, so it's all up from here."

"[Shane Rennison] recalls the craftsmanship of The 1975, the sugary synth highs of Passion Pit and the effortless pop prowess of Harry Styles." - *Ghettoblaster Magazine*

"Rennison expresses complex emotions and inner turmoil through indie-pop piano balladry as he digs deep to give us this soul-stirring piece of art." - *Rockdafuqout*

"Heartwarming... soft rock and pop with a dream-like feel nicely seasoned by quality arrangements." - *HYPEFRESH*

"Modulating between the sprawling synthesizers of the chorus and the playful, percussive verses, feels larger than life despite a more laid-back vibe." - *Alchemical Records*

Lisa McAdoo is Fallsburg CSD's Latest STAR Award Recipient

FALLSBURG - On September 20, 2023, the Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education honored Lisa McAdoo as its newest STAR award recipient. The STAR award recognizes students and staff members who were

caught making a phenomenal difference in someone's life. STAR stands for Staff/Teacher Award Recipient.

Ms. McAdoo, a Character Education Coordinator for the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School for the last four years, has left more than a positive impact on the district. Students and staff alike consider her a role model, mentor, and advocate for the welfare of others. Her passionate approach to education continues to motivate students to excel far beyond what they could imagine.

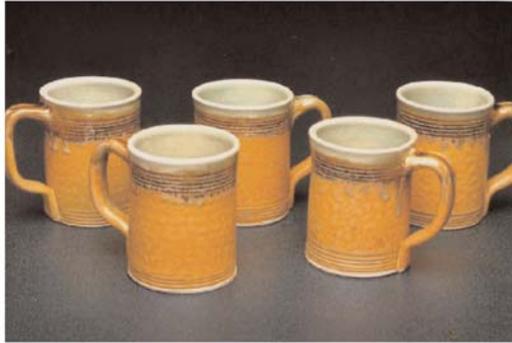
Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ivan Katz, gave his remarks on Ms. McAdoo (who was nominated for this special honor by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Sally Sharkey). "Lisa has demonstrated an unparalleled dedication to the students here at Fallsburg. Her kindness and compassion create an environment where students feel valued, supported, and empowered to excel. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that a student's unique needs are met and that students feel valued and respected. Whether it's providing additional help to struggling students or reaching out when students need extra emotional support, Lisa's approach inspires growth in the individuals she comes in contact with."



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Neversink River Co-Op open October 7-8

On October 7th and 8th, the Neversink River Co-Op members will present our final show of the season. The exhibit is held at



2554 Frost Valley Road, (follow our signs) four miles from the turn in Claryville. We will be displaying all handmade pottery, jewelry, woodworking, resin art, paintings, photography and more. It's a perfect time to begin that Holiday shopping or pick up a unique piece for a friend or yourself. Stop by and see fine crafts by local artists in a barn with history.

The show is from 10 AM -5 PM October 7th and 8th. We look forward to visiting and showing you our new work. For more information, call 845-985-7564.

Tri-Valley Lions Club presents Check to Route 42 Playground

(From Pg. 1) The grant was presented by Tri Valley Lions Club member and Past District Governor, Stuart Wizwer (Liaison Board Member, NYS Bermuda Lions Foundation). The grant's matching requirement of \$5,000 was secured by the playground committee through fundraising efforts and generous donations from community members, local organizations, and surrounding businesses.

There is presently discussion about the purchase of a fourth item which will be presented to the community in the near future.

The Route 42 Playground committee wishes to thank the local Tri Valley Lions and the NYS Bermuda Lions Foundation, and all the generous contributors to both Phase 1 and Phase 2. The committee also wishes to thank the Tri Valley PTO for their support and efficient monitoring of project funds.

The Lions Club motto is "We serve." The local and State Lions have truly served the children of our community. Without their generosity, we would not have been able to provide such a positive addition to our park which will last for years to come

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, 2023. 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.



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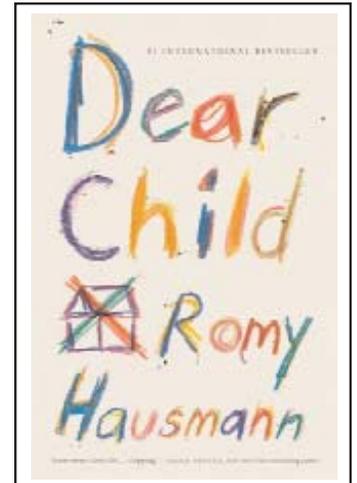
by John Dwaine McKenna

A woman – who's been kidnapped and held in a boarded-up hovel deep in some remote woods, while being forced to act as a wife to a strange and brutal man and a mother to his two small children – manages to overcome her captor and escape . . . “*But the end of her ordeal is only the beginning of her nightmare,*” in a searing debut entitled, *Dear Child*, (Flatiron Books, \$26.99, 349 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-76853-7) by author Romy Hausmann. The novel, which is already a runaway best-seller in Europe, has just been translated and published in English, and what a wrenching tale it is.

Told in three first person points-of-view by: a young girl, whose entire life has been spent living in the windowless, dank and cramped cabin . . . the abducted woman, who's been trying to stay alive and

escape from the monster who's abusing her mentally, physically, and sexually . . . and the missing woman's elderly father, who's losing his mind from rage, grief and the strain of a thirteen year quest to find his beloved daughter.

As each narrator speaks, small details are revealed on every page, which tell the story drop by drop by drop-but as each new clue appears – so do new plot twists that show how the narrator has held something out, some character detail, or flaw, which then points the reader in an altogether new direction. Therefore, as each new AHA! moment comes to the reader, so does another different revelation, which makes *Dear Child* one of the most compelling, engaging page-turning psychological thrillers to cross the MBR's desk this year. It will keep readers enthralled and riveted to the end!



**John Dwaine McKenna's Books
are now available at the
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Pet Peeves or Welcome to the Rabbit Hole

I consider myself a tolerant, easy-going soul with patience. That being said, there are little irritations I

encounter that just leave me gritting my teeth or biting my tongue so I do not scream and curse.

This is my number one pet peeve: Because I am facing surgery next week, I am going through pre-op screenings. There are so many hoops to jump through with so many medical facilities that do not have a workable communication system. I have no fewer than six medical patient portals each with a separate user name and password. Each portal lacks communication to other portals. Getting on to each portal involves a computerized labyrinth of screens and chats and questions to ask. Heaven forbid the portal doesn't like the answer, you get to go "directly to Cyberspace Jail. Do not collect \$200." So start over.

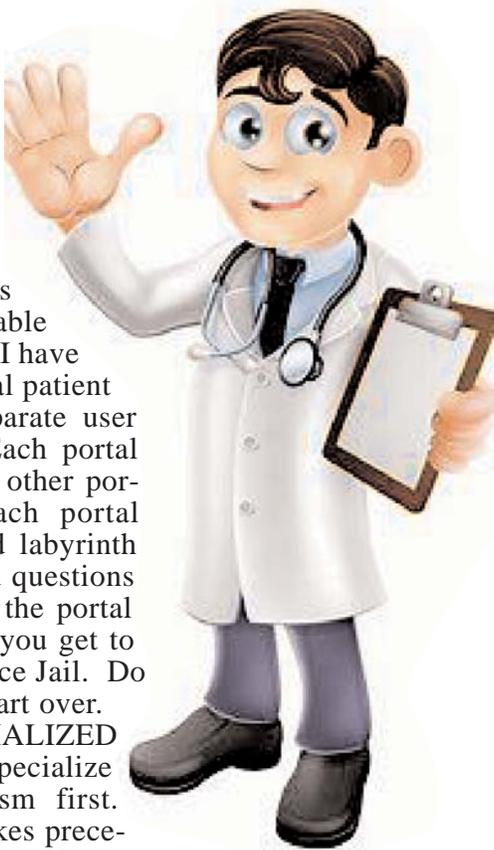
Sadly, the INDUSTRIALIZED medical conglomerates specialize in health care capitalism first. Money and insurance takes precedence over personal health concerns. Heaven forbid you get sick on a weekend. Most practices close for the weekend. It is easier to get ahold of plumber than a doctor.

This "Computerized Menu" also applies to businesses. Press one for this and four for that and hold while listening to dreadful music waiting in hopes that a real person might answer the call. I often put the phone on speaker and go about pattering around the house.

The rest of my pet peeves are probably petty compared to the communication chaos. So here are some things that just bother me:

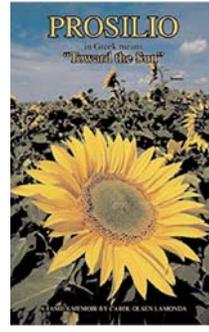
People who do not push their chairs back under the table.

Tailgaters



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*



People who do not finish what they put on their plates to eat.

People who chew with their mouth open

Telemarketers

Excess wrapping or packaging

Dirty rest rooms

I think I could go on and on with pet peeves, but I have an important call to make.

Guess what? A machine just answered beginning with "Listen carefully as our menu has changed...Press nueve for Espanol.....All our representatives are busy helping others. If you know your party's extension please enter it not.... is not available right now to tale your call. Please visit our website for additional information or leave a message after the beep and someone will get back to you." Maybe!

Welcome to the RABBIT HOLE.





Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

Save the Date!

October Shapes' up to be a Busy Month for DPL

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-With October right around the corner, it's time to register for all the different happenings at the Daniel Pierce Library-and there is a lot going on!

Saturday, October 7, is our 37th Giant Pumpkin Party at the Grahamsville Fair grounds. This rain-or-shine event is not to be missed. The costume march will take place under the pavilion at 9AM, kicking off the day's events. There will be contests and games galore, tasty treats and amazing vendors to check out. Admission is free, but games and activities cost a nominal fee. GPP raffle tickets will be on sale during the event, \$1 for one or \$5 for 6, and are also available for purchase at the library. More information is available on our website, as is a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

The week of October 16 kicks off our 8 week Fall Children's Programming. There are three classes based on age; with groups ranging from 12 months to 5 years old. Shared books, music and movement, felt stories and crafts are just some of the activities planned. Online registration is required and any specific questions can be answered by calling DPL Children's Program Coordinator Deirdre McHugh.

Saturday, October 21 will be very busy for the library. In the morning from 10-3PM we will be hosting a 5 Hour Pre-Licensing Class for permit holders. This is a DMV approved mandatory class for unlicensed students 16 and older. Cost is \$45 per student and registration (by payment) is required before the class date. In the evening, we will be heading over to the Grahamsville Fire Department for the annual Sportsmen's Bingo. Doors open at 6PM with seven games played. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at the library or through any Grahamsville fireman. Seating is limited for both the DMV class and bingo, so please save your space by submitting payment for the class or purchasing your bingo tickets as soon as possible.

In additional news,

We are preparing to take down our summer book tent, but before we do that, books have gone on sale! A bag of books will cost only \$2. Books have been added throughout the summer, so inventory is always changing. So, please come take another look –something might just interest you!

This week's staff pick is brought to you by Michelle Gorman.

The True Love Experiment by New York Times best-selling author, Christina Lauren, is one of those 'can't put down' books, Gorman said. It's a fictional story about a romance novelist who has lost her spark and a filmmaker about to lose his job, joining forces to put together a knock-out Hollywood reality show to save both their careers. But is it just their careers they save –or does something else entirely take off? Read the book to find out what happens.



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"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"

Sullivan Catskills Celebrates Remarkable Surge in Tourism Spending Continues to Surpass Pre-Pandemic Levels of Visitor-Generated Revenue

SULLIVAN CATSKILLS - [September 21, 2023] - The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association is thrilled to announce a significant increase in tourism spending that has invigorated the region's economy and positioned it as a premier travel destination. Sullivan County has witnessed a remarkable surge in tourism, highlighting its enduring appeal and unique offerings to visitors from near and far.

According to recent data compiled by Tourism Economics, traveler spending in Sullivan County in 2022 (the most recent data available) grew 25.8 percent, an increase of 154.4 percent over 2019 spending. These figures represent staggering increases over 2021 and surpass the previous records set in 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, the average Sullivan County household saved \$3,370 in taxes due to state and local tax revenues generated by tourism, the report states.

This boost has brought about a myriad of economic benefits, including increased employment opportunities and support for local businesses. In 2022, total tourism-generated employment registered 4,701 jobs, 16.3% of all jobs, according to Tourism Economics.

"It's heartwarming to see so many people discovering the natural beauty and vibrant culture that our county has to offer," remarked Sullivan Catskills President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood. "The economic impact of this surge in tourism spending is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our local businesses and tourism industry partners."

As the tourism sector continues to thrive, Sullivan Catskills remains committed to preserving its natural beauty, fostering sustainable tourism practices, and ensuring a memorable experience for all who visit. With an exciting lineup of events and activities planned for the upcoming year, including the much-anticipated Catskill Cuisine, the County is poised to build on its newfound momentum.

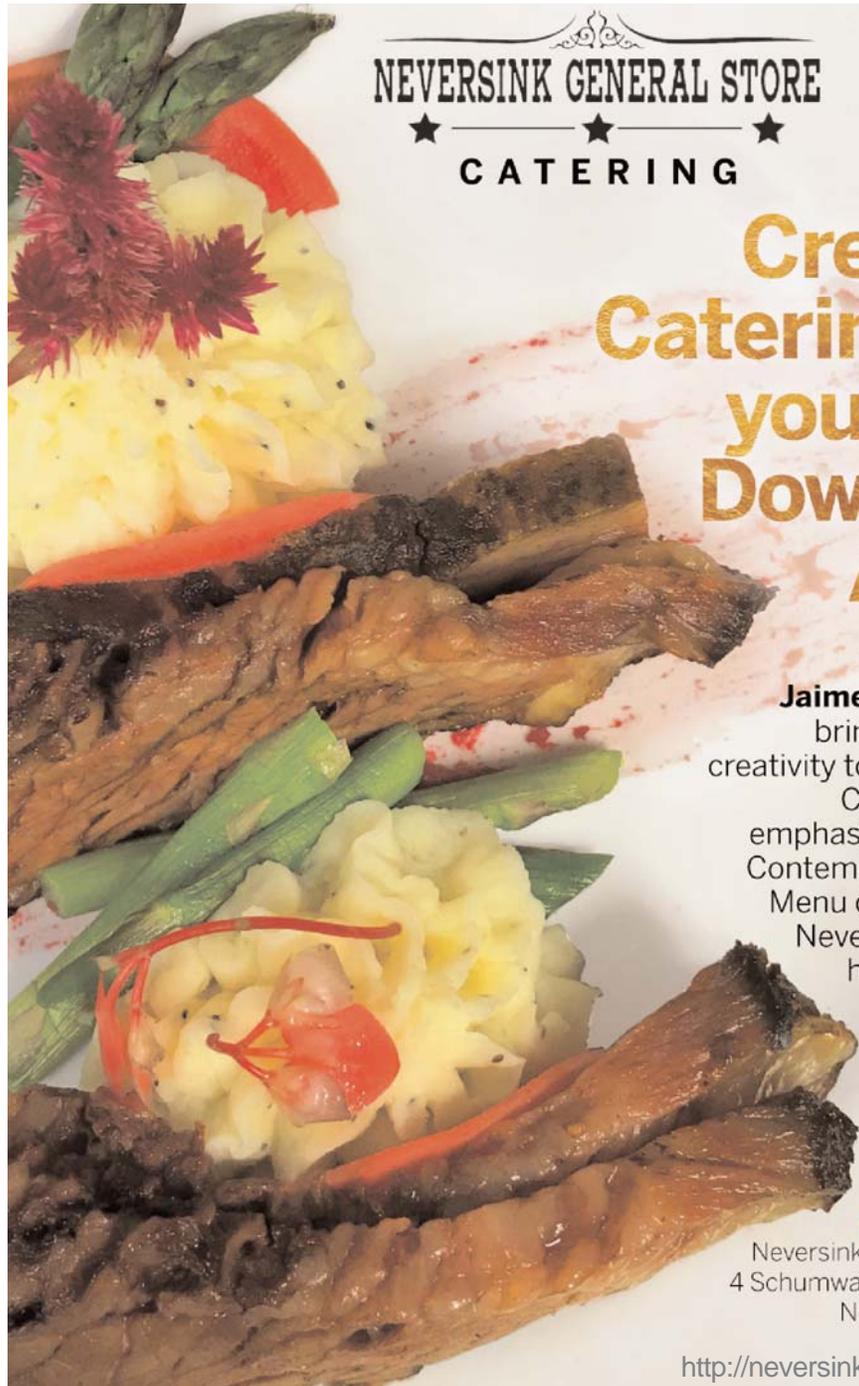
"The fact that tourists are coming to the Sullivan Catskills and choosing to spend their discretionary income here is not an accident," said Eric Frances, SCVA Chairman and CEO of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. "Businesses in this community do an extraordinary job working together to create exceptional programming and unique experiences that attract visitors near and far. With exciting new events like Catskill Cuisine returning next year, there is the potential for even more explosive growth on the horizon."

"The report from Tourism Economics verifies what those of us who live and work in the picturesque Catskills already know - tourism and the associated businesses are critical to our local economy," said State Senator Peter Oberacker. "The positive growth experienced throughout the region is proof that we must continue to invest in our infrastructure while advancing government policies that will support this key sector. I am honored to represent a large section of the Catskills as part of the 51st Senate District and stand ready to partner with local government officials, business leaders, and advocacy groups to protect our natural resources, promote our unique offerings, and further develop our winning tourism industry."

"I recently read the Tourism Economics report detailing the fantastic redevelopment of the tourism economy of the Catskills. Our region is famous for hospitality, and I am so happy to see the resurgence of this vital part, not just of our local economy but of our history, and the fabric of our community," stated Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. "This dramatic, and fantastic resurrection is no accident, congratulations to the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, and their CEO, Roberta Byron Lockwood, for their unwavering dedication to promoting tourism, bolstering tax revenue, and fortifying our Sullivan County community. I have worked with Roberta for years and she and her team have been steadfast supporters of the Sullivan Catskills, we must all stand together to support them and ensure they can continue their great work."

About the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association's mission is to promote and support the Sullivan County Catskills natural, cultural, and recreational assets to optimize tourism revenue. It also promotes the Sullivan Catskills as a premier multi-seasonal travel destination in New York State. Visit www.sullivancatskills.com or call 845-747-4449 for more information.



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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

No column this week.

2023 Big Eddy Film Festival (BEFF): Full Schedule and Tickets on Sale Now!

The Big Eddy Film Festival (BEFF) is thrilled to announce the full lineup and schedule for this year's festival taking over Narrowsburg next weekend. Tickets are ON SALE NOW. BEFF, produced by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), is set to take place next week from Thursday, September 28, through Sunday, October 1, 2023, in Narrowsburg, New York.

Don't miss our Pre-Festival Event, Little Richard: I am Everything, at Bethel Woods on Saturday, 9/23, featuring a Little Richard inspired DJ set by Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Gary Moss and his son Alden Moss. Free to attend - advanced registration required.

Please find descriptions of all films, events and ticket links on our website: www.bigeddyfilmfest.com

For complete access to all events, parties and screenings, we encourage audiences to purchase an All-Access Pass- festival merch and goody bag included!

Doors open 30 minutes prior to each screening. All films \$10 per person (\$8 for DVAA members) unless noted otherwise.

2023 Big Eddy Film Festival Schedule:

Thursday, September 28th

BEFF IGNITE: a food justice initiative in partnership with A Single Bite.

Thursday will be an evening for the **WHOLE FAMILY**. Join us for two screenings and a food event at the Tusten Theatre! **PRICING:** Whether you attend all or some of BEFF IGNITE festivities, tickets are \$15 for adults and free for kids and students, with \$5 going to the non-profit A Single Bite.

4PM

A Place at the Table (Tusten Theatre)

10th anniversary documentary that shines a spotlight on the issue of hunger and food insecurity in America. Featuring Jeff Bridges, Raj Patel, and chef Tom Colicchio.

6PM

A Single Bite and Conversation (Tusten Theatre/Library Parking Area)

You're invited for a family friendly evening of food justice. Enjoy complimentary "bites" and other dinner provisions for sale at the "BEFF Café" and listen to a dis-

cussion on "Agency and Action in Food Justice and Community".

7PM

La Brigade (Kitchen Brigade) (Tusten Theatre)



Cathy, a stubborn sous chef reluctantly takes a job at a shelter for young migrants. Her expertise and passion for the culinary arts helps transform the lives of the children she serves, and in turn, herself.

Friday, September 29th

3pm - 5:30pm

Countercurrent Storytelling /
Countercurrent Shorts (Krause Hall, DVAA)

Join us a discussion with featured filmmakers around countercurrent Storytelling: Legacy and Rural Imagination on Film.

Free

Countercurrent Short films will be on loop at DVAA from 11am - 4pm, Saturday and Sunday.

5:30pm

Producer's Toast (Tusten Heritage Community Garden)

All-Access Pass holders and invited guests gather in the beautiful Tusten Heritage Community Garden to meet and toast all the people who helped make this weekend possible!

Exclusive: All-Access Pass & Invited Guests Only.

7pm

Lotus Sports Club (Tusten Theatre)



A coming-of-age documentary whose story in Cambodia is focused on Leak, a transgender teen playing football on the under-21 women's team lead by lesbian activist and soccer coach Pa Vann. In a

country without anti-discrimination laws, where same-sex marriage and gender reassignment is illegal as well as socially unacceptable, and where poverty is still the norm after political turmoil- where can a young transgendered teen find hope? Meet Lotus Sports Club- a bastion for queer youth and females to come of age. Co-Director in Attendance.

9pm

Opening Night Party (The 108)

Kick off year 12 of the Big Eddy Film Festival with some groovy beats! Join Drag Queen DJ Polly Vinylchlord for a queer vinyl disco dance party amidst old film footage, libations and great new conversations!

Exclusive: All-Access Pass and Opening Night Ticket Holders Only.

Saturday, September 30th

9:30am

Film Flow Yoga (The Chi Hive Wellness Center and Gym)

Open to all levels, come to move, sweat, channel your inner fire, and leave feeling rinsed and revitalized!

BEFF All-Access Pass Holders free, \$18 for BEFF ticketholders. Space limited, pre-registration required.

10am

Kids Make Film (Tusten Theatre)



Celebrate Sullivan County's newly-minted young filmmakers' films made in collaboration with Icehouse Arts. Kids free.

10:30am

The Eight Mountains (Narrowsburg Union)



An epic journey of friendship and self-discovery set in the breathtaking Italian Alps. The Eight Mountains follows over four decades the profound, complex relationship between Pietro and Bruno. (Coantd. Pg. 20)

Free Welding Course Available

Sullivan County Again Partners with BOCES to Build Workforce

Liberty, NY - Following the success of a construction trades course earlier this year, Sullivan County's Center for Workforce Development (CWD) and Sullivan BOCES have teamed up again to offer another free course - this time in welding - to up to 10 local residents.

"I thank the Legislature for devoting funding to a second initiative to provide local workers with practical, career-building skills," said CWD Director Loreen Gebelein. "Graduates of this program will earn certification in Basic Welding and be immediately employable."

The 10-week program is being administered by the CWD, part of the Division of Community Resources. Open to those who are 18 or older and have reliable transportation, classes start October 10 and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday (through December 21) from 5:30-9 p.m. at the Rubin Pollack Education Center on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

"This is hands-on training at BOCES' classrooms and shops in Liberty, and graduates of this program will be ready to work with any number of local employers, as the local building industry is growing fast," said Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley. "I encourage anyone interested to contact us right away, as only 10 spots are available for this course."

To find out more or to apply, contact the Center for Workforce Development at 845-794-3340 or scwd@sullivan-ny.us.



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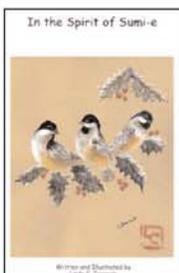

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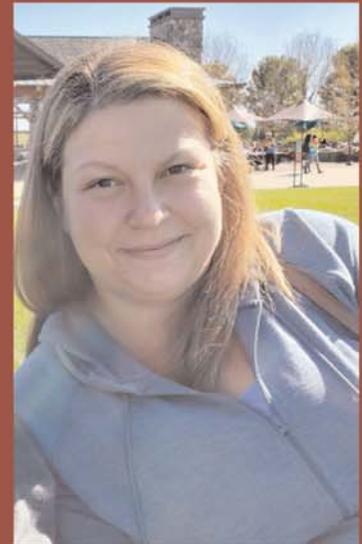
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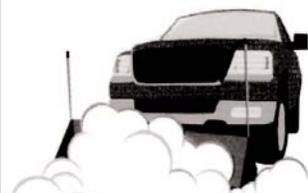
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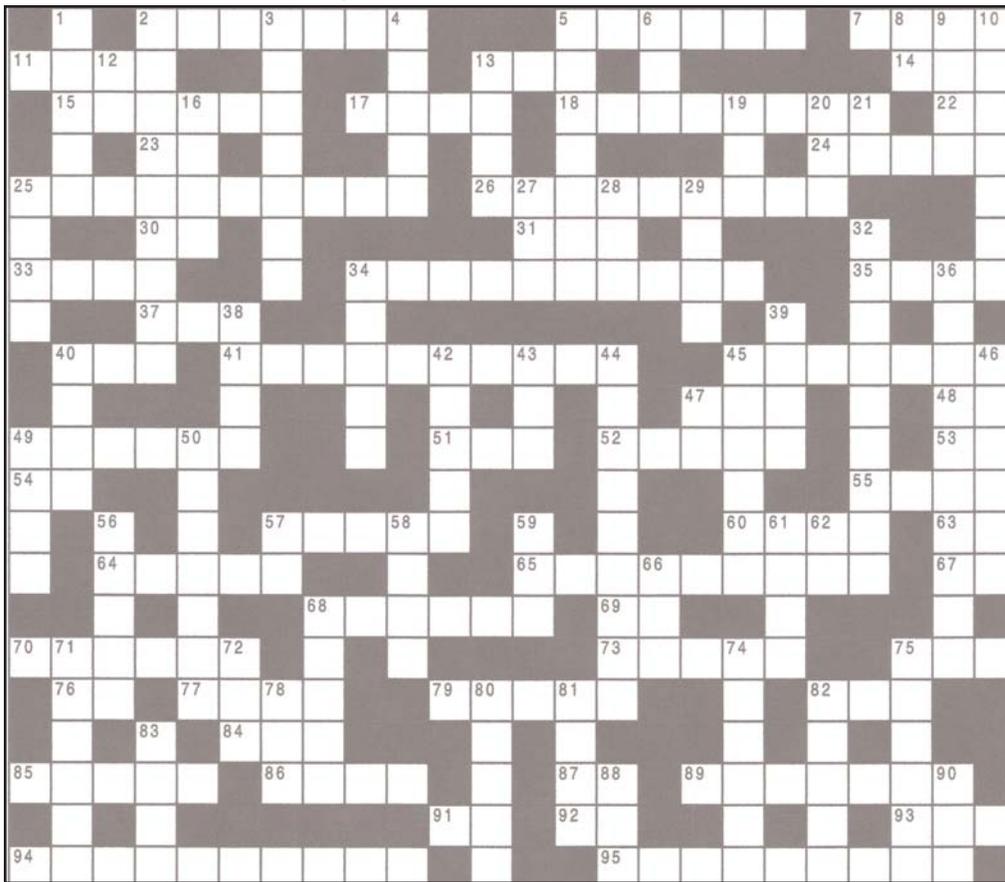
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Bats in The Belfry! - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 2 Visual symbolism
- 5 Place or state of supreme bliss
- 7 Social winged stinging insect
- 11 Cygnet
- 13 Missing in Action
- 14 Ocean
- 15 Lively
- 17 TV series that starred Judd Hirsch
- 18 Of the Middle Ages
- 22 _ . _ .
- Elliot, playwright and literary critic
- 23 United Nations
- 24 Emblem of Christianity
- 25 Concentration
- 26 Complex
- 30 Expression of motion
- 31 Constrictor
- snake
- 33 Group of 19th century French painters
- 34 Following a logical order
- 35 Pleasant
- 37 Unit of electrical resistance
- 40 Enjoyment
- 41 Logical
- 45 Planet closest to the sun
- 47 Fastener
- 48 Common Era
- 49 Bunch
- 51 Electrically charged atom
- 52 Sightless
- 53 United States
- 54 11th month of the Jewish calendar
- 55 Ensemble
- 57 Fracture
- 60 Famous jazz singer
- 63 Chemical element
- Tellurium
- 64 Roman statesman and scholar (23-79 AD)
- 65 Transcendent
- 67 Either
- 68 Local area settled by the Jews in 1837
- 69 Negative answer
- 70 Coiled;
- 73 Distort
- 75 Eastern Standard Time
- 76 Roman Catholic
- 77 Show the way
- 79 Outstretch
- 82 Low
- steady continuous sound
- 84 Unit of work energy

DOWN

- 1 Mindful
- 2 Ability to understand something immediately
- 3 Welcomed
- 4 Hunger for
- 5 Court
- Palace known for its maze garden
- 6 Affix
- 8 Like
- 9 Stands
- 10 Uninvolved
- 12 Alternating Current
- 13 Standard for interconnecting computers, etc.
- 16 Movement toward enclosure
- 19 Period of time
- 20 Higher than a King
- 21 Symbol for a radioactive metal
- 25 Faculty of consciousness
- 27 North by East
- 28 Scoundrel
- 29 Zodiacal sign for Cancer
- 32 Relating to a closed curve that is drawn in on as single movement
- 34 Find a solution
- 36 Longer

- 42 Reason
- 43 Swindle
- 44 Complicated network of passages
- 45 A stately ballroom dance
- 46 Poetic or archaic form of yesterday
- 47 Used in the formula to measure the circumference of a circle
- 49 Nature
- Column stars this week
- 50 Left-brained
- 56 Relating to the visual
- 57 Near
- 58 Call used in hailing
- 59 Artistic movement
- 61 Strong desire
- 62 Progressive city in California
- 66 Running in a straight line
- 68 Grasslike plant
- 71 Invocation
- 72 Shelter
- 74 Promenade
- 75 Glowing coal
- 78 Part of a circle
- 80 Mistake
- 81 Currency
- 82 Second largest Great Lake
- 83 Jubilee
- 88 Sacred animal of the Hindus
- 90 Affirmative response

Impossible Bisquick Pumpkin Pie

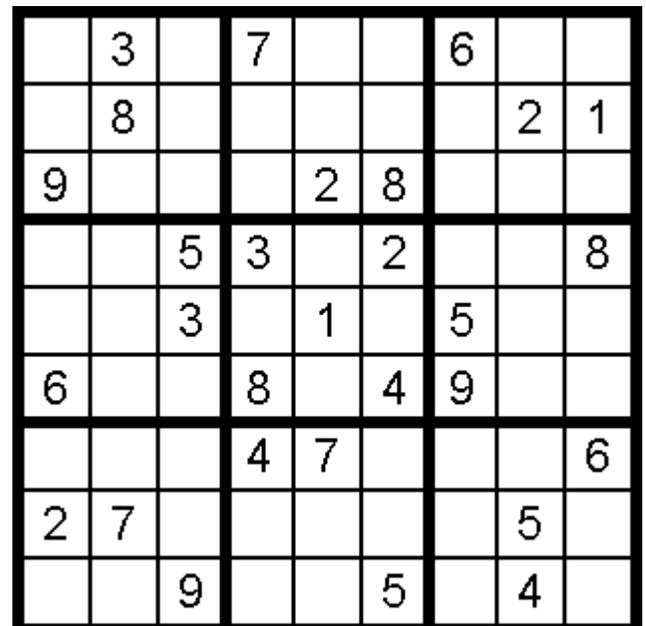
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- 12 ounces evaporated milk
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup Bisquick
- 2 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 10-inch pie plate.

Place the pumpkin, evaporated milk, butter, eggs, sugar, Bisquick, pumpkin pie spice, and vanilla extract in a mixing bowl. Beat on medium speed for about 2 minutes or until the Bisquick mixture is smooth.

Pour into pie plate. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

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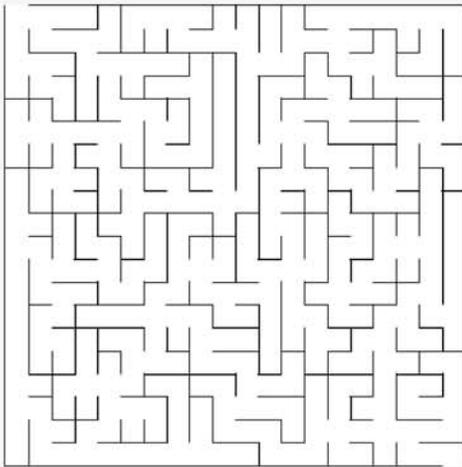
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Kids' Fall Fun Page

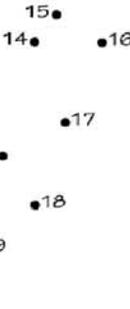
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WORD LIST

- APPLE MAIZE
- BARN PEAR
- BEEF PECAN
- CIDER PLOW
- FARM RAKE



Can you find 5 differences between the 2 pictures?



Cryptogram Answer

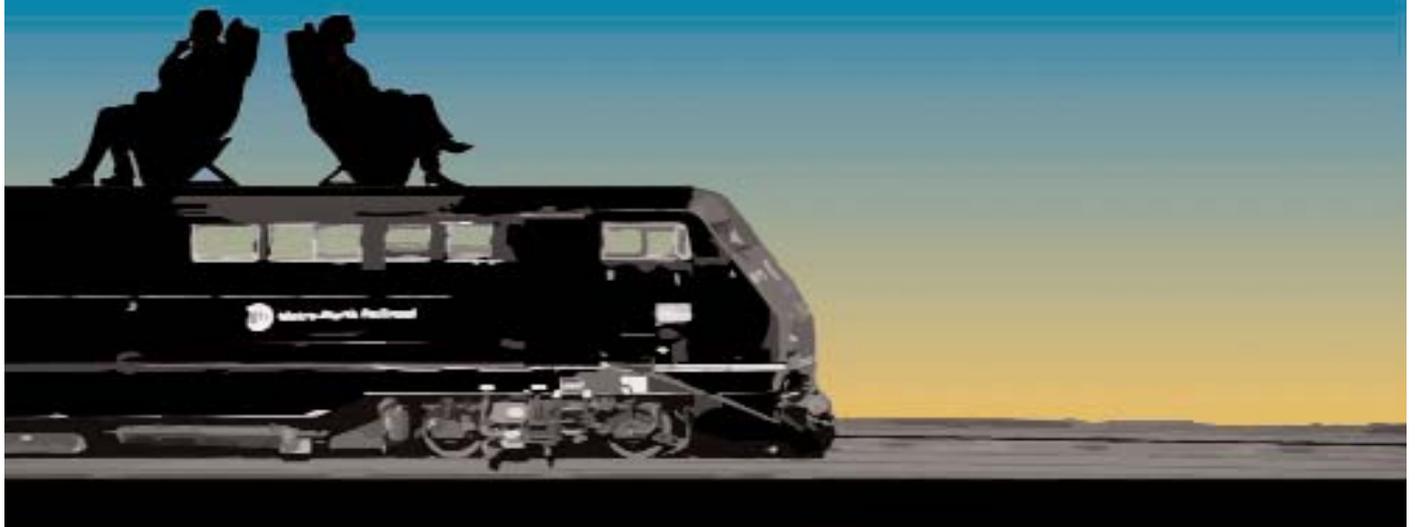
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

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

Dated August 24th, 2023

Dana M. Vogler, Neversink Fire District Secretary
8/31; 9/7; 9/14; 9/21; 9/28; 10/5; 10/12; 10/19

Denning Residents, Please Take Notice:

2024 Budget Workshop;

Pursuant to New York State Law § 108 a WORKSHOP for the Town of Denning 2024 Preliminary Budget will be held after the adjournment of the regularly scheduled Town Board and Town Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board
Nancy Parrow
Town Clerk
Sept. 25th, 2023

9/28; 10/5

NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Digital Message Display Sign**

PROJECT SCOPE: Neversink Fire District is accepting proposals from qualified sign bidders for a Digital Message Display Sign to be located at Neversink Fire Department, 7486 State Route 55 in Neversink, NY. The sign manufacturer will be responsible for design, manufacturing, delivery and testing of the Digital Message Displays.

BACKGROUND ON THIS PROJECT: Neversink Fire District is seeking a pedestal type digital message display sign to be installed at our Fire Station. This sign will be used for communicating messages about a variety of events, fire department recruitments and are also intended for providing communications to the public during emergency situations. Operation of the signs is to be web based with the intent that the messages can be remotely controlled independently for the sign.

MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS:

- 8'x7.6' (cabinet size 4'x8') Pedestal - independent two sided LED sign.
- Full Color LED capabilities
- Storage should be 32 gigabyte drive or larger
- Communication options: Cell Connect, Direct Connect, Wireless & USB with a Lifetime Wireless Data Plan
- Dimming- automatic, scheduled, or manual
- Graphics Capability: Text, Animation, images, pre-recorded video clips
- Video format of jpg, mov, mp4, mpg or wmv.
- Viewing angle of 140 degrees horizontal
- On-board media player
- Ability to have multiple users.
- Refresh rate of at least 1,200 Hz with a frame rate of up to 60 frames-per-second.
- Continuously running fans for air circulation

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

RFP issued	09/22/2023
Proposals due	10/18/2023
Proposals evaluated	10/19/2023

CONTENT OF PROPOSALS: At a minimum, all proposals should contain:

- Pricing for each sign to include delivery, fiber optic and electrical connections, testing, permitting and training.
- Delivery time after receipt of order.
- Proposed design/artwork for each sign.
- Checklist of RFP Minimum Specifications.
- Completed Statement of Supplier's Qualifications.

EVALUATION PROCEDURES:

Proposals will be evaluated by the Neversink Board of Fire Commissioners. It is important that the responses be clear and complete so that the evaluators can adequately understand all aspects of the proposal. The evaluators will consider how well the supplier's proposed solutions meet the needs of the district. Neversink Fire District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities or irregularities with respect thereto. (Contd. Pg. 19)

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

(From Pg. 18)

NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Digital Message Display Sign

CONTRACT: The contract shall consist of the following documents: The Request for Proposals (RFP), the accepted proposal, the purchase order issued by Neversink Fire District and any agreed upon written changes to any of the foregoing documents. The contract documents are complimentary and what is called for in any one document shall be binding as if called for by all.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: The supplier shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations, affecting its performance and hold the Purchaser harmless against any claims arising from the violation thereof.

PAYMENT TERMS: Net 30 days after delivery and receipt of invoice.

PREVAILING WAGES: This is a prevailing wage project.

FREIGHT TERMS: Quoted price is to include delivery to each specific sign destination and includes troubleshooting and testing of message displays.

PROPOSAL MEETING: All proposals will be opened and voted on by our Board of Commissioners on October 19th, 2023 at approximately 7:00pm.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP: Please submit all questions regarding this RFP by e-mail to neversinkfire-district@gmail.com

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: A sealed proposal package must be submitted by no later than 4:00 pm on October 19th, 2023. The sealed package should contain an original and three (3) printed copies of the proposal with design/artwork for all signs.

Neversink Fire District Attn: Dana Vogler, District Secretary
Digital Sign RFP
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It is the responsibility of the supplier to be sure the proposals are sent sufficiently ahead of time to be received no later than 4:00 pm on the due date. Proposals received after the deadline will be returned to the supplier unopened.

9/28; 10/5; 10/12

Tri-Valley CSD
Board Meeting
Thursday,
October 5, 2023

- 1) BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING - 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level Media Center
- 2) Regular Meeting #7 Meeting Opening and Call to Order -
6:30 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level
Proposed Executive Session - 6:30 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Upper Level
Meeting #7 resumes - 7:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level

This meeting will be on Tri-Valley's YouTube LIVE Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

Road Closure
in Grahamsville

Grahamsville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of County Road 156 (South Hill Road) in the Town of Neversink to replace County Bridge 216. The bridge itself is located approximately 300 feet east of the intersection of State Route 42 and CR 156. This section is scheduled to be closed to all traffic for approximately six months, starting at 5 a.m. on May 1, 2023.

Sullivan County's 2023 General Election Sample Ballots are now available to view at:
<https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Election/SampleBallots>

2023 Big Eddy Film Festival (BEFF) (From Pg. 11)

12pm

Drawing on Film: Animation Workshop (Tusten Community Center)

Young and young at heart will collectively make a handmade animated film without using a camera.

\$5, limited space, pre-registration required.

12:30pm

Sometimes I Think About Dying (Tusten Theatre)

Lost on the dreary Oregon coast, Fran, paralyzed by social anxiety, passes time by occasionally daydreaming of different ways she could die. That is- until a new co-worker comes along and she must decide between bravely facing her fears or continued retreat into the cubical she calls home.

Featuring Daisy Ridley.

2pm

Straight/Curve (Narrowsburg Union)

Documentary examines evolving beauty standards in the fashion industry and invites viewers to reconsider their perceptions of beauty and body image. Followed by a panel discussion with supermodels and industry professionals.

2:30pm

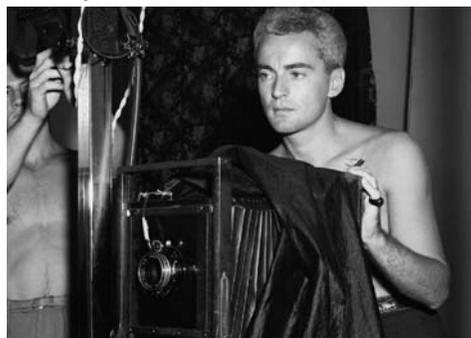
A Great Divide (Tusten Theatre)

Amidst the Covid lockdown, the Lee family, moves from the Bay Area to a small Wyoming town, where they face racism, xenophobia, and hostility.

Featuring Ken Jeong.

2:30pm & 5pm

Hidden Master: The Legacy of George Platt Lynes (Bar Veloce)



Libations and Lynes, an intimate screening of the documentary of the influential photographer paired with themed cocktails at Bar Veloce.

Pre-registration required and space limited.

5pm

Rural Shorts (Tusten Theatre)

A collection of short films celebrating local New York makers and the rural imagination. Featuring world and local premieres. Artist talk back after the screening.

6pm

BBQ and Brews (Tusten Theatre / Library Parking Lot)

After a full day of artistic shorts, thought-provoking documentaries, and stirring features, take a break to nourish yourself with BBQ & BREWS at the BEFF Cafe pop-up with Bibimbus! Join us at this Artist and All-Access Pass holders mixer for a meal between shows.

SATURDAY NIGHT SCARIES

8pm

It Lives Inside (Tusten Theatre)

A mysterious empty mason jar is cracked, unleashing an ancient Indian demonic force. From the producers of Get Out, this is Bishal Dutta's feature length debut.

10pm

An Angry Boy (Tusten Theatre)

Come to this late-night Grindhouse screening and local actor spotlight featuring Tommy Cambridge.

Warning: this film contains graphic visuals & disturbing content.

Sunday, October 1st

9:30am

Pole Dancing Workshop (Narrowsburg Union)

Come play in a fun and sexy pole dancing workshop before Sexy Breakfast. Presented by Chi Hive.

\$5, limited space, pre-registration required via email at info@thechihive.com.

10:30am

Sexy Breakfast: Sexy Shorts (Narrowsburg Union)

Luscious pastries, delicious drinks, a program of sexy short films, and some special surprises to start your Sunday off right! Special Event: \$15

12:30pm

The Beasts (Tusten Theatre)



A dream of a simpler life farming the land turns sour. As matters escalate into a full-blown vendetta, a shocking outbreak of violence changes everything.

1pm

Hey Viktor! (Narrowsburg Union)



A Canadian mockumentary that combines the world of a larger-than-life actor-writer-director Cody Lightning with the artistic, rural, and Native American community that surrounds him.

3:30pm

Rural Shorts - Encore Screening (Tusten Theatre)

A unique collection of short films celebrating local New York makers and the rural imagination.

3:30pm

Peak Season (Narrowsburg Union)

A burnt-out young NYC professional who escapes to Wyoming, strikes up a friendship with a local fishing guide.

5:30pm

The Dude Abides Wrap Party (Cochecton Pumphouse)

Bring your dog, wear your warmest robe, and drink a White Russian discussing your favorite festival moments with friends - old and new! Come support the Entertainment Community Fund with a panel on passive resistance in the 21st century inspired by The Big Lebowski's 25th anniversary!

Free

About The Big Eddy Film Festival

Emerging from the picturesque wilds of Sullivan County - the Big Eddy Film Festival (BEFF) is a cinematic celebration of counter-current narratives. Produced by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, this immersive festival sparks new cultural possibilities at the juncture of film, art, and rural imagination.

TICKETS & VENUES:

Screenings and events will take place at the Tusten Theatre, DVAA's Krause Recital Hall, the Narrowsburg Union, and other venues around Narrowsburg. Screening tickets range from \$10 to \$15 unless stated otherwise. (Contd. Pg. 20)

2023 Big Eddy Film Festival (BEFF) (From Pg. 19)

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

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

BE A FESTIVAL SPONSOR!

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

Learn more by visiting <https://bigeddyfilmfest.com/sponsors/> or contacting Ariel Shanberg, Executive Director, at (845) 252-7576 or ariel@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

SUPPORT

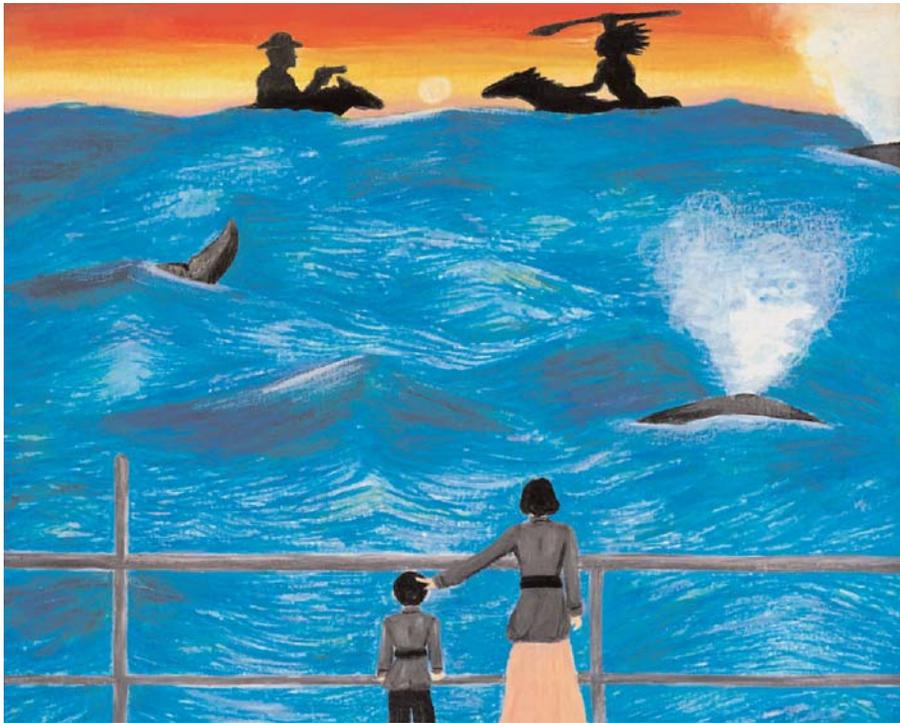
DVAA's programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts, the Sullivan County Legislature, the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund, the Fair Games Fund, the Heartland Embers Fund, Business Sponsors, DVAA members, and supporters like you.

CONTACT

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

For interview requests, contact Kate Bergstrom, Big Eddy Film Festival Director, at beff@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

Collaboration



The Wayne County Arts Alliance Gallery is pleased to announce a member's exhibition in the newly renovated gallery with the opening of "COLLABORATION" on view from September 29th through November 4th, 2023.

Everyone has a story to tell, and the Main Street Gallery has collaborated with the Yarnslingers to create original artwork inspired by personal memoirs from the writers group.

The exhibition opens with a writer and artist's reception on Sunday, October 1st, 2023, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Bodhi Tree Art School & Studio, Honesdale, PA with story readings by the Yarnslingers followed by refreshments at the WCAA Gallery to view the artwork inspired by the stories. The Bodhi Tree Art School & Studio is located at 214 6th Street, Honesdale, PA and the WCAA Gallery is located at 959 Main Street in Honesdale, PA and is open from Thursday through Sunday from 11:00 to 4:00 pm and Friday from 11:00 to 6:00.

Participating Artists

D.C. Anderson
Mary Arden
Jason Badum
Norma Bernstock
Jane Biron
Patricia Blauth
Violet Brand
Phyllis Chekenian

Susan Cottle
Adison Davis
Siena Davis
Lauryn De Leeuw
Alia Haig E
rica Hart
Ryan Hnat
Heather Hogan Spencer
Pete Maria

Monique Milleson
Robyn Oakes
Nancy Palubniak
Debby Pollak
Joan Polishook
Tina Rosinski
Cynthia Shaw
Sue Stephan Foster
Chris Takacs

Anne Thumann
Laurie Tintle
Braya Watson
Fern Watson
Jonell Watson
Bill Westmorelan

Participating Writers

Kazzrie Jaxen

Greg Triggs
Penelope Ghartey
Ramona Jan
Fred Feibusch
Mark Dunau
Bill Fellenberg
Jon Erik Karkula
Isabel Braverman

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Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm
Oct 7, 2023

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

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

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

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Oct 14th, 2023

Thrift Sale

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
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

Dial by your location
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

Pastor Kenneth Ronk
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor
Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

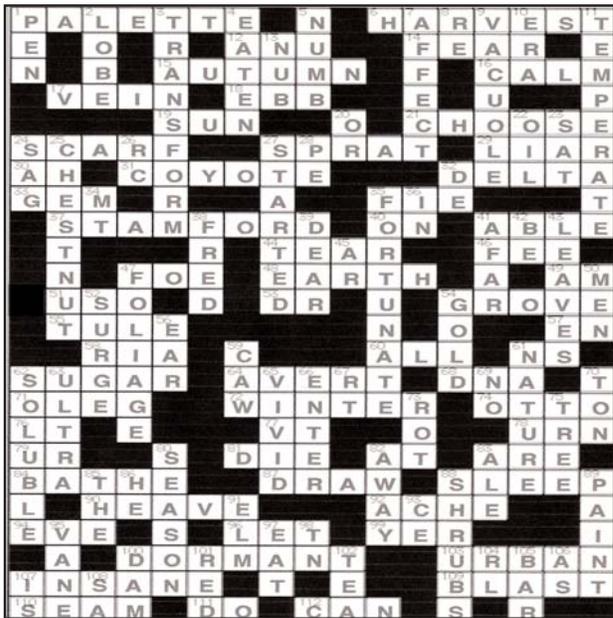
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword





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UMC THRIFT MINISTRY

Donations accepted in the Thrift Building
on Tuesdays
from 9:30 to 11:30 am or by appointment.

Call Ruth at 845-985-7222
The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team
<https://grahamsvilleUMC.org>
GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com—Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

Sundown
United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, October 7th, 2023 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall

Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale

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

All Aboard!

Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall



Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU answer

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NEVERSINK FALL CLEANUP 2023

Fall Cleanup will be held on Saturday October 14, 2023, Wednesday October 18, 2023 and Saturday October 21, 2023. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Yellow 2023 permits will be allowed 2 loads. Permit cards will be punched for the load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires per year, permit cards will be punched. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. **Due to the high volume of traffic during fall cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Fall Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.**

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Taxpayers of Sullivan County.

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at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

10/4/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
10/7/23	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
10/10/23	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
10/11/23	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
10/14/23	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
10/15/23	Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
10/17/23	Claryville Fire District Budget Hearing and Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
10/17/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
10/17/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
10/19/23	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

October 7, 2023 Giant Pumpkin Party

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 25 - September 29, 2023

Monday, September 25

- o **5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; & via teleconference at 845-443-8880, Bridge ID: 123666
- o **7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; & via teleconference at 845-443-8880, Bridge ID: 123666

Tuesday, September 26

~~o CANCELLED - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation~~

Wednesday, September 27

- o **3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill 12419
- o **4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Audit Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; 925 Sonoma Way Sacramento, California; 1106 Dalewood Street, Kingston; & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 871 8924 6643
- o **4:15 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board Of Directors**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; 925 Sonoma Way Sacramento, California; 1106 Dalewood Street, Kingston; & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 871 8924 6643
- o **5:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, in the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, Room 215, 94 Marys Avenue, Kingston; & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571
- o **7:00 PM - Soil & Water Conservation District**, 5 Park Lane, Highland, 12528
- o **7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, September 28

- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board Meeting**, in the UCRRA Offices, 999 Flatbush Avenue, Kingston

Friday, September 29

- o No Meetings

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week

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week

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

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Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 -
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WHAT ARE THE CRITICS SAYING ABOUT *OFF PEAK*?



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"Brady and McCann...artfully share the stage. The two play with their characters' expired chemistry well, and there are some wonderful moments that make you laugh out loud, but more likely ponder how you'd react in a similar situation.

-Sullivan County Democrat

Read the full *Sullivan County Democrat* Review Here: https://www.scdemocratonline.com/stories/shadowland-stages-takes-audiences-off-peak,112728?mc_cid=36e510eba0&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW at:

https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/calendar?mc_cid=36e510eba0&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

"Mary McCann and Steve Brady achieve a very nice chemistry that so truly portrays the sparks that once were, the frustrations of past challenges and the deep reflections of a life that could've ended up differently. The play is a character study and very character driven."

-Aisle Seat

Read the full Aisle Seat Review Here:

https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=784172546843055&set=a.541685651091747&mc_cid=36e510eba0&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

"*OFF PEAK* provides for a tense character study where these two, highly relatable, middle-aged people not only grapple with their past, but allows us to examine our own relationships and question our own attitudes about redemption and resolution."

-Chronogram

Read the full Chronogram Review Here: <https://www.chronogram.com/arts/theater-review-off-peak-at-shadowland-stages->



OFF PEAK by Brenda Withers

September 15 - October 1 in The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES

When two old flames run into each other on the evening commute, different views of the same past threaten to derail their connection. A new play about forgiving, forgetting, and the healing power of a good delay.

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Learn about the full 2023 Season here:

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Sullivan 180's Empowering a Healthier Generation Announces Winners of \$75,000 Grant Awards

Empowering a Healthier Generation Celebration and Awards Ceremony

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan 180 hosted the third annual Empowering a Healthier Generation Celebration on Wednesday, September 21, 2023 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. It was an evening celebrating the accomplishments of Sullivan County schools, who are part of Sullivan 180's Empowering a Healthier Generation (EHG) Program. It was also the culmination of EHG's first ever Competition Year and Judging Week.

The First Place \$75,000 Healthier Generation Competition Award recipient was Sullivan West Elementary School, the Second Place \$50,000 Healthier Generation Competition Award recipient was Benjamin Cosor Elementary (Fallsburg School District). Awards were generously provided by the Gerry Foundation.

Turtle Awards in the amount of \$500 to acknowledge schools and school leaders for guiding their students, faculty and parents toward healthier lifestyles were also announced during the program. Recipients included: Collaborator Awards to Fallsburg High School and Sullivan West Elementary School; Mental Health Award to Sullivan West Elementary School; Mother Earth Award to Livingston Manor Central School; Nutrition Awards to Fallsburg Central School and Livingston Manor Central School; Physical Activity Awards to Monticello's George L. Cooke Elementary School and Robert J. Kaiser Middle School. The Grant Project of the Year was awarded to Monticello's Robert J. Kaiser Middle School led by Scott Cooper. Committee of the Year Award to Livingston Manor Central School led by Calley Erlwein and René Carlson, and two HG Advisor of the Year Awards to both Elisa Mendels from Monticello's George L. Cooke Elementary School and Calley Erlwein from Livingston Manor High School.

Turtle Awards were sponsored by local businesses and organizations including: Wendy Brown In Loving Memory of John Brown; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County; Foster Supply Hospitality; Gerry Foundation; Jeff Bank; M&T Bank, NYSEG; Sullivan County Democrat; Thompsen Sanitation; Zufall Family Foundation.

"What has been accomplished in the 2022-2023 school year by our Healthier Generation Advisors at the 5 competition schools is tremendous," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness, "[The Healthier Generation Advisors] have led their school buildings into a whole new realm of health and wellness that has benefited their entire school community... the work they've accomplished is priceless."

The event kicked off with a networking reception and a premiere of the Empowering a Healthier Generation film. Grant project presentations were made by each school district showcasing the health & wellness work being done in each of their buildings. These projects include implementation of The Walking Classroom, increased physical activity opportunities, access to healthy foods, Social and Emotional Learning initiatives, and staff wellness programs to name a few.

"We'll only be able to do this together. It's not one person doing it, one organization doing it. It's teamwork, and we invite you to join us," said Sandra Gerry, Founding Chair of Sullivan 180.

Empowering a Healthier Generation is a school-based partnership between Sullivan 180 and Sullivan County schools. The goal is to create a grassroots movement that will change policy and environments; while demonstrating that individuals and families

have an important role to play in building a culture of health for themselves and the next generation.

To learn more visit www.sullivan180.org or contact Meaghan Mullally-Gorr at 845-295-2685 or Meaghan@Sullivan180.org.

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat, Manor Ink and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at Sullivan180.org or Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc.

SC Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Pride Awards Gala

Monticello, NY - September 21, 2023 - The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce has been honoring businesses and individuals for 49 years. The Pride Awards Gala honors individuals, businesses and organizations from throughout Sullivan County for their community involvement and their contributions to the economic development in the county.

The winners selected are Businessperson of the Year, Distinguished Service to the County, Distinguished Achievement in the County, Emerging Leader, Township Award, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Workplace Excellence; all to be honored at this prestigious ceremony that takes place on November 9, 2023 at the Villa Roma Resort, Callicoon, NY.

Everyone in Sullivan County was invited to participate in the nomination process. It is a way to honor people throughout Sullivan County that wouldn't normally get recognized, but these individuals deserve the most prestigious recognition. Our distinguished and dedicated committee of Past Businesspersons of the Year winners and our Chamber Board of Directors comprise the selection committee. It is an honor to work with such incredible contributors to the County to commend these businesses and individuals.

2023 Pride of Community Award Winners are:

Businessperson of the Year

Joseph D'Abbraccio, DVM - Catskill Veterinary Services, PLLC

Distinguished Achievement Award

Mike Taylor, Combined Energy Services, Holiday Mountain, All-Gas and others

Distinguished Service Awards

Al Frangipane - St. Jude Children's Hospital, The Lions Club and others

Emerging Leader Award

Bradlyn Matican - Insight Cipher

Township Awards

Nick & Kate Rusin, Parksville Priorities, Liberty Rising - Town of Liberty

Joel Weinberg - Mountain Mall - Town of Thompson

Denise and Rob Lombardi - Hurleyville General Store, Town of Fallsburg

Doug Doetsch and Susan Manning, Seminary Hill, Town of Delaware

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Workplace Excellence Award

Joan Patterson, RN, MSN Crystal Run Healthcare

The Annual Meeting & Pride Awards Gala will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Tickets are \$80/person - couples \$150. Sponsorship Opportunities are available (see attached)

Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center, 356 Villa Roma Road, Callicoon, NY 12723

For tickets and or sponsorships call 845-791-4200 or email office@catskills.com.

Radio Catskills Receives Five NYSBA Excellence in Broadcasting Awards

(Liberty, NY) Radio Catskill collected five awards from The New York State Broadcasters Association (NYSBA) at the 57th Annual Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting ceremony in Binghamton, NY, September 20, 2023.

"Our mission is to serve our listeners with meaningful local news and information every day. We are very honored for this recognition from the New York State Broadcasters Association and I am extremely proud of Patricio and Jason for their selfless dedication to our community," said Tim Bruno, Radio Catskill General Manager.

The station won in the following categories:

- o Best Coverage of Spot News: "Roe V Wade Reaction," Patricio Robayo, Producer
- o Best Feature Story: "The Local Edition: Hope Not Handcuffs," Patricio Robayo, Producer
- o Best Interview: "Ukraine - One Year Later," Patricio Robayo, Producer
- o Best Election Coverage: "Election 2022," Jason Dole and Patricio Robayo, Producers
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The Annual "Excellence in Broadcasting" Awards competition encourages professional performance and recognizes outstanding achievement among radio and television stations in New York State.

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News From Catskill Mountainkeeper

For folks who care about people and the planet, the endless barrage of bad news on climate can sometimes make it seem foolish to hope that we can make an impact.

But as Mountainkeepers, we stare into the face of the climate crisis-and the myriad other tough issues demanding our attention-and we act. We're open-eyed about the amount of money and power being spent to keep us dependent on dirty and dangerous fossil fuels, but we're resolute in our work to build the clean and renewable energy future we know is within reach. Together, we challenge the notion that these problems are insurmountable or that our efforts are insignificant. The stakes couldn't be higher, and we're determined to harness our collective power to make change, even when the odds seem stacked against us.

Climate Week

As we mark Climate Week, Mountainkeeper is celebrating all the work we've done together to address the climate crisis. Thanks to our efforts, NY State leads the nation with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)-a pioneering piece of climate legislation that has inspired other states to take action. The CLCPA is steering the development of renewable energy projects, spurring investments in Disadvantaged Communities, and advancing new regulations that will raise billions of dollars to drive climate solutions while slashing NY's greenhouse gas emissions.

Climate Week kicked off this past Sunday with the March to End Fossil Fuels in NYC. Mountainkeeper's own Brayden White stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Kanien_kehá:ka (Mohawk) neighbors, Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) youth and elders, and individuals from across the nation, calling on the United Nations and United States to cease fossil fuel usage. Brayden is also gearing up for the NYC Marathon in November as part of the NY Renews team, running to raise funds and awareness for meaningful climate action. If you haven't already, please consider donating to support his run!

And closer to home, Sustainable Hudson Valley has curated a Festival of Climate Solutions, which runs through 9/24. Explore this remarkable array of live and virtual events, opportunities for learning, and ways to make a meaningful impact. The Battle to Save The Bees Continues

While the Birds and Bees Protection Act (BBPA) was overwhelmingly approved by the legislature back in June, here we are in September, still awaiting Governor Hochul's signature. This is an unacceptable delay in finalizing a critically important piece of legislation that will protect the bees and pollinators so essential to our food supply and ecosystems. Our response must be visible, vocal, and unwavering in our message of strong support for the BBPA.

So, please take a moment to email the Governor - even if you've done so before - to remind her that we're holding her administration accountable in safeguarding our essential pollinators, the tiny creatures responsible for one out of every three bites of food we eat.

And if you have five minutes and a stamp, please print out, personalize, and mail our snail-mail letter. We know that postal mail makes a lasting impression-it serves as a tangible reminder to the Governor and her team that we need their leadership on this crucial issue.

Mountainkeeper in the Spotlight

Over the past few weeks, Mountainkeeper has been featured on the airwaves and in your podcast feed, discussing our initiatives, climate solutions, and some of the major development projects threatening our region.

A discussion-based podcast that focuses on having discussions about critical topics like global issues, culture and community, sexuality, entrepreneurship, wellness, and so much more. This episode: The Climate Crisis, Sustainable Economic Development Strategies, and Extreme Weather discussed with Ramsay Adams - Co-founder and Executive Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper and Co-Owner of the Catskill Brewery.

Capitol Connection WAMC podcast logoEach week on The Capitol Connection, you can keep yourself abreast of political developments and gain a little insight into how New York State's politicians think when you listen in as WAMC's David Guistina holds conversations with the governor, the comptroller, members from the Assembly and Senate, and other political movers and shakers. This episode David Guistina speaks with Katherine Nadeau from Catskill Mountainkeeper, a member of New York Renews, a coalition of over 360 organizations working to mitigate climate change.

Sullivan Continues to Be Free of Fiscal Stress, As Analyzed by the NY State Comptroller's Office Reaches Best-Ever Scores in Annual Fiscal Stress Rankings

Monticello, NY - The NYS Comptroller's Office has designated Sullivan County free of fiscal stress, with the County's finances continuing to be in the best shape since reporting began.

'No Designation' Is the Best Designation

The Comptroller's Office just released its 2022 Fiscal Stress rankings for municipalities Statewide, based on the annual financial reports submitted to the Office. Sullivan County scored better than ever, once again earning the best rank of "No Designation" (meaning there are no indications of the County being susceptible to fiscal stress at this time).

Municipalities receive a fiscal score and an environmental score. Based on the fiscal score, the system assigns a municipality to one of three categories of stress or to the "No Designation" category if its score doesn't meet the threshold of stress. (The three categories of stress are "Significant Fiscal Stress," "Moderate Fiscal Stress" and "Susceptible to Fiscal Stress.")

"This latest report reaffirms that we continue to maintain County government's fiscal stability," Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek said. "And for the third year in a row, we also received 'No Designation' for environmental stress, meaning prospects are excellent for the County continuing that stability."

Another Significant Improvement in Rank

In 2019, Sullivan earned a Fiscal Stress score of 42.1 points. That improved to 35.8 in 2020 (a lower score indicating better finances), then to 13.3 in 2021 and now dropping to a best-ever 3.3 points.

Meanwhile, the Environmental Stress score dropped from 30 in 2019 to 23.3 points in 2020, then 20 for 2021, and now stands at its own best-ever of 13.3 points. Unlike Fiscal Stress, the data used to create the Environmental Stress score - population changes, poverty levels, tax base, unemployment rates, state/federal aid and other items - represents issues that are not fully within the County's control.

"Sullivan County was among the top fiscal performers in all of New York State in 2022," noted County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "We nearly had a perfect score of 0 for Fiscal Stress, the only reason being that we had minor deficit in our 2020 budget (and none since). Everything else - how we managed our fund balance and cash flow, the state of our cash ratios, our complete lack of short-term debt, and rising revenues - put us in the top percentile Statewide."

Legislators Weigh In

"Taxpayers demand a Legislature that understands their needs and, just as importantly, their limits," Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty remarked. "The dollars they give us must be managed in a way that benefits them, not harms them. I think this report shows we've turned this County around, even in the wake of some pretty tough times. And we plan to continue on this fiscally sustainable path, to the benefit of taxpayers."

"Long before this Legislature was in place, I was part of a team of legislators that kept our focus on proper use of taxpayers' monies and competitive compensation for employees, all while managing a number of large projects, like the new Jail/Patrol Offices, and keeping afloat important services, like

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the Care Center," said District 2 Legislator and former Legislature Vice Chair Nadia Rajs. "While it's good that we continue to do well financially, we need to provide better services to those who need them most in Sullivan County."

"Last year saw amazing revenue growth in the County, and this year we may see even more incredible gains," current Vice Chair and District 3 Legislator Mike Brooks observed. "I'm confident that, with the very experienced management team we currently have in place, we'll ensure taxpayers' funds are spent prudently and properly."

"These latest State rankings prove we're moving in the right direction," added District 4 Legislator Nick Salomone. "I'll continue to keep a watchful eye on our expenditures and also continue to encourage a fiscally conservative, future-oriented approach to budgeting."

"Along with my fellow legislators, I give credit to Josh, Nancy and the rest of our County personnel. They keep taxpayers in mind by safeguarding public funds and using them where appropriate," said District 5 Legislator and Management & Budget Committee Chair George Conklin. "This ranking dramatically illustrates that point."

"This upward trend began a while ago, interrupted briefly by the COVID pandemic," noted District 6 Legislator and former Chairman Luis Alvarez. "I am proud to have been a part of that upward movement for my entire time on the Legislature, and I thank Nancy, Josh and their teams for working with me and my colleagues to craft responsible budgets that have provided so much for the people of Sullivan County."

"I've been a member of several Legislatures that have aimed to keep taxpayers first, recognizing that whether it's grants, sales and room taxes, or fees, it's all coming out of their pockets," said District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello. "So I'll continue keeping a close eye on how we're spending their money."

"Economic development decisions by past Legislatures have made significant differences in our room and sales tax revenues, which are largely responsible for this good news about our fiscal picture," explained District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart. "Our good planning laid the foundation on which the current Legislature sits, and I'm proud to have been a part of that years-long effort."

"Our current State ranking is a reflection of the sound fiscal positions this Legislature has taken over the past three years," remarked District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen. "I am beyond pleased to be ending my tenure as a legislator on this extraordinarily positive note."

To access the Comptroller's reports for the County and other municipalities and school districts, visit www.osc.state.ny.us/local-gov/fiscalmonitoring/index.htm.

Glory Days of Fly Fishing in Phoenicia

Phoenicia has a legendary reputation in the pantheon of American fly fishing. It is noted for having the first boarding house that catered to fishermen in the 1830s. Before improved transportation routes like the Plank Road (1851) or the U&D Railroad (1870) anglers came to the Milo Barber farm to fish Stony Clove Creek which was more famous than the Esopus at that time. Once transportation was easier and hotels and inns built, a thriving hunting and fishing culture developed. Flash forward to the post WWII years, when Folkerts sporting goods store was the unofficial headquarters of Esopus Creek trout fishing, and Ray Smith, Phoenicia's famous guide and fly tier, served many celebrity clients. Elmer's Diner was the spot where fishermen gathered to swap tales and journalists from far and wide came to hear what they had to say.

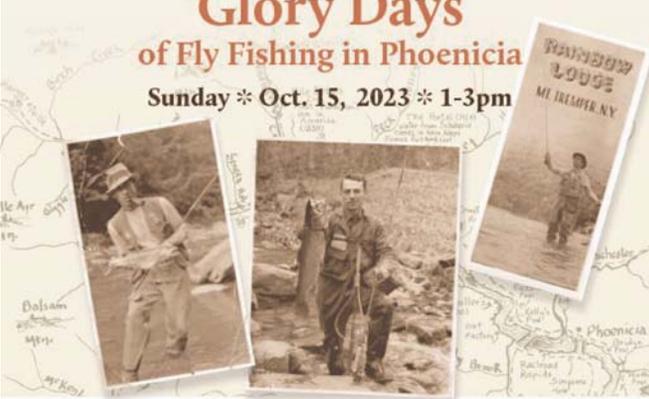
On Sunday, October 15, 1-3 pm we will bring together some anglers and other local residents who remember the glory days to help us learn more about the colorful characters and the famous catches from Phoenicia's piscine past. The Jerry Bartlett Memorial Angling Collection at the Phoenicia Library is a special collection of books on fishing and also an historical repository. Our programs are recorded and archived on our website: www.catskillanglingcollection.org. The Library is located at 48 Main Street, Phoenicia, NY 12410. For more information see the library website www.phoenicialibrary.org

This free event is made possible with funds from the Catskill Watershed Corporation in partnership with New York City DEP.

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Left: Catskill legend Ray Smith in 1935. Center: Lerry Decker and Old Ben. Right: Rainbow Lodge Brochure. Map by Austin M. Francis, published in his 1963 book, *Catskill Rivers*.

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PHOENICIA LIBRARY For more about the Jerry Bartlett Memorial Angling Collection, and Catskills fishing lore, techniques and history, visit our website: catskillanglingcollection.org

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BLUE MOUNTAINS TROUT NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023
By Ed Ostapczuk



Forrest Hutchinson demonstrates his fly tying skills during the Olive Day celebration. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.

September Meeting will be September 28

Our September meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28 in the Great Room at the Emerson Resort & Spa, 5340 NY 28, Mount Tremper. It is the chapter's first meeting following a summer hiatus. It's also the chapter's Annual Meeting (see below) where election of officers will take place. Our guest speaker is Bob Adams, NYS DEC Region 3 Fisheries Aquatic Biologist. Bob will present info on recent DEC studies of the Esopus Creek. Last month's newsletter provided a link to an August 2023 Upper Esopus Creek Management Plan, FYI: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/upperesopuscrkplan.pdf

If you haven't reviewed it yet, it's worth your read as Bob will touch upon aspects of this document.

Mark your calendars now; our October meeting will be held on October 26. The guest speaker will be Dany Davis, NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Geologist/Research Coordinator. Dany will be retiring in the near future, but before then will share a lifetime of geological research on the Esopus Creek watershed. You won't want to miss this meeting either.

Please make an effort to attend these upcoming chapter meetings as we kick the end of 2023 into high gear. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

The September 28 chapter meeting serves as the chapter's annual meeting, when election of officers and directors takes place. A nominating committee will present the following individuals up for election, but nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

- President: Mark Loete
- Vice President: Tony Coccozza
- Secretary: open
- Treasurer: Jody Hoyt

2023-2025 board members up for election are BJ Leifeld, Russell Martin, Roy Meyerhoff, George Holz.

Currently on the board as 2023-2024 members, and not up for re-election are: Chris Hensley, Forrest Hutchinson, Chet Karwatowski, and myself. John Hoeko is the past-president member.



Pictured above, from left to right, are: Chet Karwatowski, Roy Meyerhoff (standing), Jody Hoyt, Tony Coccozza, Russell Martin, and Victoria Lawrence. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.

Olive Day 2023

On September 9, 2023 our chapter staffed a booth at Olive Day. The Town of Olive was also celebrating its bicentennial. A good number of the general public stopped by, and information was shared. Plus, we acquired a few potential new members. Chet Karwatowski, Roy Meyerhoff, Jody Hoyt, Tony Coccozza, Russell Martin, and Victoria Lawrence manned the TU table, and I took the photo above. Forrest Hutchinson was there also, demonstrating fly tying (see the photo at the top of the newsletter). Thanks one and all.

Revisit the Glory Days of Fly Fishing in Phoenicia!

The Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection at the Phoenicia Library will present a program on Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 1 to 3 PM entitled, "The Glory Days of Fly Fishing in Phoenicia." It will touch on some of the highlights of Phoenicia's renowned reputation as a trout town from the first boarding house catering to anglers on the Milo Barber Farm in 1832, through the fabled fishing days after World War II when Elmer's Diner, the Rainbow Lodge, and Folkert's Sporting Goods hosted anglers from far and wide, making Phoenicia the first Catskill mecca for fly fishers.

Organizer Beth Waterman is counting on participants to bring memories and photos that help paint the picture of the colorful characters and businesses that made Phoenicia famous. Use the button below to view and download the event flyer.

This program is sponsored by a grant from the Catskill Watershed Company in partnership with the NYC DEP, and will be archived as a podcast on their website as part of the Sporting Legends of the Catskills series: <https://catskillanglingcollection.org/news.html>. View the event flyer

https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/upperesopuscrkplan.pdf

Blue Mountains Trout News

(From Pg. 30)

Stone Dams Be Gone!

Once again, with summer now behind us, it's time to breach those stone dams that wet waders built in creeks over the last few months. Though it's been a wet summer, as tributary flows drop, these structures - if left in place - can hinder upstream migration of spawning brown and brook trout. No permit is needed to remove a few rocks, allowing water to flow through the remain-



Photo by Ed Ostapczuk

ing rocks, as long as no heavy equipment is utilized to do so.

Many of these dams can be found on New York State Forest Preserve lands, but any dams on private property do require landowner permission to breach. Help a trout, and remove a few

rocks next time you're wandering around in a stream.

Stone dams like the one in the picture block spawning access for trout as they try to move upstream.

Talking Trout

On October 4, between 6 and 7 PM, I will join Ryan Trapani, Director of Forest Services at the Catskill Forest Association (CFA), on WIOX Roxbury 91.3 for a live - and lively - talk show on trout fishing. It will also LIVE online during that time on WIOX's website



(www.wioxradio.org) and will be uploaded to CFA's website a week later (www.catskillforest.org/radio). The show will also be searchable on two podcast platforms: Podbean & Spotify. Join us if you can.

Acid Rain and Treasurer's Reports

Chapter member and treasurer Jody Hoyt reports during August there were eight measurable rain events totaling 9.60 inches with a weighted 5.3 pH as measured in Boiceville, NY. During the last five months 34.34 inches of rain have fallen in Boiceville. In July and August alone almost 20 inches of rain has fallen. It's been some trout season, plus my weeds have been growing like crazy this summer. Thanks again Jody.

Also, Jody reports that once again there were no financial changes since last month.

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 20, 2023

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Ulster County Department of Emergency Services Plans Multi-Agency Emergency Exercise at Woodland Pond at New Paltz for October 4

Federal agencies will also test nationwide alert systems on the same day

NEW PALTZ, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has announced that the County's Department of Emergency Services has coordinated a multi-agency emergency exercise to be held at the campus of Woodland Pond at New Paltz on October 4, 2023. For more than a year, the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services has been the lead agency in planning for this wide-scale emergency exercise in partnership with Woodland Pond at New Paltz. The exercise will involve members of the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, Ulster County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, New Paltz Police Department, New Paltz Fire Department, New Paltz Rescue Squad, NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services - Office of Emergency Management, and the American Red Cross responding to an undisclosed emergency scenario. Neighbors of the campus will see a large emergency responder presence on October 4th and during the duration of the exercise. Entry and exit to and from the campus will be prohibited.

"The primary objective of government is to keep our residents safe - no matter what happens," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "Here in Ulster County, we have witnessed our share of emergency situations, and we are committed to ensuring that all of our first responders and government resources are fully prepared and ready for any conceivable emergency situation. This multi-agency emergency preparedness training is a testament to the incredible work of our Emergency Services Department, led by Everett Erichsen, and the strategic partnerships we maintain with local first responders and the general public. We are extremely grateful to Woodland Pond for their partnership in organizing this critical exercise, and look forward to continuing to work with their capable team for future exercises."

"In the world of emergency management, the success of a multi-agency exercise isn't measured solely in terms of response efficiency; it's a testament to our collective commitment to preparedness, collaboration, and the resilience of our communities," said Everett Erichsen, Director of the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services. "When we train together we stand together, ready to face any challenge that comes our way. I am very thankful to Woodland Pond at New Paltz for partnering with us to put together this multi-agency exercise, as well as Deputy Director Michael Madison for coordinating with them."

Kamryn Ilgner, Woodland Pond's Strategic Initiatives Specialist explains, "This multi-agency exercise will provide an opportunity for a variety of our County's first responders and emergency planners a one-of-a-kind opportunity to practice coordinated tactical field response to an emergency situation in a way that has never been done in Ulster County before."(Contd. Pg. 32)

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(From Pg. 31) Ilgner goes on to add, "Woodland Pond and our staff and residents are thrilled to be a part of history in this way."

"Only a very small group of planners know the exact scenario that has been planned for October 4th," Ilgner explained, "and this is on purpose. We are performing this exercise for training and education purposes, so it's important that folks on the ground, including even our CEO Michelle Gramoglia, are not privy to the details of what is planned for the exercise. The County emergency planners and emergency responders understand it's critical that this feels as real as possible."

In order to prepare for this exercise, Woodland Pond has extensively communicated with the residents, staff, and family members on what to do in various emergency scenarios, including active shooter situations, a concept that is new to the senior population of residents at Woodland Pond, a continuing care retirement community for residents age 62 and up.

Michelle Gramoglia, Woodland Pond's President and CEO explained, "It has been an evolution for our residents, first to think about the idea that active shooter situations are something we need to prepare for, even in a retirement community, and then to do so."

Coincidentally, on October 4, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will perform a nationwide test of an emergency alert to cellular phones, radios, and televisions. This will be a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). Both tests are scheduled to

begin at approximately 2:20 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Oct. 4. The purpose of the Oct. 4 test is to ensure that the systems continue to be effective means of warning the public about emergencies, particularly those on the national level. The alerts will last for up to 30 minutes and read: "THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed."

ABOUT WOODLAND POND

Woodland Pond at New Paltz is located in New Paltz, N.Y., and is a not-for-profit, upscale continuing care retirement community (CCRC), tailored exclusively for those aged 62 and older. Nestled beneath the shoulder of the breathtaking Shawangunk Ridge, the community opened in 2009 and is the only CCRC in the mid-Hudson Valley. Woodland Pond offers an 83-acre campus that includes a professionally staffed Health Center and a Community Center with an art studio, fitness center, heated indoor swimming pool, salon, Market Basket, billiard room, library, woodworking shop, game room, computer lab and more.

As a true CCRC, Woodland Pond at New Paltz offers independent living with a choice of a private residence (24 cottages and 177 apartments), services, and amenities. Many of the apartment styles and all the cottages are now either fully reserved and/or occupied. Under Woodland Pond's Life Care program, residents are provided privileged admission to the assisted living, memory care, and a 5-star rated skilled nursing center. Woodland Pond also offers outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy, and accepts Medicare and Medicaid. Life Care functions similar to a long-term-care policy wrapped in a healthy and fulfilling resort lifestyle-so that residents can enjoy this chapter of their lives in an inspiring and supportive environment, free from worrying about escalating future long-term-care expenses.

Woodland Pond caters to a diverse group of accomplished individuals with a variety of interests and a zest for life. For more details, please visit: www.wpatnp.org.

Senior Legislative Action Committee

The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County. We invite you to our meeting on Friday, September 29, 2023, at 10 AM in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center, Monticello, NY. Doors open @ 9:40 am.

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Welcome

Minutes of last meeting

Treasurer's report

Old Business:

Update on Adult Care Center. Medicare rating went from 5 Star in 2019 to 1 Star today.

Collection of signatures to present to the legislature to return ACC to county control. When and to whom deliver, Health and Human Services or Full Board ?

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 - a. Their plans
 - B. Emergency Medical Services

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Adjournment

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Radio Catskills Receives Five NYSBA Excellence in Broadcasting Awards

(Liberty, NY) Radio Catskill collected five awards from The New York State Broadcasters Association (NYSBA) at the 57th Annual Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting ceremony in Binghamton, NY, September 20, 2023.

"Our mission is to serve our listeners with meaningful local news and information every day. We are very honored for this recognition from the New York State Broadcasters Association and I am extremely proud of Patricio and Jason for their selfless dedication to our community," said Tim Bruno, Radio Catskill General Manager.

The station won in the following categories:

- o Best Coverage of Spot News: "Roe V Wade Reaction," Patricio Robayo, Producer
- o Best Feature Story: "The Local Edition: Hope Not Handcuffs," Patricio Robayo, Producer
- o Best Interview: "Ukraine - One Year Later," Patricio Robayo, Producer
- o Best Election Coverage: "Election 2022," Jason Dole and Patricio Robayo, Producers
- o Serving NY Award: "Why Vote?" - NAACP/Radio Catskill Community Forum, Jason Dole and Patricio Robayo, Producers

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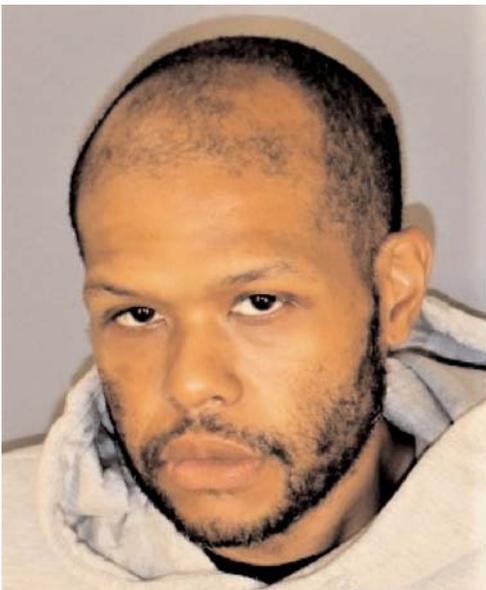


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Armed Robbery in Monticello



On Wednesday August 23, 2023 the Sullivan County Sheriff's Patrol responded to a report of a strong arm robbery at Kaz's Wines & Liquors in the Thompson Square Mall in Monticello. When deputies arrived on the scene they found a store employee who had been injured when he confronted a shoplifter who was attempting to stuff some wine in his backpack and exit the store.

The suspect fled the scene prior to the patrol's arrival. A follow up investigation eventually led to the identification of the suspect as Jamil T. Fasenntao, 37, of Monticello. The suspect was picked up on Wednesday September 20, 2023 on a shoplifting charge at Walmart and admitted to the liquor store robbery. Fasenntao was charged with Felony Robbery and Misdemeanor Petite Larceny. He was arraigned before Thompson Town Justice Sharon Jankiewicz and sent to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

Sheriff Mike Schiff said that his deputies were glad to solve this crime and get this suspect off of the street.

Office of Mental Health and Education Department Partner with State Public Media to Provide Educators with Resources to Support Student Mental Health

Multi-Media Toolkit Released During Suicide Prevention Month; Complements Governor's Initiatives to Address the Youth Mental Health Crisis in New York

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a multi-agency collaboration with New York PBS stations to equip prekindergarten-grade 12 educators with resources and strategies they can rely on to support the mental well-being of their students. Produced by The WNET Group with assistance from the state Office of Mental Health and the State Education, Student Mental Health Matters: A Toolkit for Educators is available free online and provides more than 50 digital videos addressing topics specific to youth mental health.

"New York educators are at the forefront of our efforts to address the youth mental health crisis in our state," Governor Hochul said. "This unique partnership between public broadcasting and New York State will provide them with resources and strategies they can use to help address student mental health issues they see arising at schools and in classrooms across our state."

Launched in recognition of Suicide Prevention Month in New York State and World Mental Health Day on Oct. 10, the toolkit is designed to equip educators, school staff and school-based mental health professionals with critical knowledge and strategies needed to support the mental well-being of their students. The toolkit was developed by The WNET Group -the nonprofit parent company of New York's flagship station THIRTEEN -with support from the state Office of Mental Health and the State Education Department, in addition to the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network, the National Center for School Mental Health, the Child Mind Institute, and other public media stations.

The toolkit focuses on five distinct topics that primary and secondary educators often encounter among students: suicide prevention, stress and anxiety, self-harm, adverse childhood experiences, and social media. Each topic includes short videos providing expert perspectives from mental health professionals, school administrators and educators aimed at helping teachers better understand these challenges; student perspectives revealing the lived experience of students; and strategies providing real-world applications for teachers' practices.

The toolkit is available free of charge to all educators in New York through PBS LearningMedia, which offers educators access to resources from PBS stations and their partners. Nearly 70,000 educators throughout New York State access these resources each month to complement classroom instruction.

Governor Hochul included funding for the toolkit as part of the FY 2023 budget. The \$300,000 addition was earmarked to develop the education resource in consultation with OMH to improve student mental health through trauma informed care, therapeutic crisis interventions and suicide prevention.

Governor Hochul has made youth mental health a focus of her administration and included it as an important component of her landmark \$1 billion plan to overhaul New York State's mental healthcare system. In the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget adopted in May, she secured \$30 million to expand mental health services for school-aged children throughout the state, including \$20 million for school-based mental health services and \$10 million to implement wraparound services training.

The Budget also closes gaps in insurance coverage that have posed a barrier to New Yorkers needing mental health care and substance use disorder services. Among several critical changes, commercial insurance plans will be required to cover services provided in school-based mental health clinics.

Governor Hochul also hosted a Listening Tour on Youth Mental Health and the first-ever Summit on Youth Mental Health, which gathered state and national experts alongside service providers and stakeholders to examine the unprecedented challenges many young people are facing today. Among the recommendations arising from the tour and summit was to invest in community-based resources for mental wellness promotion and to increase free or low-cost mental health resources.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control released its Youth

Risk Behavior Survey, which found alarming mental health trends among school-aged youth between 2011 and 2021 - especially among teen girls. Nearly a third of teen girls seriously considered attempting suicide in 2021, an increase from 19 percent the prior decade; about three in five felt persistently sad or hopeless in 2021, which was twice the rate of teen boys and represents a nearly 60 percent increase over the rate recorded in 2011.

The report also found that youth from marginalized populations are more likely to suffer mental health issues: More than half of LGBTQ+ students expressed having poor mental health, with one in five reporting having attempted suicide in the past year. Suicide attempts were also elevated among Black youth when compared to White youth, according to the report.

About The WNET Group

The WNET Group creates inspiring media content and meaningful experiences for diverse audiences nationwide. It is the community-supported home of New York's THIRTEEN - America's flagship PBS station - WLIW21, THIRTEEN PBSKids, WLIW World and Create; NJ PBS, New Jersey's statewide public television network; Long Island's only NPR station WLIW-FM; ALL ARTS, the arts and culture media provider; newsroom NJ Spotlight News; and FAST channel PBS Nature. Through these channels and streaming platforms, The WNET Group brings arts, culture, education, news, documentary, entertainment and DIY programming to more than 5 million viewers each month.

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Nationwide Emergency Test Coming Oct. 4 FEMA, FCC Explain What to Expect, How to React

Monticello, NY - FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) next week.

The national test will consist of two portions, testing WEA and EAS capabilities. Both tests are scheduled to begin at approximately 2:20 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The WEA portion of the test will be directed to all consumer cell phones. The test message will display in either English or in Spanish, depending on the language settings of the wireless handset. The EAS portion of the test will be sent to radios and televisions.

FEMA and the FCC are coordinating with EAS participants, wireless providers, emergency managers and other stakeholders in preparation for this national test to minimize confusion and to maximize the public safety value of the test. The purpose of the Oct. 4 test is to ensure that the systems continue to be effective means of warning the public about emergencies, particularly those on the national level.

In case the Oct. 4 test is postponed due to widespread severe weather or other significant events, the back-up testing date is Oct. 11.

The WEA portion of the test will be initiated using FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), a centralized Internet-based system administered by FEMA that enables authorities to send authenticated emergency messages to the public through multiple communications networks.

The following can be expected from the nationwide WEA test:

- o Beginning at approximately 2:20 p.m. ET, cell towers will broadcast the test for approximately 30 minutes. During this time, WEA-compatible wireless phones that are switched



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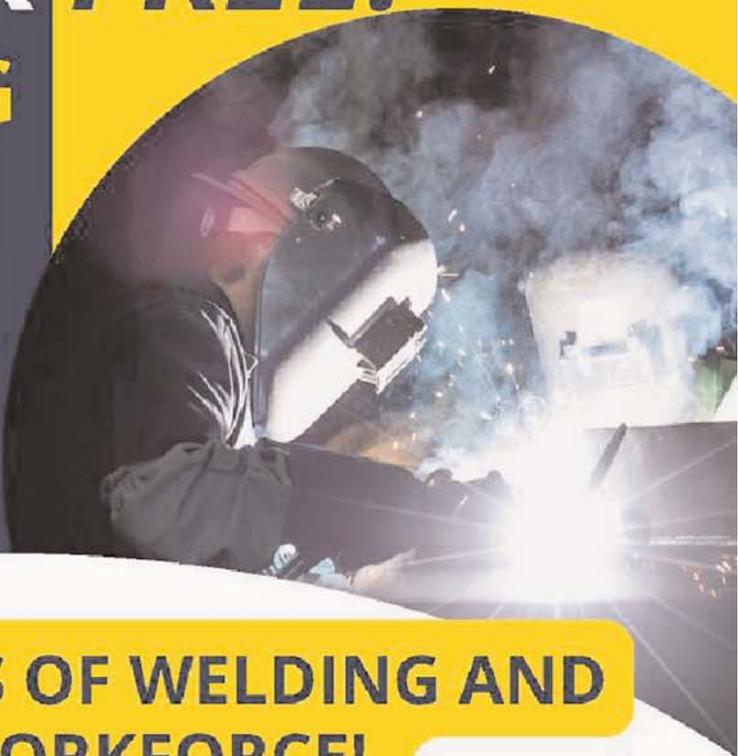
on, within range of an active cell tower, and whose wireless provider participates in WEA, should be capable of receiving the test message.

- o The WEA test will be administered via a code sent to cell phones. All wireless phones should receive the message only once.
- o For consumers, the message that appears on their phones will read: "THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed."
- o Phones with the main menu set to Spanish will display: "ESTA ES UNA PRUEBA del Sistema Nacional de Alerta de Emergencia. No se necesita acción."

The following can be expected from the EAS test:

- o The EAS portion of the test is scheduled to last approximately one minute and will be conducted with the participation of radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers and wireline video providers.
- o The test message will be similar to the regular monthly EAS test messages with which the public is familiar. It will state: "This is a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, covering the United States from 14:20 to 14:50 hours ET. This is only a test. No action is required by the public."

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Cider Making on a 1930s Farm Sunday, October 1st 1 to 3 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum



*Robert Curry and John Story
in the background*

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Cider Making on the 1930s Catskill Farm will be held Sunday, October 1st 1 to 3 p.m. at the Museum on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.

A great old fashioned fall activity - experience old time cider making with a hand cider press! Restored by Museum Trustee David Forshay, the hand press will press fresh local apples after they have been grinded in an old time grinder. The old time apple pressing process and its importance on family farms will be illustrated, including a cider making historical display. Also included is a cider taste testing and home-made cookies.

Held rain or shine, admission to the program is \$5 for adults, and \$2 for children, Members free. Includes the cider making demonstration, admission to the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm including the farm house, barn, milk house, electric plant and working waterwheel building with

educational and interactive activities and the Museum's three floors of interactive exhibitions.

More about cider making: A fall activity on any farm that had an apple orchard, cider making has a long history. Since the safety of drinking water was a concern in early America, cider was a better choice. Early settlers also believed drinking cider aided in the prevention of many illnesses and helped them live a long life.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

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

- 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 **New! Bittersweet Memories:** Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds a collaborative augmented reality art exhibition of the buildings and homes taken for NYC's water system.

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

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



*Museum President Richard Coombe assists young man
using the cider press*

Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State. In 2022, Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators across the state responded to more than 25,600 calls and worked on cases that resulted in nearly 13,800 tickets or arrests for violations ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the illegal pet trade, and excessive emissions violations.

"DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers and Investigators work hard each day to serve their communities, protect our precious natural resources, and safeguard public health, while ensuring those who break the state's stringent Environmental Conservation Laws are held accountable," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "In partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement, DEC looks forward to continuing to support the work our ECOs perform in every corner of New York."

Illegal Commercialization of Trout - Orange County

On Aug. 14, a Deerpark resident entered pleas of not guilty in Deerpark Town Court to charges related to the illegal commercialization of trout. The arraignment followed a months-long investigation stemming from a tip alleging the subject was selling trout by the Neversink River in Orange County. ECOs confirmed the operation by going to the individual's social media page where the subject had posted prices, information about fish preparation, and instructions on where and when to meet up for purchases. Investigators set up an undercover operation and purchased wild trout in vacuum-sealed bags and freshly caught brook trout from the subject. Following the purchases, Officers executed a search warrant at the subject's residence and seized approximately 40 pounds of trout valued at \$745. It is illegal to sell trout in New York State, as well as Atlantic salmon, black bass, walleye, muskellunge, and venison.

Python Seizure - New York County



ECO Pansini wrangling 12-foot-long reticulated python seized from Battery Park in Manhattan

On Aug. 19, ECO Pansini received a complaint from New York City Parks Enforcement Patrol about two men observed with large pythons wrapped around their shoulders at Battery Park in Manhattan. The subjects were attempting to collect money from the public in exchange for photos with the two pythons. Officer Pansini received photos of the snakes and forwarded them to a python expert for identification. The expert identified one snake as a Burmese python and the other as a reticulated python. Both species require a DEC permit to possess and are subject to additional New

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Augustinski responded, and with assistance from New York City Parks Enforcement Patrol and U.S. Park Police, located and detained the subjects. The Officers interviewed the pair and confirmed they didn't have the proper permits to possess the snakes. After ticketing the owner of the pythons, the Officers safely removed the snakes using techniques learned recently during advanced training on the capture, handling, and transportation of dangerous reptiles. The reticulated python measured at approximately 12 feet in length and the Burmese python was approximately six feet.



Pythons seized from Manhattan's Battery Park caged for safe transport

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37th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade

The 37th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 9AM to 4PM at the fairgrounds in Grahamsville, NY. This traditional fall festival has always focused on children and their love for reading books! It's a family day out in the country with something for everyone - from the costume parade, pony rides, giant pumpkin growing contest, craft fair, hayrides, hay maze, a book sale, live music, delicious food and other amusements! New this year is the teen's Adventure Zone, with a rock-climbing wall and various games and challenges. And of course, there will be pumpkins and gourds available for purchase!

The children's costume parade and contest (open to children of all ages and groups of all ages-with a theme) starts the day's activities on stage at the fair-ground with registration at 9AM.

The Tri-Valley School Band, under the direction of Matthew Weyant, will follow the Costume Contest at 11:30 AM. The Giant Pumpkin Party is thrilled to welcome the Manaklin Brothers, a country band with a rock twist to this year's entertainment lineup. The Manaklin Brothers play country, new and old, along with music from the 50's and 60's and Rock and Roll. They are sure to please everyone.

Visitors to the Giant Pumpkin Party will also enjoy children's games, craft activities, handmade crafts, and a raffle featuring more than forty prizes. In addition to these activities, Giant Pumpkin partiers may participate in the many scheduled contests: Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest (adult and children's categories), Pumpkin Decorating Contest, and Hay Bale Throw Contest. Please refer to the booklet or our website (www.danielpiercelibrary.org) for more information on contests and rules.

Every library benefit needs a book sale and the Giant Pumpkin Party is no exception. A collection of gently used books, the best of the best donated to the library over the course of the year, will be featured in the Giant Pumpkin Party Better Book Sale. Find a book and take a refreshment break in between the fun with sumptuous treats of homemade donuts, chili, hot dogs, hamburgers, hot apple cider and drinks available for purchase.

Remember, the event is held rain or shine! Admission and parking are free! Funds raised will be used to benefit the Daniel Pierce Library Children's Program. For entry forms, contest rules, a schedule of the day's events or additional information, please call the Daniel Pierce Library at (845) 985-7233 or visit the Giant Pumpkin Party page on the library website www.danielpiercelibrary.org.



COSTUME MARCH

Saturday, October 7th
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Children's Registration:

The Costume March will take place at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. No fees.

For more information, please contact Deirdre McHugh at 845 985-7233 x105.

Any costume will do. Everyone who participates will receive a special prize book and a delicious Frost Valley Chocolate Chip Cookie!

There will be a separate raffle in each of the following age groups:

- ◆ 0-2 year-old
- ◆ 3-5 year-old
- ◆ 6-9 year-old
- ◆ 10 years and older
- ◆ Group all ages-with theme



GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY

CONTEST INFORMATION

Win Great Prizes!



Enter our contests at the Giant Pumpkin Party for both children and adults for a chance to win great prizes! For entry forms and complete contest rules and information, please refer to the **Giant Pumpkin Party Booklet**, which is available throughout the community, call the **Daniel Pierce Library** at 985-7233, or visit our website at www.danielpiercelibrary.org and click on the "Giant Pumpkin Party" link.

 **Costume March:** (pg. 5) All participants receive a special book prize and a sweet treat. There is also a separate raffle in all of the age groups. Registration will begin at the fairgrounds at 8:30 a.m. The Costume March begins at 9:00 a.m.

 **Giant Pumpkin Contest:** (pg. 7) Trophies and Cash Prizes awarded to all winners! Enter your Giant Pumpkin into our adult or children's categories.

 **Children's Pumpkin Decorating Contest:** (pg. 8) Gift cards or books awarded to all winners! Enter your Decorated Pumpkin into one of 3 categories.

 **Hay Bale Throw Contest:** (pg. 10) Trophies awarded to the furthest throw in each category! Test your strength and give this contest a try. Categories for men, women and children.

* The Thirty-first Annual * HAY BALE THROW CONTEST

The Hay Bale Throw Contest will be here before you know it — are you ready? Now is the time to start preparing.

Remember the special tips that Ol' Hazard Twine Baylor has shared with us over the years:

1. Bring out the "orange" on Pumpkin Party Day.
2. Look for loads of 4-leaf clovers.
3. Practice makes perfect.
4. Eat those leafy "greens" and "orange" carrots.

The GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY has been granted lifetime certification by the *International Hay Bale Throwers Association* of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada.

All persons who are able to pick up a bale of hay, and who pay one ticket shall be entered: to include women, men and children on equal standing.

- 1) No special rules shall be made to benefit men.
- 2) Women shall be offered a special line from which to throw.
- 3) Children too small to pick up a bale may be helped by a parent or other adult.



Association Rules are as follows:

(No exceptions!)

- Throwers must be able to identify a hay bale, and be able to pick it up.
- No special gear, such as: goggles, extra-wide suspenders, or off-color shoe strings will be allowed.
- No practice on event day!

Artwork by Bob McLean



Trophies to be awarded at the conclusion of the PARTY!

* BEST FEMALE THROW • BEST MALE THROW
• BEST CHILD THROW

GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST

Grahamsville Fairgrounds • Route 55
 Saturday, October 7, 2023

Giant Pumpkin Contest Rules

1) A stem must be attached to the entry. If the stem needs to be reattached, clear tape must be used. For example, use clear packing tape.



Michael Lazdauska

- 2) The major criterion will be weight.
- 3) Only one entry per person will be allowed.
- 4) Bring your pumpkin to the Fairgrounds between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. No entries will be accepted after 9:00 a.m.
- 5) Judging will take place at 10:00 a.m. Winning pumpkins must be left for viewing until 3:00 p.m. or prizes will be forfeited.

— Prizes —

King	\$250.00	
Queen	\$150.00	Prince
Princess	\$75.00	
Knight	\$25.00	(ages 12 and under)

Trophies will be awarded to all winners!

ENTRY FORM FOR PUMPKIN CONTEST • NO ENTRY FEE!

Send to: Daniel Pierce Library - Pumpkin Contest, P.O. Box 268, Grahamsville, NY 12740.
 For more information call the Daniel Pierce Library (845) 985-7233.

Name _____ Phone _____

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Category: Adult (13 years and older) _____

(select one) Child (0 - 12 years of age) _____

Variety of Pumpkin _____

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

BRING YOUR DECORATED PUMPKIN . . .

to the Fairgrounds by 6 p.m. on Friday, October 6th, or between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., on the day of the Giant Pumpkin Party, Saturday, October 7. Judging will take place at 11:00 a.m. Viewing of pumpkins at 12 Noon. Prizes will be awarded at the Giant Pumpkin Party on October 7 after 3:00 p.m. **Decorated pumpkins must remain on display for viewing until 3:00 p.m. on October 7, or prizes will be forfeited.** No commercial kits, please. *For more information, call the library at (845) 985-7233.*

(See criteria for judging on page #9)



Joonyub Kim

Only uncarved pumpkins
will be judged.

Young Children (6 and under)

Children (7-12 years of age)

Teens (13-17 years of age)

Prizes will be awarded in the form of books and gift cards.

ENTRY BLANK FOR PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

(Cut along dotted line and bring with your decorated pumpkin to the contest.)

Name(s)

Phone

Address

Please enter my pumpkin in the following category. Category may not be changed once entry form is submitted. Please check boxes.

Child (6 & Under)

Child (7-12)

Teens (13-17)

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Giant Pumpkin Party Raffle

RAFFLE PRIZES

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6th • Saturday Pass for 4 Frost Valley	<i>Frost Valley YMCA</i>
7th • Original Art Work	<i>Ann Higgins</i>
8th • Original Art Work	<i>Elise Hornbeck</i>
9th • \$140 Vouchers to Neversink General Store	<i>Neversink General Store</i>
10th • Museum at Bethel Woods Four Adult Passes	<i>Bethel Woods Center for the Arts</i>
11th • Handmade .999 Fine Silver Necklace	<i>Sweet Metal Designs</i>
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14th • \$100 Gift Certificate to Catskill Mountain Spa	<i>Catskill Mountain Spa</i>
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16th • 16' Girl's Bike	<i>"Mr. Pat"</i>
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18th • Time and the Valleys Museum Family Pass	<i>Catskill Hudson Bank</i>
19th • \$60 Gift Certificate to Garigliano Events	<i>Victoria Garigliano</i>
20th • Soup Toureen	<i>Staci Conjura & Family</i>
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25th • Candy Corn Mug Set	<i>Anonymous</i>
26th • Pancake Breakfast for Two Claryville Fire Department	<i>Michael Schiffer</i>
27th • Pumpkin Peep Mug Set	<i>Anonymous</i>
28th • Deluxe Scrapbook Set	<i>Friends of the Library</i>
29th • Halloween Treat Jar	<i>Anonymous</i>
30th • Harry Potter Game	<i>Friend of the Library</i>

Raffle Tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 (6 for \$5.00) at the Daniel Pierce Library and will be on sale at the Little World's Fair and on the day of the Giant Pumpkin Party. Winner need not be present.

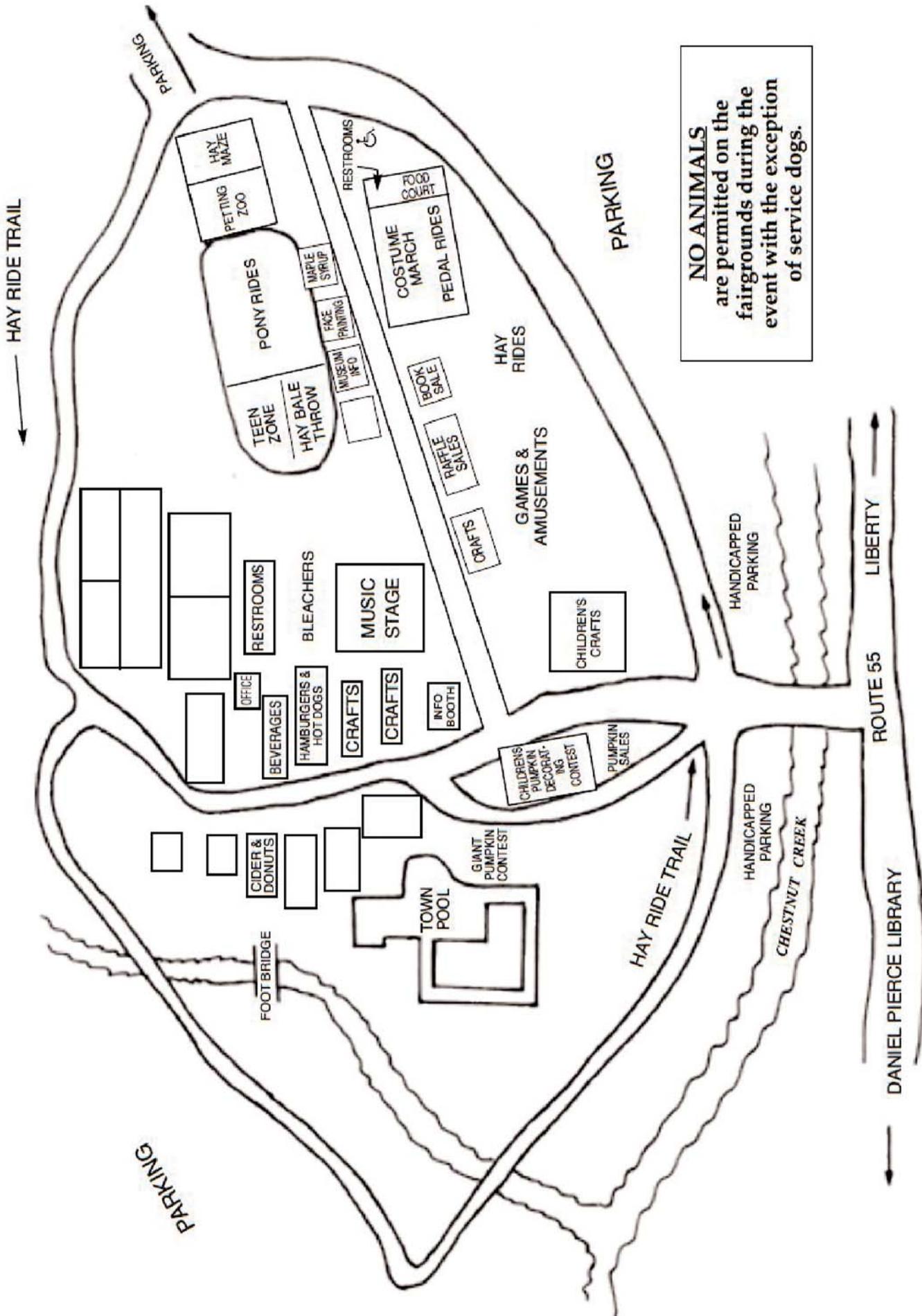
Raffle Drawing at 3 p.m. on October 7 at the Giant Pumpkin Party

Funds raised will be used for the Children's Program Room, and to purchase automation equipment and needed books for all age groups.

GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY

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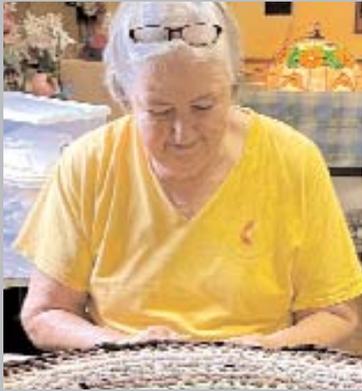
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More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

*For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com*

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Oct 14th



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Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Protect New Yorkers from Increasingly Frequent and Extreme Flooding

- **Legislation (S.5186-A/A.5221-A) Directs the Department of Environmental Conservation to Prioritize Nature-Based Solutions to Stabilize Shorelines**
- **Legislation (A.1967/S.5400) Requires Flooding Disclosure When Buying Homes**

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation to protect New Yorkers from flooding as storms become increasingly frequent and extreme. Legislation (S.5186-A/A.5221-A) requires the Department of Environmental Conservation to implement permit regulations and guidance pertaining to nature-based solutions for shoreline management. Legislation (A.1967/S.5400) requires sellers to inform home buyers as to whether a property is located in a flood risk area or has previously flooded. This legislation underscores Governor Hochul's commitment to climate resiliency and the safety of New Yorkers.

Today marks a monumental step forward in our mission to protect New Yorkers from the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events," Governor Hochul said. "This legislation highlights our commitment to restoring natural habitats, which are our greatest natural barrier for extreme flooding, and safeguarding New Yorkers from the long-term dangers of flooding."

Legislation (S.5186-A/A.5221-A) amends the environmental conservation law to require the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to authorize and encourage the use of nature-based solutions to stabilize tidal shorelines in the state and provides such solutions should be considered when promulgating and implementing rules and regulations relating to such.

Riverkeeper Senior Manager of Government Affairs Jeremy Cherson said, "Governor Hochul's signature of the Living Shorelines Act and Flood Risk Disclosure legislation marks a major step forward for climate resilience in New York State. Responsible management of shorelines along tidal waterways, as envisioned in the Living Shorelines Act, will help ensure that permitting decisions support natural shorelines that provide habitat for wildlife as well as flood protections for communities. With Flood Risk Disclosure, New York will increase transparency around climate risk in our real estate market, empowering home buyers with information about the flood risk to their potential property. Thank you, Governor Hochul, for recognizing the importance of our shorelines in promoting biodiversity and thriving communities, as well as your commitment to climate risk disclosure."

Legislation (A.1967/S.5400) establishes a flood risk "right to know" for homebuyers. Previously sellers could opt that the buyer get a \$500 credit at closing and the disclosure requirement was waived. This legislation eliminates the "credit provision" and requires the disclosure of information concerning flood risk, flood history, and flood insurance on real property transactions.

Luis Alvarez Wins Case Against Robert Doherty

Monticello, NY - Late this afternoon, a six-member jury unanimously decided that Sullivan County Board of Legislators' Chair Robert Doherty had defamed his predecessor, County Legislator Luis Alvarez, when he publicly claimed that Mr. Alvarez had called a female county commissioner a "cunt" and when he further claimed that this allegation was "founded." Comprised of four women and two men, the jury returned its verdict after about two hours of deliberation following a three-day trial in Monticello at which ten witnesses testified.

Mr. Alvarez initiated his lawsuit in the spring 2021, claiming that Mr. Doherty

acted with actual malice and recklessly made these allegations knowing they were false. The jury agreed. Mr. Alvarez testified at trial that he never called the Commissioner this vile term, and that Mr. Doherty issued a press release on January 22, 2021 after behaving dismissively and hostilely toward him during their first year together in the County Legislature.

Fellow county legislator Nadia Rajsz was the trial's last witness and testified that she had worked closely with Mr. Alvarez in the legislature, had never heard him speak in this manner and found him honest. Mr. Doherty's testimony was marked by numerous contradictions, changing accounts of events and answers inconsistent with those he provided at his deposition eight months ago and with that of other witnesses.

In his testimony, Mr. Alvarez told the jury that clearing his name and restoring his reputation motivated his lawsuit, not money. He specifically explained that he was not suing for money. The jury awarded neither compensatory nor punitive damages to Mr. Alvarez who commented, "All the money in this world is not as meaningful as a jury of our peers finding that Mr. Doherty defamed me in two ways. He recklessly accused me of a despicable act, damaging my well-earned reputation. He then had the gall to claim that this baseless allegation was "founded" when he knew full well that my accuser had failed to ever even raise any such claim when speaking about my conduct to either the Director of Human Resources or the Ethics Board. The claim was never founded by anyone. I feel vindicated and appreciate the hard work of this jury and of presiding Judge Bryant."

Both Mr. Alvarez and Mr. Doherty are both seeking re-election as legislators this November. Mr. Alvarez remarked, "We cannot continue to elect leaders who have a profound disregard for the truth and a disrespect for the processes our County has established to investigate serious claims of harassment and discrimination. If Mr. Doherty truly believed that I engaged in this despicable behavior, he should have respected the privacy of the woman who came forward and referred her to the proper authorities in our county for a proper investigation. Instead, he wanted to embarrass me and politically assassinate me and issued a scurrilous press release and then engaged in facebook posts which compounded the damage. But he has failed and I look forward to continuing my service to Sullivan County and its resident."

Mr. Alvarez retired in 2015 from the Sheriff's Department where he honorably served for thirty years.

Plant Swap

(TUSTEN) – The Narrowsburg Beautification Group is hosting its biannual Plant Swap fundraiser on Saturday, October 7th from 10am until 2pm in front of the Tusten-Cochecton Library located at 198 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY.

This is an opportunity to exchange plants, seeds, bulbs etc. from your garden with your neighbors. Please label your items with plant name and info. Nothing to exchange? Make a donation instead. For more information visit [Facebook.com/NBGtusten](https://www.facebook.com/NBGtusten).

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Daniel Pierce Library

Fall Children's Programs

2023

Sign Up TODAY!

The 8 week fall story hour programs will begin the week of October 16th.

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months)

Wednesday, October 18th

Toddler Time (24-35 months)

Thursday, October 19th

Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds)

Friday, October 20th

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

Children will be registered at school

Tuesday, October 17th

Happy Fall



Giant Pumpkin Party Volunteers Needed!

Sign
Up!

Saturday, October 7th
9:00 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.**



Migrant Tax, Another Radical Proposal from Albany Democrats

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwDTKHxkUi4>

While New Yorkers are struggling to pay for gas and groceries, and after Democrats spent \$1 billion relocating migrants in NY, now they want to pass a "Migrant Tax" to bankroll their failed policies. This comes on top of NYC's plan to slash city agencies by up to 15%. Enough is enough!

Mayor Adams has stated that this influx of migrants, nearly 10,000 a month, will destroy NYC, and I agree with him! But to me, this is no surprise: when you do not follow our national laws and allow for open-door, sanctuary city policies to run your town, this is what happens!

I will continue to stand firmly in opposition to forcing NY-24 families to bankroll Hochul and Adam's failed policies. I refused to have my hardworking constituents bear this burden.

READ MORE: Socialists Eye New Taxes to Pay For Migrants
<https://nypost.com/2023/09/16/socialists-eye-new-taxes-to-pay-for-migrants/>

Revealing the Truth Behind SBTi

Rep Tenney Exposes Proposed Rule that would Support Left-Wing Dark Money Laundering Scheme

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjnY19dz0PE>

This week, I revealed the deep corruption surrounding the Biden administration's proposed rule requiring companies to contract with the Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi), a subsidiary of left-wing dark money groups, at today's Science, Space, and Technology Oversight Subcommittee Hearing.

You may be interested to know that the largest owner of SBTi, a UK-based organization formed in June 2023, is the We Mean Business Coalition. The We Mean Business Coalition is a project of the New Venture Fund, which is owned and managed by Arabella Advisors, a philanthropic consulting firm known for its association with left-leaning donors like George Soros, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Michael Bloomberg, and the American Federation of Teachers. By forcing companies to contract with SBTi, the subsidiary of this left-wing dark money web, the Biden administration is de facto forcing companies to contribute to this dark money network to support the radical left's agenda.

The Biden administration has proposed forcing companies to use SBTi, as opposed to any other climate group, to support their left-wing dark money laundering scheme. It should come as no surprise that the beneficiaries of this corruption are Democrat mega-donors, using their wealth to bankroll policies that work to support expanding the Supreme Court, partisan gerrymandering, defunding our military, abortion on demand, and more. I remain committed to getting to the bottom of this network of corruption and preventing this dark money chain from funding left-wing priorities.

The American people deserve to know the truth about this corruption.

READ MORE: GOP rep calls for impeachment inquiry into Biden energy secretary Granholm: 'she lied, under oath'
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/gop-rep-calls-impeachment-inquiry-biden-energy-secretary-granholm-she-lied-under-oath>

Working Together to Advance Our Interests as a Tech Hub Rep Tenney Urges Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo to Designate Western New York as a Tech Hub!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2CAF2crmh0>

Designating Western New York as a Tech Hub will help make our national supply chains more secure and self-reliant while bringing jobs to Upstate and Western New York.

This week, I urged Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo at the House Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Technology to designate Western New York as a Tech Hub to boost innovation, support our local economy, and create opportunities for our businesses to thrive.

Earlier this fall, I was honored to join a bipartisan group of New York legislators in submitting this NY SMART I-Corridor application, which will offer a promising future for the Buffalo-Rochester-Syracuse region. Once home of the Industrial Revolution, with this federal investment, I am eager to see how our community can continue to be a source of technological innovation and advancement.

READ MORE: NY Reps Support Tech Hub Designation

https://www.thelcn.com/news/local/ny-reps-support-tech-hub-designation/article_6767aaba-3c76-5fe7-8fa7-48b8f00cde0a.html

Transparency in Congress and a well-informed electorate are vital to preserving our self-governing Constitutional Republic. Constituents deserve to know how their members of Congress vote, which is why I have explained the votes I have cast in Congress since I was first elected. Those I represent will always know where I stand, and I will continue to prioritize transparency, accessibility, and integrity in everything I do on behalf of New York's 24th Congressional District.

To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House, please click here. <https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained>

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1530, the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2023. H.R. 1530 would make reforms to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability benefits claims process for injured and sick veterans. First, it would require the VA to publish disability benefit questionnaire forms online, allowing non-VA doctors to access these forms for their patients. Second, it would provide additional transparency on VA efforts to reimburse veterans for disability exam-related travel. Last, the bill would increase the maximum number of judges at the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims from seven to nine so all claims can be heard quickly. These veterans served our nation with valor, and it is vital Congress ensures the services they earned are working effectively. H.R. 1530 passed the House by a unanimous vote of 423-0.

I voted "Yes" on S. 112, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida, and for other purposes. Spina bifida is a serious birth defect in which a baby's spinal cord fails to properly develop. Since 1996, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has been required by law to provide benefits to children with spina bifida if their parents were potentially exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam, Korea, or Thailand during the Vietnam or Korean War. However, the VA has not carried out this requirement, preventing affected children from receiving benefits. (Contd. Pg. 58)

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(From Pg. 57) To address this, S. 112 would require the VA to establish an advisory council to solicit feedback from affected children and their parents, ensuring that those who need assistance are able to receive it. This legislation passed the House by a unanimous vote of 422-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3981, the Isakson-Roe Education Oversight Expansion Act. Through their service to the United States, our nation's veterans have more than earned their GI benefits for college, graduate school, and various training programs. However, there have been certain education programs that have been deceiving veterans into signing up for fraudulent, falsified, or substandard programs. In response, H.R. 3981 would require educational institutions to notify state approving agencies if the institution becomes subject to punitive government actions. This would protect veterans from deception and fraud by ensuring GI benefits are only used for education programs in good standing. This bill passed the House by a unanimous vote of 410-0.

I voted "Yes" on S. 475, A bill to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Gallup, New Mexico, as the Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura VA Clinic. Hiroshi Miyamura was born in Gallup, New Mexico and served in the United States Army during the Korean War, receiving a Medal of Honor for saving fellow servicemembers when their position came under attack by Communist Chinese soldiers. Miyamura was taken prisoner and held captive until his release 28 months later. After the war, he returned to his wife in New Mexico, where he ran a small business and advocated for fellow veterans until his death at the age of 97. This bill passed the House by a vote of 409-0, with one member voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 663, the Native American Child Protection Act. H.R. 663 would modify existing tribal grant programs under the Indian Child Protection and Violence Act to more effectively fight child abuse among tribes. Specifically, it would expand the definition of child abuse under the law to include sexual violence and exploitation. In addition, it would establish a new National Indian Child Resource and Family Services Center to replace current regional centers and carry out preventative and treatment services. It is vital that we ensure all children have an environment where they can live and grow, safe from any form of abuse. This bill passed the House by a vote of 378-32.



THE MOLINARO MEMO

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

Update on the Migrant Crisis

I joined NYS Senate & Assembly Republicans in calling for a special session of the State Legislature to address the migrant crisis. We must repeal New York's Sanctuary State designation and prevent migrants from being bussed to upstate. What's happening in NYC can't happen here.

I also called on the NYS Attorney General to have her investigation into DocGo in public view. Transparency can help the public understand what's actually going on with the migrant crisis, right the wrongs perpetrated by DocGo, and prevent more taxpayer dollars from being spent on DocGo.

Rep. Molinaro, NYS Senate & Assembly Republicans Call for Special Session of Legislature to Address Migrant Crisis
Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today held a

virtual press conference to call for a special session of the NYS Legislature to address the migrant crisis. Rep. Molinaro was joined by New York State Senators Peter Oberacker and Tom O'Mara as well as New York State Assemblymembers Joe Angelino, Brian Maher, Brian Miller, and Scott Bendett. During the special session, Rep. Molinaro is urging action on legislation to prevent New York City from moving migrants to Upstate New York and the removal of NYS's Sanctuary State designation.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Today, I stood alongside Senate and Assembly Republicans to call for a special session of the State Legislature to address the migrant crisis. Over 110,000 migrants are currently in New York City, with more coming. We have seen this massive influx put enormous pressure on social services in New York City, so much so that Mayor Adams is now saying the crisis will 'destroy' the City."

Rep. Molinaro continued, "Upstate communities already struggle to meet the needs of their residents. We can't allow what's happening in the City to happen in Upstate NY. We need a special session in Albany, and action in Washington on the House-passed border security and immigration reform bill."

Senator Peter Oberacker said, "In May when the migrant crisis exploded across New York I called for accountability and transparency from New York City, Albany, and Washington D.C. - and that call has gone completely unanswered. It is past time to bring the state legislature back to Albany to map out a clear path forward. Additionally, we need to ensure that the wishes of our local communities are honored and respected."

Assemblyman Brian Maher said, "Our state and our communities need help. We have thousands of people we cannot care for, yet we continue to defend and double down on policies that will continue to flood our borders and communities even more. It started in New York City, but now the state is hemorrhaging. This is no longer a partisan issue, it's a state-wide issue that needs to be addressed immediately."

In Congress, Rep. Molinaro voted to pass a border security and immigration reform bill, joined Congressmen Pat Ryan and Mike Lawler in calling for the President to declare a Federal State of Emergency, and authored and passed bipartisan legislation to prevent Governor Hochul from transforming K-12 schools into migrant shelters.

Listening Session on Expanding Mental Health & Addiction Services in Sullivan County

I hosted a roundtable to build on our momentum in Sullivan County to expand substance use & mental health disorder treatment options and maximize the federal resources we recently secured.

My Think DIFFERENTLY About Education Act Advanced to the House Floor

My Think DIFFERENTLY About Education Act passed the House Education Committee and advanced to the House Floor. Progress is being made to ensure every student of every ability has the opportunities and resources to succeed in school.

Rep. Molinaro Bill to Help Students with Disabilities Succeed in School Advances to House Floor

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today announced the Think DIFFERENTLY About Education Act was voted out of the House Committee on Education & Workforce and will advance to the House Floor. Rep. Molinaro introduced this bipartisan bill alongside U.S. Reps. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA-29), Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY-04), and Mike Lawler (R-NY-17). (Contd. Pg. 59)

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(From Pg. 58 This bill builds on Rep. Molinaro's 'ThinkDIFFERENTLY' initiative to provide resources to individuals with disabilities and their families.

In an annual IEP meeting, school staff and parents of a child with a disability meet to develop an educational plan for the student. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, parents have the right to bring a third-party advocate, such as a therapist, lawyer, or knowledgeable family member, to these meetings. However, most parents are not aware of this right. The Think DIFFERENTLY About Education Act requires K-12 schools to inform parents of their right to bring an advocate to individualized education program (IEP) meetings.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I am excited to announce progress is being made to ensure every student of every ability has the opportunities and resources to succeed in school. Having attended IEP meetings with my family, I understand how daunting and confusing an experience it can be. My bipartisan bill will help guide and empower families through this journey."

Hosted My Third Bipartisan Farm Bill Listening Session

Hosted another successful Farm Bill Listening Session - this time in Ulster County with Rep. Pat Ryan. Got feedback from farmers & agricultural interests as we continue to craft a bipartisan Farm Bill that helps Upstate New Yorkers have economic opportunities and implement sustainable growing practices.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Farmers are being asked to do more with less - to keep producing safe and affordable food, be thoughtful stewards of our environ-

ment, and break down barriers for individuals of all backgrounds and abilities," said Representative and House Agriculture Committee Member Marc Molinaro. "As capable and dedicated as our farmers and farm families are, they cannot do this alone. Our work is focused now on listening and learning from farmers in Upstate New York so we can craft a Farm Bill that makes sure they have the resources and flexibility to have economic opportunities, preserve our natural resources, and reduce our impact on the environment. With this feedback, we will deliver a bill that moves us in a direction that ensures a sound, sustainable future for agriculture in Upstate New York and across the nation."

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

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

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

Summary

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

1. Increased Technical Service Provider Access Act (H.R. 3036/S.1400) - Technical Service Providers (TSPs) help farmers access USDA conservation programs through hands-on, individualized assistance.
2. Naturally Offsetting Emissions by Managing and Implementing Tillage Strategies Act (NO EMITS, H.R. 4163) - The NO EMITS Act assists farmers with transitioning cropping systems to methods that achieve environmental goals while also addressing the economic risk posed by the transition.
3. Flooding Prevention Assessment, and Restoration Act (H.R. 5250) - This legislation creates flexibility within the USDA that will help communities restore flooded areas to pre-disaster levels, including the restoration of natural land, and enable them to manage the impacts of climate change.
4. Peer Learning Conservation Education Act (H.R. ___ / S. ___) - Bill in progress - This bill prioritizes on-farm activities that manage soil health and other natural resources and broadens the type of activities that are eligible for federal support. (Contd. Pt. 60)

THE MOLINARO MEMO

(From Pg. 59)

Taking Action During National Suicide Prevention Month

I spoke on the House Floor to recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Month. I'm raising awareness for mental health and reaffirming my commitment to working toward bold, bipartisan solutions that ensure anyone suffering with a mental health disorder can access quality treatment.

Demanded FCC Crack Down on Albany's Corrupt 911 Diversion Fee Scheme

Albany bureaucrats are taking money meant for local emergency operations and redirecting it to their coffers. This is corrupt and jeopardizes community safety. The FCC has the power to crack down on Albany. I urged them to act.

Molinaro Demands FCC Crack Down On Albany's Corrupt 911 Diversion Fee Scheme

Molinaro: Stealing Money From Emergency Operators And Putting It In The Coiffers of Albany Bureaucrats Is Insulting & Dangerous

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today called on Jessica Rosenworcel, Chairwoman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), to end New York State's corrupt practice of diverting 911 fees from local emergency call centers, crisis intervention services, and other emergency safety operations. Rep. Molinaro sent led this effort with U.S. Reps. Chris Smith (NJ-4), Mike Lawler (NY-17), Nick Langworthy (NY-23), Brandon Williams (NY-22), and Anthony D'Esposito (NY-4).

In New York, cell phone bills have a \$1.20 fee imposed on each contract cell phone device. These fees are intended to support local emergency operations. Instead, the FCC has uncovered that New York State diverts these funds and uses them for other non-emergency uses. As a result, cash strapped emergency operators are unable to make necessary upgrades, hire or retain personnel, or integrate crisis intervention and mental health services into their emergency dispatch systems. This diversion also makes states ineligible for federal grants, such as NextGen 911, which support emergency dispatchers.

In a letter, Rep. Molinaro urged the FCC to implement a rule to end this corrupt practice and create a national standard for how 911 fees should be reinvested in emergency service and local government operations.

Rep. Molinaro said, "The FCC has the power to prevent New York State from stealing 911 fees from local emergency operators. They need to use it. This is a corrupt practice that is taking needed dollars from emergency responders and placing them into in the coffers of Albany bureaucrats. It's insulting to taxpayers and jeopardizes community safety."

Alex Rau, Sullivan County 911 & EMS Coordinator said, "I applaud Congressman Molinaro on his support of this critical issue which affects the safety of every New Yorker. The basis of a 911 surcharge is to support the provision of 911 services to the public, ensuring that when they dial 9-1-1 the service is ready to respond to their needs. The fact that NYS is diverting these surcharge funds already meant to fund 911 services for other non-public safety uses, only further saddles tax payers of NYS as local municipal budgets are forced to raise those operating expenses on the backs of the tax payers yet again."

Matthew Chase, Executive Director of the National Association of Counties said, "911 funding is critical to the safety and well-being of county residents. The Federal

Communication Commission has identified 911 fee diversion as a major impediment to public safety, negatively impacting access to reliable emergency assistance. We must appropriately re-invest 911 fees into the systems our residents depend on. Counties thank Representative Molinaro for his leadership, and we look forward to working with our bipartisan congressional partners to support essential 911 emergency operations."

The full text of the letter can be found here:

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

As you know, the Federal Communication Commission created the Ending 911 Fee Diversion Now Strike Force to study the problem of 911 fee diversion and how the federal government "can most expeditiously end diversion by states and taxing jurisdiction of 911 fees or changes." Currently, several states use 911 fees collected from consumers on their phone bills for non-911 purposes, including New York, Nevada, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and West Virginia. As you are aware, at the conclusion of the 911 Strike Force, the three independent working groups arrived at identical conclusions - 911 fee diversion negatively impacts public safety operations and limits local emergency response services from making the necessary investments to save and protect lives.

This is a top issue for local emergency response services. In New York, cell phone bills have a \$1.20 fee imposed on each contract cell phone device. In 2021, the state collected over \$247 million for the Public Safety Surcharge while counties only saw \$75 million broken down into two formula-based grants. In the absence of direct support from 911 fees to support local public safety answering point operations, counties and other local entities must turn to their general fund revenue for support and often exhaust available resources.

Moreover, this diversion issue makes states ineligible for grants, such as NextGen 911, to bolster their own 911 operations. We have heard from EMS directors and community leaders across our districts about the ongoing challenges of hiring and retaining qualified public safety professionals. These funds are also vital for counties to integrate crisis intervention and mental health services into their emergency dispatch systems. They need to have the resources to make necessary safety upgrades to the 911 system so they can continue serving their communities and fund modernization activities that will improve the delivery of 911 services. The 911 fee diversion issue is negatively impacting emergency service operations and overall fiscal sustainability for counties, particularly in rural communities.

As the Ending 911 Fee Diversion Now Strike Force found, several states experience the issue of fee diversion. These states continue to report consistent fee diversion activities, for issues ranging from aging statutes that do not account for the generational shift from landline to mobile fee assessments, to the lack of a set-aside in 911 fee collection that would re-invest dollars back into public safety answering point operations for things like facility upgrades, computer aided dispatch, mapping technology, and more.

Given these conclusions, we ask the FCC to reevaluate the Ending 911 Fee Diversion Now Strike Force results and establish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to put an end to this unjust practice done by the states we represent. Additionally, the FCC should establish a national standard for a set-aside in 911 fee collection to be reinvested in public safety answering point operators and local government public safety budgets. Commonsense enforcement mechanisms, outlined in the Strike Force, should follow an escalation path focused on resolving fee diversion. Such steps will allow for a measured and balanced approach to solving this critical issue.

We appreciate the efforts and overall mission of the Ending 911 Fee Diversion Now Strike Force and look forward to working with the FCC to solve this critical issue. (Contd. Pg. 61)

THE MOLINARO MEMO

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Rep. Molinaro Holds Listening Session in Monticello on Mental Health & Addiction Services***Molinaro: Today's Participants Share the Same Goal: To Save Lives & Ensure Anyone Struggling Can Access Treatment***

Monticello, NY - At the Monticello Fire House, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today hosted a listening session on mental health and substance use disorders. This session comes as mental health and substance use treatment providers in Sullivan County struggle to keep pace with the growing demand for services. Sullivan County has the highest rate of opioid deaths in New York and has consistently ranked among the worst in New York State for overall health.

Rep. Molinaro was joined by Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek, NYS Senator Peter Oberacker, NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Monticello Mayor Goerge Nikolados, Sullivan County Acting District Attorney Brian Conaty, Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature Rob Doherty, Sullivan County Legislator Alan Sorensen, Sullivan County Coroner Alan Kesten, and Sullivan County EMS Coordinator Alex Rau. He was also joined by representatives from Sullivan 180, the Sullivan County Drug Task Force, Garnet Health, Crystal Run Healthcare, Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT), and Families Against Narcotics.

Rep. Molinaro said, "The issues facing Sullivan County today aren't new. For years, we've seen consistently high rates of drug overdose deaths and a lack of access to mental health and substance use treatment services in the area. But we are making strides. We recently unlocked new federal resources through Sullivan County's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) designation. This roundtable discussion was about building on our momentum and promoting collaboration."

Rep. Molinaro continued, "Today's participants share the same goal: to save lives and ensure anyone struggling with a mental health or substance use disorder can access the treatment they need. We'll get there if we continue working together to expand treatment options and maximize the HIDTA resources." Rep. Molinaro has been a leading advocate in New York for expanding mental health and addiction services. As County Executive, he developed a County Stabilization Center that offered walk-in care for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders. This center became a model for numerous other Stabilization Centers that have opened throughout New York State.

In Congress, Rep. Molinaro has built on this work. He's advocated for expanded federal funding for local mental health facilities, crisis response services, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and worked with local partners to get Sullivan County designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

Rep. Molinaro Selected to Serve on NDAA Conference Committee***Molinaro Will Leverage Position to Push for a Bipartisan Deal & Advocate for Local Job Creators******Tags: Defense and National Security***

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today was selected by Speaker Kevin McCarthy to serve as a member of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Conference Committee.

The NDAA authorizes the budget and expenditures for the U.S. Department of Defense. Critically for Upstate New York, the NDAA authorizes funding for Lockheed Martin in Owego, BAE Systems in Johnson City, Ducommun Incorporated in Coxsackie, and supports much of the local defense industry.

In July, the House passed the NDAA with seven bipartisan Molinaro-authored measures. Later that month, the Senate passed its own version of the NDAA. The NDAA Conference

Committee, which includes Democrat and Republican members from the House and Senate, will work together to develop consensus on a bipartisan NDAA that can be signed into law.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I'm proud to be recognized as someone who can build consensus and I'm honored to be named to this committee. I'll be working to find common ground on a bipartisan bill that empowers local job-creators, expands mental health care for our military, supports military families with disabilities, and ensures access to quality health care."

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If you can't get the answers you need from a federal agency like the VA, IRS, or Social Security Administration, give my office a call at (607) 242-0200. You can also give us a call if you need help purchasing U.S. flags, getting tours and tickets for your visit to Washington, DC, or have questions about internships and military academy nominations.

County Executive Jen Metzger Secures In-Person Hearing for Fortis/Central Hudson Rate Case in Ulster County

State Regulators also Agree to County Executive Metzger's Request for Spanish Language Translation at the Hearing

KINGSTON, NY - In response to repeated calls by Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) has agreed to hold an in-person public hearing on Fortis/Central Hudson's proposed rate hike in Ulster County, and further agreed to the County Executive's request to make Spanish translation available to ensure equitable participation by the County's Spanish-speaking community. The PSC announced today that a hearing will be held on October 18th at 6pm, and at the suggestion of Ulster County Executive Metzger, the hearing will be held at the County's Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Center at 733 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401. Ulster County Executive Metzger also announced that UCAT will provide a shuttle service to and from the Hannaford shopping plaza for additional parking.

In the County Executive's September 1 letter to the Commission requesting an in-person Ulster County hearing, she emphasized that certain areas of Ulster County are underserved in terms of broadband access, making virtual hearings inaccessible for some residents. Additionally, older residents and struggling households adversely affected by the utility's mismanaged billing system may not be able to participate in virtual hearings and deserve a chance to be heard.

"I want to thank the Public Service Commission for its responsiveness to our request," stated County Executive Jen Metzger. "This decision recognizes the challenges faced by underserved areas in terms of broadband access and acknowledges the importance of accommodating older residents and struggling households who have been affected by Fortis/Central Hudson's billing issues. We look forward to broad participation by Ulster County residents and businesses at the in-person hearing to ensure that the Commission understands the unacceptable impacts the proposed rate hike would have on our communities."

Residents of Ulster County can find more information about the case on the PSC website at www.dps.ny.gov by searching for case numbers 23-E-0418 and 23-G-0419. The official meeting notice can be found at

<https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMast er.aspx?MatterSeq=71378&MNO=23-E-0418>

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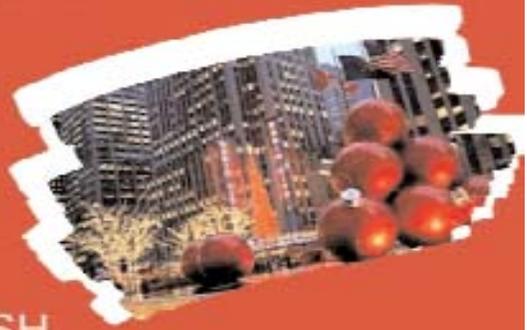
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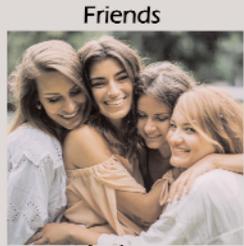
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Grahamsville, NY

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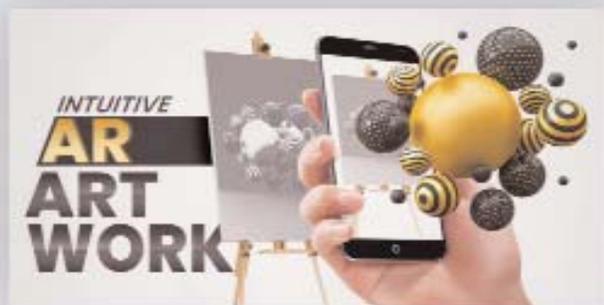


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Sullivan County

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16 Bova Road, Summitville, NY

Upcoming Canal Events

Guided Canal Trail Walk

Sunday, September 10, 2023 1:00 pm

Join the Interpretive Center staff and learn what life was like on the canal, view remnants of Lock 50 and visit the Canal Interpretive Center.

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

Guided Canal & O&W Trail Walk

Sunday October 15, 2023 1:00 pm

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

Contact Mamakating Library to register. Email: mamcirc@rcls.org or call 845-888-8004.

D&H Canal Presentation

Sunday October 22, 2023 2:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Voices United 4 Change

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

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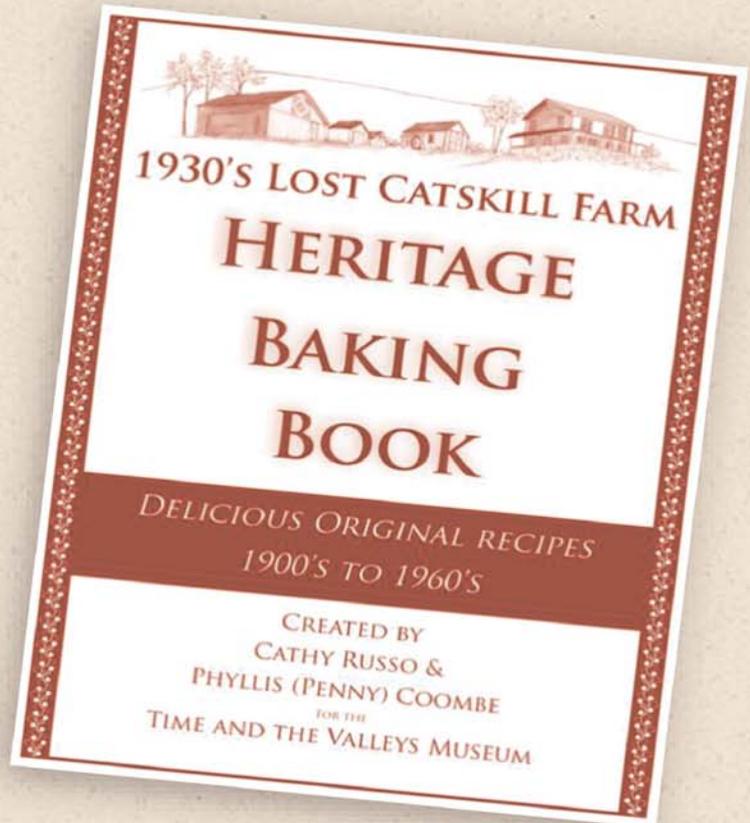
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EYES: HAZEL

HAIR: BLONDE

CLOTHING: Black shirt, blue jean shorts,
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Missing since June 18, 2023

From Garnet Health Medical Center in Harris

The Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help for information regarding the whereabouts of Matthew Russo, who disappeared on June 18, 2023. Anyone with information about Matthew, or what may have happened to him, is asked to call the Sheriff's Office. A reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered to information leading to resolution of the case and finding Matthew.

Sheriff's Office direct phone number is 845-794-7100 (x1)

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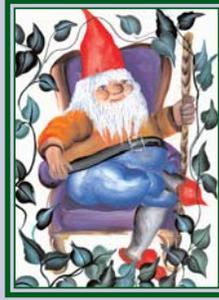
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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I”
ON AMAZON, IMOB, NETFLIX

Jim Thorpe All-American

(1951 / True Story / 1 h 47 Min.
/ Rated PG)



JIM THORPE – A story one of the world’s greatest athletes his achievement of physical perfection and played by one of the ‘acting world’s’ greatest actors – **Burt Lancaster** who is a man of physical perfection. This film is a biographical drama of a young Native American, Jim Thorpe, as he pursues his dreams of becoming an Olympic champion. He is forced to defend himself from the horrors of violence, racial prejudice and bigotry, during both peace time and war. **Directed by Michael Curtiz and starring Burt Lancaster, as Thorpe; Charles Bickford and Steve Cochran**

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Answer to last week’s Trivia Question: True

This weeks’ Trivia question: What kind of dog was *Beethoven*?



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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II ”
ON AMAZON, IMOB, NETFLIX

The Devil's Disciple
(1959 / 1h 22m | War | TV-PG)



During the beginning of the American Revolution a rebel leader and a minister change places, also each changing their dreams at the same time as the British begin a terrible reign of terror. Directed by Guy Hamilton and starring Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III
ON AMAZON, IMOB, NETFLIX
The Crimson Pirate

(1952 / 1h 44m | Adventure | TV-G)

FUN! FUN! FUN! A pirate played by **Burt Lancaster** and his buddy **Nick Cravat** enchant us during a Caribbean revolution with their comical unbelievable



stunts –some of the best in motion picture pirate films.

Directed by Robert Siodmak, and starring Burt Lancaster, Nick Cravat, Eva Bartok

“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE IV ”
ON AMAZON, IMOB, NETFLIX

SEVEN DAYS IN MAY
(1964 / 1h 58m | Drama | TV-14)

A General of the United States commits treason as he usurps the power of the people to start a military coup. This rouge general's group, is on a quest to destroy the sovereignty of these United States.



Directed by John Frankenheimer and starring Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas and Fredric March

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