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“Country Pumpkins” Comes in First at Battle of the Books!

By Lisa Carroll

Grahamsville-The Daniel Pierce Library Country Pumpkins did it again! Our team came in First Place on Saturday, August 26, at the RCLS Regional Battle of the Books competition at the SUNY Orange campus.



Daniel Pierce Library "Country Pumpkins" (from left to right) team coach Jessica Dymond, Abby Rusin, Katelyn Sauer, Angie Flores, Ava Bush and team coach Matt Haynes holding the first-place banner after their triumphant win during Saturday, August 26, RCLS regional Battle of the Books competition held at SUNY Orange.



Daniel Pierce Library "Country Pumpkins" Battle of the Books teammates conferring before submitting an official answer during one of the trivia "battles" during the August 26 RCLS regional Battle of the Books competition.

Competing against 10 other teams from throughout the RCLS system, it was an edge-of-your-seat moment as ours came up against New City, securing first place while New City Library came in second and Finkelstein Memorial Library in Spring Valley came in third. Last year, our team came in second place with Finkelstein coming in first. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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Psalm 7:1

OBITUARY

Jared L. Proyect, of Woodridge, NY, passed away on August 28, 2023



at Gar-net Health Medical Center, Harris, NY. He was 47.

He was the son of Steven and Irene (Devore) Proyect, born on September 4, 1975 in

Middletown, NY.

Jared worked as a Utility Plant Operator for the Town of Fallsburg Sewer Department but during his career wore many hats and was described as everyone's "right-hand-man". Jared enjoyed the outdoors, an avid huntsman, fisherman and trap shooter, who could often be found listening to country music. He loved spending time in nature, but more so loved being an active member in his community. He was a 30 year member of the Woodridge Fire Department, was Past Chief and Chief Engineer, and currently held the title of Fire Commissioner. He was also a very active member of the Woods Pond Rod and Gun Club. But, above all else, his family was his truest love. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, son, cousin, uncle and friend. He touched the hearts of everyone who knew him, to know him was to love him. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his parents Steven and Irene (Devore) Proyect; his wife Crystal Proyect; his daughter, whom he loved "to the moon and back", Jocelyn Proyect; his sister Jodi Proyect (Seth); as well as numerous cousins, and particularly his cousin Michael Novogrodsky, who was more like a brother to him; and nephews Tristan and Alex Sherman.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jared's name can be made to the Woodridge Fire Department, P.O. Box 683, Woodridge, NY 12789.

A memorial visitation was held from on Saturday, September 2, 2023 followed by a firematic service at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY

12788. A celebration of Jared's life was held at the Woodridge Fire Department Social Hall immediately following.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit:

www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

September 16, 1953

Snow flurries were reported this past Sunday on the mountain tops and in widely scattered parts of this area. Last week there was frost in Claryville on the 8th and again on the 9th. Coming right on the heels of the longest and hottest spell in history, this weather had everyone digging out warm clothes to wear.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Curry are the proud parents of a boy, Stephen Lee, born September 8th at Maimonides Hospital, Liberty. Stephen is the Curry's fourth child.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Malley are the proud parents of a baby girl born last Friday. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Upon our shelves in days of yore,
the values were renowned.

The cracker barrel is no more,
the old spittoon no longer can be found.

But friends come trooping
through the door,

for this is still the country store!

KUM TO KRUM'S

September 11, 1963

Grace Jackson Stewart, postmistress at Willowemoc for 20 years, died September 2, 1963 at Liberty Loomis Hospital. Mrs. Stewart, who had retired in 1945, served many years as assistant postmistress before becoming postmistress. She was also owner and operator of a general store at Willowemoc. Born December 2, 1877 in Wawarsing, she was the daughter of Abram H. and Elmira Maride Jackson. Surviving is a sister-in-law of Toronto, Canada.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Furman who were united in marriage on Thursday, September 5th at the Methodist Church in Sundown. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burch were their attendants. Mrs. Furman is the former Mrs. Floyd Burch. After a week's trip they will reside in Sundown. (Contd. Pg 3)

DAYS OF YORE...Today's History (From Pg. 2)

September 11, 1963

Jack Bravo, 63, of Napanoch, died at his home on September 5th. He was born in Hammond, Indiana on October 13, 1899. He was married at Grahamsville to Alida Wright. A resident of Napanoch for 15 years, he had operated a vending machine business. Surviving besides his wife are three sons, one daughter, one brother and nine grandchildren.

October 3, 1973

Grahamsville Scout Troop 87 will hold an Eagle Court of Honor for Life Scout Eric Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dixon of Grahamsville. Ceremonies will be held at the Tri-Valley School on October 6th. Eric has been in scouting for 3 _ years and is the Troop's 8th Eagle Scout since it was chartered and organized by its first Scoutmaster, Thomas Marshalek in 1969. The Troop is sponsored by the Grahamsville Fire Company.

Anniversary celebrations: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Allison, 11 years on the 6th; the Donald Buswells, 34 years on the 8th; on the tenth, three anniversaries: the Thomas Yagers, 9 years; the Billy Denmans, 22 years; and the Charles Klothes, 37 years. Mrs. William VanBenschoten will be 93 on the 9th.

September 16, 1983

Congratulations to Billy Curry of Neversink and Daun Henderson of Grahamsville who were married at the Parkville United Methodist Church on September 3, 1983. Also congratulations to Billy's parents, Raymond and Audrey Curry who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on the same day. A party was held at the Neversink Fire Hall in honor of both occasions.

Albert V. Carr of Grahamsville, a retired assessor of the Town of Neversink and a 25-year employee of Lewis Auto Parts, Liberty, died Friday, September 9th, 1983 at home after a long illness. The son of the late George and Myrtle Whipple Carr, he was born June 7, 1912 in Claryville. Mr. Carr was a lifelong area resident and a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church; the Grahamsville Fire Department; the Tri-Valley Lions Club; AARP, Grahamsville Chapter and the Grahamsville First Aid Squad. Survivors include his wife, Frieda Ernst Carr at home; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Haag of Grahamsville, N.Y. announce the engagement of their daughter, Louise to Steven Diescher of Livingston Manor, N.Y. An April wedding is planned.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published Aug 29, 1996

It was a beautiful September morning in the early 1900's when my friend Eriene Owen and I decided to skip school in order to have our fortunes read. It had been raining the night before but had now stopped and as we walked along we noticed the foliage along the sides of the road had already started to change from green to beautiful autumn colors of red, gold and brown. We were walking to Forest Lake where Andrew and Elviny Yorks were caretakers. In earlier years Elviny had traveled with a gypsy band and she could read anybody's future through tea leaves. As we walked along dozens of little red lizards brought down from the rain went scampering out into the underbrush.

It was a long walk but we didn't mind that as we were having our fortunes told. When we reached the cabin we found Andrew and Elviny very busy filling a wheelbarrow with vegetables from their garden. Elviny was getting well along in years and deaf, but she understood what we came for and advised us that being Friday it was a bad luck day and she could not tell our fortunes. She told us to come back another day.

It was late when we arrived back in school and our teacher, Jessie Leslie, took away our recess privileges until we made up all the time we had wasted, along with a lecture which we so badly needed and never forgot.

Household Hint:

Removes Hard Water Stains

Put vinegar on a cloth and let sit on the back of your kitchen faucet It removes hard water stains.

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.

Resurrection of the American Chestnut Tree

Many older houses and barns around Grahamsville have floors and beams of chestnut whose wide grain and tawny color are beautiful. In fact there are still reminders of the mighty American chestnut tree in Grahamsville: the Chestnut Creek; the historical Chestnut Woods; and Chestnut Drive, all whose names surely originated from the American chestnut trees that were once very dominant in our local forests.



Chestnut forests once covered the whole Eastern seaboard so thickly (every fourth tree was a chestnut) that a squirrel could travel from Maine to Georgia without ever coming to the ground. Every spring with so many chestnut trees, from a distance the white blossoms on the hills appeared to be draped in quilts of snow. The abundant chestnut trees shaped the forest ecosystem. They once provided abundant food and shelter for animals and people alike. Bear, deer, small mammals and birds feasted on fallen chestnuts, which sometimes piled so high on the forest floor that people would scoop them up with shovels.

The American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*) was a magnificent tree reaching a hundred feet high and eight feet across the stump.

Its oval leaves were six inches long tapering to a point with dainty sawtooth edges and bright green color.

After the greenish long calkins bloomed in June-July, two or three nuts squeezed together in brown prickly burs.

For forty million years chestnuts were staple food for wildlife and humans worldwide since the tree also grew in Europe and Asia. Its beautiful wood was prized for homes, barns, fences and furniture. It was durable because of the tannic acid it contains.

Chestnuts grow to great age and size. A European one in Gloucestershire, England is a thousand years old.

Another in Sicily grew from a stump bearing five saplings that united into a single trunk one hundred feet around.

Then in 1904 disaster struck the American species. A fungus blight was imported on Chinese nursery stock. Our trees had never evolved resistance to the foreign fungus. One year later, all our chestnuts were dead. None survived.

Today you might find scrawny saplings here and there in the Catskills that live several years and then die before producing chestnuts.

However, for the past fifty years American tree scientists have worked with geneticists to produce a chestnut tree that is American in every aspect AND has the fungus resistant gene of the Chinese tree.

They finally succeeded after much cross breeding and around 2005 were able to offer healthy American chestnut seedlings to plant in National parks, tree farms, and commercial garden centers.

What a comeback one hundred and one years after the blight.



News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

Summer is on its last days, and fall is just around the corner. Fall is by far my favorite season. I love the colors of fall- the trees so vivid in yellows, oranges, and burgundy. I love the scents of fall- the smell of the fallen leaves and scents of apples, cinnamon, pumpkin coming from the kitchen. And most of all I love the cool crisp air and the colorful mums that bloom during this time of year. Fall is also a time that Parks & Rec looks at what we did this past year, what we still have coming up and what do we want to plan for next year.

This past year has been a difficult one for our events. Mother Nature took over and many of our events were cancelled. Warm weather put a crimp in our Winterfest and pouring rain resulted in us cancelling most of our movie nights. We can only hope that next year's weather is kinder to us! We've had to postpone our Karaoke Nite due to conflicts with the availability of the fairgrounds. We may look to reschedule in late-fall, again weather dependent! We will let you know if that happens.

One upcoming event that the weather more than likely will NOT impact is our bus trip to NYC. Its scheduled for December 9th, with the bus departing town hall @ 7:45 am and leaving NYC at 7 pm giving participants the entire day to do whatever they please in the city. The cost is \$50 per person. Seating is limited to 50 and will be on a first come-first serve basis with seats reserved with payment. Check out the flyer here in your Townsman or on the Parks & Rec Facebook page. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com or at Town Hall (clerks office). You must be registered and paid in full to reserve a seat on the bus.

And of course the big event we are participating in is the Antique Tractor Show on Sept. 16th at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. I know I have said it in past articles, but I am going to say it again---THIS IS GOING TO BE AN INCREDIBLE SHOW THIS YEAR! Throughout the day we will have vendors selling their wares; the hay ride; Timmy the Train; family games; Shingle Mill, Saw Mill and Hit & Miss engine demos; spinning wheel and quilting demos; antique machinery display; car show vehicles from the Any Make/Any Model Car Club; and of course tractors.... TRACTORS.... TRACTORS! Food and beverage will be provided by the Grahamsville Fire Dept, Tri-Valley Little League, Lions Club and Terwillger's Famous Funnel Cakes (it wouldn't be a show without the funnel cakes!). The Beer Garden will be open from 11am-6pm, with 17 West and Bridge & Tunnel breweries serving. Jon Zanger will be performing live in the Beer Garden from 1-3 and 4-6, with DJ Jim providing the music in between. And our Grahamsville Fire Dept. will be preparing a full chicken BBQ dinner from 4-6pm for a cost of \$15 (you can pre-order at fd.grahamsville@gmail.com or contact Larry Bracken at 845-807-6686). The Sportsman's Club will be having their annual flea market and may have some sports demonstrations. And what would a tractor show be like without a PARADE!! Yes we are having the Tractor Parade at 1 pm---and this year it is being led by our Tri-Valley Cheerleading Squad. The Cheerleaders will also be hosting a face-painting booth. Other events happening at the show are the Slow Race; Pedal Tractor Races; Blind Fold Race; Obstacle Course and Tractor Bingo. Attendees of the show will get a flyer at the gate which will list all the event times/places as well as all the participating vendors. Speaking of the gate, Tanya Huggler and our Tri-Valley FBLA will be at the bridge to collect the \$3 per car fee. We ask that everyone STOPS when they enter the show. And a portion of the \$3 fee goes to support our FBLA. Mark your calendars for Sept 16th (rain date Sept 17th). The show starts at 10 am with the raising of our flag and the national anthem. Hope to see you there!

So now I ask a favor from our Townsman readers. We would like your input on possible events/activities we should look at for next year. Send any suggestions to cwparksandrec@gmail.com. And thank you for taking the time to share ideas with us.

That's it for this update... more to follow in upcoming weeks. Remember to keep checking our Parks & Rec Facebook page for updates on upcoming events. And as always, any questions please reach out to me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

Until our next update, everyone be safe, stay healthy and most of all be happy.

Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)

2023 Fresh Air Fund Friendly Town Community Hosts 11 NYC Kids



Fresh Air Fund- Summer 2023 Bus Arrival at Kartrite June 28th

Here we are at the unofficial end of summer, sigh. On a positive note, our Fresh Air Fund Friendly Town Community re-ignited with 10 area host families and 11 NYC kids sharing week-long visits in Sullivan and Wayne counties.



Cristina and Mark of Neversink welcome Jonathan at Kartrite - Fresh Air Fund-Summer 2023

Sharing a short summary in case there's space for an end-of-summer brief about the program. And attaching photos - it was mighty hard to cut myself off with only these 5 pictures!

Despite the toxic wild-fire air in late June and lots of rain and cooler than normal temps in August, the kids got to see our sights and make new friends.



Derek and art project at Steve and Christine's Claryville Host Family Home



Fresh Air Fund- - Summer 2023 Bus Arrival at Kartrite August 7th



Jonathan the aspiring cook - Fresh Air Fund-Summer 2023

There were visits to strawberry fields, an Alpaca farm, the Wayne County Fair, Fort Delaware, Kartrite Water Park, Legoland and minor league baseball.

There was pottery making and glass art with local artisans, plus lots of home art, games and cooking. And of course, what would summer in the country be without swimming, fishing, grilling, s'mores, bicycling, time in the garden, stargazing, and avoiding all kinds of bugs!

Have to give shout outs to Morgan Outdoors in Hurleyville for sharing hiking maps and tips for our visitors and host families, and Kartrite Water Park in Monticello for lending their parking lot for arrivals and departures plus day passes for all of our city visitors.

We'll be eager to welcome back host families and the city kids, and keep growing next year. Anyone interested in learning more can visit www.freshair.org and even sign up now so they can receive info for summer '24.



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Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 50

Green Sun

Mysterious Book Report No. 334

Published May 17, 2018

by John Dwaine McKenna

There's plenty of reality TV programs these days that show viewers what cops are doing during their shifts, and what they're putting up with from John Q. and Susie B. Public. Now, a new book puts readers into the jump seat of a 1980s vintage squad car during the spring and summer of a new officer's probationary period in Oakland, California. It lets us see what the newbie cop is experiencing, *and thinking*, in an emotionally charged thrill ride that starts in the first chapter and runs through the last page.

Green Sun, (Mulholland Books/ Little, Brown, \$27.00, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-46680-6) by Kent Anderson is the third book of a trilogy which began with *Sympathy For The Devil* and *Night Dogs*, more than twenty years ago. Make no mistake however, *Green Sun* stands entirely on its own. It tells the story of Officer Hanson, a Viet Nam war Special Forces veteran who – at age 38 – gives up the comfort of a professorship to return to life as a cop in a city that's awash in strife and racial conflict. The Oakland streets are boiling hot under the summer sun. They're also armed and angry, gang and dope-infested, seething, mean and set to explode at the slightest provocation. Hanson, who's fighting his own personal demons . . . sees Death, following him around at times. He's an unconventional cop, who realizes, justice is an elusive commodity that comes in other ways than strict enforcement of the law. He's a lone ranger in hostile territory. He works alone, without backup on an understaffed, poorly managed, outnumbered, badly-equipped, inefficient, brutal and outwardly racist

police force, where truth be told, the cops are scared to death of the public they serve. Hanson, who gave himself up for dead in Viet Nam, has long since made his peace with it and goes unafraid, where angels fear to tread, using respect, common sense and compassion instead of brute force to do his job. But at the same time, he's drinking himself to death, trying to keep his 'mean streak' bottled up . . . and inhibit his inner urge to kill everyone he comes in conflict with. In a downward spiral, he meets an outspoken beauty named Libya and her irrepressible nephew Weegee, while at the same time, forming a dangerous friendship with Felix Maxwell, the biggest druglord in Oakland, based on their shared values of honor and fair play. Read it and see for yourself, why *Green Sun* is drawing rave reviews from everyone. *Publishers Weekly* puts it in the top ten mysteries and thrillers for Spring, but the MBR puts it in the top three. It's one you don't want to miss!

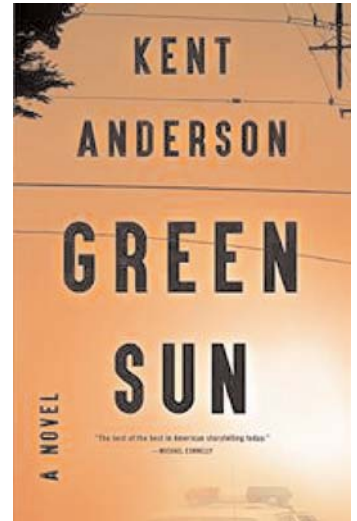
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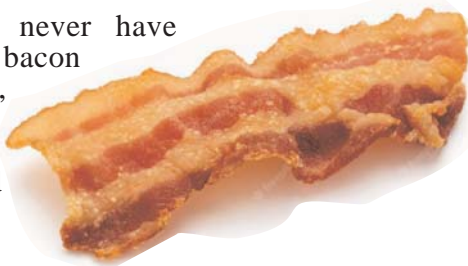
Summer's Demise Random thoughts

Underwear shouldn't show

Dining out is expensive.

Folding clothes, fresh from the dryer, is soothing. Putting them away is frustrating.

You can never have enough bacon (crisp), b i n g cherries, or salted cashews.



Why does something small come in such a big carton?

Why doesn't cereal just come in a zip lock bag?

I like the way so many people have naturalized part of their garden and lawn.



I love snowstorms before Christmas and despise them afterwards.

Winter is just too darn long. It is like a guest that has overstayed his welcome.

Why are dog food companies advertising real food for dogs that is more expensive than buying the real food?

The chicken had to come first to lay the egg.

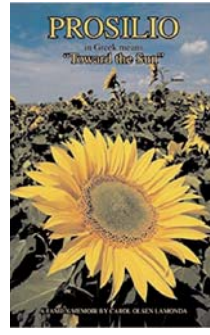


A hug cures most everything.

Orange shouts louder than red, but red is stronger.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



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Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

“Country Pumpkins” Comes in First at Battle of the Books!

By Lisa Carroll

(From Pg. 1) “We are so incredibly proud of our girls,” Mikki Greene, DPL Interim Director said. That sentiment was shared throughout our staff, volunteers and patrons. The team is coached by Tri Valley Secondary School (TVSS) English teacher Matt Haynes and TVSS Librarian Jessica Dymond and has been competing in the college bowl-type trivia completion since 2014. This year's team consisted of four members: 8th grade students: Abby Rusin, Ava Bush and Angie Flores and 11th grader, Katelyn Sauer. Sauer was the only returning competitor, with Rusin, Bush and Flores new to the team.

The program is open to teens entering 6th through 12th grade. Members are asked to read eight preselected titles over the course of the summer and then participate in trivia battles based on those books at a regional battle. According to the RCLS website, the goal of the program “is to promote a love of reading in teens, to expose them to titles and authors that they might not encounter otherwise, to encourage them to think of their public library as a resource for entertainment and to inspire teamwork and good sportsmanship in an atmosphere of friendly competition.”

“The best part of coaching the team is twofold. First, it's great being able to see the kids so much over the summer (when I normally wouldn't see them). Second, it's so impressive to see how much they read over the summer (aka their free time!). They inspire me!” Haynes said. Incredibly impressive too, is how many teens were there competing in the competition overall. While some libraries had smaller (but mighty!) groups like ours, others had huge teams with 10-plus members. No one could have left that auditorium under the impression that teens don't read.

The hardest part of coaching, Haynes added, is the operational aspect. Scheduling practice dates and getting everyone together during the summer. “It can be very hard with people taking vacations and people working, so it can be tough to keep the team together,” Haynes said. But ours was a determined team-and if the score board showed anything-it's that they most definitely came together!

Looking forward to next summer's team, Haynes said, students who are entering grades 7 through 12 are eligible to participate and emails are sent out seeking participants. “First and foremost, [we're looking for] kids who like to read! Secondly, kids who are able to get along with anyone. Our teams have always been very diverse as far as grade levels. Kids come into Battle of the Books without knowing each other and then end up leaving as friends. This is always so cool to see,” he added.

Friendship-and reading tons of great books by awesome authors-is an inspiring aspect of our joint team and we are so proud to be able to initiate such connections.

In other “successful” news:

Our summer reading program ended with a bang. We made our personal goal of minutes read for the 0 to 11 year old groups, with 42,155! That's 5,165 more than last year's recorded number of 36,990. “A big thank you to all of our patrons for a successful 2023 Summer Reading Program,” Deirdre McHugh, DPL Children's Program Coordinator, said. Over 50 children participated in the reading programs throughout the three age groups: 0-5, 6-11 and 12-18. For a breakdown of specific numbers and adult participants, see our social media pages.

We just started selling tickets for Sportsmen's Bingo, a joint event with the Grahamsville Fire Department, at \$35 a ticket. Bingo will be held at the fire station on Saturday, October 21, with doors opening at 6PM.

Earlier that same day (October 21), from 10AM to 3PM, we will be hosting a 5 Hour Pre-Licensing class for permit holders. The class is \$45 per student and is DMV approved and mandatory for unlicensed 16-year-olds and up looking to get their driving license. Students must hold a NYS photo permit to attend.

We are also busy getting ready for our 37th annual Giant Pumpkin Party, to be held Saturday, October 7 at the Grahamsville fair grounds.

More information on any of these upcoming events and programs-including the Children's Fall programing starting October 16-is available on our website as well as through our social media sites including Facebook and Instagram.



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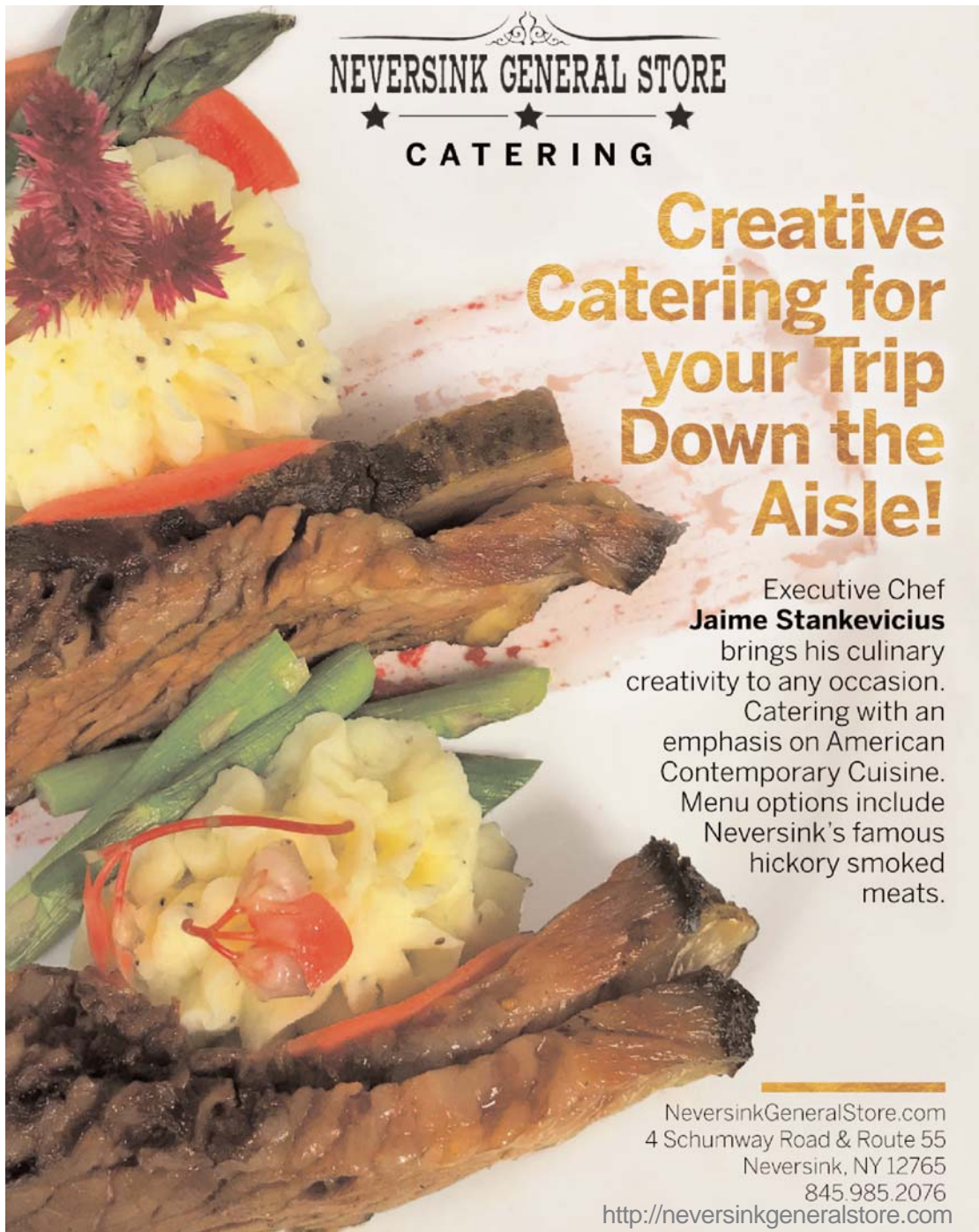
For more information please call Michelle at 845-985-7233 x104

It's Still Summer in the Catskills!

Just because Labor Day has come and gone doesn't mean the fun is over. Our Sullivan Catskills is always packed with good times, perfect for families and friends. Come book a place to stay. We have many choices: full-service resort, boutique inn, B&B, vacation rental, hotel, or campground. You can even wear white and have breakfast for dinner. We don't judge! We love your creative spirit. Let us show you ours:

Our artistic side is alive and well. Get your creative juices flowing on Thursday night and sing your heart out at Thursday night Cab'raoke at Cabernet Frank's at 7 pm. Or, head over to the final summer session of the Bethel Lakeside Music Series from 6-8 pm where there will be live music and a tribute to first responders.

Friday marks the beginning of the weekend-long In the Works, In the Woods Festival at Forestburgh Playhouse. Dozens of creators from around the country gather to rehearse, rewrite, commune, workshop, and share staged readings of new plays, musicals, and two new solo cabaret acts. Over at the Narrowsburg Union, the opening reception of the Eddie Adams Workshop and Legacy is from 5-8 pm. Adams was an Associated Press photographer who photographed 13 wars, seven U.S. presidents, 65 heads of state, and countless celebrities. The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents the Ten-Minute Play Festival on September 8-10 and 15-17 at 8 pm and 2 pm. And it's Stardust Ballroom Dance Resort Weekend at Villa Roma. Seminary Hill hosts jazz guitarist Matthew Albeck from 5-8 pm, part of their 3-6 pm Happy Hour. 17 West Brewery will have live music by Shades on Friday night from 6-9 pm. (Contd. Pg. 11)



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Welcome to the Catskills

The Welcome to the Catskills webpage is the place to go if you are interested in learning more about the Catskills. It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, tips for planning, and how to Leave No Trace. Be sure to check out the links for additional information and tips and tricks for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other backcountry users in the Catskill Mountains.

Go to: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/120094.html>



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The Scene Too

No column this week.

It's Still Summer in the Catskills!

(From Pg. 9) Sleep in a little on Saturday. Then head up to Catskill Brewery, where the nomadic market of makers and merchants of the Phoenicia Flea will hang out from 11 am to 5 pm. While you're there, try Barkaboom Oktoberfest Marzen, the newest release. The Do Good Spirits Garage Bar and Eats hosts music by Todd Baker from 2-5 pm (and on Sunday, JP Carmody takes the stage). While you're there, have a tasting of the award-winning distilled spirits. Spend the late afternoon with the Bloomingburg Restoration Foundation as they celebrate their 200th anniversary from 3-5 pm with square dancing, food, an antique car show, and more.

This Sunday Fun Day is time for the Second Sunday Artisan Fair and Farmer's Market in Mountandale from 11 am to 3 pm.



NEVERSINK RIVER CRAFT CO-OP

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Visit, relax, meet the artists, and shop for pottery, wooden bowls, cutting boards, jewelry, paintings, resin art, and more!

In Claryville, The Neversink River Craft Coop continues to show new pottery works, wooden bowls, cutting boards, and more from 10 am to 5 pm. The 25th annual Harvest Festival continues at Bethel Woods on Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm, featuring produce from local farmers, local artisans, music, food trucks, a corn maze, and fun for the kids. St. Baldrick's Day in Eldred at the Piazza is when, starting at 12:30 pm, supporters shave their heads to raise money for cancer patients through the St. Baldrick's Foundation. There will be music, a bake sale, and pizza. At 1 pm, head over to Wurtsboro at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center for a guided canal walk to learn what life was like on the canal and view remnants of Lock 50. At 3 pm, the Town of Lumberland hosts local pianist Shy Kedmi at the Town Hall as part of their Cultural Series.

September outdoor fun begins on The Monster Golf Course at Resorts World Catskills. This 18-hole championship course is a one-of-a-kind experience. September and early October are great for boating. Or the hiking and kid stuff is plentiful, too. We also have plenty of Catskill-icious food and award-winning craft beverages. Don't forget the self-guided Upstate Coffee Crawl going on through September 29. Visit all 18 venues, get your card stamped, and you'll be entered into a drawing to win a weekend getaway on the Delaware. Our Sullivan Catskills participants include Forage & Gather Market in Mountandale, Grizzly Bagels in Callicoon, Hurleyville General Store, The Kitchen Table in Callicoon, Main Street Farm in Livingston Manor, Tusten Cup and 2 Queens Coffee in Narrowsburg, and World Peace Café in Glen Spey. You might also want to visit the Good Taste Craft

Beverage Trail or tour the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail - now with 68 sculptures! Want to go shopping? At our makers, antique, and home goods stores, you might find that perfect something you didn't know you needed!

Plan Ahead:

Hey, Day Trippers! Check out this four-course luncheon and a live stage tribute to Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers at Villa Roma on September 11 and 12.

Celebrate 50 Years of Hip-Hop at the Culture Fest in Hurleyville at Firemen's Park on September 17 from 2-7 pm.

Forestburgh Playhouse presents its annual Fall Series every Friday and Saturday in September and October, featuring Patti Greco Sunshine, Somerville, Paige Turner, and Rocky Horror Picture Show Live on stage. (This popular series sells out fast!)

Roscoe Beer Company hosts its 9th annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 23, from 11 am to 7 pm with a whole day of family fun!

The Narrowsburg Honey Bee Fest will bring all your favorite honey products while celebrating the amazing honey bee on Narrowsburg's Main Street on September 23 from 11 am - 5 pm.

DVAA in Narrowsburg hosts two new photographic exhibits starting September 23: Chris Heim - The Farm: Inside Angola's Prison Rodeo and Dani Case - You've Seen My Flesh.

The 2023 Big Eddy Film Festival takes place September 28-October 1. Get your all-access pass now!

Meet the animals and farmers who raise them at Hilly Acres Farms' annual Farm Fest. It's a day of demonstrations, exhibits, food, and fun for families and friends. September 30 from 10 am-3 pm.

And to see what else is going on for...

Arts

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Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop The 10 Minute Play Festival

South Fallsburg, NY) The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is so excited to present its September offering “The 10 Minute Play Festival”. The show will hit the boards at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg on September 8, 2023, at 8:00 pm and will run eight different 10-minute plays each weekend.

Produced and directed by Harold Tighe with play directors Constance Slater, Teri Schwartz, Keith Prince, Alberto Santiago, Josh Rosengrant, Grace Summa, Harold Tighe and Amanni Sitz, “The 10 Minute Play Festival” brings you two weekends of fabulous original plays written by playwrights local and beyond. Lynne Porter, Mike Vreeland & Harold Tighe are our local playwrights. Other playwrights are from Oregon, Washington, NYC, Florida, Maryland, Indiana, Texas and Illinois!

Each weekend will feature a different set of plays, none longer than 10 minutes !

The selections range widely in tone and topic—from comedy to drama, doomsday sci-fi, moral dilemma, political satire, romance both real and imaginary.

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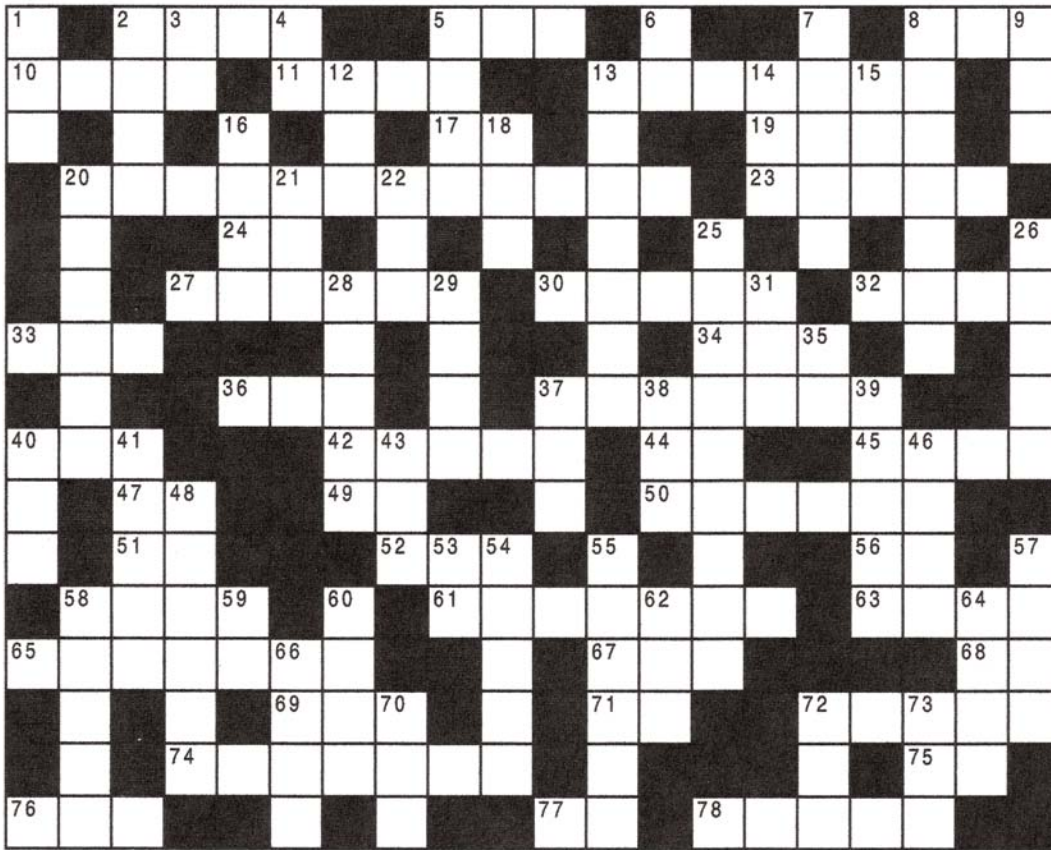
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- 62 Constrictor snake
- 64 Previously known as Persia
- 66 Hair on a horse's neck
- 70 Short for Dorothy
- 72 USA's Uncle
- 73 Beam

Good Old-fashioned Brownies

1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 2/3 cup butter, cubed
 1/4 cup water
 2 teaspoons instant coffee granules, optional
 2-3/4 cups bittersweet chocolate chips, divided
 4 large Nellie's Free Range Eggs
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 325°. Line a 9-in. square baking pan with parchment paper, letting ends extend up sides. In a large heavy saucepan, combine sugars, butter, water and, if desired, coffee granules; bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; add 1-3/4 cups chocolate chips and stir until melted. Cool slightly.

In a large bowl, whisk eggs until foamy, about 3 minutes. Add vanilla; gradually whisk in chocolate mixture. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking soda and salt; stir into chocolate mixture. Fold in remaining chocolate chips.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake on a lower oven rack 40-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out with moist crumbs (do not overbake). Cool completely in pan on a wire rack.

Lifting with parchment paper, remove brownies from pan. Cut into squares.

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ACROSS

- 2 Be on fire
- 5 Male child
- 8 Color
- 10 At what time
- 11 S-shaped line
- 18 Historical military slang -a member of the Vietcong
- 17 Pass used for tolls
- 19 Small area of still water
- 20 To be honored on September 10th
- 23 Psychosis
- 24 Sixth note of the major scale
- 27 Emblem
- 30 Become swollen
- 32 Plant of the mint family
- 33 Raw metal
- 34 Flesh and blood
- 36 Rapid stream of liquid
- 37 Bugs
- 40 For each a certain way
- 44 Preposition
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- 47 That which
- 40 To such a great extent
- 50 Type of rat
- 51 Connecticut
- 52 Doctor
- 56 Private Investigator
- 58 Disengage

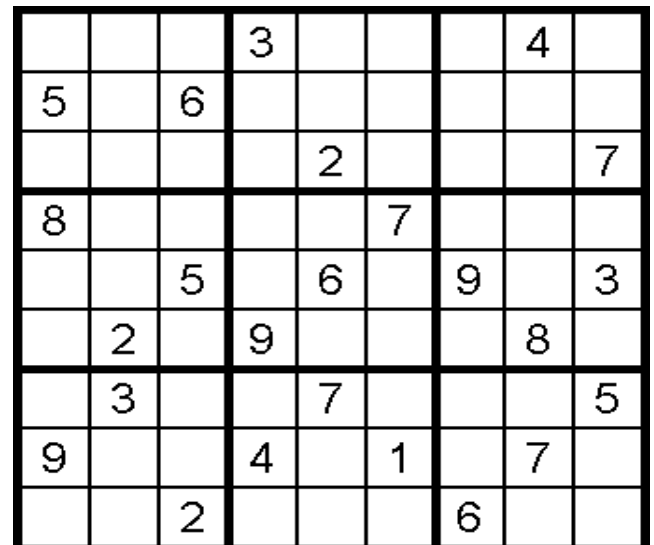
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- 63 Prepare for publication
- 65 Outfit
- 67 Surface of grassy ground
- 68 Egyptian sun god
- 69 Together with
- 71 Brit's thank you
- 72 Biblical wife of Abraham
- 74 NYS Wild Forest where the Blue Hole is located
- 75 Indefinite article
- 76 Question
- 77 Surrounded by
- 78 The *Who's* Rock Opera

DOWN

- 1 More than one
- 2 TVCS Mascot
- 3 United Nations
- 4 Negative
- 5 Prophet
- 6 Exclamation
- 7 Cape
- 8 Pleasure
- 9 Organ of sight
- 12 Aperture
- 13 A romance language
- 14 Revolutions per minute
- 15 Electrically charged atom
- 16 Solely
- 18 Japanese school emphasizing mediation
- 20 British monarch who

- ruled from 1936-1952
- 21 Barrier
- 22 In the past
- 25 Well-known
- Sullivan County Historian
- 26 Tag
- 28 Engages in conflict
- 29 Deep affection
- 31 Twitch
- 35 New Testament
- 37 It is
- 38 Scatter seed
- 39 Configuration
- 40 Recompense
- 41 Competition between runners
- 43 Long pole
- 46 Dry
- 48 Rank
- 53 Supported by
- 54 Part of the

- large intestine
- 55 Tie together
- 57 Western state settled by the Mormons
- 58 Forests
- 59 Thirteenth letter of the Greek alphabet
- 60 Fix



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Kids' Fun Page

- L. Comando

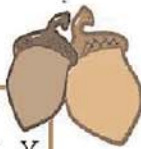
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Find your way through this Fall maze

Looking Forward to Fall Word Search

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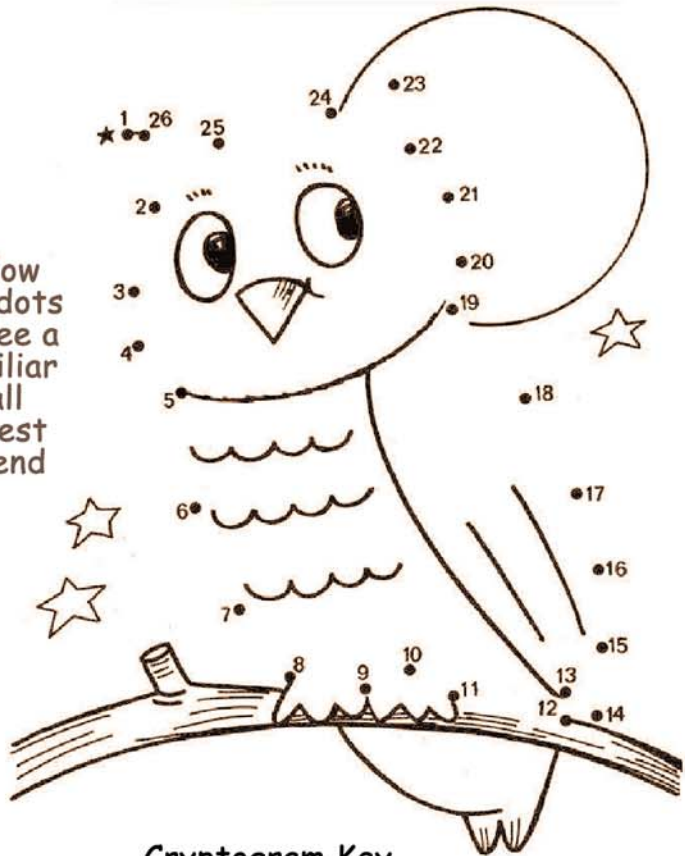


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| ACORN | PUMPKIN | PIE |
| HAY | SWEATER | LEAF |

Start



Finish



Follow the dots to see a familiar fall forest friend



Can you find five differences between the two pictures?

Cryptogram Key

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Neversink Town Historian Carol Smyth's September Picture of the Past



The image comes from an Otto Hillig photo courtesy Regina Noval.
See next week's Townsman for the explanation of the photo.

Sheriff's Labor Day Weekend DWI Patrol Snags Scofflaw with 37 Suspensions

In an effort to keep the motoring public safe, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office deployed extra DWI patrols over the Labor Day Weekend. On Saturday night (9/2/23) at around 11:00 PM deputies stopped a 2007 Ford Edge sedan on East Broadway in Monticello. The vehicle was being operated by 36-year-old Luis O. Class of Monticello. Mr. Class who was allegedly driving while intoxicated had 36 active suspensions on his license for failing to answer summonses and 1 for failing to pay child support. The suspect was charged with the felony of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1st degree and 2 counts of misdemeanor DWI. Under current state law the defendant was released on an appearance ticket pending a future court date in the Town of Thompson.

ments will inform the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council's (REDC's) update of its strategic plan."

The REDC reviews all projects submitted for grant funding through the State's Consolidated Funding Application process, via which projects in Sullivan County have received over \$39 million since the first regional plan was established in 2011.

"Sullivan County is a major player in the regional economy, having stayed at the very top of Statewide job growth gains for the past two years," observed Potosek. "We are the least expensive spot in the mid-Hudson to realize projects large and small, and we need to let the Council know we're ready to undertake economic development backed by crucial State assistance."

Facilitated by Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, Thursday's Zoom meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Registration is necessary: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83141634232> or call Robin at 845-565-4900.

SC Public Invited to Weigh In on State Grant Priorities Plan

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek encourages local residents and businesspeople to tune in to a Zoom meeting this Thursday, September 7 to discuss State grant funding priorities for economic development.

"This is a significant opportunity to let State decisionmakers know what and how we want to stimulate our economy, attract jobs and grow our downtowns," Potosek remarked. "Our com-

District Fish Stocking Program

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is having a fall Fish Stocking Program. We have linked up with a new supplier and are able to offer a wider variety of fish.

If you are interested in stocking your pond with bass, trout, sunfish, channel catfish, minnows or grass carp, call the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District at (845) 292-6552 and request an order form to be mailed to you, or go online at sullivanswcd.org. The District will be accepting orders until Monday, September 15th, with a pick up date of Saturday, September 30th at 10 am.

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Regular Meeting #5
Meeting Opening Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.
Secondary School Library Lower Level

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

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

Dated August 24th, 2023

Dana M. Vogler, Neversink Fire District Secretary

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

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

I, Martha TerBush, Tax Collector for the Tri-Valley Central School District, have received the School Tax Roll and Tax Warrant, dated September 1, 2023. Tax payments can be made at the location and on the dates listed below:

Catskill Hudson Bank (Grahamsville Location ONLY)
279 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740

Tax collecting hours will be:

Starting Friday, September 1, 2023

Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Payments may also be mailed to the address given below:

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Taxes will be received in accordance with the following penalty schedule:

Sept. 1 - Oct. 2	No penalty
	<i>Payment in full or 50% of total bill</i>
Oct. 3 - Oct. 31	2% penalty
	<i>Total Balance due or 25% of total bill</i>
Nov. 1 - Nov. 8	3% penalty
	<i>Total Due.</i>

The School Tax Collector may not accept payments after November 8, 2023.

All unpaid School Taxes will be relieved at an additional 7% on your January 2024 Town and County Tax Bill.

Tax bills will be mailed as soon as possible.

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

Martha TerBush, School Tax Collector

8/31; 9/7

Dated: September 1, 2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning will hold a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023, Titled: Tax Levy Limit Override on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 set to begin at 6 pm prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

At SAID meeting any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

A copy of the proposed law is available in the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Nancy Parrow

Town Clerk

August 21st, 2023

8/31; 9/7

Save The Dates! BIG EDDY FILM FESTIVAL

WHAT: 12th Annual Big Eddy Film Festival

WHEN: Sept. 28th - Oct. 1st
Schedule Unveiling Event on 9/7
Pre-Festival Screening at Bethel Woods on 9/23

WHERE: Tusten Theatre (unless otherwise noted)
210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

TICKETS: All Access Pass: \$125
Film Screenings: \$10 (unless otherwise noted)
Special Events: Prices Vary
Advance Tickets Sales Recommended

Save the Dates! The 12th Annual Big Eddy Film Festival (BEFF) in Narrowsburg is just around the corner- Thursday, September 28th through Sunday, October 1st, 2023.

As the seasons shift, this year's Festival offers the perfect way to enjoy a crisp autumn weekend in the Catskills. Much like the eponymous Big Eddy, the deepest part of the Delaware River, join us as we dive into the year's most daring and brilliant independent films.

9/7 - BIG EDDY REVEAL @ Bar Veloce
BEFF 2023 Director's Mixer & Schedule Unveiling Event!

Festival Selections and schedules will be announced at Bar Veloce in Narrowsburg on Thursday, September 7th at 5 PM. Join us for drinks, a mini-merch giveaway, and more! Schmooze with our Festival Director and meet the team. Can't make it? Check out BigEddyFilmFest.com on September 8th for all the details. In the meantime, take a sneak peek below at a few exciting events planned throughout the Festival...

News From The Old Stone House in Hasbrouck

Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday September 28th at 6pm at the Old Stone House.

Along with general housekeeping we will be planning our OKTOBERFEST event for the end of October and solidifying our calendar for our fall programming.

We have had a successful "Art Stew" series. A different artist has made a presentation for 6 weeks. Classes were well attended and the feedback has been great so we will continue for the fall with the time slot to be announced. Our "Joy of Movement" on Sat mornings at 11:30 has been.... JOYFUL!!! and ballet will be offered to adults on Weds evenings at 6:30 starting Sept 20th.

We are looking to extend our class offerings. People have expressed an interest in Sewing basics, Embroidery, Gardening, Ukele, Game Night (Settlers of Catan & Hearts) Nostalgia night etc. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge by leading a class or giving a talk in your area of expertise we want to hear from you. Liz Kolansky 845 434 3147.



Ballet Classes at The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck

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

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

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

For more information contact
Alana Sherman via e-mail sherman_alana@yahoo.com

The OLD STONE HOUSE,
282 Hasbrouck Rd, in Woodbourne NY
Only minutes away from Fallsburg, Monticello, Liberty,
Grahamsville and Ellenville

Adult dancers should wear ballet slippers, (available on line).
To set the mood, black leotards
and pink tights are urged but not necessary.



ATI's Backpack Program is Back!

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - For the third straight year Action Toward Independence (ATI) is working to gather, fill and distribute backpacks to eligible students in the community. This year ATI is donating backpacks to the local school districts' Special Education Departments for students in need.

ATI is teaming up with New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG), as well as NYSEG's employee volunteers.

Children and Family Services Program Manager for ATI, Akilah Y. Sutphin arranged the program.

"We are happy to have been contacted by Uthman Aziz, Program Manager, NYSEG Government & Community Relations to collaborate with NYSEG and their wonderful volunteers," Sutphin said. "In addition to volunteering with us, NYSEG is donating corporate sponsorship and hosting a backpack and school supplies drive at its facilities where its employees are donating to us as well. NYSEG volunteers assisted with the shopping at Walmart as well as assembling and filling the backpacks."



Packing and sorting at ATI: (L-R) ATI Children and Family Services Program Manager Akilah Sutphin, NYSEG Customer Service employee Jennifer Hermann, ATI Disability Advocate Alexa Galeas, NYSEG Line Clerk Travis Kelly, and NYSEG Line Clerk Matt Davies spent some time sorting and packing the backpacks.

Sutphin then sent a letter to area school districts explaining the mission of ATI and the goal of the Backpack Program which is to provide some financial relief to parents and caregivers, as well show support for schools and educators in Sullivan County. She asked the district superintendents to arrange for an in-person presentation of the backpacks.



Vet2Vet: (L-R) Vet 2 Vet's Veteran Peer Advocates Matt Klemen and Steve Murphy with his service dog Eva lent a hand with the packing.



ATI: (L-R) ATI Disability Advocates Katie Horsham, Monique Torres, and Alexa Galeas with some of the finished backpacks.



Backpacks 2023: (L-R) Some of the Backpack Project team: NYSEG Construction Clerk Gabi Matthews, NYSEG Line Clerk Travis Kelly, NYSEG Line Department Supervisor Rick Shaddock, ATI Disability Advocate Alexa Galeas, ATI Children and Family Services Program Manager Akilah Sutphin, and Program Manager NYSEG Government & Community Relations Uthman Aziz.

The backpacks will be distributed to elementary, middle school and high school students under the discretion of the school districts.

Action Toward Independence is a non-profit organization based in Sullivan and Orange Counties whose main function is to advocate for persons with disabilities. For additional information, please call 845-794-4228, or visit www.atitoday.org.

Enjoy an Afternoon of Country Classics and Old-Time Music at the County Museum

Hurleyville, NY - On Sunday afternoon, September 17, the Sullivan County Museum will host one of Long Island's most beloved musical duos, Don and Susan.

Don Cerce is a master guitarist whose repertoire includes everything from old-time country to blues and jazz. Vocalist Susan Cerce sings the classics, including the music of Patsy Kline, Etta James, and BJ Thomas. The duo performs popular songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s, and you can visit their website at www.donsusanmusic.com.

Doors open at 1 p.m. The music begins at 2 p.m.

Hosting the concert and opening the show will be Sullivan County's favorite country and pop recording artist, Mickey Barnett. Legendary for his performances throughout the Catskills and beyond, Mickey performs the music of Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Elvis Presley, Hank Williams and many others.

This concert is brought to you courtesy of the Frederick Cook Society. Refreshments will be served and donations are greatly appreciated. Call 845-434-8044 for more information.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York.



Fallsburg Central School Welcomes Director of Facilities

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to welcome Kyle Donnelly as their newest Director of Facilities. Mr. Donnelly was officially appointed by the Board of Education on August 30, 2023.

For the previous eight years, Mr. Donnelly has worked as a buildings and grounds employee for the district and now proudly looks forward to leading that special team as they continue their critical work for the school district and school community.

The Fallsburg Central School District wishes the best of luck to Mr. Donnelly as he embarks on this new and exciting chapter of his life.

International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil Time to remember. Time to Act

[MONTICELLO] The 3rd Annual International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil was held on August 31st at 7 PM on the lawn of the Sullivan County Courthouse 414 Broadway, Monticello.

International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest

annual campaign to end overdose, remembering without stigma those who have died from overdose, and acknowledging the grief of the family and friends left behind.

According to the New York State Department of Health, Sullivan County holds the highest rate of overdose, per capita in New York State; and was also recently federally-designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

State and local leaders shared their efforts to battle the opioid crisis in Sullivan County. The community opened their hearts as families share their stories of loved ones who lost their battle with substance use. Remember those who have passed and celebrate those in recovery. 20 organizations were in attendance sharing resources created to face this crisis head on. As the sun set, and in front of the Sullivan County Courthouse bathed in purple symbolizing overdose awareness, a candlelight vigil was held.

The event was complemented by local first responders, the Sullivan County Choir, an interpretive dance performance and bagpipers.

This event was brought to you by a community of organizations working together to end the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County.

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.

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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

Thrift Sale
Sept 9th, 2023
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

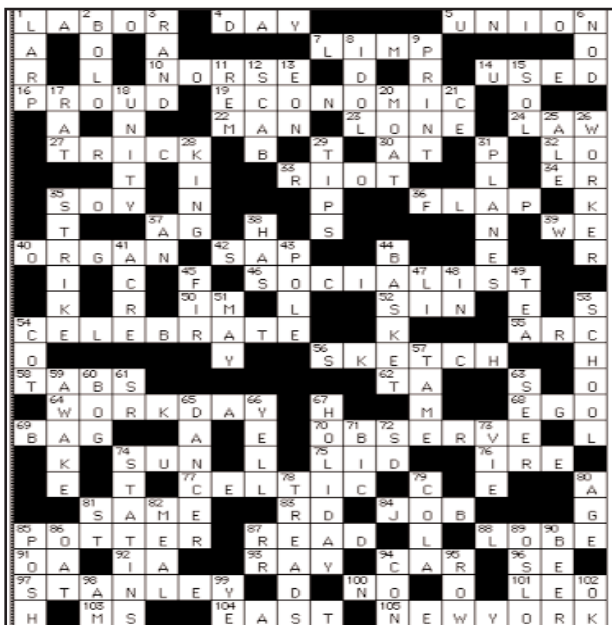


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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



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UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

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

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

**Sundown
United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper**

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

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

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9	6	8	4	5	1	3	7	2
7	5	2	8	9	3	6	1	4

9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICES

SMALLWOOD-MONGAUP VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, 8AM, SMALLWOOD FIREHOUSE, 181 BALLARD ROAD MONGAUP VALLEY, NY 12762

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, 6PM, TOWN OF HIGHLAND HERO'S PARK, ELDRED, NY 12732

**WURTSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT & THE AMERICAN LEGION
MAMAKATING POST 1266**
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, LINE UP 6:45 AT THE WURTSBORO FIREHOUSE 54 PINE STREET, WURTSBORO, NY 12790

MONTICELLO FIRE DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, 7PM, MOTICELLO FIREHOUSE, 23 RICHARDSON AVE. MONTICELLO, NY 12701

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

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

Save the Date!

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of September 4 - September 8, 2023

Monday, September 4

o County Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 5

o **6:00 PM - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Wednesday, September 6

o **5:00 PM - Health, Human Services & Housing Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **5:00 PM - Community Services Board, People With Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittees**, at 239 Golden Hill Lane, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kingston

o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board**, Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, September 7

o **3:00 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Charter Revision Commission**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 840 4292 4344

o **5:15 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Friday, September 8

o No Meetings

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Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. Announces 2023 Scholarship Awards

Kiwanis of Woodridge awards scholarships each year to graduating seniors from the Fallsburg Central School District who are in good academic standing, have participated in community service, and will be attending a two or four year college, or a trade school. We were proud to meet with each recipient at a Scholarship Luncheon at Casa Mia in Hurleyville, NY to congratulate them and take photos. This is our 24th Annual Scholarship Awards Event. To date, including this year's recipients we have given \$101,900 in scholarship money to very deserving recipients.

We are very proud to make public the recipients of our 2023 Annual Scholarships:



Nicholas Muscia, son of Maurizio and Fierella Muscia of South Fallsburg, NY will be attending SUNY Oneonta with a major in Psychology. He graduated first in a class of 99 with a GPA of 98.78. During his high school years he was Robotics Club President, Band Vice-President, Chorus Section Leader, Class Valedictorian, National Honor Society member and a Scholar Athlete. We sincerely congratulate Nicholas on his many accomplishments

and wish him great success in the future. Congratulations Nicholas!

Carla Granados, daughter of Carlos and Maria Granados of Loch Sheldrake, NY will be attending SCCC with a major in Biology, with a goal of becoming a Pediatrician. She was Vice-President of the Student Government Association, an All-Star for Soccer, Player of the Season in Track, and was on the



Superintendent's Honor Roll, the National Technical Honor Society, and Vice-President of the National Honor Society. We sincerely wish Carla the best in achieving all her desired goals. Congratulations Carla!

Najuwa Ladan, daughter of Rahinatu Ibrahim and Abdul Muhaimin of Woodridge, NY will be attending SCCC with a major in Nursing. She is graduating fourth in her class with an advanced Regents diploma, she was on the Superintendents

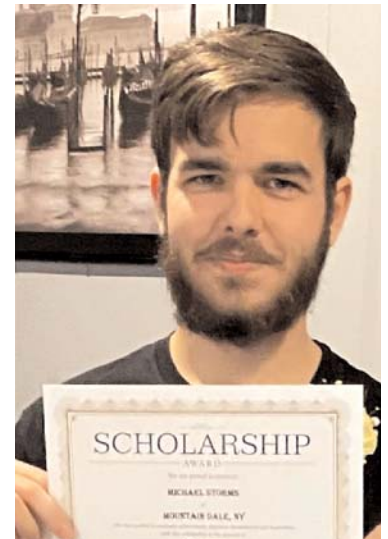


Honor Roll, was a Girls Gold Scholar Athlete, placed 2nd in the Future Problem Solvers State Competition, was a member of the Future Problem Solvers Internationals in 11th grade, and a member of the National Honor Society. We are confident that Najuwa will achieve all her life goals. Congratulations Najuwa!

Sierra Kaplan is the daughter of Alan and Dawn Kaplan of Woodridge, NY. and will be attending Marywood University to major in Nursing. Sierra was a member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll, BOCES Career and Tech Honor Society, a member of Key Club, Interact Club, the Rock Hill Ambulance Corps, the Ecology Club and the Leo Club, as well as receiving the Rolland Allen Sportsmanship Award. Sierra was picked by the Ralph Rappaport Family as the recipient of their annual scholarship donation thru Kiwanis of Woodridge, We are confident that Sierra will succeed in all her endeavors. Congratulations Sierra!



Michael Storms, son of Rosalind Natale of Mountain Dale and Michael Storms, Sr., graduated 6th in his class of 99 with a Regents Advanced with Honors Math & Science Diploma and will be attending Penn State with a major in Biomedical Engineering. Michael was Secretary of the Fallsburg JSHS Ecology Club, as well as being a member of the National Honor Society and NSHSS. We are certain that Michael will achieve his life goals and be a great success. Congratulations Michael!



Mikalah Ballard, daughter of Michael and Nyree Ballard of Woodridge, graduated with a Regents diploma having been Chief Justice, Class President, Class Representative and a member of the National Honor Society. She will be attending St. John's University to study Pharmacy. We know she will be a great asset to the profession. Congratulations Mikalah!

We wish all these wonderful young men and women great success in all their future endeavors!

COMMUNITY

YARD SALE!

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church

SATURDAY

September 9th

9:00am ~ 3:00pm

On Church Grounds

WANTED

Anyone who has yard sale items to sell!

\$25 per vendor space
(non food vendors only)

Contact: Anna Jashyn
631-965-1109
annajashyn@gmail.com



Please reserve your space by August 28th.

All are Welcome! Food will be available.

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church
211 Foordmore Road, Kerhonkson, NY 12446

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, Announces Native American Artwork Display by Judith Boggess at the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that a new exhibit of Native American Artwork by Judith Boggess will be displayed at the Matthewis Persen House through the remainder of the season. The Persen House is located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston and will be open Saturdays from 10am-2pm through October 28, 2023. Admission is free and all are welcome.



Judith Boggess with her husband while installing artwork at the Persen House.

Photograph by Jonathan Palmer

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Starting this Saturday, September 1, Judith Boggess (Grandmother Judith Laughing Owl) will be exhibiting a series of Native American oil paintings. Judith is inspired by Native Americans she personally knows or has met on the PowWow trail, and by her involvement with the ANA. Her work stands as a testament to her dedication to preserving Native American traditions, songs, and language.

County Clerk Postupack expressed her enthusiasm for this exhibition, stating, "We are excited to host Judith's beautiful artwork at the Persen House again this season. Her passion for sharing Native American history and culture is evident in her paintings. We are honored to have such a wonderful representation of Native American heritage on display."

For more information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also visit us on Facebook for updates and details about upcoming events





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with the ANY MAKE/ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW &
GRAHAMSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB SPORTSMAN FLEA MARKET
on SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 from 10 am - 6 pm (rain date Sept. 17)
at the GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS
COST: \$3 PER CAR (show cars enter free)

*******CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE*******
*******INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER FARMALL TRACTOR*******

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 Classic cars and other vehicles
 Sportsman vendors & knife sharpening
 A showroom of antique household machinery
 Shingle mill, sawmill, hit & miss engines & sportsman's demos
 Food provided by our Grahamsville Fire Dept. and Tri-Valley Little League including a Chicken BBQ Dinner from 4-6 pm @ \$15 a plate (pre-orders available at fd.grahamsville@gmail.com)
 Beer Garden with 17 West and Bridge & Tunnel breweries
 Live entertainment with **Jon Zanger** in the Beer Garden and **DJ Jim**
 Craft and yard sale vendors
 Tractor Obstacle Course, Pedal Tractor races, Timmy the Train, Tractor Bingo & more
TRACTOR PARADE @ 1 PM led by our Tri-Valley Cheerleading Squad
 All types of tractors & cars are welcome to be part of the show!
 Club membership not required.
 Want more info? **Contact: Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081 or Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401**

Vintage Base Ball

**Sat, September 23
noon**

**Grahamsville
Fairgrounds
St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville**

Double-Header
(1864 & 1895 rules)

**Mountain Athletic Club
Fleischmanns
Connecticut Base Ball Club
Hartford**

Admission: \$5, Children under 10: FREE

Time and the Valleys Museum
845 985-7700 info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org



COMING SOON...to Olive Free Library

Homeschool Group

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. starting September 12th

Please email us for more information and to get on our email list for the upcoming session

Forest Walk: Is It a Swamp? Or a Bog?

Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m.

The Pacama Conservation Collective invites you to a walk along the Pacama Vly led by wetland ecologist Frank Parisio. **MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE**; space is limited: 845-657-2482

Intermediate Tai Chi for Health with Kathy

8 weeks, beginning Thursday, September 21 at 2 p.m.

If you liked Tai Chi with the Office for the Aging, Kathy is taking this class just a bit further. This 8-week class will help improve balance, flexibility, strength, focus and concentration. Please register! \$48 class fee is due when registering.

Solid Ground Farm Talk with Wes Hannah

Thursday, September 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Speaker Series: Zachary Sklar Book Discussion

Saturday, September 30th at 2:00 p.m.

In this moving non-fiction collection called *The Work: A Jigsaw Memoir*, Oscar-nominated screenwriter Zachary Sklar leads readers on an unpredictable personal journey through seven decades of our collective history and politics.

Town of Olive
Bicentennial Celebration
Olive Day
September 9, 2023

Join us for a fun filled day
Live Music
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5K Run Car Show
Frog Jump Cornhole Tournament
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Olive Day Facebook page

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Meredith Morabito
Jackie Oster
Tom Sarrantonio

Kaete Brittin Shaw
Lora Shelley
Ann Marie Silvani
Anthony Silvani
Ruby Silvius
Pablo Weinschenk
Dale Wolfield

Curated by Elaine Ralston

Olive Free Library
**Opening Saturday,
September 23, 3-5pm**

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Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Asylum Seekers

“I met, for more than two hours, with senior members of the Biden Administration in the West Wing of the White House for a frank and productive conversation about how the federal government can, and must, provide additional support to the people of New York as we work to address the ongoing influx of asylum seekers and migrants. We focused on a number of immediate and tangible actions, including several that would allow more individuals to work legally in the United States, as well as long-term actions to end this crisis.

“As New Yorkers know, securing expedited work authorization for asylum seekers and migrants has been and remains my top priority. It is the only way to help asylum seekers become self-sustaining, so they can move into permanent housing. I am especially pleased that the federal government has agreed to provide personnel, data, and resources to identify the thousands of individuals in New York who are already eligible, but have not yet applied, for work authorization.

“This is a critical first step but make no mistake: it is not enough to fully address this crisis or provide the level of support that New Yorkers need and deserve. That is why in the days ahead I will continue working to secure expedited work authorization for even more individuals, expanded financial support for New York, and long-overdue immigration reforms. I am grateful to the White House for agreeing to continue these productive discussions and strengthening the partnership at all levels of government to respond to this crisis.”

State Board of Elections warns New York voters against impersonation of County Board of Elections officials

ALBANY, N.Y. (08/30/2023) - The State Board of Elections has recently become aware that individuals, across multiple counties throughout the state, have been going door-to-door impersonating County Board of Elections staff. These individuals are confronting voters regarding their registration status, and erroneously accusing voters of committing a crime because of how they appear in the state voter database.

“We are extremely alarmed by these actions. These individuals are impersonating government officials in an effort to intimidate voters based on inaccurate and misleading information,” said Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “We strongly encourage those engaging in these activities to cease immediately.”

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“We want to assure all New Yorkers that any employee of the State or County Board of Elections would conduct themselves in a professional manner and willingly present identification when engaging with voters,” said Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “When in doubt, please know you can always contact your State or County Board of Elections directly with any questions.”

If a voter is approached by someone claiming to be from the State or County Board of Elections, they are encouraged to immediately request identification. If the individual refuses or appears under suspicious circumstances, the State Board recommends collecting as much information as possible, not providing the individual with any personal information, and contacting local law enforcement to report the incident.

Criminal impersonation in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor in New York State. The State Board of Elections remains in close communication with the County Boards and law enforcement to monitor this situation.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen McGrath or Jennifer Wilson at the State Board of Elections at 518-474-1953 or by email at INFO@elections.ny.gov.

Governor Hochul Launches Pro-housing Communities to Prioritize \$650 million in States Discretionary Funding to Localities Committed to Housing Growth

Qualifying Localities With Pro-Housing Community Certification Will Receive Priority Consideration for Key Economic Development and Housing Programs Part of Governor's Package of Executive Actions to Promote Housing Growth Across New York State Application and Program Page Available Here <https://hcr.ny.gov/pro-housing-community-program>

Governor Kathy Hochul launched the Pro-Housing Communities Program, a statewide initiative to give priority consideration for up to \$650 million in state discretionary funds to localities committed to housing growth. The program, announced by Governor Hochul earlier this summer as part of a package of executive actions to promote housing growth, invites municipalities (cities, towns, and villages) to apply for Pro-Housing Community certification. Certified Pro-Housing Communities will receive priority over other localities in their applications for certain discretionary funds, including \$650 million in State grant programs like the Downtown Revitalization Initiative that were included in the FY24 Budget. Applications for the new program are now open.

“Communities willing to help us solve the housing crisis should be first in line for State discretionary funding,” Governor Hochul said. “Increasing the housing supply in New York is critical, and I’m using every tool a governor has at her disposal to make an impact. I look forward to visiting Certified Pro-Housing communities across New York to celebrate their accomplishments in the months to come.”

To be designated a Pro-Housing Community,

- o municipalities must provide key information about their local zoning map/code and information detailing local housing permit approvals over the past five years.

Localities who submit documentation that their housing stock has increased by one percent in the previous year or 3 percent over the previous three years (downstate) or by 0.33 percent in the last year or 1 percent over the previous three years (upstate) will qualify for the certification. Communities that have not yet seen housing growth can also achieve Pro-Housing Community designation by passing a resolution stating their commitment to Pro-Housing principles.

The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal will review program applications on a rolling basis and provide approval or denial within 90 days of submission. Those receiving certification must resubmit their housing permit data and any updates to their zoning on an annual basis to remain certified and qualify for prioritization.

Certified Pro-Housing Communities will be considered first among localities applying for:

- o The Downtown Revitalization Initiative_(DRI)
- o The NY Forward program
- o The Regional Council Capital Fund
- o Capital projects from the Market New York program
- o The New York Main Street program
- o The Long Island Investment Fund (LIIF)
- o The Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund

<https://esd.ny.gov/momentum>

- o The Public Transportation Modernization Enhancement Program (MEP).
- o Any other funding where future appropriation language designates it as a Pro-Housing Community program.

The Pro-Housing Communities Program builds on Governor Hochul’s bold vision to increase the housing supply and address New York’s housing crisis. The Governor’s executive actions also included:

- o A program to advance residential projects halted by the expiration of 421-A that include affordable housing in the Gowanus neighborhood in Brooklyn.
- o A new requirement that all State entities identify the potential for their state-owned lands to support housing.
- o Recent and forthcoming regulatory initiatives to identify opportunities for greater efficiencies to promote housing growth.
- o The launch of the beta version of a new, interactive portal to collect and share community-level housing and zoning data and information on an ongoing basis.

For more information about the Governor’s housing agenda, including recent executive actions like the Pro-Housing Communities Program, visit the Governor’s website.

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Approximately 47 new citizens will take their Oaths of Allegiance accepting the responsibilities of an American, while also gaining the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth. "I am honored to be a part of such a special ceremony," states Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "It's a moving experience to watch as people are finally able to realize their dream of becoming a U.S. citizen."

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

Presiding over the ceremony will be the Honorable Sharon A Graff, Justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Graff will be the keynote speaker welcoming our 47 participants as newly naturalized American Citizens.

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

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

- *DEC Delivers - Information to keep you connected and informed from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation*
- *DEC Wins Google Cloud Customer Sustainability Award for Statewide Community Air Quality Monitoring Initiative*
- *Effort Collects Air Pollution Data to Help Identify Sources Contributing to Disproportionate Air Quality Burdens in Disadvantaged Communities across New York State*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced DEC received the 2023 Google Cloud Customer Sustainability Award for its statewide Community Air Monitoring Initiative. The goal of this effort is to collect block-level air pollution data to help identify sources contributing to disproportionate air pollution burdens and develop strategies to reduce air pollution within disadvantaged communities, including greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change. The ongoing initiative uses mobile mapping technology and professional analytics from Aclima, run exclusively on Google Cloud.

"DEC is proud of the recognition from Google Cloud and remains committed to working collaboratively with communities and organizations to prioritize environmental justice, identify sources of pollution, and work to improve air quality in neighborhoods across New York State," Commissioner Seggos said. "New York is a national leader when it comes to improving air quality, combating climate change, and working to build healthier communities."

In 2022, DEC launched the first-of-its-kind air quality and greenhouse gas mobile monitoring initiative in 10 disadvantaged communities (DACs) across the state. The targeted areas are home to approximately five million New Yorkers and include neighborhoods overburdened by environmental pollution. The 10 communities were selected for air quality monitoring using criteria developed by the State's Climate Justice Working Group. Comprised of members of Environmental Justice and community organizations across the state, the Working Group helps ensure all of New York's communities benefit from the implementation of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act)

The 10 communities were identified as having a dis-

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proportionate air pollution burden and include Buffalo/Niagara Falls/Tonawanda, Capital Region, Bronx, Manhattan, Rochester, Syracuse, Mount Vernon/Yonkers/New Rochelle, Brooklyn, Queens, and Hempstead/New Cassel/Roosevelt/Uniondale/Westbury. The results of the monitoring will drive solutions to reduce greenhouse gases and other harmful air pollutants to protect public health.

New York State contracted with Aclima to measure air pollution from sources such as cars, diesel trucks, construction equipment, commercial sources, and industrial facilities. Air pollution data is collected by Aclima cars with sensors driving along neighborhood streets, block-by-block, and across communities. Measurements are made by driving at least 20 times on each road segment at different times of day, days of the week, and seasons of the year. Community-based organizations in each community helped to identify and define specific areas for monitoring.

DEC is using the mobile monitoring data to identify locations of concern by looking for areas with repeated peaks, or higher than usual levels, of pollution. DEC is providing regular updates on preliminary data and gathering community input to help develop community-driven solutions to reduce air pollution. DEC scientists will use the data collected to identify potential pollution sources, paying careful attention to places with sensitive individuals and vulnerable populations such as schools, daycare facilities, and nursing homes. At the end of the full year of collection, DEC and Aclima will validate all the preliminary data. The verified data are then used in computer models to produce maps of annual concentration estimates for each pollutant by road segment. These maps will be available to the public on an interactive website. All information including community input, mobile monitoring data, and other air monitoring and emissions data will be used to inform pollutant reduction strategies.

The Climate Act requires DEC and community stakeholders to propose pollutant reduction strategies by June 2024. At the completion of monitoring, DEC will advance strategies to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants, criteria air pollutants, and greenhouse gases in these communities.

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New Photographic Exhibitions at DVAA

Explore Intimacy, Community, and Social Realities

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is excited to present two photography exhibitions that delve into human experiences, community bonds, and social narratives. On view will be "The Farm: Inside Angola's Prison Rodeo" by Chris Heim in the Alliance Gallery and "You've Seen My Flesh" by Dani Case in the Loft Gallery. Both exhibitions reveal the power of photography to shed light on intricate facets of human life. Chris Heim's photojournalistic prowess illuminates the potential for change even in the darkest corners of society while Dani Case's work embraces the tenderness of connection.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, September 22nd, 5-7 PM. The exhibitions will continue to be on display through October 29th. DVAA's galleries are free and open to the public.

Chris Heim— The Farm: Inside Angola's Prison Rodeo

<https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/exhibition/chris-heim-09-2023/>

On View Sept. 23rd - Oct. 29th

Opening Reception: Friday, Sept. 22nd, 5-7 PM

Chris Heim's lens peers into the heart of one of the most notorious prisons in America, the Louisiana State Penitentiary, also known as Angola, and as "The Farm." The Prison Rodeo, started in 1965, is an annual event that provides inmates a momentary taste of freedom. It became the focal point of Heim's exploration. The photographs offer a rare look at life behind the prison walls, revealing the profound sense of camaraderie and possibility that arises within the confines of oppression. Proceeds from this exhibition will support The



Advancement Project, an organization dedicated to dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline.

Dani Case –You've Seen My Flesh

<https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/exhibition/dani-case-09-2023/>

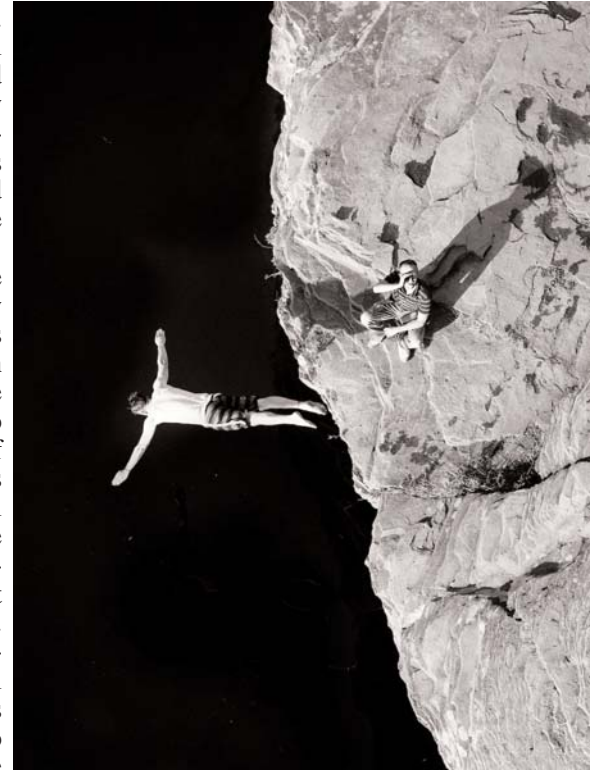
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Born and raised amidst the serene foothills of New York's

Catskill Mountains, Dani Case emerges as a self-taught photographer with a distinct voice. Her personal journey and the intimacy of her surroundings have shaped her creative vision.

"You've Seen My Flesh" offers viewers an intimate glimpse into the lives of young artists in her small town and the tender relationships that flourish there. From documenting local art projects and events to capturing the intricacies of clothing and jewelry collections, Dani's work is a celebration of vulnerability and self-expression. The exhibition paints a portrait of human connections and shared experiences that are uniquely fostered in a close-knit community.



ABOUT DVAA

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Walk-ins are welcome. DVAA's galleries are ADA-accessible. Gallery & Shop hours are Thursdays - Sundays, 11am - 4pm & by appointment.

For more information, visit:

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

SUPPORT

DVAA's programs are made possible thanks in part to the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency with support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature; the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund; the Heartland Embers Fund, our Business Sponsors; DVAA members; and individuals like you.

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Jen Metzger hearing request Letter regarding Fortis/Central Hudson

September 1, 2023

The Honorable Rory Christian, Chair
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RE: CASES 23-E-0418 and 23-G-0419

Dear Chair Christian:

I write to you on behalf of the 181,000 residents of Ulster County who receive their gas and electric service from Fortis/Central Hudson to request that the Public Service Commission hold an in-person public hearing in Ulster County to give our residents the opportunity to speak to the proposed rate increase and rate plan submitted by the company. To ensure equitable participation in the public hearing, we further request that Spanish-language translation be provided to enable our Spanish-speaking community members to participate.

Ulster County has a number of areas that are unserved or underserved in terms of broadband access, and residents in these areas would not otherwise have the opportunity to be heard unless an in-person hearing is scheduled. Even in areas with adequate broadband access, we have older residents as well as struggling households for whom participation in a virtual hearing is not possible.

These are among the households that have been most harmed over the last two years by the mismanaged roll-out of Fortis/Central Hudson's new billing system and will be most harmed by the astronomical increase in rates proposed by the Company—a 16.4% increase for electrical service and a 19% increase for gas.

As you are aware, Ulster County has been actively working to get a meaningful resolution to the billing problems that have been plaguing Fortis/Central Hudson customers in our communities, and our residents and small businesses, including those whose primary language is Spanish, deserve the opportunity to share their experiences and perspectives directly with the Commission and presiding Administrative Law Judge in an in-person hearing.

Thank you very much, in advance, for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jen Metzger
Ulster County Executive
cc: Richard Berkley, NYS Utility Consumer Advocate



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Governor Hochul Highlights Availability of Narcan at NY Pharmacies as FDA Expands Access Nationwide

Governor's Multi-Pronged Effort To Address The Opioid Crisis Includes Expanding Access To Naloxone, Fentanyl Test Strips

Governor Kathy Hochul highlighted the availability of naloxone, known widely by the commercial brand name Narcan, a medication that can reverse the effects of a drug overdose from heroin, fentanyl and prescription opioids, at New York State pharmacies. Major pharmacies such as Walgreens, CVS, Walmart and Rite Aid are expected to begin carrying the medication both online and in stores beginning this month. The drug has been available for usage by non-medical personnel to prevent overdoses in New York State since 2006, and has been easier to obtain in New York state since August 2022 due to a statewide pharmacy standing order. While it is likely that not all naloxone administrations are reported, over 35,000 naloxone administrations have been reported to the NYS-DOH this time.

“The opioid and overdose epidemic has impacted far too many New Yorkers,” Governor Hochul said. “Alongside harm reduction, preventive, and treatment support programs, the expanded availability of Narcan has saved lives throughout New York State, and over-the-counter accessibility will save even more. We will continue to focus State resources towards addressing the overdose epidemic effectively and compassionately.”

This summer, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that there were an estimated 110,000 fatalities from drug overdoses, numbers consistent with rises in recent years. New York State is receiving more than \$2 billion through various settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies that were secured by Attorney General Letitia James. A portion of the funding from settlements go directly to municipalities, with the remainder deposited into a dedicated fund to support prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery efforts to address the ongoing opioid epidemic, managed through the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board.

Additionally, New York State's Interagency Task Force on Overdose Prevention recently held their first meeting. Led by Commissioners Dr. Chinazo Cunningham from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports and Dr. James McDonald from the New York State Department of Health, the multi-agency group will provide recommendations to increase programmatic coordination, analyze the success of existing state programs, and explore additional solutions to the opioid crisis.

New York State has instituted an aggressive, multi-pronged approach to addressing the overdose epidemic, and created a nation-leading continuum of addiction care with full prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services. Under Governor Hochul's leadership, the state has worked to expand access to traditional services, including harm reduction and crisis services, inpatient, outpatient, and residential treatment programs, as well as medication to treat addiction, and mobile treatment and transportation services.

The New York State Department of Health has more than 1,000 registered programs located throughout NYS where

individuals can be trained on how to get and administer naloxone at no cost. More information on the New York State Department of Health's overdose programs are available here.

Free naloxone, as well as fentanyl and xylazine test strips, can be ordered through a new ordering portal on the OASAS website. The agency also offers free virtual naloxone trainings, which can be found here. https://oasas.ny.gov/news?f%5B0%5D=filter_term%3A21

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

Available addiction treatment including crisis/detox, inpatient, residential, or outpatient care can be found using the NYS OASAS Treatment Availability Dashboard at FindAddictionTreatment.ny.gov or through the NYS OASAS website.

Senator Oberacker Renews Call for Transparency and Accountability on Migrant Crisis Joins Members of Senate Republican Conference Calling for Special Legislative Session

ONEONTA, 09/01/23 -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) today joined members of the Senate Republican Conference to call for a special session of the legislature to address the migrant crisis that continues to spiral out of control across the state.

“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,” said Senator Peter Oberacker. “Local government officials in the rural communities I represent continue to seek credible information concerning the placement of migrants, the cost to provide them with needed services, and long-term plans on how to integrate them into their communities.”

In letters to Governor Hochul, state senators and assembly members urged her to convene an extraordinary session of the legislature to ensure funding is available for affected communities, revoke sanctuary status to stem the influx of migrants, ensure local control for communities, and take further actions to ensure taxpayers are protected.

“While the president, our governor, and the mayor of New York City - all from the same party - are busy feuding and trading barbs in the press the situation is only deteriorating further. It is past time to bring the legislature back to Albany to map out a clear path forward. Most importantly, local residents deserve a true voice in the process,” added Senator Oberacker.

Senator Oberacker joined his Senate Republican colleagues in sending a letter to the governor which reads in part: “As we have said from the beginning, this crisis is not going away any time soon and it is our responsibility to ensure that the hardworking taxpayers of New York State, who we represent, are protected.”

A copy of the letter to the governor is follows on page 48 and page 49.

Letter to Governor Hochul with regard to the Migrant Crisis Special Session**NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE**

September 1, 2023

Governor Kathy Hochul
2nd Floor
State Capitol Building
Albany NY, 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

We write to urge you to call a special session of the State Legislature so we may address the migrant crisis that is rapidly growing in our state.

Since May, we have seen a surge of migrants who were welcomed to New York thanks to sanctuary city policies, be shipped throughout our state to communities that lack the resources to house them. There has been little to no transparency or communication regarding the placement of this population or the funding related to their placement, our local resources are being drained and not only chaos, but danger, are unfolding before our eyes.

The Legislature must take action. We must vote to approve any funding for New York City or other localities in the State that are looking for assistance from the state government, clarify that “right to shelter” laws do not apply broadly throughout our state and similarly, declare that New York is not a sanctuary state. Additionally, we must ensure local control by both clarifying that local states of emergency supersede state ones and preventing migrants from being relocated throughout the state without the express agreement of the impacted localities and the proper relocation processes in place. We must also pass legislation that protects our youth and vulnerable populations from being affected in order to house migrants.

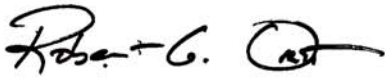
As we have said from the beginning, this crisis is not going away any time soon and it is our responsibility to ensure that the hardworking taxpayers of New York State, who we represent, are protected.

We thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter and look forward to working with you to expeditiously address these concerns.

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Sincerely,



Robert G. Ort
Senate Minority Leader
62nd District



Senator Andrew Lanza
24th District



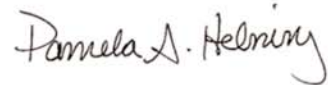
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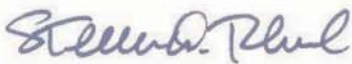
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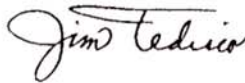
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8th District



Senator Jake Ashby
43rd District



Senator Jack M. Martins
7th District



Senator William Weber
38th District



Senator Rob Rolison
39th District



Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick
9th District

cc: Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Honorable Carl Heastie

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More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

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

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Grahamsville, NY

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YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP






JOIN US!

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

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PARENT SUPPORT GROUP






JOIN US!

Join us for a peer led virtual support group for parents of children with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. 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 Anne-Marie at afreitas@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY
@ 6:30 PM



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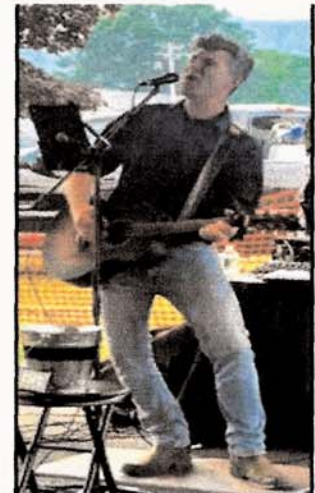
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Fall Children's Programs

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



As we wrap up another productive week, I wanted to give you an update on all that I've been doing on behalf of the Hudson and Delaware Valleys!

KEEPING WARWICK KIDS DRUG-FREE

As Ulster County Executive and now in Congress, I've been battling to end the vicious cycle that drug addiction is exacting on our communities. Addiction is tearing Hudson Valley families apart and stealing the bright futures of our kids with gut-wrenching frequency. I'm committed to mobilizing the federal resources needed to end that heartbreak.

I'm proud to deliver \$125,000 in Drug-Free Community federal funding to the Warwick Valley Prevention Coalition to keep students at the Warwick Valley Central School District drug and alcohol free.

This will help keep Warwick families whole and keep our kids on track to living out their limitless potential. I'm going to keep fighting for that in every community across the Hudson Valley.

FIGHTING TO REOPEN THE WESTBROOKVILLE POST OFFICE

Bills coming past due, seniors not receiving medications, families and the disabled being forced to travel to receive their mail - the ramifications of the Westbrookville Post Office's abrupt closure are unacceptable.

This week, I wrote to Postmaster General DeJoy to demand the Post Office immediately re-open and return to serving the community.

I will keep fighting until everyone impacted once again has reliable and accessible mail services. Read my full letter here <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-demands-postmaster-general-dejoy-reopen-westbrookville>

or watch the video here . <https://westchester.news12.com/rep-ryan-calls-on-usps-to-reopen-westbrookville-post-office>

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

This past Friday was the perfect afternoon for the C.A.R.E.S. Van event at the Dutchess County Senior Picnic at Stitzel Field! If you weren't able to make it to Poughkeepsie, don't worry! September is full of opportunities to meet my team and access assistance with federal agencies like VA and the IRS.

The next stop is Tuesday, September 5th at the Newburgh Healthy Orange Farmers Market at 131 Broadway from 10:00am to 12:00pm. See you there!

HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES

This week, three brave service members lost their lives in a training exercise in Australia aboard an Osprey aircraft. I am thinking of the fallen soldiers, their loved ones, and the entire U.S. Marine Corps.

Reflecting on the service and sacrifices of these fallen Marines, we must honor their heroism by doing more to ensure that every service member's boots safely touch the ground after each mission.

There's been a devastating spike recently in rotary wing accidents, including crashes in Alaska, Kentucky, Alabama, and New York.

I'm committed to finding the cause of these accidents to prevent them from continuing.

LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), NY-18 seniors

on Medicare are already saving an average of \$460 per year on insulin prices.

In 2025, they will save even more with the IRA's \$2,000 annual cap on out-of-pocket drug costs.

In 2026, the savings will be greater still when the negotiated prices on the 10 drugs announced this week take effect!

Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices doesn't just lower costs for our seniors - it lowers costs for us all. The legislation is estimated to save taxpayers almost \$10 billion over the next decade!

EXPANDING HEALTHCARE IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

I recently visited Garnet Health Medical Center in Middletown, one of its three campuses that serve the Hudson Valley region, and spoke with its dedicated staff to learn more about their plan to continue investing in NY-18 facilities.

I'm working to ensure Hudson Valley nonprofit health centers get the funding they need to expand their mission and keep Hudson Valley families healthy.

BRINGING AWARENESS TO SUICIDE PREVENTION

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Please help in making sure that everyone knows that there are resources available at any time for anyone in crisis:

Call or Text 988

Chat at 988lifeline.org

Find accessible care options at SAMHSA's find help toolkit at samhsa.gov/find-help

FIGHTING FOR FOOD SECURITY

Thursday marked 59 years since the Food Stamp act was signed into law.

While the far-right wants cruel cuts to programs like SNAP, which helps feed over 20,000 NY-18 families, I remain committed to a basic principle: No one in this country should go hungry.

I will always vote to keep kids fed and healthy and am proud to cosponsor the Military Family Nutrition Act to expand access to food assistance for military families.

COMMEMORATING 60 YEARS SINCE "I HAVE A DREAM"

This past Monday commemorated 60 years since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I have a dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in our nation's capital.

We cannot allow 60 years of time to dull our resolve to fulfill his dream.

We must each remain undaunted and committed in the fight for freedom and equality for all.

GRANTS CORNER NEW!

Inspire! Grants for Small Museums by the Museums for America program is designed to support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital learning resources, policy development and institutional planning, technology enhancements, professional development, community outreach, audience development, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation.

The current application round will commemorate America's 250th anniversary as part of the agency's IMLS250: All Stories, All People, All Places initiative in preparation for 2026. Applications due November 15.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Future Grants (EFG) Program provides \$27 million in financial and technical assistance to support local, state, and tribal government-led partnership efforts that will advance clean energy program innovation. EFG seeks to enhance energy affordability and access for communities, ensuring the broad benefits of a clean energy economy-including health, economic development and jobs and emissions reductions-flow to disadvantaged communities. Applications due September 30.

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Congressman Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 56) The Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP) provides grants to help eligible processors expand their processing capacity, which create new, better and more processing options for meat and poultry producers. USDA Rural Development designed the MPPEP to encourage competition and sustainable growth in the U.S. meat processing sector, and to help improve supply chain resiliency. Applications due November 22.

FLOOD RECOVERY

The Restaurant Disaster Relief Fund provides \$10,000 grants to local restaurants impacted by state or federally declared natural disasters. To be eligible, a business must be experiencing hardship due to a natural disaster, have a maximum of three locations, employ fewer than 50 employees per location, and have revenues of \$3M or less per location in the last 12 months. Grants are funded by DoorDash and applications are due September 29.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

The Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (CFPCGP) aims to bring together stakeholders from distinct parts of the food system and to foster understanding of national food security trends and how they might improve local food systems. There are two project types:

Planning Projects: The purpose is to provide early-stage investment in new, startup projects or to invest in completing project plans toward the improvement of community food security.

Community Food Projects: The purpose is to seek solutions over the longer term rather than focusing on short-term food relief. They will seek comprehensive solutions to problems across all levels of the food system from farmer to consumer. Projects should not be designed to merely support individual food pantries, farmers markets, community gardens or other established projects. Rather, the projects should build on and encourage innovative long-term solutions to food and nutrition security.

Application deadline is October 30!

The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funds grants and rebates that protect human health and improve air quality by reducing harmful emissions from diesel engines. Eligible uses of funding include school buses, class 5 - class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, locomotive engines, marine engines, and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at ports or airports), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps). The application deadline is December 1.

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

Please remember that my office is always here to help if you have a question or need assistance. You can reach us using the contact information above and below and we will do everything we can to connect you with the resources you need.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,
Patrick K. Ryan
Member of Congress
New York's 18th District
<https://patryan.house.gov/>

Governor Hochul Advises Schools to Follow CDC Guidance Amid Reports of New Variant and Rise in Cases This Summer

As students return to school this week, Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that New York State is making COVID-19 rapid test kits and masks available to school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services by request. This comes amid reports of the new BA.2.86 variant and following a rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations this summer. Governor Hochul is also advising schools to follow CDC guidance to help protect students in the classroom.

"Thanks to the hard work of New York schools, teachers, and parents, we have come a long way to ensure students can safely return to the classroom," Governor Hochul said. "Frequent testing for COVID-19 is an important part of keeping our kids safe and preventing an outbreak, and I will continue working to ensure our school districts have the resources they need to provide a safe, in-person learning environment for our students."

This week, the State will conduct outreach to the State Education Department and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to survey needs for test kits and masks. After the requests have been submitted, New York State will deliver the requested tests and N-95 and KN-95 masks to each BOCES for distribution to school districts.

Additionally, Governor Hochul and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) recommend that schools review current CDC school guidance for COVID-19 prevention and work with their local health department to implement effective and feasible public health measures.

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "As we start the new school year, and once again see an uptick in COVID-19 across the State, I urge all students, teachers and parents to remember COVID tests are easy to use as well as highly accurate. Also know that COVID is a treatable disease. If you have symptoms, get tested. If you test positive, stay home and stay away from other people, especially those who are vulnerable to serious illness. And, to improve your chances of not having serious illness, speak with a health care provider about treatment. I thank Governor Hochul for working to provide school districts with critical resources to ensure that children have a successful and safe school year."

New York State Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa said, "It is with great excitement and anticipation that I welcome all students, teachers, and school leaders back to school for the 2023-24 school year. The health and safety of everyone in our school communities is paramount as we once again return for in-person instruction, and we must remain vigilant. The State Education Department and Board of Regents reminds everyone to review and follow CDC guidance. The Department, in conjunction with Governor Hochul and the State Department of Health, will continue to monitor the situation to ensure all students have a safe school environment where they can learn and grow."

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the CDC recommends schools:

- o Promote vaccination and testing;
- o Encourage students, teachers, and faculty to stay home if they are sick and exhibiting symptoms;
- o Optimize ventilation and maintain improvements to indoor air quality to reduce the risk of germs and contaminants spreading through the air; and
- o Teach and reinforce proper handwashing and hygiene practices.

Schools that experience outbreaks should work with their local health department for timely outbreak response support.

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Governor Hochul Advises Schools to Follow CDC Guidance Amid Reports of New Variant and Rise in Cases This Summer

(From Pg. 57) With the new BA.2.86 variant now detected in New York, DOH and the Wadsworth Center will continue monitor the situation and track new variants to help keep New Yorkers safe. As a reminder, an updated COVID-19 vaccine tailored to guard against certain variants is expected to arrive in pharmacies and doctor's offices this Fall.

All individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately get tested. If a test is positive, consult a health care provider about whether treatment is necessary, as it's important to begin treatment, if needed, soon after the onset of symptoms to ensure the utmost effectiveness. Individuals who do not have a regular health care provider can find locations for treatment here. Those with COVID-19 should follow CDC guidance to avoid transmitting it to others, including isolating for 5 days after the onset of symptoms, as well as masking and avoiding contact with those who may be at higher risk of negative outcomes.

At-home tests are available at many local pharmacies statewide, and New York continues to make high-quality N-95 masks and test kits available to state and county officials by request. New Yorkers should contact their respective county health department or local emergency management office for more information.



Released My Veterans and Broadband Access Plans

This week, I unveiled my Broadband Access Plan and Veterans Plan, which underscore my unwavering dedication to bridging the digital divide in our rural communities and honoring the service of our nation's brave veterans. As a Marine Mom, I am committed to ensuring our veterans have the resources and federal support they need to reintegrate into society and access their hard-earned benefits. In addition, I am working to cut through bureaucratic red tape preventing the expansion of affordable rural broadband and supporting legislation to give NY-24 access to fast, dependable, and affordable broadband options.

To view Tenney's full Broadband Access Plan, click here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/broadband-access-2023.pdf>

To view Tenney's full Veterans Plan, click here.

https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/veterans-plan-2023_1.pdf

Demanding Answers from Secretary Mayorkas for his Involvement in the NY Migrant Crisis

Rep Tenney on FOX and Friends First -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZvS_OWHL3c

This week, I joined Fox & Friends First to discuss my efforts to hold Biden accountable for his disastrous migrant crisis. All of New York, including NY-24, is suffering from the escalating migrant crisis that threatens the safety of our communities and strains our resources. The Biden Administration's failure to enforce our nation's laws and secure our borders has led to unprecedented challenges, and I am working to hold this Administration accountable. I am sending a letter to Secretary Mayorkas, demanding answers and transparency regarding federal involvement in migrant resettlement, vetting procedures, and the financial burden being put on taxpayers. My priority will always be to protect the well-being of our community's tax-paying residents.

Demanding Biden Reconsider his Plan to Nominate Jack Lew to be the U.S. Ambassador to Israel

This week, alongside Congressman Max Miller (R-OH), I led a letter to President Biden voicing serious concern about the potential nomination of former Treasury Secretary Jack Lew to be the U.S. Ambassador to Israel. This letter calls for President Biden to nominate someone who can effectively strengthen and enhance the U.S.-Israel relationship during a critical juncture in diplomatic ties.

In this letter, I highlight several key areas of concern regarding former Secretary Lew's nomination. Notably, his involvement in creating the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), commonly known as the Iran nuclear deal, has raised questions about his capacity to safeguard American and Israeli national security interests. The letter also calls attention to former Secretary Lew's support for President Obama's decision not to veto UNSC Resolution 2334 (2016), which condemned Israeli settlement constructions, and has raised concerns about former Secretary Lew's alignment with positions that may weaken Israel's diplomatic standing.

At a time when collaboration between the United States and Israel is of utmost importance, we need an ambassador that works to reaffirm our nation's unfailing support for Israel. Given Secretary Lew's history of controversial remarks and actions which harm Israel's global standing and national security, he is ill-suited for this critical role. We need an ambassador who can engage with Israeli leadership, and Jack Lew has proven he is the wrong man for the job.

To view the full letter, click here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/urging-biden-to-reconsider-nominating-jack-lew-final-version.pdf>

I joined Varney & Co. to Discuss the Growing Opioid and Migrant Crisis Hitting Upstate NY

Rep Tenney on Varney & Co
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ERmMzJwZeU>

This week I joined Varney & Co. to discuss how opioids-including fentanyl and "zombie drug" xylazine- have impacted upstate NY communities. Under this administration, fentanyl overdoses are now the leading cause of death among Americans aged 18-45. Joe Biden's open border has allowed illegal drugs and migrants to flood into our communities; that, coupled with Kathy Hochul's soft on crime approach has created disastrous outcomes for upstate New Yorkers.

Recently, I've met with police officers across NY-24 who are working diligently to address this crisis and protect our communities from these destructive substances!

Claryville Fire Dept.

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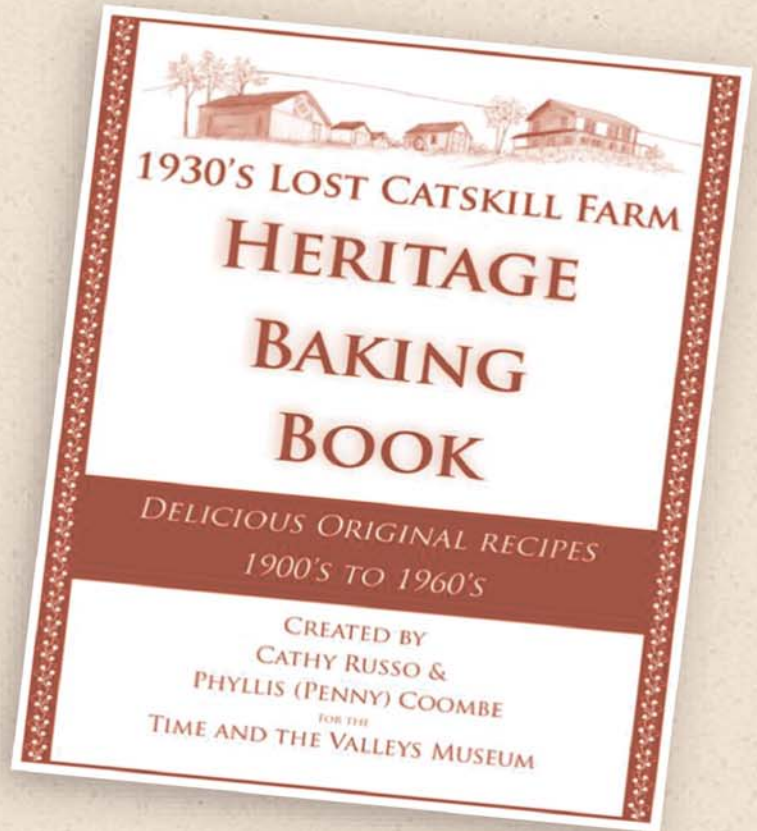
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HAIR: BLONDE

CLOTHING: Black shirt, blue jean shorts,
Black Nike sneakers.



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)

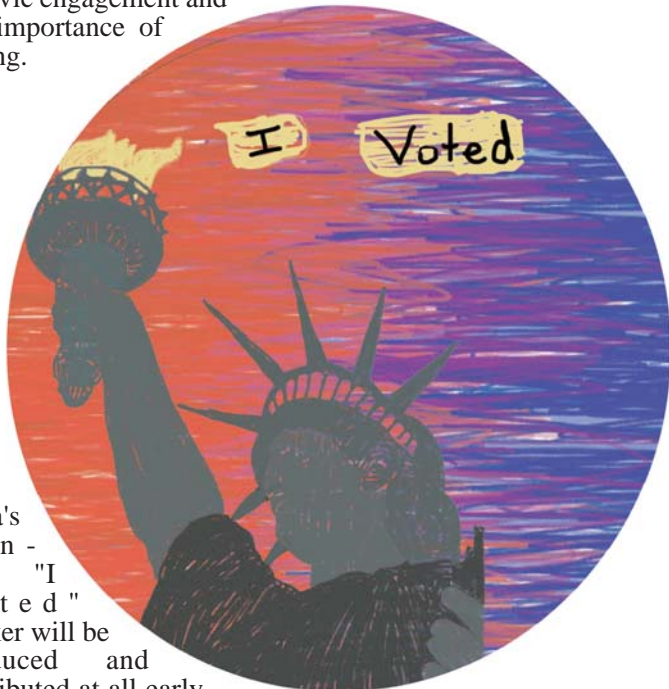
Or

The Confidential Tip Line: 845-807-0158

Ulster County Board of Elections Announces Winner of the 2023 "I Voted" Sticker Contest

The Ulster County Board of Elections is thrilled to announce the winner of the 2023 "I Voted" Sticker Contest. After an enthusiastic response from the community and an overwhelming voter turnout in the contest, we are delighted to congratulate Julia Deyo, a 16-year-old student from Rondout Valley High School, as the winner of this year's competition.

With over 3,300 votes cast in total and more than 1,300 votes specifically in support of Julia's artwork, it's clear that her design resonated with the people of Ulster County. This competition was a testament to the creativity and talent of our local youth, and Julia's outstanding design truly captured the essence of civic engagement and the importance of voting.



Julia's winning "I Voted" sticker will be produced and distributed at all early voting centers starting October 28th, allowing our community members to proudly display their civic pride when they participate in early voting. Additionally, these stickers will be available at all poll sites on November 7th, ensuring that every voter on Election Day can showcase their commitment to democracy.

In recognition of her exceptional artistic talent and her contribution to encouraging civic participation, Julia will be honored with the prestigious "Pride of Ulster County" Award at an upcoming meeting of the Ulster County legislature. This award highlights her dedication to fostering civic engagement and making a positive impact on our community.

The Ulster County Board of Elections would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Julia Deyo for her winning design. We would also like to express our gratitude to the other finalists and all the talented students who submitted their artwork for this year's contest. Your creative contributions are essential in promoting civic awareness and engagement among our youth.

The annual "I Voted" sticker contest is an integral part of our youth engagement program, and it is through initiatives like these that we hope to inspire the next generation of active and informed citizens. We look forward to opening submissions for next year's sticker contest in early 2024, providing

another opportunity for our local students to showcase their artistic talents and commitment to civic involvement. For more information, visit the Student Resources section of the Ulster County Board of Elections website at Voteulster.com, call 845.334.5470, or email Elections@co.ulster.ny.us.

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk Announces Revolutionary War Medical Reenactor at the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, September 9, 2023, Revolutionary War medical reenactor Don Terpening will host the Matthewis Persen House located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets.



From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 9, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Don Terpening, will take attendees on a journey back in time as he showcases various medicines, implements, and techniques employed by physicians during the Revolutionary War era. Additionally, Mr. Terpening will delve into the fascinating role doctors played and the societal significance they held during this pivotal period in history. The event promises an engaging and educational experience for attendees of all ages.

Admission to this event is entirely free, and everyone is encouraged to attend. County Clerk Nina Postupack expressed her enthusiasm, stating, "Don is a true local treasure. His vast knowledge and interactive delivery create a fun experience for the whole family."



For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also visit us on Facebook for updates and details about upcoming events.

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Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



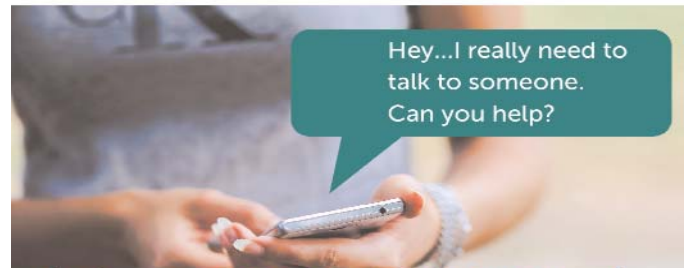
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Alyssa Wowk
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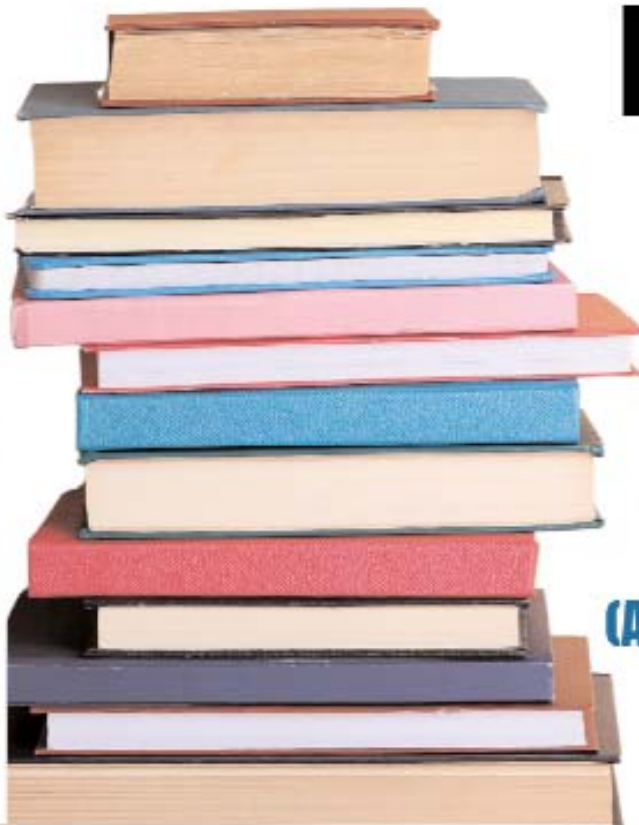
Monticello, NY 12701

**Ellenville Regional
Hospital
Auxiliary Gift Shop Presents**



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**Friday,
September 8th
From 9am
to 3pm
Tent on
Hospital
Grounds**



**SCAN
HERE**



**\$3 BAG OF BOOKS
(AS MANY AS YOU CAN FIT)
\$2 BAG OF
HOMEMADE COOKIES**

Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association



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



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

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



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THE NEWSLETTER OF
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BROADBAND EXPANSION IS COMING SOON

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

The promise of broadband for all of Sullivan County remains very much in the forefront of my and legislators' minds, and I'm happy to say we are close to making a major announcement about our high-speed Internet plans.

In the meantime, let me share a couple photos from our August 17 meeting with a new company called Archtop Fiber, with whom we formed a public-private partnership to reach unserved and underserved homes and businesses throughout the County.



LEFT: Nearly 22 million square feet of fiber-optic wire is ready to be deployed.



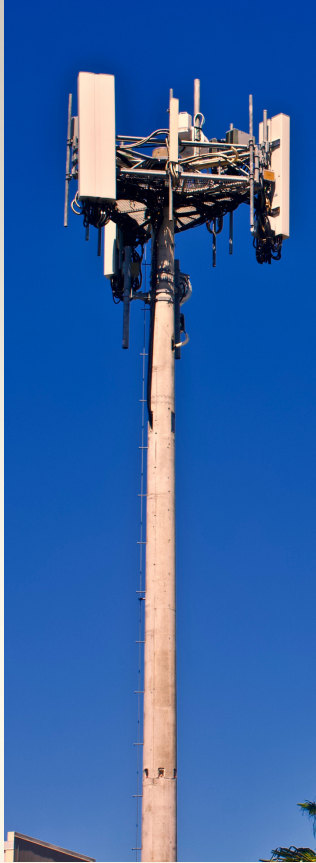
ABOVE: From the left, Archtop Fiber's VP of Business Services John Boolukos, Sullivan County Legislature Vice Chair Mike Brooks, Archtop's Chief Development Officer Shawn Beqaj, NYS Senator Peter Oberacker and County Manager Josh Potosek.

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PUTTING A TOWER IN JEFF'VILLE

E-911 Coordinator Alex Rau has spearheaded an effort to identify and fill gaps in our emergency radio network. I'm pleased to say that as a result, we plan to add an emergency communications tower to a hill above Jeffersonville. It's on a site next to the Sullivan West Elementary School, with whom we've been collaborating. If all goes well, our 11th such tower will go live in mid- to late-2024.

TAX AUCTION SET FOR SEPT. 6&7

The 2023 Sullivan County Real Estate Tax Foreclosure Auction will be held **online only** on Wednesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 7.

County Treasurer Nancy Buck urges potential bidders to register now at <https://aarauctions.com/servlet/SeArch.do?auctionId=6092> to receive a packet via email explaining the terms and conditions of the auction, along with the foreclosure process and associated liens. A bidders' seminar is available to watch online, as well.

There will be no showings of foreclosed parcels, though most properties up for auction can be viewed from public roadways. Bidding opens September 1 at 10 a.m. The auction itself begins at 9:30 a.m. on September 6, covering parcels in the towns of Bethel, Callicoon, Cohecton, Delaware,

Fallsburg, Forestburgh, Fremont, Highland and Liberty. The auction will recommence at the same time on September 7 and cover parcels in the towns of Lumberland, Mamakating, Neversink, Rockland, Thompson and Tusten.

"Interested bidders should ensure they've done their homework: personally viewed the property or properties, checked for outstanding liens and assessments like water and sewer, and are familiar with the auction terms and conditions, particularly the taxes and fees for which they will be immediately responsible upon placement of a successful bid or bids," said Buck. All sales are subject to final approval by the Sullivan County Legislature. More information can be obtained at nysauctions.com. The County Treasurer's Office also welcomes inquiries at 845-807-0200.

ELECTION DAY ISN'T JUST ONE DAY THIS YEAR

Early voting is increasing in usage across New York State as it rapidly becomes the norm.

Sure, you can still cast your votes at your local polling spot this Election Day, November 7, but if you're already registered to vote in Sullivan County, there's no need to wait.

This year, our Board of Elections will open two early voting locations:

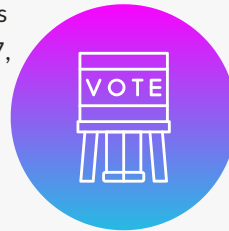
- Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello
- Sullivan County Public Health (the Gladys Olmsted Building), 50 Community Lane, Liberty

Either location is fine to use, no matter where you live in Sullivan County. Just make sure you arrive between the following hours on one

of the following dates:

- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on October 28, 29, 30 or November 1, 3, 4 or 5
- Noon-8 p.m. on October 31 or November 2

If that's not convenient, like I said, you can always head to your usual polling location on Election Day, anytime between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. To find out who's running, where to vote or any other question you may have, stop by or call our Board of Elections at **845-807-0400**.



TALKING ABOUT DRUGS HONESTLY AND OPENLY

It's not an enjoyable message to share, but Sullivan County has a big problem with opioid use - the biggest in the State, on a per-capita basis. We've taken a number of big steps to tackle this issue: strengthening our Drug Task Force, successfully fighting to be designated a High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (freeing up Federal resources), and tapping into millions of dollars in settlement funds from pharmaceutical companies which helped create this epidemic in the first place. Our Department of Community Services has joined forces with the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Columbia University to spread compelling messages about recognizing and treating opioid use disorder. Utilizing over \$300,000 in grant monies, the HEALing Communities Study is aiming to reduce opioid-related deaths by 40% in Sullivan County and other municipalities across the hardest-hit states like New York.

YOUR TREATMENT YOUR RECOVERY

“ I learned that my recovery wasn't ruined by one setback. Once I learned to use setbacks as opportunities to learn... I was able to really stay motivated.”

~Jessika

HealTogetherStories.org

Social media posts like the one pictured above have been running much of this year, along with billboards, flyers and radio ads. They've focused on three areas: educating people about the overdose-reversing “miracle drug” naloxone, promoting medicated treatment to wean addicts off opioids, and urging those already in treatment to stay steadfast, despite intense struggles. Find out more at HEALTogetherNY.org/Sullivan.

HEATHER BROWN: FROM ANALYST TO COMMISH

It's been my pleasure to watch Bethel native Heather Brown rise through the ranks of County government over the past 20 years, and I'm particularly pleased to share that she's now our Commissioner of the Division of Planning & Community Development.

Heather started with us in 2004 as a research analyst, consistently impressing and improving along the way, and I promoted her to the commissioner position this summer in recognition of her talents and drive.

A graduate of Monticello High School, she possesses a bachelor's in biology from SUNY Binghamton, and



her County government experience has led her to identify three priorities on which she'd like to

focus: the buildout of the O&W Rail Trail and other recreational opportunities, the housing crisis, and the judicious use of local water resources.

We are recognized Statewide for Heather's work as director of our Office of Sustainable Energy (a role she still fills, even amidst her new duties overseeing Planning, Parks and Grants).

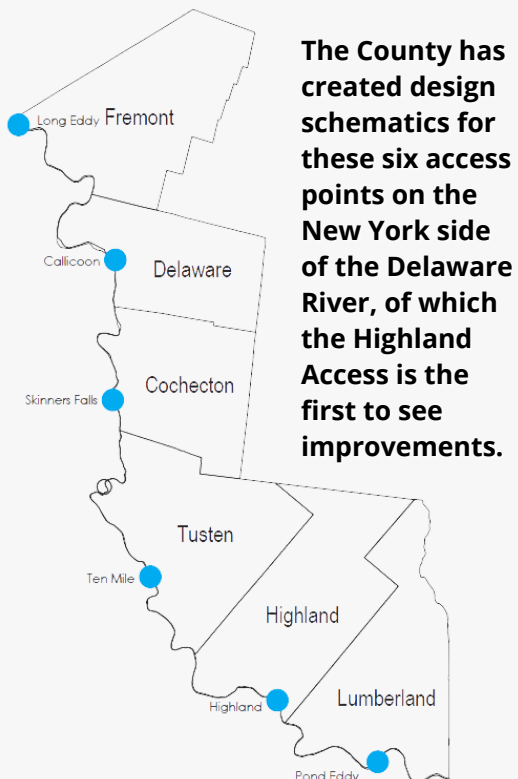
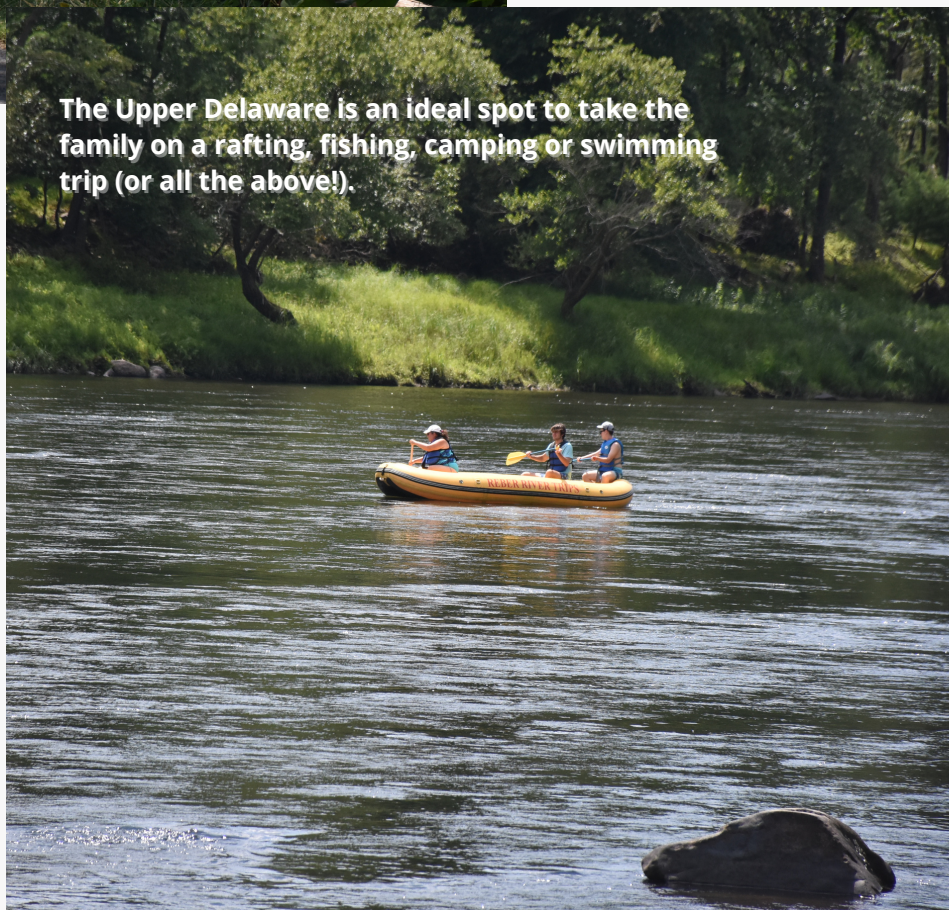
Whenever possible and prudent, I try to promote from within our existing ranks, and I expect Heather will continue to make her mark.

The Delaware River forms much of the western and southern borders of Sullivan County, and our Division of Planning has been working diligently to open up new spots to access its natural splendor. Located just west of Barryville along Route 97, the Highland River Access is now paved (including an accessible trail to the canoe launch) and open to the public.

OPENING A NEW ACCESS TO ONE OF THE BEST NATURAL GIFTS IN OUR AREA

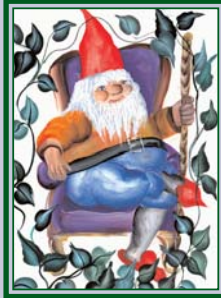


The Upper Delaware is an ideal spot to take the family on a rafting, fishing, camping or swimming trip (or all the above!).

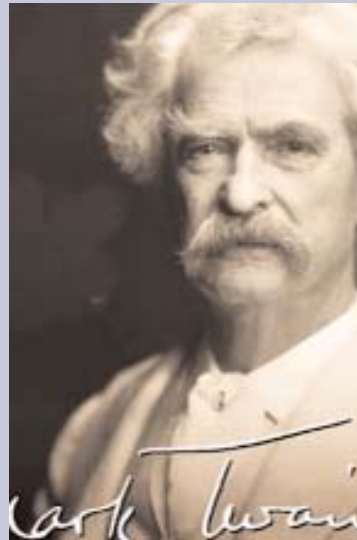


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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE ”
ON AMAZON
"THE ADVENTURES
OF
MARK TWAIN"
 (2H 10M / DRAMA / TV-G
 1944)



Sam Clemmons AKA Mark Twain a young man that dreams of a world in the fashion to ease humanity's pains as he moves from Mississippi riverboats to the Gold Rush country and into literary immortality with the jumping frog of county. **Directed by Irving Rapper** and starring the great **Fredric March**, in another of his epic roles as impactful as his portrayal of **William Jennings Bryant** in the retelling of the epic "Monkey Trail," of **William Jennings Bryant**, and **Clarace Darrow** in the film, "INHERIT THE WIND," March played this part with soul of Mark Twain driving his performance, thank you **Fredric March**, also starring **Alexis Smith**, in a wonderful performance as Twains wife, **Donald Crisp**,



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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Leonard Bernstein

This weeks' Trivia question: Who plays Mrs. Robinson in *The Graduate*?

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II ON AMAZON

"THE BARRETTS OF WIMPOLE STREET"

(1h 49m | Romance | TV-G 1934)

An invalid poetess defies her father's wishes to marry a dashing young poet.

Directed by Sidney Franklin and starring Norma Shearer, Fredric March, and Charles Laughton



KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III ON AMAZON

Once again the genius of FREDRIC MARCH

as
**DR. JEKYLL
&
MR. HYDE**

(1h 30m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-PG 1932)



Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of a scientist who unleashes the beast within.

Directed by Rouben Mamoulian, and starring Fredric March, Miriam Hopkins and Rose Hobart



*Stay safe, and stay well
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