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It's Not to Late for Giving Tuesday Support the Time and the Valleys Museum 250th American Revolution Exhibit



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - You have heard about Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but what about Giving Tuesday? Giving Tuesday is an international day of giving the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Created in 2012, it has encouraged millions all over the world to give back through volunteering, donations and acts of kindness.

It is not too late for giving Tuesday –please consider making a donation to the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville to help create and install a new immersive exhibition on the American Revolution, right here in the Catskills. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Tri-Valley Lions Holiday Party



On Monday, December 1, 2025, The Tri-Valley Lions celebrated their Holiday Party at The Liberty Diner. There were 25 Lions and 3 guests at the dinner. The food was excellent, and we played several Christmas & Holiday games. All game winners selected their winning prize from the gift table. There was also a door prize. (Contd. Pg. 5)

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On the Front Burner: Righteous art thou O Lord, and upright are they judgments.
Psalm 119:137

OBITUARY

Leila A. McAdams, 90, of Neversink, passed away on November 28, 2025, at Garnet Health Medical Center. She was born on April 19, 1935, in Livingston Manor, New York, the daughter of Charles McAdams and Ruby Gorr.

Leila enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. She loved watching westerns and game shows, spending time with her family, playing Pinochle and Bingo, crocheting, drawing, bird watching, and fishing. From a young age she was a dedicated and hardworking individual, often entrusted with caring for her brothers and sisters. Though she carried a tough exterior, Leila deeply loved her family and expressed that love in her own unique way.

She is survived by her daughter Penny Howe; her son Melvin "Charlie" Howe and his wife Ramona; her daughter Cindy Howe and her companion Doyle Gosney; and Harry "Tiffany" Diaz, and Tonya Johnson. She leaves behind her cherished grandchildren Tom Malone, Charles Howe, Christina Buckler, and Jeremy Diaz, and her great-grandchildren Emma Howe, Candence Buckler, Alexander Diaz, and Mason Malone. She is also survived by her siblings Aaron McAdams and Aquilla McAdams, and her brother-in-law Jim Atkins, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Leila was predeceased by her children Rex, Ethel, and Terry; and her siblings Charles "Buck" McAdams, Rex McAdams, and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Sherwood Atkins, and her previous companion Melvin "Jake" Howe.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at Liberty Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial-Ramsay Funeral Home. For further information, please call 845-292-7160.

Hilda E. Peters passed away peacefully on November 24, 2025, in her home in Cragsmoor, NY.

Hilda, affectionately called "Tilly", was born August 29, 1926, in Cragsmoor, NY to Edith Cruver and Leonard Marl, Jr. Her father was one of 14 siblings, so Hilda grew up surrounded by a large colorful and hard working extended family. Her early years were spent in Cragsmoor, then about the age of eight her father purchased a working

cow farm in Pine Bush, NY and the family moved from Cragsmoor to Pine Bush. It was on the farm that Hilda developed her strong and lifelong work ethic, often working alongside her father with the daily physical tasks farming required. It was also on the farm her love of nature and the outdoors was further deepened and nurtured. As a female growing up in the 1930s and 1940s, Hilda was not limited to stereotypes; she had to learn many things to contribute to her family and develop as a self-sufficient person. Common sense was at the core of her being and guided her throughout her long life.

On April 3, 1954, she married Charles Ralph Peters who became her best friend and lifelong partner. They worked beautifully alongside each other with love and respect, raising 2 children, building 2 homes, and sharing many common interests and hobbies together.

Hilda is survived by her son, Ralph Peters; daughter, Carolyn Peters-Baker and her husband Roger Baker; nephew, Richard Marl; brother in-law, Dick Peters and his wife Pat Peters; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, and siblings.

A special thank you and acknowledgement to her favorite cousin, Connie Hornbeck, who was a very important friend throughout her life; Jeanie Brown, who helped care for her in her final years; her friends, Joyce Stedner, Chris and Wayne, the Cragsmoor Library, and the friends she made from the library get togethers.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, November 29th at Fantinekill Cemetery. A celebration of life followed at On the Rocks Restaurant 3984 Route 52 Cragsmoor.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

November 30, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Langton of Schenectady became the parents of a son, Stephen Edward, on November 14th at Schenectady. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Raffa. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History (From Pg. 2)

Ask for our special buy on beef
For dinners fine and dandy.
At Christmas time the money saved
Will come in very handy!
SPECIALS ON BEEF ALL THIS WEEK!
KUM TO KRUM'S

December 1, 1965

John H. Cain, age 68, died after a long illness on November 24, 1965 at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital in Long Island. He was born on December 7, 1896 in Neversink, the son of James and Elisabeth Redmond Cain. He was married in August 1924 to Mary I. Clark in Liberty. Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Regina Dunn of Orchard Par and two sisters, Mrs. Otis Bailey of Bradley and Mrs. Joseph Cummings of Bethpage, L.I.

December 17, 1975

Ralph A. Hornbeck of Rocky Hill Road, died Thursday in Ellenville Community Hospital after a long illness. He was 80. He was born on Christmas Eve in 1894 in Eureka to Chester and Tressa Smith Hornbeck. He was an area resident for 40 years. He was married to the former Doris Furman. He was a farmer and was a veteran of World War I. He is survived by his widow; a son, Raymond of Grahamsville; three daughters: Mrs. Vira Slater and Mrs. Dorothy Botsford, both of Grahamsville and Mrs. Betty Shaver of Turnwood; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Peters of Sundown; eleven grandchildren and two great-grand children.

Mrs. Barbara Wakefield of Grahamsville and Joseph Purcell of Narrowsburg were united in marriage at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Forestburgh on November 8, 1975. Mr. Purcell is County Clerk of Sullivan County. The couple resides in Grahamsville.

December 5, 1985

Peter Bernard of Neversink, a retired personnel director for the Wolff Book Co., New York City, and a 17-year area resident, died Thursday, Nov. 28 at Ellenville Community Hospital. He was 76. The son of the late Peter and Marie Urich Bernard, he was born on Jan. 5, 1909 in Hastings, Pa. Survivors include his wife, Mary Baker Bernard at home; two daughters: Norma Salvagio of Fairport, and Eileen Power of Warsaw, N.Y. one brother and three sisters; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

We are happy to welcome a baby girl, Stephanie Marie Diescher, born Nov. 16, 1985 at Harris Hosp. to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Diescher. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 _ inches long. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George C. Haag of Grahamsville. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Brian Diescher of Livingston Manor.

Household Hint:

Stinky Garbage Pail?

Put a scented dryer sheet in the bottom of each trash can in your home before adding the plastic liner bag. This same method works for diaper pails. Change the sheet every time you change a bag.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Poinsettia the Official Flower of Christmas

That lovely plant, the poinsettia that you place in your home every December was once used as a fever cure!

The Poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) a shrub or small tree, typically reaches heights of 2-13 feet. The plant bears dark green dentate leaves that measure 2.8-6.3 in in length. The colored bracts –most often are flaming red but can be orange, pale green, cream, pink, white, or marbled –are often mistaken for flower petals, but are actually leaves. The colors of the bracts require 12 hours of continual darkness for at least five days in a row to change color. At the same time, the plants require abundant light during the day for the brightest color.



The poinsettia is native to Central America, and flourished in an area of Southern Mexico known as Taxco del

Alarcon where the Aztecs used the plant for decorative purposes and they also used the plant for practical uses. They extracted a purplish dye for use in textiles and cosmetics from the plant's bracts. The milky white sap, today called latex, was made into a preparation to treat fever.

The plant's association with Christmas began in 16th-century Mexico. According to legend, a little girl, commonly called Pepita or Maria, was too poor to provide a gift for the celebration of Jesus' birthday. As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy.

"I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes," said Pedro consolingly. As she walked a little further, she was inspired by an angel to gather weeds from the roadside and place them in front of the church altar. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel. As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes."

She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season and thus, the legend of the poinsettia was born.

From the 17th century on the Franciscan friars in Mexico included the plants in their Christmas celebrations.

These striking blooms caught the attention of Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, founder of the National Institute for the Promotion of Science and the Useful Arts –the predecessor of the Smithsonian Institution and America's first ambassador to Mexico between 1825 and 1829. Dr. Poinsett brought a plant back to America and raised it in his greenhouses in Charleston, South Carolina. For more than 150 years, December 12th was recognized as Poinsettia Day. In 2013 Congress passed a bill officially recognizing and honoring Joel Poinsett by declaring December 12th as National Poinsettia Day which commemorates the date of his death in 1851. The day was meant to honor Poinsett and encourage people to enjoy the beauty of the popular holiday plant.

And, just as Poinsett would have it; the Poinsettia, whether white, red or pink, remains one of the most frequently sold and delivered Christmas Christmas decoration in America during the holiday season.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published December 4, 1997

December may be one of the coldest months of the year but it's also the season that holds more than its share of warm and wonderful memories.

Looking back to the early 1900's, in December, Orchard Lake usually froze solid and it was a favorite place for us school kids to slide during our noon hour lunch break and we often met there after supper. We could be found gliding together on the ice under the starry skies, memories never to be forgotten.

What fun it was to gather greenery to decorate our schoolhouse for our Christmas programs that were held every year. Our schoolhouse looked especially beautiful on the night of our program. Lights from our kerosene lamps shone through the windows, making shadows on the white ground. The maple trees, weighted down with snow, always seemed to say "shake me" and there was a limb on one of the trees low enough for me to reach and shake. I always ended up with a shower of snow and I loved it.

December brought snow and that brought the young and the young at heart to Koon's Hill after supper with their sleighs. At the word "go", we would all run and belly flop on our Flexible Flyers and King of the Hill sleds. Those who didn't bring sleds hopped on the pair of Bobs which were always ready and waiting for a wild ride down the hill. Cumbersome clothing cushioned the flop and our wool scarves, wet with snow, iced our faces all the way to the finish line.

December was the month that "Jack Frost" made his first appearance on our windows and traced beautiful scenes for our enjoyment.

Then look at what Santa brought. Was there ever a morning "more exciting than Christmas? Not for us kids and not for the "kid" in all of us who still get a kick out of that magical day which is right around the corner. The month of December is seasonably cold but the thrill of the holiday and the fun of getting together with family and friends certainly chased away the chill.

It's Not to Late for Giving Tuesday Support the Time and the Valleys Museum 250th American Revolution Exhibit

(From Pg. 1)

The exhibition will focus on the lives and frontier struggles of early settlers in Sullivan, Orange, Ulster and Delaware counties. The stories of settlers, native Americans, the enslaved and soldiers will be told through a recreated early cabin and forest with animals and sounds, illustrations, videos, artifacts and the words of the people themselves.

It's easy to make a tax-deductible donation - either by mailing a check to the Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740, on-line at timeandthevalleymuseum.org or by calling 845 985-7700. Donors will receive an invitation to the exhibit opening in 2026 and the knowledge that they are helping engage people of all ages with our little-known colonial history during this important 250th celebration.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Memorial Day through September, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and from October to May by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$10, children under 16 \$5, and children under six are free.

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

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

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

Tri-Valley Lions Holiday Party



(From Pg. 1) Although the business meeting portion of the dinner was waived, several announcements were made, including a possible Lion Eye Screening in the near future for Tri-Valley Senior High School students. To date, we've done numerous eye screenings at the Elementary School level.

As part of the Holiday Party and what has become an annual tradition, all Lions were asked to bring in Pet Items for dogs and cats, which will be evenly distributed to The SPCA in Rock Hill and Catskill Animal Rescue (CARE) in Ferndale. Additionally, toiletries were again donated and will be delivered to The Tri-Valley School and food donations will be brought to one of the Food Pantries. Our next article will contain photos of the Pet Donations brought to the SPCA and to CARE.

Lion Leah Exner thanked The Lions for the toiletries donated to the Ulster Heights Methodist Church and for the help of several Lions who volunteered to pack "baskets of food" and hand them out to 146 families who drove around the Church parking area to pick up their "baskets." Lion Carmen Salvemini also delivered a "thank you" from the Immaculate Conception Church Food Pantry in Woodbourne for our \$600 donation made to the church.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 48th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley Lions Club High School Community Service Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, Payment for eye exams & glasses, assistance to local families for fires or health emergencies, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or srecords@hvc.rr.com

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The Man In Milan

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by John Dwaine McKenna
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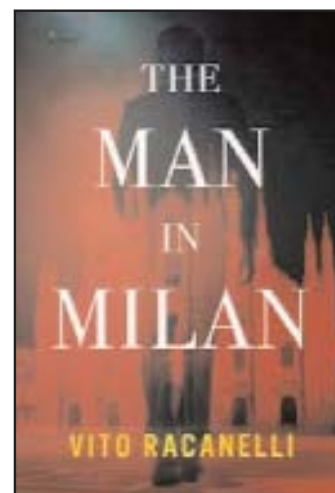
An execution-style murder of an Italian air force officer and diplomat on Sutton Place – in one of New York City's most expensive mid-Manhattan neighborhoods-begins author Vito Rancanelli's electrifying new thriller entitled, *The Man in Milan*, (Polis Books, \$26.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-951709-11-1).

As NYPD Detective Paul Rossi and his partner, Detective Hamilton P. Turner investigate however, they're pulled ever-deeper into an intriguing and sinister plot with political overtones and roots that go back decades . . . to the worst air disaster in Italian history. Eighty-one souls were lost when an airline crashed on the island of Ustica, between the shin of Italy and the island of Sicily, in June of 1980. The cause of the crash has never been determined, but foul play may have occurred, because Russian-backed Libyan MiG fighters, French Mirages, as well as NATO and Italian war-planes were all in the same airspace at the time. It's suspected that a crime may have been committed and covered up . . . but no one knows for certain . . . because the Italian Government continues to investigate but still hasn't determined a cause, more than twenty years after the crash. And the man who was assassinated in NYC? His name was Gaetano Muro, and he was flying an Italian fighter jet in the melee where the ill-fated airliner went down.

Trying to fit together the pieces of an insanely complex puzzle Rossi and Turner are thwarted by the NYPD bureaucracy and stonewalled, obfuscated and misled by the Italian Consulate in New York City. The two detectives are joined by Gaetano Muro's sister Laura, a policewoman from Italy who comes to America to claim her brother's body and return it to the old country for burial. And that's when another element known as the Gladio, a powerful and shadowy Italian political cabal whose tentacles extend all the way across the Atlantic Ocean to the innermost circles of New York's political, social and ruling classes steps in to try and prevent the Sutton Place murder from ever being solved.

Based in part on actual events, *The Man in Milan* is stuffed full of action, intrigue and enough plot twists to satisfy Niccolo Machiavelli himself, and announces the arrival of a major new talent in thriller fiction. Read it for yourself and see why the MBR is calling it one of the best first novels we've seen in quite some time!

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Still suffering on day seven of Covid. I have no energy to write a column, so I am sharing posters of two events I hope to attend next week when I am no longer germey.

Be careful out there, folk. This strain is a nasty one. And I am totally vaccinated.

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.

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Weather Woes and Holiday Festivities...

Tis' the Season at the DPL

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Well, it's that time again, snowflakes are flying!

It's mostly a beautiful season, especially when the trees glisten with freshly fallen snow and there's a crispiness to the air. When the scrumptious scent of cookies fills the kitchen and children wear their pj's backwards in hopes of snow days. But there's also that dreadful feeling-knowing you'll have to go out in the weather, to work, to school or the store, and wonder if the roads are good enough.

And it's precisely that worry that has the library following the Tri-Valley Central School District inclement weather closing protocol. If the school closes early or at all, we do the same. Likewise, if they call for a two-hour delay, we also open later. Please check our website and social media platforms before making the trek out to the library, especially when the roads are questionable. There's no book or children's program in the world worth an accident. Being safe is paramount.

But, if the weather does hold out, and you do have a few minutes in between the seasonal hustle and bustle, stop by. In the next few days, we'll have the library all decked out for the holidays. Thanks to our fabulous 4H Puppy Pals group our reading room has the most beautifully decorated pair of Christmas trees! With the additional decorations and fireplace going, the room has such a magical feel. It's also a fantastic place to take a holiday family photo! Additionally, with great appreciation to the Weisberg family, the most eclectic and intricate collection of menorahs will be once again on display at the library.

During the next few weeks, we'll be hosting quite a few holiday programs. If you've registered for these, please just check our website/social media for weather related updates. On Saturday, December 13 from 10AM-12PM, we're hosting a free live Zoom webinar-where you can participate from the comfort of your own home-on the art of repeat income. Presented by James Farnham, MS, MBA, and licensed agent, this webinar is designed for beginners, entrepreneurs, commission-only employees, account executives, contractors, stay-at-home parents and everything in between. Learn how to build a sustainable source of repeat income and how to identify effective strategies and proven methods to earn reliable ongoing revenue. For more information and to register, please visit our website.

On Thursday, December 18 from 6:00-6:45PM please join us in the reading room for Sounds of the Season, featuring a spectacular musical performance by Grahamsville native, Shane Rennison. Enjoy the soothing calmness of his beautiful music and take a



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moment out of your hectic schedule to just rest and be. It's sure to be an amazing evening.

Now, going back to the temperamental weather, it's no fun getting a snow day off from work or school and then not having a fantastic book to cuddle up with. So, please stop by the library (before the skies open) and check out a book or two. We have holiday classics-like Little Women or The Christmas Carol-and countless other amazing children's seasonal books for loan as well as an entire display of seasonal fiction and nonfiction books for adults. Though, we also have a wide assortment of non-holiday related books if you've had enough already. Just stop by.

To get my Christmas fix in, I'm literally reading The Christmas Fix by Lucy Score. Without delving into my love of Lucy and her zany characters, crazy plot points, and steamy scenes, it's a great, easy read. While not exactly a series, The Christmas Fix should be read after Mr. Fixer Upper so you'll know who the characters are, however, it's not completely necessary. The Christmas Fix follows Catalina King and her reality tv construction team as they fix up the quaint town of Merry, in time for their holiday festivities. Of course, it couldn't go smoothly, especially when town manager (and King's arch-nemesis,) Noah Yates, tries to put the kibosh on the whole thing. Well, one thing leads to another...anyways, it's a good book.



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Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre Welcomes Families for a Full Day of Holiday Cheer: Breakfast with Santa and More

Hurleyville, NY - Celebrate the magic of the holiday season at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) with a joyful lineup of events on Saturday, December 6th, 2025. The festivities begin with the annual Breakfast with Santa from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Ballroom at HPAC, setting the stage for a day filled with community spirit and festive fun.

Families are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet, lively holiday music, and creative crafting activities for children. Kids will have a special opportunity to meet Santa Claus, share their wish lists, and capture the memories with a keepsake photo. For an added touch of wonder, parents can arrange for their child to receive a special gift from Santa by dropping off a pre-wrapped present before December 1st. To coordinate, please email megan@hpacny.org.

Throughout the morning and into the afternoon, guests can savor the season with the Perfect Hot Chocolate from the Wandering Peach, available on-site to warm up the winter day.

HPAC's celebration continues as the community gathers for the Hurleyville town tree lighting, a cherished tradition marking the season's spirit. Immediately following, HPAC proudly presents "Faith in Christmas: A Holiday Concert & Donation Drive" at 6:00 PM. This free-admission event features singer-songwriter Faith Kelly, performing her heartfelt collection of holiday songs along with storytelling and multimedia moments. The concert offers a cozy and uplifting way for families and friends to come together and embrace the holiday cheer.

Tickets for Breakfast with Santa are available for purchase online through the HPAC website, and admission to the evening concert is free, though advance registration is preferred. All events will take place at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, 219 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY 12747

About HPAC: The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) is a multi-arts venue dedicated to providing diverse, high-quality entertainment and arts education for the Sullivan Catskills region and beyond. Located in the heart of Hurleyville, HPAC offers a wide range of programming, including film, live music, dance, theatre, and community events, fostering a vibrant cultural hub for residents and visitors alike.

Usher in the Holidays with SCDW

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop cordially invites you to usher in the Holidays with your talented and dedicated community members. On Friday and Saturday, December 12 & 13, at 7:00pm and Sunday, December 14, at 2:00pm, the SCDW will perform three radio plays - each will warm your heart and tickle your emotions.

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Holiday Gift". With Christmas rapidly approaching, Molly, who is of the Jewish faith, grows increasingly upset that all school activities focus on Christmas rather than on Hannukah. In this heart-warming tale, Molly's classmates devise a plan to provide Molly with an unexpected holiday "gift".

Then, a throwback to a 1953 episode of the popular radio show "Dragnet" titled "The Big Little Jesus" will be performed. In this radio show, our actors portray two police officers investigating the theft of a statue of the infant Jesus from a Los Angeles church. It is imperative that the statue be found before the Midnight Mass service. Ultimately, the statue is returned in an unexpected and emotional turn of events. Director Dawn Perneszi brings this story to life!

And finally, who can forget "Our Miss Brooks"? The SCDW thespians perform the episode "Christmas Gift Mix-up" in which, working on a limited budget, Miss Brooks regifts a present given to her by her landlady to her colleague Mr. Boynton, who subsequently regifts the item to Principal Conklin. In turn, Conklin regifts the item to the Head of the Board of Education. As the characters unknowingly regift the same item hilarious comedic confusion ensues. Playfully directed by Dawn Perneszi, expect to end the show with a smile.

All three pieces will be performed at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building, 64 Ferndale Loomis Road, Liberty. General admission is \$12 and includes coffee, tea and desserts - or donate an unwrapped toy (value \$5 or more) for our Toys for Tots and pay only \$7.00.

Happy Holidays to All from the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop!

For more information call Jean 646-996-4188.

Child Care Providers Needed

If you have considered working with or teaching young children, there is no better time to start! Sullivan County needs childcare throughout the county!

According to The U.S. Census Bureau, the population estimate as of July 1, 2023, is 79,920 people in Sullivan County. 6.1% of the county's population are children under the age of 5 (US Census Bureau, 2010). Making the under 5 population in Sullivan County, 4795 children. The current number of infant / toddler childcare spots available in Sullivan County is 1129. The bottom line is Sullivan County children and current providers NEED your assistance as childcare is filled with waiting lists.

Consider working from home and teaching children. You can run your own small business from home while contributing to and supporting the working families in Sullivan County!

If you're worried about start-up cost, we may be able to assist in supply costs through our Infant/Toddler program. Most training courses through our agency are FREE for Sullivan County providers!!! Please contact the Sullivan County Child Care Council for step-by-step assistance with the application process, business aspect of your program, as well as the programs and resources available when your program is established.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. has determined an immediate need for Infant and Toddler childcare based on our referral services:

- o County wide - of 44 inquiries 31 were for Infant and Toddler care
- o Requests for Infant and Toddler care through our agency have been made mainly for Fallsburg, Liberty and Monticello
- o Most of our providers have no infant or toddler spots available

For more information please visit our website: scchildcare.com, The Office of Children and Family Services at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp> , or give our office a call at (845) 292-7166.

US Census Bureau, 2010.

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Celebrate Chanukah at Temple Sholom!



On Sunday, December 14, Temple Sholom invites the community to celebrate Chanukah with them. Menorahs will be lit at 1:00 pm—please bring one from home. The temple will supply candles. The candle lighting will be followed by Chanukah songs and dreidel games at 1:15 pm.

In keeping with tradition, volunteers will serve potato latkes, along with jelly donuts. The festivities will take place at Temple Sholom, 5 East Dillon Road in Monticello. In case of



serious snow, the event will be held on December 21.

The community is invited to join in the fun. Tickets are \$5.00 per person in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Children under 13 will be admitted for free. RSVP by sending your check to Temple Sholom, PO Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701, or by calling Lois Weinstein 845-428-8106.

Pictures are of scenes from last year's Chanukah celebration at Temple Sholom.

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Every Wednesday:

Heartbeat Music Hall, owned and operated by musicians David and Theresa Trestyn, in Grahamsville at 290 Main Street, present "Open Mic Night" from 7PM-10PM. Open Mic Night often includes surprise traveling guests. This being their 5th year running, and are open through Thanksgiving. BYOB. Free Admission. Call (845) 985-5068 for further information.

Deck the Halls!

The Sullivan County Historical Society will host its 38th Annual Holiday Theme Tree & Display Exhibit on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at the Sullivan County Cultural Center & Museum in Hurleyville, as part of the "Holiday in Hurleyville Festival."

Businesses, organizations, and community members are invited to showcase their creativity by decorating an artificial tree (up to 6 ft) or creating a festive Hanukkah or Kwanzaa display that reflects their spirit, mission, or personal flair. Setup will be available from November 28 to December 5, between 10 AM and 4 PM, and exhibits may be picked up after January 3, 2026.

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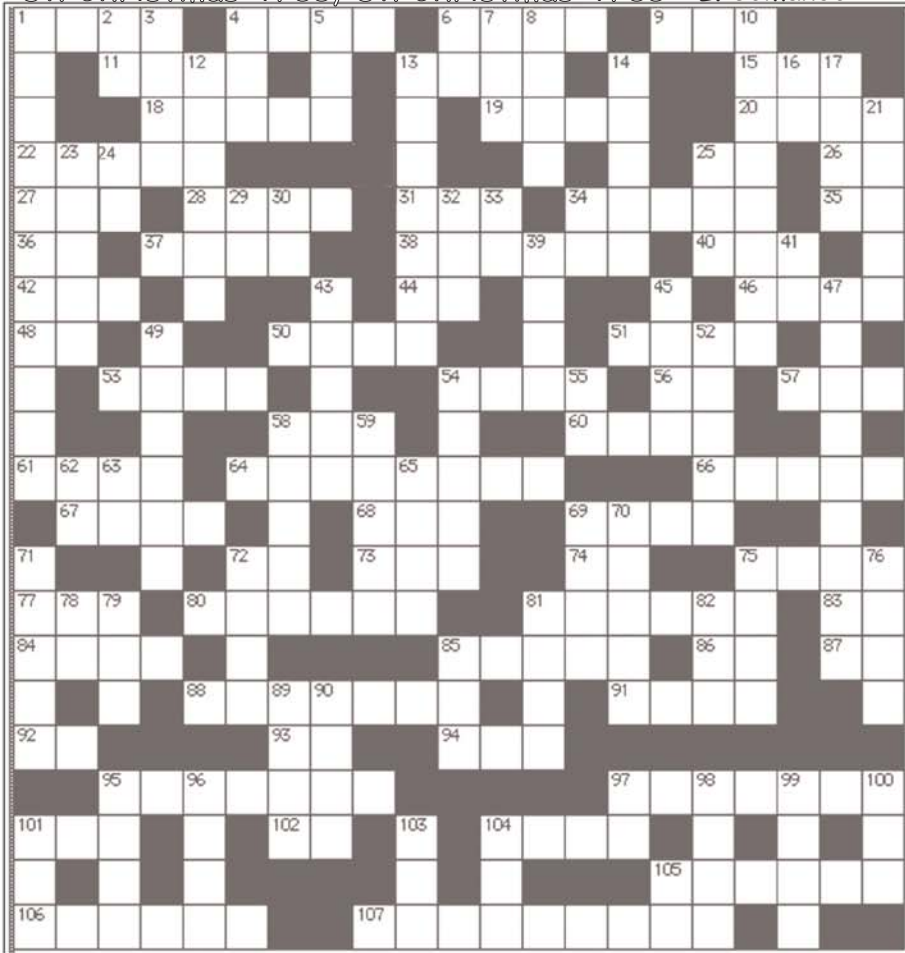
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 1 To cry out
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 9 Color of our contemporary Santa suit
 11 Use the teeth to cut into something
 13 Walking stick
 15 "On a Shelf"
 18 Type of Christmas pie
 19 Wine-making valley in California
 20 Applaud
 22 Frequently
 24 Supported by
 25 Archaic exclamation
 26 Railroad
 27 Egyptian sun god
 28 Frozen water vapor
 31 Rondout or Neversink

34 Excellent
 35 Missouri
 36 Author of "The Greatest Miracle in the World"
 37 Adorn festively
 38 Decorative illuminations
 40 Father
 42 Prisoner of War
 44 Elevated railway
 46 Type of book
 48 High tension
 50 Therefore
 51 Not naughty
 53 In accordance with fact
 54 Baton
 56 Los Angeles
 57 What metal is extracted from
 58 Make a first time acquaintance

60 Friends
 61 Money-lending
 64 England's first Christmas trees were centered around this play
 66 Hacks
 67 Contest
 68 Trench
 69 Distinct periods of history
 72 Numerical ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter
 73 The night before Christmas
 74 Mother
 75 Ale
 77 Take action
 80 Decipher
 81 Symbolic color of tinkling bells
 83 Negative response

84 Loud ringing of a bell
 85 Home
 86 Rhode Island
 87 Expressing location
 88 One of Santa's reindeer
 91 Male parent of an animal
 92 Pseudo-archaic form of 'the'
 93 __, la, la, la, la, la, la, la
 94 Foot digit
 95 Larger than a hamlet but smaller than a town
 97 A day of festivity
 101 A single thing
 102 Royal Scots
 104 Quintet
 105 Popular 19th century Lady's magazine that promoted decorating Christmas trees

106 To recur of after a period absence
 107 A Christmas Tree

DOWN
 1 Green pigment in pine needles
 2 Pound
 3 Citrus fruit
 4 What one may have received on the third day of Christmas
 5 Untruth
 6 Used to express triumph
 7 Public house
 8 Bargain
 10 Make attractive by adding ornaments
 12 Thin strips of shiny metal foil used for decorating
 13 Cylinder of wax with a wick
 14 Roman mythology's

doorways
 16 Lines (abbrev)
 17 Area of land where Christmas trees may be one of the crops
 21 Type of written or spoken language
 23 Bundle of sticks bound as fuel
 25 Showed the way
 29 North Carolina
 30 Satisfactory, but not exceptional
 32 Trouble
 33 Morrison's Garage
 34 Saint
 39 German chemist and co-founder of nuclear fission
 41 Perform
 43 Shout of joy
 45 To make full
 47 Gaiety and fun
 49 Part of a tree

where the partridge was
 75 Soft, mild creamy cheese
 76 Tuber
 78 Common Era
 79 Spout
 81 One and only
 82 Make a mistake
 85 Expression of human creativity
 89 At a distance
 90 Annoy with persistent fault-finding
 95 Close fitting waist-length garment worn by

eives and gnomes
 96 Shakespeare's legendary King
 97 Masculine pronoun
 98 Large tawny cat
 99 Having drawn
 100 Affirmative
 101 Possessive adjective
 103 Revolutions of an engine per minute
 104 Evergreen coniferous trees
 105 General Electric

Spritz Christmas Tree Cookies

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 drops green food coloring

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and white sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg, then stir in the vanilla and food coloring. Combine the flour and salt; stir into the sugar mixture. Cover dough, and chill for at least one hour. Chill cookie sheets. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Press dough out of cookie press using Christmas tree attachment onto ungreased, chilled cookie sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until lightly golden at the edges. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks.

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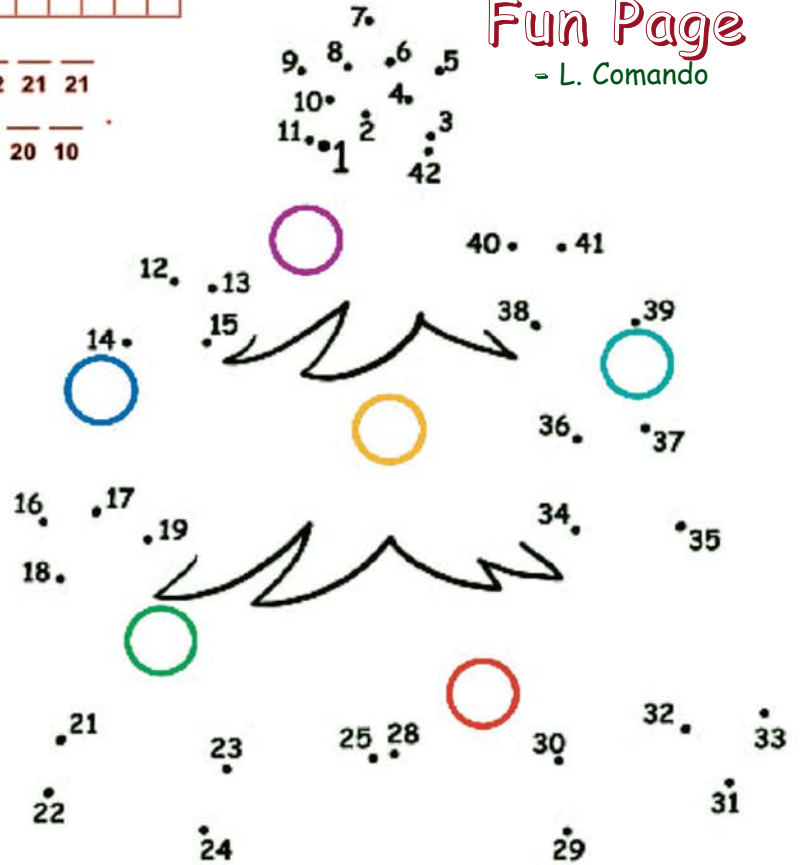
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Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District Held on December 9th, 2025

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- One, five year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2029.
- One, two year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2027.
- One, one year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2026.

All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before November 17th, 2025 and residing within the Neversink Fire District will be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office will need to have filed their names and the office they are seeking in writing with the Secretary of Neversink Fire District, at the firehouse at Neversink Fire District, PO Box 394, Neversink, New York 12765, no later than 20 days prior to the election with the last day for a Candidate to file their name in writing being November 19th, 2025.

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Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Makes Appointments to SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has announced the appointment of Tracey Bartels of Gardiner and the reappointment of Anna Brett of Kingston to the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees. Both appointments are subject to approval by the Ulster County Legislature at its December session and, once approved, will extend through June 30, 2032. In addition, the County Executive has recommended to Governor Hochul that former SUNY Ulster Board Chair Deborah Briggs, who recently completed a seven-year term, be appointed to the SUNY New Paltz College Council.

Tracey Bartels previously served in the Ulster County Legislature for a total of 16 years, including three years as Chair (2019, 2022-2023) and two years as Vice Chair (2020-2021). She served on the Ways and Means Committee as Deputy Chair in 2014, and led several key committees during her tenure, including the

Energy and Environment Committee, the Laws & Rules, and Governmental Services Committee. Bartels also chaired the Special Committee to Investigate Cost Overruns at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center in 2006. During her time in office, she was widely recognized as a champion of open government, fiscal responsibility, and environmental stewardship. A graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, Bartels is also an award-winning filmmaker and a member of the Writers Guild of America.

Anna Brett brings more than five decades of experience in public education, having served as a health educator, administrator, and principal in the Kingston City School District. She holds degrees from SUNY Cortland, Russell Sage College, and SUNY New Paltz, and has served on numerous civic boards and commissions, including the Junior League of Kingston, Friends of Historic Kingston, and the Live Well Kingston Commission. She is being appointed to serve a third term.

"SUNY Ulster plays a vital role in the educational and economic landscape of our county and region, and its Board of Trustees benefits from leaders who bring vision, skills, and expertise that add value to Board decision-making," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "Tracey Bartels is a proven public servant who will bring valuable budgetary and governance experience to the Board, as well as a deep commitment to expanding educational opportunities for our residents and meeting the workforce and professional needs of the local and regional economy. I'm also proud to reappoint Anna Brett, whose decades of experience in public education and deep community roots continue to provide an essential perspective to the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees."

"The transformative power of education is undeniable," said Tracey Bartels. "Community colleges, like SUNY Ulster, provide necessary access to life changing tools. I am honored to be nominated to SUNY Ulster's Board of Trustees and look forward to the opportunity to support the vital role it plays in our community."

"For over 50 years, I have devoted myself to education," said Anna Brett. "And, for the past 12 years, I have dedicated myself to the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with the administration, staff and students at SUNY Ulster. I look forward to sharing my expertise, knowledge, and time as I enter my reappointment term."

Bartels will fill the seat previously held by Deborah Briggs, who was appointed in 2018 by then-County Executive Mike Hein. County Executive Metzger was invited by the Governor's Office to recommend a candidate to the SUNY New Paltz College Council, and the County Executive has recommended Briggs to serve in this new role - a recommendation that is supported by SUNY New Paltz President Darrell Wheeler.

"I want to thank Debbie Briggs for her years of service on the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees, for her steady presence and commitment to providing higher educational opportunities to our residents," said County Executive Metzger. "For these reasons, I have recommended Debbie to the Governor for appointment to the SUNY New Paltz College Council, which would greatly benefit from her years of experience on the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees as well as strengthen the partnership between our two outstanding institutions of higher learning."

SUNY Ulster is governed by a 10-member Board of Trustees, which includes nine voting members - five appointed by the Ulster County Executive and four by the Governor of New York - as well as one student trustee elected annually by the student body. Trustees serve seven-year terms and play a vital role in shaping the direction of the college. Their responsibilities include appointing the college president (subject to SUNY Board approval), overseeing academic programs and curriculum, preparing and submitting the college budget, managing campus facilities and resources, and ensuring the institution operates in alignment with state education policies.



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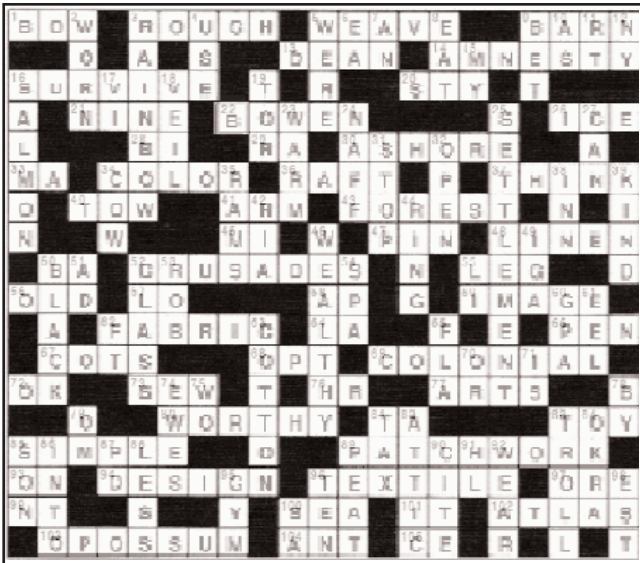
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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/2/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
12/6/25	Grahamsville UMC Holiday Craft Sale 10 am - 3 pm
12/9/25	Claryville Fire District Election 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
12/10/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
12/14/25	Gingerbread Bash at Claryville Church Fellowship Hall 1:30 pm FREE. See Pg 13
12/18/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/17/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
12/18/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
12/18/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
12/24/25	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Claryville Reformed Church- 946 Claryville Rd, Claryville NY- Time t/b/a

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.denningny.gov>
Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For The Week Of December 1 - December 5, 2025

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

Tuesday, December 2

- o **RESCHEDULED** for Tuesday, December 9th - 3:00 PM - **Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**
- o **RESCHEDULED** for Tuesday, December 9th - 6:00 PM - **Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Transit Riders and Intermodal Advisory Committee**, Via Zoom Meeting ID: 862 5272 1551

Wednesday, December 3

- o **8:30 AM - Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District Special Board Meeting**, at 5 Park Lane, Highland
- o **4:30 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board People With Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Subcommittees**, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM - Democratic Caucus**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:45 PM - Republican Caucus**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission**, at the Pine Street African Burial Ground, 157 Pine Street, Kingston

The Following Public Hearings & Special Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream at [youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature](https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature)

- o **6:05 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2025**, A Local Law Opting The County Of Ulster Into The Real Property Tax Exemption Under § 421-p Of The New York State Real Property Tax Law For Qualifying Multifamily Rental Housing In The City Of Kingston

- o **6:10 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2025**, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Renaming Article XXXVI From Department Of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management To Department Of Emergency Services
 - o **6:15 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 15 Of 2025**, A Local Law Amending § C-8 Of The Ulster County Charter And § A2-2 Of The Administrative Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Legislative Term Of Office, New York
 - o **6:20 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2025**, A Local Law Applying The Salary Revisions Pursuant To The 2026 Ulster County Budget To County Officers Serving For Fixed Terms
- Immediately Following Public Hearings - Special Legislative Session: Vote on the Proposed 2026 Budget & Proposed 2026-2031 Capital Program
- o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board**, at the UCAT Operations Center, 1 Danny Circle, Kingston

Thursday, December 4

- o **4:00 PM - Housing & Transportation Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:00 PM** (or immediately following Housing & Transportation Committee) - Health, Human Services & Human Rights Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Friday, December 5

- o No Meetings

Monticello Elks Donate \$2000 to Homeless



(Monticello, NY) Monticello Elk Lodge #1544 has donated \$2000 to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. The Federation is a not-for-profit organization established in 1987. It provides food and advocacy to individuals and families in crisis situations. The funding is from a 2025 Elks National Foundation (ENF) Spotlight Grant, made possible by donations from Lodge members to the Foundation. Pictured (from left) are: Trustee Sue Mapledoram, PER/Trustee Mike Brennan, Federation Program Administrator Kathy Kreiter, ER/PDD Jim Gerrard, PDD/Trustee & ENF Chair Jim Sheerer, Lecturing Knight James Rodriguez, Exalted Ruler Lis Bringle, PER/Chaplain Bob Linzer, Secretary/PER Ronni Scannell, Loyal Knight Julie Brennan and Leading Knight David Welsch.



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Pattern CEO Adam Bosch to Step Down After Tenure Marked by Regional Impact – Board of Directors Opens a Search for next Chief Executive of the Hudson Valley's Regional Planning and Research Organization

NEWBURGH - Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress today announced that Adam Bosch, its president and CEO since 2022, will resign from his role at the end of the year. The Pattern Board of Directors has begun a structured transition process to search for a new executive while continuing the organization's invaluable role as the Hudson Valley's regional planning and research organization.

During his time as chief executive, Bosch led Pattern with a deep understanding of regional issues and a spirit of service. Bosch utilized Pattern's research and planning efforts to help federal, state, and local leaders, civic organizations, and community partners make well-informed decisions about challenges and opportunities throughout the Hudson Valley. He led new research efforts on adaptive reuse and childcare, established an inter-regional planning partnership with New York City, and oversaw reports on housing stress and demographic changes that attracted national attention.

"Leading the team at Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress has been one of the great honors of my life," Bosch said. "My career has allowed me to work with so many wonderful, smart, and civic-minded people across the Hudson Valley and Catskills. I am grateful to the dozens of communities and organizations that invited me to share Pattern's work, and to those who made important decisions based on our research and planning. I am proud that our work drove zoning and regional development decisions, influenced state programs on infrastructure and childcare, and completely reshaped the regional conversation about housing. There are few nonprofits like Pattern in the United States. The Hudson Valley is fortunate to have an organization that provides objective research, develops strategic planning, and convenes the region around issues that genuinely affect our quality of life."

"With Adam Bosch as President and CEO, Pattern tackled many of the region's most pressing quality-of-life concerns through ground-breaking research and robust communication," Mary Beth Bianconi, Chair of Pattern's Board of Directors said. "Adam extended Pattern's reach to new audiences and gave voice to the Hudson Valley in ways that attracted statewide and national attention. The breadth and depth of Pattern's independent and directed research flourished under Adam's direction. When we consider Pattern's goals, we focus on moving the dial, being an honest broker, and examining topics that are regionally significant. Adam exceeded all expectations with respect to advancing Pattern's mission. On behalf of the Board of Directors of

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Pattern for Progress, I extend our sincere gratitude for Adam's skillful leadership, unbounded passion, and commitment to Pattern's values. We extend our very best wishes for his continued success."

Bosch will continue to serve Pattern as a special advisor during the leadership transition.

The Pattern Board of Directors has convened a search committee to lead the process of selecting the organization's next president and CEO. Additional information about this important regional role can be found by clicking here, and qualified candidates are invited to submit resumes to domenica@normannstaffing.com.

Upon his departure, Bosch will step into a senior leadership role at the New York City water supply, where he worked for 10 years before joining Pattern. Pattern Vice President of Operations Robin DeGroat, who has served the organization for more than 18 years, will manage the daily operations of Pattern until a new chief executive is hired.

About Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress is a nonprofit organization that provides objective research, planning and educational training throughout the region. Its work identifies civic challenges and promotes regional, equitable, and sustainable solutions to constantly improve the quality of life in communities throughout the Hudson Valley. Pattern develops its work upon a considerable foundation of facts and experience, without political aims or affiliations.

Pattern was founded in 1965 by the region's academic, business, and nonprofit leaders. Our work focuses on housing, community and urban planning, downtown revitalization, infrastructure, transportation, demographic change, and more. We serve the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.

Gingerbread BASH

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Time: 1:30 PM - 3:30PM

Place: CLARYVILLE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

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Please join us for a fun Christmas party where we'll build a gingerbread nativity, play games, sing songs, and learn about the first Christmas ever.

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Shadowland Stages Thanks You

As we reflect on our 40th Anniversary Season, we are most thankful for our community. Our community in Downtown Ellenville, our community of vibrant and committed theatre artists, and especially our community of patrons and supporters. It is due to your love and support we can proudly say that 2025 was our most attended season in the organization's history. We are honored to provide live, professional theatre to the Hudson Valley but without each and every one of you, this would not be possible. Thank you. We will see you at the theatre soon. ~

The Team at SHADOWLAND STAGES

GEORGIANA & KITTY ~Christmas at Pemberley~

Shadowland finishes the popular Christmas at Pemberley trilogy with this fun holiday tale based on Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

After years of being overshadowed by their older siblings, Georgiana and Kitty are ready for their own adventures in life and love, starting with the arrival of an admirer and secret correspondent. Meddlesome families won't stop these two friends from forging their own way in an inspiring holiday story filled with music, ambition, sisterhood, and forgiveness.

"Delivers a delight...bringing a modern sense to Austen's sensibility." - The Courier



PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

FRI, DECEMBER 5th at 7 pm*

SAT, DECEMBER 6th at 2 pm*

SAT, DECEMBER 6th at 7 pm (OPENING NIGHT)

SUN, DECEMBER 7th at 2 pm-SOLD OUT

FRI, DECEMBER 12th at 7 pm

SAT, DECEMBER 13th at 2 pm

SAT, DECEMBER 13th at 7 pm

SUN, DECEMBER 14th at 2 pm-SOLD OUT

FRI, DECEMBER 19th at 7 pm

SAT, DECEMBER 20th at 2 pm

SAT, DECEMBER 20th at 7 pm

SUN, DECEMBER 21st at 2 pm

*Preview Performances

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Are You ready to...~ROCK~ around the Christmas Tree?

SHADOWLAND STAGES' favorite, **Jefferson McDonald**, is wrapping up after a whirlwind year of concerts billed alongside legends Paul Anka, Darlene Love, Gary Lewis and the Playboys. But it's not over yet! McDonald returns to the MainStage with a brand new show chock-full of vintage rock and roll and Christmas cheer: Jefferson McDonald's Great Jingle Balls Of Fire! Sing, laugh, and dance the night away with the man dubbed "the Victor Borge of Rock and Roll," who was "born inside a piano." Critics rave, "run, don't walk" (Jonathan Charles Fox, The River Reporter) to see McDonald. McDonald is joined by the incredible "Great Jingle Balls of Fire" Orchestra, featuring the talents of Armando Gutierrez on bass and vocals and Colin Summers on electric guitar and vocals.

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

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Sundown
United Methodist
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The December 4th
Covered Dish Supper
has been cancelled. There
will be no monthly Covered Dish
Suppers through
the winter months.

We will announce the first
Spring Covered Dish Supper.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH



5PM - 8PM



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Sullivan County Hosts Statewide 'Train the Trainer' Public Safety Team Coordinates 'Stress First Aid' Course

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Safety proudly hosted a two-day Stress First Aid (SFA) "Train the Trainer" course, delivered by the First Responder Center for Excellence.



Pictured at the Stress First Aid course were (in no particular order) John Rispoli, Alexander West, Blake Starner, Rafael Santiago, Jordan Orayfig, Kimberly Collier, Brenda Gausby, Gina Santorelli, Danielle Schwarz, Beth Alter, Antony Tseng, Thomas Briggs, Jill Hubert-Simon, Andrew O'Meara, Aubrey Russo, Ann Bivins, Cheryl Crumley, Brian Kelting, Josef Haas, Albert Babcock, Camille O'Brien, Jessica Merck, Katie Oldakowski, Jessica Viscome, Keith Brandis, Jonathan Magyar, Timothy Ellis, Aaron Wizwer, Philip Schoppmann, Luci Labriola-Cuffe, Tim Graves, Jill Holland and instructors Frank Leto, Vicki Taylor and Kelly Tappenbeck.

More than 20 attendees from across New York State participated in the training, representing fire, EMS, 911 dispatchers, law enforcement, and other public safety and health disciplines. Involved agencies included the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, NYS Office of Mental Health, SUNY New Paltz's Institute for Disaster Mental Health, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Sullivan County Public Health, and the County's Public Safety Health and Wellness team.

Public Safety Health and Wellness Coordinator Jill Holland emphasized the value of the program, stating, "This course equips participants with the skills to implement the Stress First Aid model for people experiencing stress or crisis. Upon completion, attendees receive full access to all training materials needed to deliver SFA Awareness Training within their own agencies. The class helps participants better understand the needs of individuals affected by stress, learn strategies to manage their own stress, strengthen peer support skills, build peer support and behavioral health programs, and develop the tools necessary to implement the SFA model with individuals in crisis."

Sullivan County continues to prioritize responder wellness and is committed to offering training that strengthens the health, resilience, and support systems of emergency service personnel across the region.



Sullivan County Sheriff's Office participants included, from the left, Josef Haas, Blake Starner, Brian Kelting and Cheryl Crumley.

Governor Hochul Announces New Yorkers Can Now Apply for Home Energy Assistance

Eligible Households Could Receive up to \$996 To Help Keep Their Homes Warm This Winter

Governor Urges More New Yorkers To Enroll in EAP, the State's Energy Affordability Program, Providing up to \$500 In Annual Discounts on Energy Bills

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that New Yorkers can now begin applying for heating assistance through the Home Energy Assistance Program to help defray the high cost of heating their homes during the winter. The program, known as HEAP, can provide up to \$996 to eligible households, depending on how they heat their home.

“As temperatures have already begun to drop, it's disgraceful that the federal government took so long to provide federal funding for critical heating assistance for families across the state,” Governor Hochul said. “Hardworking New Yorkers count on this assistance to help with their utility bills and keep their homes warm during the cold winter months. That's why I fought hard to restore this funding and will continue to do everything in my power to help New York families apply for additional state funding to bring down energy costs.”

Due to Washington Republicans' 43-day shutdown of the federal government, the opening of the HEAP application period was pushed back by a month as temperatures began to drop. The program, overseen by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), is 100 percent federally funded.

Many households automatically receive a HEAP payment due to their enrollment in other programs. OTDA prepared those automatic payments ahead of time and these households can now be assured that a HEAP payment will soon be made to their heat supplier without needing to apply or take any additional action.

Eligible households can receive one Regular HEAP benefit per season and could also be eligible for an Emergency HEAP benefit if they are in danger of running out of heating fuel or having their utility services shut off. Applications for the additional emergency benefits will be accepted beginning January 2, 2026.

The benefit amounts vary - with a maximum of \$996 - based on income, household size, heating source and if the household contains a vulnerable member. A family of four can have a maximum gross monthly income of \$6,680, or an annual gross income of \$80,165, and still qualify for assistance.

Applications for assistance are accepted at local departments of social services and can be submitted online, through the mail or in person. Additionally, older adults needing assistance with HEAP applications can contact their local office for the aging or contact the NY Connects helpline at 1-800-342-9871.

More than 1.5 million households received a Regular HEAP benefit last year. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Governor Hochul also urged more New Yorkers to enroll in New York State's Energy Affordability Program (EAP), which provides up to \$500 in annual discounts on energy bills. The State's EAP already serves approximately one million households statewide, but state officials estimate that approximately 1.5 million more households are eligible to receive a discount. New Yorkers can visit ny.gov/EAP to learn about eligibility and enrollment.

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Commissioner Barbara C. Guinn said, “HEAP is a lifeline for thousands of low- and moderate-income households

across New York State struggling to cover the cost of heating their homes in the cold winter months as they face rising housing, food, and energy costs. I encourage all eligible households to apply for this vital assistance as soon as possible.”

State Senator Kevin Parker said, “For too many New Yorkers, winter brings not just cold weather, but real fear, fear of choosing between heating their home and putting food on the table. No family, no senior, no child should ever have to live with that kind of worry. HEAP is more than a benefit; it is a lifeline that keeps our homes warm, our loved ones safe, and our communities strong. I am deeply grateful that applications are now open, and I urge every eligible household to apply so they can get the support they deserve.”

HEAP Season Opens December 1 Funding Restored, Applications to be Accepted

Liberty, NY - The 2025-2026 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) season is now slated to start December 1, according to the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

“The original date of November 3 was delayed due to the Federal government shutdown. Now that the shutdown has ended, we're glad to be able to offer this lifeline to eligible Sullivan County residents,” notes Sullivan County Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle.

What to Do if You're Seeking HEAP Benefits

Sullivan County's HEAP Office has been open all along to answer questions and help applicants (845-807-0142, heap@sullivanny.gov). Those who already received early outreach letters will automatically receive their HEAP benefit. Those who have yet to apply should do so at www.mybenefits.ny.gov or at the Department of Social Services, but please call ahead to confirm.

Applications can also be obtained from the County's community partners (please call first):

Action Toward Independence, 845-794-4228

Independent Living, 845-794-3322

Sullivan County Office for the Aging, 845-807-0241

Who Is Eligible for HEAP

Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and whether or not the household has a member who is under age 6, over age 60 or permanently disabled.

HEAP this year will provide a one-time benefit of between \$400 and \$996 for a delivery of home heating fuel, dependent on the type of system used at the residence. (An Emergency HEAP benefit, offering another fuel payment, is anticipated to become available in January.)

Income thresholds have already been established by New York State:

Household Size Monthly Income Maximum

1	\$3,473
2	\$4,542
3	\$5,611
4	\$6,680
5	\$7,749
6	\$8,818

The Sullivan County HEAP Office can be reached at 845-807-0142 (hit option #2) or heap@sullivanny.gov. The fax number is 845-292-4651.

Free Christmas Trees & Holiday Stockings for Veterans



Action Toward Independence and the **Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Vet 2 Vet program of Sullivan County** are thrilled to once again team up with **Delaware Valley Farm & Garden Center** in Callicoon to offer free Christmas trees to area Veterans.

Quantities are limited and Veterans need to reserve a tree by calling 845-794-4228 to obtain a coupon for a free tree. The trees, which have been donated by Delaware Valley Farm & Garden Center, may be picked up during store hours anytime between December 2 and December 15.

Delaware Valley Farm & Garden Center is located at 305 Viaduct Road in Callicoon.

In addition to the trees, Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County is happy to offer Holiday Stockings for Heroes, to Veterans, Active Duty, and their partners or caregivers.

Veterans can stop in at the Action Toward Independence office at 309 East Broadway in Monticello to pick up festive holiday stockings filled with essentials to brighten their season. Quantities are limited, and pick up begins December 1.

Proof of Veteran status is required. Call 845-794-4228 to reserve a tree and / or make an appointment to pick up a holiday stocking.

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"This guy (McDonald) is the real deal."
Jonathan Charles Fox
The River Reporter

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Lori Schneider
Aisle Seat

"Get a ticket and take the rockin' ride!"
Patrick Cassidy
Artistic Director
Studio Tenn

"Our crowd was basically begging us to bring him back, and soon!"
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Governor Hochul Announces \$100 Million Child Care Capital Construction Funding Program to Increase Availability of Quality Care and Expand Child Care Capacity Statewide

- **Initiative Continues Governor's Historic Effort To Assist New York Families in Securing Quality, Affordable Child Care Services**
- **Application Process Begins January 12, 2026**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the launch of a new \$100 million Child Care Capital Construction Funding Program designed to increase the availability of quality care and expand the capacity of child care, including school age programs, across New York State by funding the construction of new child care facilities or expanding existing ones. The initiative is expected to add between 6,000 and 10,000 new seats at child care programs for New York families.

"I deeply understand how important it is for New York State to continue to address the critical child care shortage that makes it difficult for families to find the safe, quality child care services they need," Governor Hochul said. "Our construction grants will go a long way to increase the availability of quality child care statewide. Affordable, high-quality child care is a necessity that I want to see extended to all New York families."

The new Child Care Capital Construction Funding Program is one of multiple initiatives promoted by Governor Hochul to expand access to affordable child care. Since taking office, Governor Hochul has directed more than \$8 billion toward child care through a comprehensive approach that includes:

- o Expanding access to affordable child care to 170,000 kids statewide through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) where most families pay no more than \$15 per week for child care.
- o Reducing burdens on child care providers by easing outdated regulatory requirements and establishing a statewide substitute worker pool to help stabilize staffing.
- o Strengthening the child care workforce and raising reimbursement for child care providers so they can retain staff and deliver high-quality care.
- o Supporting employers across the state to help them meet employees' child care needs through targeted tax credits and the creation of the State's business navigator toolkit program.

The Child Care Capital Funding Program, a component of Governor Hochul's 2025 State of the State, expands upon a \$50 million Child Care Capital Program in 2024, supporting the creation of an estimated 5,500 new seats at child care

facilities for New York families. It is overseen by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY). The program will provide funding for design, construction, reconstruction, renovation, equipment, and other capital assets for existing or proposed not-for-profit or municipal OCFS-licensed child day care centers, OCFS-registered school-age child care programs, and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene permitted group day care programs. The facility must be intended to be used as a child care program for at least eight years and should be located in an area with a current shortage of regulated child care services.

Applications will be accepted from January 12, 2026, through February 13, 2026. Awards will be announced no earlier than April 15, 2026.

Individual grant awards will range from a minimum of \$500,000 to a maximum of \$5 million. To achieve regional parity, 60 percent of the funding will be targeted to the downstate region and 40 percent awarded in the rest of the state. Downstate is defined as New York City, Long Island, and the Mid-Hudson Region (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties). Within each region, the goal is to award 40 percent of the grants for school-age child care programs and 60 percent to child care centers statewide.

For more information, visit the Child Care Construction Funding Program on the OCFS website.

OCFS Commissioner Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden said, "OCFS is proud to work with Governor Hochul and the Dormitory Authority to implement this significant new initiative that will greatly increase the availability of quality child care throughout New York State. This program is a key part of the Governor's historic effort to provide New York families with affordable, accessible, and quality child care that enables children to be well-cared for and nurtured while their parents are at work or furthering their education."

DASNY President Robert J. Rodriguez said, "Access to quality, affordable childcare is essential for New York families and communities to thrive. DASNY is proud to administer the Child Care Capital Construction Funding Program and help transform Governor Hochul's vision into reality. This program reflects the Governor's unwavering commitment to supporting working families and building the infrastructure that makes our communities stronger."

About the New York State Office of Children and Family Services

The Office of Children and Family Services serves New York's public by promoting the safety, permanency and well-being of children, families and communities. The agency provides a system of family support, juvenile justice, youth development, child care and child welfare services and is responsible for programs and services involving foster care, adoption and adoption assistance, child protective services, preventive services for children and families, and protective programs for vulnerable adults. For more information on services overseen by the Office of Children and Family Services, visit ocfs.ny.gov or call 518-402-3130. Connect with us on Facebook, LinkedIn, X or Instagram.

DEC Announces \$851,255 in Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Funding Now Available Funds Assist with Purchases of Wildland Firefighting Equipment for Rural Fire Departments

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting applications for \$851,255 in Volunteer Fire Capacity grants to help rural fire departments protect public safety and natural resources. The application deadline is December 22, 2025.

“Volunteer fire departments are essential partners with DEC Forest Rangers in battling wildfires across the state,” said DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton. “The Volunteer Fire Capacity grant program helps support fire personnel in these departments with the resources they need to continue the vital work protecting our communities and State lands.”

The Volunteer Fire Capacity grant program is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by DEC's Division of Forest Protection. Eligible fire departments will receive 50/50 matching funds up to \$3,500, a \$1,000 increase from last year. In 2024, the program provided grants to 345 fire departments.

Eligible fire departments include those that are at least 80 percent volunteer and provide wildland fire protection to a rural area within their jurisdiction. Fire departments that receive a grant award must complete all grant process paperwork.

Only expenses directly related to wildland firefighting suppression efforts are eligible for funding. These include the purchase of protective fire clothing and PPE, modern communications supplies for more effective action on incidents, firefighting supplies such as nozzles and hoses, tools and other smaller scale supplies, and water delivery systems such as cisterns and dry hydrants.

Expenditures not directly related to firefighting, such as search and rescue supplies, acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities, major apparatus purchases, and maintenance items (gas/gas cans, oil, bar chain oil) are not eligible for funding.

For applications and additional information about the grant program, contact DEC at (518) 402-8839, or write to NYSDEC, Division of Forest Protection, 625 Broadway 11th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-2560, or visit the DEC website.

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Statement from Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger on the Passing of Father Frank Alagna:

“We are deeply saddened by the passing of Father Frank Alagna, a spiritual and community leader who worked tirelessly on behalf of our most vulnerable community members, gave voice to the most marginalized, and in every word and action, embodied our common humanity. A founding member of Ulster Immigrant Defensive Network, he was deeply committed to building a community where everyone is valued, respected, and safe, regardless of whether or not they were born here. His ministry was inseparable from his grassroots action, and through that union he touched countless lives. Father Frank's spirit will continue to guide and inspire us to lead with empathy, compassion, and commitment to a higher good.

I will miss him greatly, and offer my deepest condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and all those he shepherded in our community. We will hold him in our hearts, always.”

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Handing Europe To Russia

The proposed peace plan to end Russia's devastating war in Ukraine is a capitulation to Russia, and it rewards an invading hostile country. Furthermore, the resultant plan gives Russia impetus to conduct future warfare to expand further west in Europe.

The plan calls for Russia to stop the war, but it would retain the land it occupied during the invasion, which is one fifth of Ukraine. Ukraine would have to reduce the size of its military. It would have to agree not to join NATO and not allow NATO troops on its territory.

Ukraine would receive a guarantee from the U.S. for security protection, but the U.S. guaranteed protecting Ukraine in 1994 if Ukraine agreed to disarm its nuclear weapons and send them to Russia. Ukraine complied with the agreement, and Russia then proceeded to invade Ukraine in 2014 and 2022.

The peace plan includes lifting the sanctions on Russia thereby allowing Russia to resume world trade.

This peace plan reminds me of the Munich Agreement signed by Neville Chamberlain of Great Britain and Adolph Hitler of Nazi Germany on September 30, 1938, which included ceding part of Czechoslovakia to Hitler for his promise not to further expand in Europe. Subsequently from 1939 to 1944 Hitler invaded and occupied a large part of Europe.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH

Holiday Market at Liberty Mall

Celebrate the season at the Holiday Market at Liberty Mall on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7, from 11 AM to 4 PM! Located at 15 Sullivan Ave., Liberty, NY 12754, this festive event will feature 35+ local artisans, delicious food, and sweet treats perfect for the holidays.

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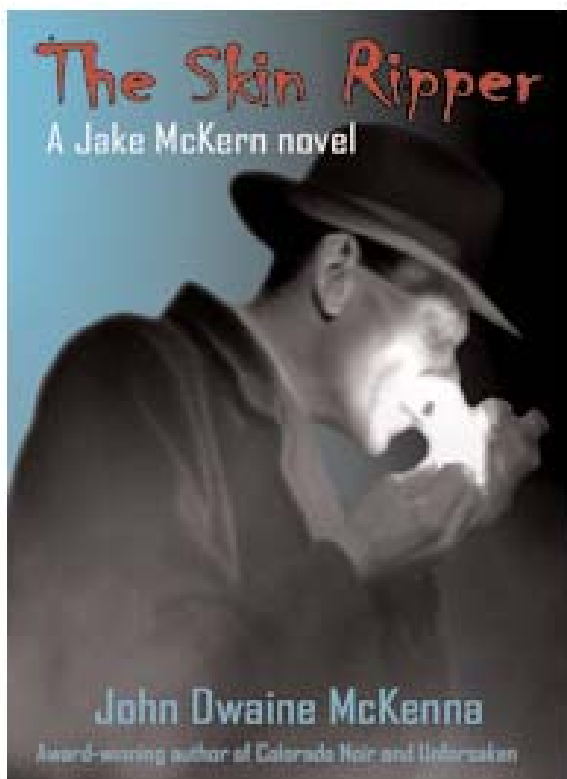
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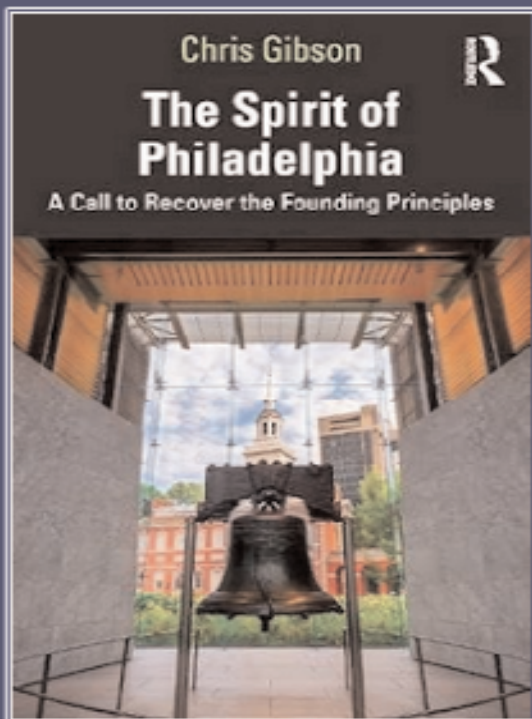
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Greetings again from Kinderhook,

I hope your summer has gone well. I'm reaching back out to you to share the news that our website has been refreshed and updated. It now features four new essays on the Founding era recently published by the Hoover Institution of Stanford University as we look forward next year to celebrating our 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. One of those essays is on the significance of the Battle of Saratoga, which proved to be a turning point in the Revolutionary War. You can now read those essays for free on our website here.

<https://www.thespiritofphiladelphia.com/events>

We've also added links to some of our recent TV, radio and podcast appearances, relevant media coverage, and an updated listing of upcoming events (all of these can be found on the "media & events" page). All of the new items are marked with a green "NEW" banner. We've also updated the "what people are saying" section of the home page to include several new endorsements of the book by Americans from across the ideological spectrum.

As always, I'd welcome your thoughts and feedback on any of these items and/or your reactions to my new book. You can reach me by sending an email message from the "contact us" page on the website.

Finally, I hope you are enjoying the beautiful color as our leaves change across the region and country - it's shaping up to be a beautiful fall!

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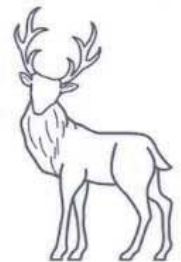
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Governor Hochul Encourages New Yorkers to Shop Small During the Holiday Season

Governor Kathy Hochul today encouraged New Yorkers to support local businesses during the holiday shopping season by highlighting the critical role New York's small businesses play in building vibrant communities across the state. November 29, New York marked Small Business Saturday to celebrate the significant impact small businesses have on local economies across the state. In honor of the day, Governor Hochul is taking the opportunity to emphasize how choosing local retailers, restaurants and service providers creates a ripple effect of economic growth throughout New York's communities.

"Every time we choose a local shop, restaurant, or service provider, we're investing in our neighbors and our neighborhoods," Governor Hochul said. "As the daughter of a small business owner, I know the long hours, hard work, and heart that go into running a family business. Small Business Saturday is a reminder that our local enterprises aren't just places to shop, they're engines of opportunity and cornerstones of community. This holiday season, I encourage New Yorkers to shop small and help keep our main streets thriving."

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "New York's small businesses drive innovation, create jobs, and define the character of our communities. When we support them, we're not only fueling local growth - we're preserving the character and creativity that make New York unique. Empire State Development is proud to support entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources, programs, and capital they need to grow and succeed in every region of the state."

Small Business Saturday celebrates the innovation, creativity, and determination of entrepreneurs who fuel the state's economy. Across New York, small businesses - those with fewer than 100 employees - account for 98 percent of all businesses and employ nearly 40 percent of the private-sector workforce. From retail and restaurants to tech startups and family farms, these enterprises strengthen local economies, preserve neighborhood character, and keep dollars circulating within our communities.

New York's retail sector includes more than 70,000 stores, of which approximately 56,700 - 81 percent - are independently owned. Retailers are a critical engine of economic activity: 7.35 percent of all New York small businesses are retailers, the sector generated \$507 billion in sales in 2024, and retail stores collected \$20.3 billion in state sales tax. Retail workers across the state earn an average of \$971 per week, underscoring the industry's essential role in supporting jobs, household income, and local economic growth.

Under Governor Hochul's leadership, New York State has expanded access to capital, technical assistance, and training to help entrepreneurs launch, grow, and strengthen their businesses. Empire State Development offers a suite of programs tailored to meet the needs of startups, early-stage ventures, and established small businesses across every region of the state, including:

- o Main Street Capital Loan Fund: Provides loans of up to \$100,000 to startups and early-stage businesses, with a focus on communities that have historically lacked access to affordable credit. Loans may be used for working capital, equipment, essential assets, and hiring. To lower early startup costs, borrowers make interest-only payments during the first year. Learn more: <https://esd.ny.gov/main-street-capital-loan-fund>
- o Small Business Technical Assistance: A statewide program offering free expert legal, accounting, and financial services to help small businesses and startups navigate funding requirements

and improve access to capital. Learn more: <https://esd.ny.gov/ssbci-technical-assistance-program>

- o Entrepreneurship Assistance Centers: A network of 26 centers providing training, technical assistance, and business development support to new and early-stage entrepreneurs. Learn more: <https://esd.ny.gov/entrepreneurship-assistance-centers-program>
- o Low Interest Capital Program (LINC): Formerly the Linked Deposit Program, LINC was expanded by Governor Hochul to increase total loan capacity from \$560 million to \$1.1 billion. The program helps small businesses secure financing at more affordable interest rates, supporting approximately 6,000 businesses, enabling \$2 billion in lending, and leveraging over \$4 billion in new capital investments. Learn more: <https://esd.ny.gov/linked-deposit-program>

The New York State Department of Labor offers a number of no-cost services for businesses of all sizes. Businesses have access to nearly 190,000 job postings and tens of thousands of qualified candidates in our talent pool on our website. NYSDOL also provides career fairs, customized recruitments, and human resources consultation services. Each year, more than 25,000 businesses partner with NYSDOL to list open positions, find candidates, access hiring and training incentives, obtain business tax credits, and get expert help with labor law, workplace health and safety, and layoff resources. For more information, visit: dol.ny.gov/services-businesses.

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets supports New York's nearly 32,000 farms, 700 farmers' markets and farm stands, and thousands of small agribusinesses through a variety of initiatives that aim to enhance their business and increase productivity, profitability, and competitiveness. It also provides direct promotional opportunities through initiatives like the NYS Grown & Certified program and the Taste NY program. New Yorkers and visitors alike can support New York farmers and food and beverage businesses by shopping for the holidays at any one of the more than 70 Taste NY locations across the State, including Taste NY Markets at the State's Welcome Centers. The markets are stocked with local products made and produced by New York farms and food and beverage producers unique to the State's 10 regions. From local, gourmet food items and locally produced craft beverages to novelty items and even bath and beauty products, gifts at stores range in size and price and can be customized. Visit taste.ny.gov to find your local Welcome Center and Taste NY Market.

Taste NY's online marketplace, ShopTasteNY.com, operated by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, also offers opportunities to shop for New York agricultural products and gifts from the comfort of home. ShopTasteNY.com offers a variety of products from across New York, from honey and jams to hand crafted creations, reflecting each region's unique offerings. Shoppers can get 30 percent off on their order during Small Business Saturday.

Ways To Support Small Businesses Every Day

- o Shop Local: Visit independently owned retailers and service providers in your community.
- o Buy Gift Cards: Support local businesses with upfront sales that encourage future visits.
- o Explore Farmers' Markets: Find unique, locally made gifts and seasonal foods.
- o Shop Taste NY: Discover the best of New York's farms and artisans at Taste NY locations or online at Taste.NY.gov.
- o Dine Locally: Enjoy meals at neighborhood restaurants and cafés.
- o Spread the Word: Share your experiences on social media and review sites.
- o Choose Store Credit: When returning items, opt for store credit to keep money circulating locally.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving has passed, but “In all things give thanks” still rings true. The Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving in 1621 was a moment of gratitude in the midst of hardship, and it remains a powerful reminder of who we are as a nation. Across NY-24 last week, families gathered, churches opened their doors to neighbors, and our local businesses and farm communities helped make the holiday possible for so many.

I am grateful every day for the families, farmers, veterans, and small businesses that make upstate New York home. As we enter the Christmas season, I will continue working to defend our freedoms, support those who serve, and deliver results that ease the burden on working families. Thank you for the trust you place in me to represent you in Congress. I wish you peace, strength, and renewed faith in the promise of America as the year comes to a close.

Shop Local Small Business

Small Business Saturday - I am grateful for the local shops, family farms, and small manufacturers that serve as the backbone of Upstate New York. Their hard work brings life to our towns and opportunity to our families, and NY-24 is stronger because of them. I will continue fighting to ensure our small business owners have a fair chance to grow, hire, and succeed. When we shop small, we invest directly in the future of our community. I encourage you to join me in supporting our small businesses throughout this holiday season.

As your representative in Congress, my top priority is championing legislative initiatives that benefit you and your families. Each week, I review numerous bills and letters, engaging in thorough discussions with members of our

community to determine which actions to support and address your needs. Below are a few bills I recently cosponsored.

H.R. 3078, The Stop Fentanyl Smuggling Act:

This bill would direct the U.S. Department of Energy's National Laboratories to research, develop, and test new technologies to detect fentanyl. Illicit drugs such as fentanyl result in thousands of overdoses and deaths in the U.S. and are smuggled by criminal organizations across the border and within prisons. This bill would help provide critical support for rapid, accurate screening at border entry points and for enhanced screening capabilities for corrections officers.

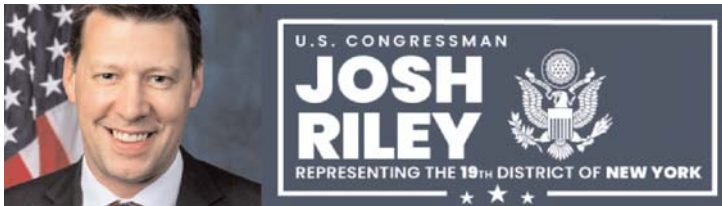
H.R. 5800, The SAFE Drivers Act:

This bill would create additional English language proficiency testing requirements for CDL learners. Federal regulations require commercial drivers to have basic English proficiency, but there is no standalone test to verify it, and states like California hand out commercial licenses to drivers who can't understand basic safety instructions. This bill supports

President Trump's Executive Order 14286, Enforcing Commonsense Rules of the Road for America's Truck Drivers, to ensure our roadways are safe and that commercial drivers comply with the highest possible safety standards.

H.R. 4474, The Equal Shot Act of 2025:

This bill would prohibit the Small Business Administration (SBA) and any future Administrator from discriminating against firearm-related businesses in the distribution of financial assistance. During former President Biden's administration, radical far-left policies attacked hardworking Americans who support our Constitutional rights, stifling businesses and jobs. We must ensure that small business owners are not subject to politically motivated bias and guarantee that businesses supporting the Second Amendment have the same access to federal resources as any other eligible business.



The Riley Report Banner

Dear Neighbor,

From announcing federal funding for fire safety and rural health projects across NY-19 to honoring Binghamton's baseball team on the House Floor, here's a look at what I've been up to:

I SECURED \$2.6 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR VITAL FIRE SAFETY AND RURAL HEALTH-CARE PROJECTS ACROSS UPSTATE NEW YORK

I am proud to have secured \$2.6M for a new fire station in Guilford, upgraded primary care in Margaretville, and a permanent clinic in South Fallsburg.

These projects will make our communities safer and our people healthier, and I'll keep working to deliver for every corner of NY-19.

Read More

<https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2025/11/25/2-6m-boost-for-upstate-ny-fire-safety-and-rural-health-care/>

I'M DEMANDING USDA PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF TO FARMERS, NOT WALL STREET AND THE BIG AG MONOPOLIES

Upstate's family farms are getting squeezed, and Big Ag shouldn't get a dime of their relief.

That's why I'm calling on the Trump Administration to make sure any disaster aid goes to the folks feeding our communities - not lining the pockets of Wall Street or foreign investors.

<https://x.com/RepRileyNY/status/1991595840377614586?s=20>

I INTRODUCED THE FARM TO SCHOOL ACT TO CONNECT FAMILY FARMERS WITH LOCAL CAFETERIAS

Kids learn better when they're eating real, healthy food, and our small farms do better when schools buy local.

I'm proud to introduce the bipartisan Farm to School Act, which expands the program that gets fresh, locally grown food onto cafeteria trays and supports the family farmers who feed our communities.

I VOTED TO RELEASE THE EPSTEIN FILES

I voted to release the Epstein files.

The public deserves transparency, and the survivors deserve justice. It's that simple.

Read More

<https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/11/18/ryan-riley-vote-in-favor-of-forcing-release-of-epstein-files/>
[I HONORED THE BINGHAMTON RUMBLE PONIES ON THE HOUSE FLOOR](#)

We may not have marquee teams or the bright lights of a major league ballpark in Binghamton.

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**MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS
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Great meeting with local farmers and the National ROPS Rebate team at Schodack Diner to discuss how we can support this vital program.

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Members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers literally keep the lights on in Upstate and across the country.

Great to meet with them today to talk about making life a little easier for working families: restoring tax deductions for dues, uniforms, and tools, and making sure big projects get built the right way, with proud union labor and fair wages.

LANSING AND COXSACKIE FOOD BANKS

From Lansing to Coxsackie, local food banks have been stepping up to serve our community.

Thanks to the food pantry at the Rink for showing me around and all you do.

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT

LEARN SOMETHING NEW ABOUT A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU!

Anthony from Hancock: Did you know Hancock is known as the "Bluestone Capital of the World?"

Have a fun fact about Upstate New York you'd like to see in the Riley Report?

IN THE NEWS

\$2.6M boost for Upstate NY fire safety and rural health care
 Riley demands USDA relief reach small farms, not Wall Street-backed ag giants

Ryan, Riley vote in favor of forcing release of Epstein files
 And as always, to stay up to date with the work I'm doing, follow along on my official social media pages at @RepRileyNY on X, Facebook, Instagram, and Bluesky! If there's anything my team or I can do to help you, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Elise Stefanik Social Media Highlight of the Week

On this Thanksgiving, in addition to our men and women in law enforcement and the military, I am especially grateful for the extraordinary members of the nursing profession—many of whom are working today to care for our families and communities. Over the years when facing various health challenges, members of my family have been cared for by incredibly hardworking, skilled, and compassionate nurses. I want every nurse in New York State—from New York City to Long Island, from the Capital Region to Buffalo, Plattsburgh, to the Finger Lakes and every urban and rural community in between—to know how deeply I value your service. I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all those in related healthcare professions: nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists, audiologists, and the students and educators who support these essential programs. You are the backbone of New York's healthcare system, and our State simply could not function without your dedication, skill, and compassion. I am committed to ensuring that every current and future healthcare professional has access to the resources they need—whether through continued education opportunities, financial assistance, or support through New York State's loan programs. Your work is essential, your contributions are invaluable, and your well-being and development will always be a priority. I am profoundly thankful for our nurses and for all those pursuing careers in these vital fields—especially this holiday season. Today and every day, you are appreciated, respected, and indispensable to the future of New York State.

Rep. Elise Stefanik challenges Hochul after call to fire 'nightmare' Mamdani transition team pick who has supported cop killers

Rep. Elise Stefanik issued a challenge to rival Gov. Kathy Hochul Tuesday over a member of Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani's transition team who has voiced support for infamous cop killers.

Black Nationalist Lumumba Bandle was picked to serve on the incoming mayor's Committee on Community Organizing on Monday despite previously aligning with Black Liberation Army members convicted of killing police officers in the tristate area.

Stefanik, a Republican looking to run against Hochul in next year's election, quickly blasted the decision and called on Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul to pressure Mamdani to push Bandle aside.

"Kathy Hochul's endorsed Mayor-elect, Zohran Mamdani, just picked a man who supports the killers of cops in New York and New Jersey to serve on his transition team," she said in a statement to The Post.

"Mamdani's vision for New York is getting very clear and it's starting to look like a nightmare. Kathy Hochul must immediately call on Mamdani to fire Lumumba Bandle from his transition team."

Bandle, now of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, attended a rally pushing for Herman Bell's release from prison in March 2018, according to the Workers World newspaper after Bell and two others lured two NYPD officers to a Harlem housing project and then gunned them down in 1971.

Bell was ultimately granted his freedom in 2018 after the parole board found he was reformed and remorseful over the sickening crime.

Bandle also mentioned how he met several times with Assata Shakur, who escaped from prison while serving a life sentence for killing a New Jersey cop and fled to Cuba, where she was granted political asylum.

He offered praise in a video earlier this month and talked about their longtime relationship.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwkoDVWwUO4>

Shakur, who died in September, shot and killed a New Jersey state trooper during a gunfight in 1973.

Bandle saluted Shakur and Bell on Veterans Day 2024 as among the "many soldiers that served valiantly in the people's military to defend our communities."

Mamdani's transition campaign and Hochul's office did not immediately reply to messages seeking comment.

A message was also not immediately returned by Bandle. He is one of more than 400 community members and stakeholders to sit on 17 transition committees before Mamdani takes office in January.

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul

"From the moment that three downstate casino licenses were authorized in the 2022 State Budget, I have been clear: any approved project must provide real benefits to its community and have sustainable economic plans. I am grateful to Chair Been and the Gaming Facility Location Board for their careful review of the applications according to these high standards.

"The three projects approved today promise to unlock billions in funding for the MTA and create tens of thousands of jobs. It is critical that they keep those promises. I look forward to the Gaming Commission's review of the Board's recommendations in the weeks ahead."

ULSTER COUNTY'S TOP 10 EVENTS

Catskill Mountain Railroad's Polar Express

Please see website for dates and time information!

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@ Woodstock Village Green

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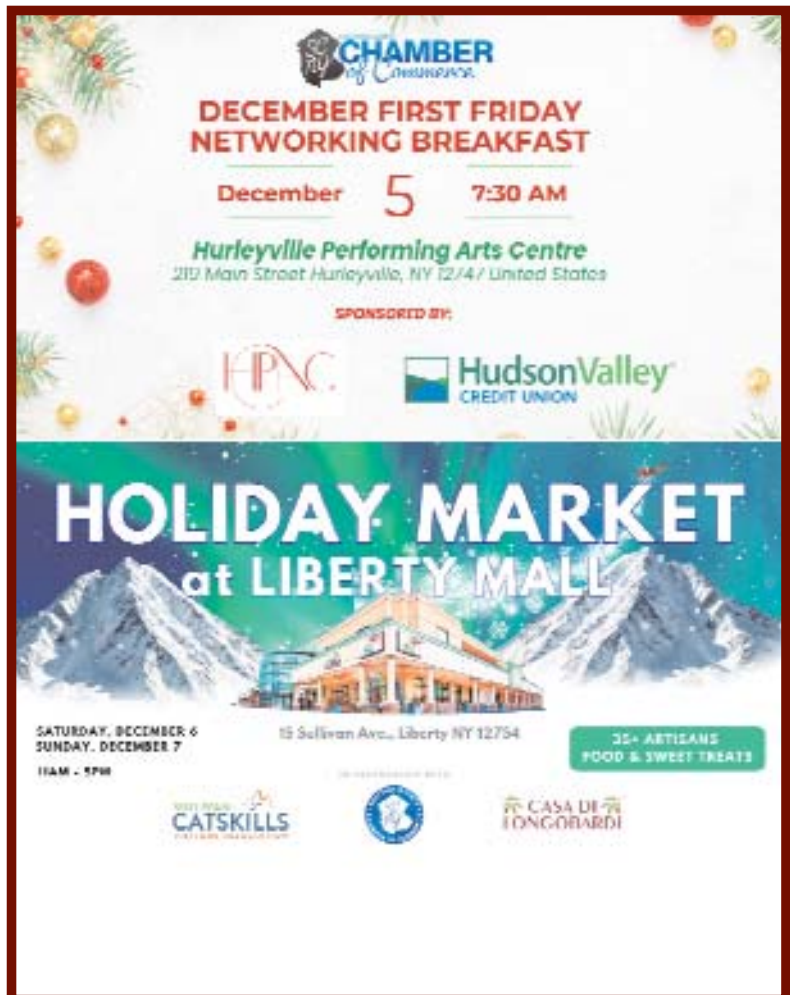
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Beyond Christmas is a wonderful family movie! Directed by A. Edward Sutherland; Produced by Lee Garmes; From an original story by Mildred Cram and Adele Comandini. Starring: Harry Carey, C. Aubrey Smith, Charles Winninger, Alex Melesh, Maria Ouspenskaya, Helen Vinson, Rod La Rocque, Richard Carlson, Jean Parker, and J. Anthony Hughes.

In 2004, a colorized version of the black-and-white film was produced by Legend Films and released by 20th Century Fox under the same name, *Beyond Christmas*.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Jane Austin

This weeks' Trivia question: What individual has won the most Oscars for costume design?