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Tri-Valley CSD Pre-K Graduation 2024 - Class of 2037!



Approximately 60 students marched down the aisle to the stage in the Tri-Valley High School Auditorium to celebrate the 2024 Pre-K graduation. Parents, grandparents and guests enjoyed watching the little ones perform. Each student was introduced and presented with their Pre-K diploma. We were reminded this is Tri-Valley Central School's Class of 2037! After the ceremony a celebration with refreshments was held in the cafeteria. Best of luck to the 2024 Pre-K graduates!

Fallsburg CSD Hosts Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony



FALLSBURG - On June 24, 2024, the Fallsburg Central School District held their annual Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. Each of the 107 sixth grade students were recognized for completing their elementary education and transitioning into becoming middle school students.

The following students who were recognized are: Vanesa Ahmetaj, Henry Aleman Diaz, Yasmina Aquil, Brianny Argueta Hernandez, Giselle Ascencio Martinez, Joshua Babcock, Ellis Basic, Nyona Bolding, (Contd. Pg. 4)

Sullivan BOCES Holds Kindergarten Graduation

LIBERTY - On June 7, the Elementary Program at Sullivan BOCES held a graduation for six kindergarten students who will be moving up to the next grade level at the Rubin Pollack Education Center. Administrators, staff, and parents attended this milestone celebration.

'This is such a special day for our youngest students. Today's ceremony signifies the first of the graduation ceremonies these students will participate in during their academic journey. We are so proud of our graduates,' said Megan Becker, Executive Principal of the Elementary Program.

Congratulations!



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JUNE 27, 2024

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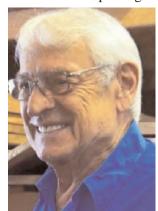
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David Forshav

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of David Allen Forshay



dog, Kasey. He was 81. David, born on January 6, 1943, in Suffern, NY, was the son of the late James and Anna Toth Forshay. He grew up in Mahwah, NJ, with his parents and seven siblings and attended Mahwah High School. After earning his GED, David served in the US Army's 1st Infantry Division from July 1961 to June 1963, participating in significant historical events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Berlin Wall crisis, and the Vietnam conflict.

Upon his return, David met Terry Lynn Forshay through his sister in 1962, and they married on September 5, 1964, settling in Highland Mills, NY. The couple had two daughters, Jacquelyn and Karen, and a foster daughter, Doris Cruver. They later moved to Central Valley, where David established his custom kitchen business, Kitchens by Forshay. Dave became a CKD (Certified Kitchen Designer) through the Newark College of Engineering. His innovative mind, exceptional woodworking skills, and tireless work ethic, combined with Terry's partnership, led to the business's success. They also launched Forshay Associates, a successful sales representative company. Despite his busy schedule, David ensured family time by retreating to a small weekend home they built in Willowemoc, where they eventually moved full-time.

David and Terry were dedicated to community service, volunteering with Sullivan County Renaissance to create two historical kiosks and a garden in Livingston Manor. After Terry's passing in 2008, David found solace in volunteering at the Time and the Valleys Museum,

serving on the Board of Directors for 19 years and contributing to the creation of several living history buildings. He was also an active member of the Neversink Planning Board.

In 2010, David met Amy Hines, and they married in 2012, continuing to live in his Willowemoc home. Together, they were active in the Rotary Club of Livingston Manor. They enjoyed the past 12 years sharing their love of the Catskills, dogs, fishing, good food and friends.

In his retirement, David spent much of his time in his workshop, crafting pieces for the museum, his home, and those of his children and friends. He also enjoyed cooking for family and friends, especially his grandchildren-Andrew, Robert, and Hazel-who cherished visits filled with his homemade chicken wings, campfires, games, and outdoor activities.

David valued friendships deeply, spending time with friends on various projects and activities. He was a beloved member of ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out), the Horseshoe Gun Club, and the Catskill Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

David was predeceased by his first wife, Terry Lynn Burke Forshay; his brothers John and James Forshay; and his parents. He is survived by his second wife Amy Hines; daughters Karen Fischer and Jacquelyn (Forshay) (Forshay) Wilson; grandchildren Robert Fischer, Andrew, and Hazel Wilson; brother Richard Forshay; sisters Mary Ann (Forshay) Huebner, Barbara (Forshay) Ierardi, Virginia (Forshay) Costa, Ruthann (Forshay) Weiss; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Saturday, June 29, at 11 a.m. at the Claryville Reformed Church in Claryville, NY, with interment to follow at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery in Grahamsville, NY. A period of visitation at the Claryville Reformed Church will precede the service starting at 10 a.m., and visitation will continue at a reception following interment. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box254, Grahamsville, NY12740, or Hospice of Orange and Sullivan County, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY, 12550.

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

PAGE 3 Days of Yore... Today's History

July 14, 1954

Descendants of the late Henry Gockel of Sundown, later of Ossining, met last Sunday for a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown in Ellenville. There were forty-seven relatives representing three generations, some of whom had not met for the past twenty years.

A daughter, Lorna Bethany, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart on July 11th at Liberty Loomis Hospital. Mrs. Stewart has a school of dance in Liberty. Mr. Stewart is the Assistant Principal for Elementary Education at Livingston Manor Central School. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are former members of the Tri Valley School staff.

June 24, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cross have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Jane, to James Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Armstrong of Wayne, Michigan. Nancy is a Tri Valley Central School graduate. Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School in Michigan. He is now serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Rigel stationed off Norfolk, Virginia. A July wedding is planned.

The Reverends, Mr. and Mrs. John McCoomb of Croton-on-Hudson, filled the pulpit in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning. Three infants were baptized: Robert Mickelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickelson of Big Hollow Road; Lisa Ann Krom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Krom; and Jerry Hadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hadden of Neversink.

July 3, 1974

Myers S. Groo, 90, of Grahamsville, a retired dairy farmer and a lifetime area resident, died June 21st in Ellenville Community Hospital. He was born April 9, 1884 to Jonathan H. and Elva Scott Groo in Woodbourne. He had been married to the late Rachel Thornton and the late Jessica Eidel. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Ruth Morse of Hempstead, L.I.

Jean Marie Demetry was born June 5th to Robert and Nancy Demetry of Walden at the Benedictine Hospital in Kingston. Jean Marie weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. Her brother, Daniel is now two years old. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Demetry of Neversink. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cypert of Frost Valley. Jean Marie's father is chief photographer for the Newburgh Evening News.

July 3, 1984

Douglas and Jona Hamilton of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter, Bethany Ann, born on June 22, 1984 at Community General Hospital, Harris. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Welter of New York Mills, Minn. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Barbara Slater of Grahamsville and Mr. John H. Hamilton, Sr. of Inverness Florida.

Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Schmitz are the proud parents of a daughter, Bridgett Elise, born June 29, 1984 at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. She was a birthday present for her grandmother, June Schmitz, having been born on her birthday. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mack Robinson of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. and Herbert George celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 22nd. Her sisters, Inez Gridley, Linda Smith and Dorothy Grey visited Esther and Herbert on June 25th to help them celebrate.

Household Hint: Clean Your Stainless Steel Appliances

Sick of smudges on your stainless steel appliances? Skip the storebought products and use distilled white vinegar as a homemade stainless steel cleaner

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Butterflies are Back Puddling

This past weekend the Tiger Swallowtails (Papillioturnus) took advantage of some of the muddy spots that formed after the rain. They put on a beautiful display boldly dashing from the treetops down to the ground. There were several dozen at a time gathering in the mud. They were male Tiger Swallowtails that were congregating in the mud, This behavior is called pud-

dling. They extract sodium ions and amino acids from these sources which aid in reproduction. Males that puddle are typically young, and puddle only for their first couple of days. Females will occasionally muddle



occasionally puddle, but do not form a flock like the males.

Male tiger swallowtails are yellow with four black "tiger stripes" on each forewing with a few orange and blue spots near their tail. Females may be either yellow or black, making them dimorphic (occurring in two distinct forms). The yellow morph is similar to the male, but with a conspicuous band of blue spots along the hind wing, while the dark morph is almost completely black. The dark form still has the blue spots, but it is otherwise very dark with no yellow. The Tiger Swallowtails that live during late spring and summer in the Catskills are about three inches across. All Tiger Swallowtail butterflies belong to the Papilio family and bear the trademark -a black tail on the hind wings.

Tiger Swallowtails are found all over, especially near water, but also in meadows, gardens, parks, roadsides and flying above the tree canopy.

During courtship, the male and female fly about each other prior to landing and mating. The male releases perfume-like pheromones during courtship to entice the female.

Females lay their eggs singly on the host plant leaves, with little or no embryonic development within the mother. The egg is round and green, later turning yellowishgreen with reddish dots. The size of the egg is large for a butterfly. It is .03 inches in height and .5 inch in width. The egg will hatch into a jade green caterpillar with two big white eyespots in about a week. Its first food is its own eggshell, then leaves and more leaves. It will molt three times as it grows bigger. When the caterpillars are fully grown, they will then become pupae (resting stage).

The name for a butterfly pupae is chrysalis. Upon changing into a brown chrysalis, it will spin a single strong silk thread to support itself at a slant on a twig.

Then about ten days later a a beautiful yellow butterfly emerges and becomes a dazzling black-striped Tiger Swallowtail. An unknown poet said it all:

"And what's a butterfly?

At best it is a caterpillar drest."

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LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley Published June 16, 1998

I'm looking back to the years of 1930 and the beautiful morning when the good news came over the radio that the C.C.C. was to be part of President Roosevelt's plan to lift America out of the big depression. Work was hard to find and our new Civilian Conservation Corps would help take our young men off the welfare roll and put them on the payroll. My stepson Orval was on of the first to enlist when he was seventeen. Orval said the work was hard but rewarding and the food was great. He actually gained weight during the very first month of enlistment.

The U.S. Army ran the C.C.C. camps, providing health care, education, recreation and discipline for young men. In the nine years of existence, the young men planted more than three million trees, did landscaping building parks, built dams, picnic shelters and more.

There's probably not an American alive today who has not personally benefited from the work of the C.C.C. and best of all, the C.C.C. experience gave young men like Orval new hope, determination to succeed and a zest for living which he brought back home.

Fallsburg CSD Hosts Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony

(From Pg. 4) Yolady Brizuela-Alvarado, Walker Budde, Jameel Cabrero, Ever Canales Gutierrez, Darlin Chub Ujpan, Mildred Chun Choc, Annaliese Clark, Hailey Conkling, Kaleb Cross, Shanik Cruz Amarante, Carleon DaCosta, Aaliyah Deis, Franco DiCostanzo, George DiNapoli, Mylaan Dolberry, Kimberly Duncan, Dania Duque Enamorado, Addison Eckerson, Shamiah Foy, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Kelvin Garcia Giron, Erika Garcia-Ponce, Charlie Giron Saravia, Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez, Evelyn Gonzalez-Babcock, Luis Granados Alvarez, Yonathan Granados Garcia, David Hernandez Martinez, Michael Herrera, Jeremyah Hinton, Carsyn Hoefling, Andrew Inestroza, Aryanna Irby, Khloe Jordy, Brenden Lara-Jones, Juan Larrahondo Montano, Jordan Lopez, Saleth Lopez Martinez, Madison Lucas, Joaquin Lundy, Margie Madrid Castro, Victoria Manjarrez Paredes, Jacklyn Mariaca, Angelique Marquez-Zaxapexpan, Kimberly Martinez-Moreno, Riot McCoy, Te'yah McKenny, Annabella Mead, Reja Meer, Sofia Membreno Rodriguez, Hanna Mendieta Quiroz, Érick Menjivar Avila, Josue Mora Ceron, Gabriela Mota Archer, Brittany Murillo Moran, Gjon Narkaj, Lila Odom, Fernanda Ortega Aguilar, Dylan Osborne, Kyle Patton, Ariel Payne, Ervin Ponce Hernandez, Tyjuan Price, Kaylie Price, London Redding-Hall, Logan Retana, Alexandra Reyes Lopez, Genesis Reyes-Robles, Makayla Rivers, Malika Rivers, Merary Rodriguez Mejia, Leon Rodriguez Morales, Leonardo Rojas, Christian Ruff Johnson, Christopher Saciolo, Jessica Saciolo, Anthony Santos Morales, Marco Sarmieno-Joya, Daylin Sierra Lizama, Claudia Smith, Zhara Snead, Makiee Squire, Holly Surerus, ShaNaiyah Taylor, ShaNaylah Taylor, Kenny Tenezaca Loja, Kevin Toledo, Jayden Torresl, Jayden Toxqui Hernandez, Fernando Turcios Garcia, Elise Vargas, Ambar Vasquez, John Vasquez Lemus, Daniel Vasquez-Nunez, Heavan Wilson, Kyle Wyllie, Allison Yautentzi Reyes, Jocelyn Zempoaltecatl, and Kevin Zempoaltecatl Gutierrez.

Additionally, many students received certificates for their academic achievements, leadership abilities, and acts of kind-

ness. Here are the following students and their respective award:

English as a Second Language Award: Fernanda Ortega Aguilar and Fernando Turcios Garcia

New York State Comptroller's Achievement Award: Leon Rodriguez Morales, Ever Canales Gutierrez, George DiNapoli, Ariel Payne, and Jessica Saciola

Triple "C" Award: Alison Yautentzi Reyes and Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez

Moses B. Searles Memorial Award: Aaliyah Deis and Margie Madrid Castro

Mary E. White Award: London Redding-Hall and Kimberly Duncan

Robynne Anderman-Pacheco Memorial Award: Addison Eckerson

Lion's Club Service Award: Giselle Ascencio Martinez and Genesis Reyes-Robles

Irene Kushner Memorial Art Award: Holly Surerus, Jessica Saciolo and Ever Canales Gutierrez

PTA Lenore Wasserman Memorial Award: Heaven Wilson

PTA Nancy Solomon Character Award: Victoria Manjarrez Paredes

PTA Shirley Wiles Memorial Award: Carlie Giron Saravia

PTA Student Progress Award: Makiee Squire

PTA Academic Achievement Award: Reja Meer

Bonnie Hinckley Memorial Award: Brianny Argueta Hernandez

Allen Payton Memorial Award: Dania Duque Enamorado and Ever Canales Gutierrez

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award: Sofia Membrano Rodriguez, Brittany Murillo Moran, Leon Rodriguez Morales, Alexandra Margoth Reyes Lopez, Leonardo Rojas, Allison Yautentzi Reyes, Giselle Ascencio Martinez, Ever Canales Gutierrez, Darlin Chub Ujpan, Dania Duque Enamorado, Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez, Carsyn Hoefling, Jackelyn Mariaca, Amber Vasquez, Zhara Snead, London Redding-Hall, Madison Lucas, Margie Madrid Castro, Dylan Osborne, Jayden Toxqui Hernandez, Josue Mora Ceron, Kimberly Duncan, Ariel Payne, Logan Retana, Makiee Squire, Daniel Nunez-Vasquez, Heaven Wilson, Yasmina Aquil, Brianny Argueta Hernandez, Joshua Babcock, Mylaan Dolberry, Shamiah Foy, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Khloe Jordy, Victoria Manjarrez Paredes, Genesis Reyes-Robles, Makila Rivers, Anthony Santos Morales, Claudia Smith, Kenny Tenezaca Loja, and Jocelyn Zempoaltecatl

Outstanding Academic Excellence Award: Franco DiCostanza, George DiNapoli, Makayla Rivers, Hanna Manjarrez-Paredes, Walker Budde, David Hernandez Martinez, Reja Meer, Jessica Saciolo, and Holly Surerus

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Monticello Kiwanis Awards Scholarships



From left - Xavean Mitchell, Zachary Roosa, Anthony Belgiovene, Jennifer Huerta, Adisyn Somers, Hanna Cavello, Brielle DiCio, Christina Chakar, Alexandra Dietz, Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport and Foundation Chairperson Robert Green. Absent from photo - Principal Dr. Gary Furman.

The Monticello Kiwanis Club recently presented nine (9) scholarships, each for \$1,000, to exceptionally well deserving Monticello High School Seniors. The venue was Robert Green Truck Division Board Room where the recipients and their families enjoyed a delicious pizza party and graduation cup cakes. The recipients shared their plans for schooling going forward and their professional aspirations. Principal Dr. Gary Furman was in attendance and shared his pride of the students and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

The recipients were Brielle DiCio, Adisyn Somers, Hanna Cavello, Zachary Roosa, Anthony Belgiovene, Alexandra Dietz, Xavean Mitchell, Christina Chakar and Jennifer Huerta.

The Monticello Kiwanis Club is a civic organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time by, among other things, presenting scholarships to high school seniors, donating books to second graders, distributing food baskets, donating toys and providing personal items to children going into foster care. For further information, visit the Monticello, NY Kiwanis Facebook Page.

Court Mary Anthony #883 Catholic Daughters of the Americas 1924-2024



Front Row - Mary Nosek, Treasurer, Mary Ann Canonico, Financial Secretary, Edie Houghtailing, Vice Regent, Julia Wasikiewicz, Regent, Susan Fahrenholz, Recording Secretary, Back Row - Helene Shepard, Past National Regent, Tina Bigelow, First Vice State Regent, Deacon Larry Knack, Chaplain, Missionary Priest, Connie Breindel, State Regent, Patti Drivanos, State Secretary

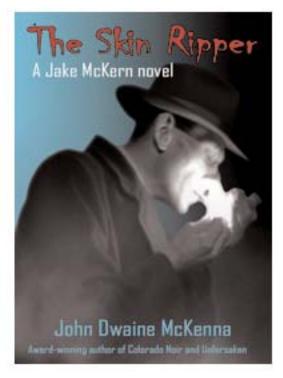
Court Mary Anthony #883, Catholic Daughters of the Americas held their 100th Anniversary celebration with a Mass at St. Peter's Church in Liberty, NY on June 9, 2024, followed by a dinner at Casa Mia in Hurleyville, NY. Julia Wasikiewicz, Court Regent, was Master of Ceremonies, with speakers, Helene Shepard, Past National Regent, and Connie

Breindel, State Regent. Court Mary Anthony was organized June 15,1924, at St. Peter's Church in Liberty, NY with 37 Charter members. Today we have many members from St Peter's Church and the neighboring parishes.

The Skin Ripper

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The Skin Ripper Chapter 5

The self-important and officious token Democrat in a county dominated by Republicans was right on my heels as I navigated through the aisles and shelves, past the deli counter, the scale and butcher's block to the door of the meat locker. I grabbed the latch, and said, "They're in here," pulled it open and stood aside, allowing the official and duly-elected El Paso County Coroner to enter first.

He gave me an unctuous smirk as he brushed past, and was fully inside the cold storage room before realization of the horror within hit him like a fist to the face. He gasped, and turned to me with his mouth working up and down, but no words were coming out. The cigar came loose and tumbled down the front of his immaculate black silk suit, leaving a trail of dirty gray ash and smoking pinholes every place the burning tip made contact, before it finally hit the floor in a shower of sparks. Harry Bucklin stumbled sideways, mewled like a baby kitten, and blew chunks all over his shoes, suit, and my crime scene. I had no words as the dead looked down at him with contempt and the puking seemed to go on forever.

When he finally stopped ralphing, Bucklin was bent over at the waist with his hands on his knees and gasping for breath, as he spit out the last of the bile in his gut. I stood there dumbfounded, still holding the door like an ignorant Irish fool, straight out of the peat bogs.

A few more moments and Himself had caught his breath. He stood, retrieved a hankie from inside his pocket and wiped his face. Then, with as much dignity as he could muster, the petty bureaucrat drew up to his full height –still ten inches shorter than me, even in his elevator shoes –and said, "You'll pay a price for this McKern." Then he squished past me, dripping vomitus with every step he took, all the way back to his car. I heard the V-8 motor come to life and roar down the alley, slinging dirt, rocks, and gravel at everything in sight, with Donnie Brearley taking the worst of it. I could hear him cursing, even though the back door was closed. I sighed, and started to re-establish the murder scene as best as I could.

When I opened the cooler door, a wave of stink rolled out and washed over me like a tsunami. It was touch and go for a few seconds, whether or not I was going to lose my cookies too, but I held it back and started breathing through my mouth. That helped. Under the unblinking eyes and the ravaged bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Sorwell, I eased back in to see what I could see . . . and find what I could find that might bring us closer to the who of this heinous crime.

Not much . . . as it turned out . . . other than the black doctor's bag Harry Bucklin had carried- –for nomenclature –I guess, so those who saw him would think he was doing something useful. When I looked inside, all it contained were some cigars, a Playboy Magazine and an unread, day-old copy of *The Denver Post* newspaper. Even with gloves on, I didn't want to touch any of it. I stuffed everything, vomit, and all, into an evidence bag and made a mental note to drop it off at the Coroner's office . . . after letting it ripen for a few days in the trunk of my car. I carried the bag in a bag out to the old unmarked I'd been assigned and did just that. Then I went to check on the apartment.

I found Doug Sikes, the CSPD photographer, and a pair of fingerprint techs upstairs and asked, "How much longer?" "I'm done," Sikes replied.

"Come with me then. Did you get shots of everything in here?"

"Yeah. The stairs, too. And all the blood on the walls. I tagged the bedclothes, the sheets, and the pillows. There just was n't much else to find. No shell casings, no knives . . . and no fingerprints either. This looks like a professional job."

"It could be . . . but we don't know yet. I want you to take pictures of the crowd out there without being too obvious about it. Okay?"

"Sure. I can do that."

"Good. Come downstairs. I want you to get photos of everything, from the tool marks on the door, all the way in, to where the bodies are."

"This isn't the first time I've done this Jake . . ."

"I know, Doug. I know that. But it's mine. The crime's about as nasty as you're ever gonna see, and the scene's been fucked up and over, six ways for Sunday. Brace yourself before you go in there."

"I got it. Here. Put some of this on your upper lip."

"What is it?"

"Vicks Vapo Rub. It helps to take the smell away."

"Good. The Coroner blew his guts out down there a few minutes ago."

"Where's that?"

"Downstairs," I said. "Where the rest of the crime took place. In a walk-in meat locker."

I put Sikes to work in the cooler, then went to find Andy Claypoole. My right leg was complaining from all the trips up and down the stairs by then, so I swallowed four aspirins from the tin of them that I carried in my shirt pocket. I'd have to find something stronger pretty soon if I was going to be on my feet much longer. The pain from my old wounds wasn't going to go away. I walked out front and found Claypoole, standing behind one of the wooden barriers, where he was smoking a cigarette and talking to a newspaper reporter for the *Gazette-Telegraph* named Lenny Bragg.

I'd give my right nut to have a partner right now . . . I feel like there's too many holes in the dike all of a sudden, and I don't have enough fingers to plug 'em. And just what I don't need at the moment, is a nosey-assed reporter in the middle of this fucked up multiple murder. The city keeps on growing; the developers get fatter and richer, while the growth advocates and real estate worshippers on City Council rubber stamp 'approved' on plat after plat, annexing every square foot in sight and still expect all of us in the police and fire departments to make do with the same number of cops and firemen. In a pig's ass . . . something's gotta give. And soon . . .

Chapter 6

I stopped and fired up a Lucky Strike, then walked over to where Claypoole and the newshound stood on either side of the barrier. I nodded and said, "Morning, Lenny. What's the news?"

Leonard Bragg was a young and eager preppy type who'd graduated from an eastern college, failed his physical for the draft due to poor eyesight, and then –against the wishes of his blue-blood Yankee parents –followed the advice of Horace Greeley and came out west. He'd caught on with the paper a few years ago, and now his investigative column entitled *Bragg About*, was a fixture that many in town, including myself, followed avidly. Lenny pushed his heavy black-framed glasses back up his nose, shrugged deeper into his navy-blue pea coat and said, "Hiya Jake. The news, as always, is full of nothing other than the bad, the evil, and the nasty shit that people do to each other. . . which, when you think about it . . . makes it impossible to be optimistic and well-informed at the same time. Wouldn't you agree? And hey, could I bum one of your smokes? I'm all out."

In spite of our semi-adversarial occupations, I liked Lenny. We were about the same age, early thirties, and even though our backgrounds couldn't be more different, we tolerated each other's company. I grinned as I shook one out for him and said, "Shit Lenny, you're always smoking O.P.s. Long as I've known ya, I can't ever remember you having any, or giving any away."

"That's because other people's cigarettes always taste better," he said, as he accepted a light from Andy Claypoole, who'd been silently watching our repartee with a grin on his face.

While Lenny sucked down a big lungful of fine tobacco smoke, I said to Claypoole, "Andy, as usual we ain't got enough manpower to take care of everything here. I'm gonna call and talk to Lieutenant Patterson, see if he can shake out a few more troops for us. Meanwhile, would you kindly set Dunlap and his rookie to knocking on doors? See if anyone saw or heard anything out of the ordinary last night. You know the drill . . . we're gonna be up shit crick without a paddle if we don't get some kind of clues . . ."

Claypoole nodded and went to find the others.

I turned back to the reporter and said, "Lenny, can you keep a lid on everything you're hearing right now. We're strictly off the record here. Okay?"

When he looked at me, Lenny's cobalt blue eyes were as cool and detached as an Old West gunfighter, out in the street with the sun at his back. He said, "I would if I could Jake, but there's no way. Look around. The cat's out of the bag. Word-of-mouth is spreading and rumors are flying. The stories are getting more and more lurid with each retelling . . ." "Such as?"

"Oh, for christsakes, Jake. Just strolling around in the crowd and eavesdropping, I've heard that there's anywhere from two to five people murdered, and they've been tortured, chopped into pieces, or skinned. That the killer was A., an escaped madman, B., a group of devil worshippers, or, C., and get this . . . cannibals. And, just in case you haven't had time to notice, that hot new young blonde chick from KRDO is somewhere around here."

"Isn't she the one who interviewed the Bavarian woman who's going to run the new ski area down on Cheyenne Mountain, next to the Broadmoor Golf Course?"

"The very same," Lenny said, "she's wearing a bright red Loden coat. You can't miss her. Which, I suppose, is exactly what she intended . . . ambitious young woman that she is."

I took a last pull of my cigarette, knocked the fire off with a fingernail and began field-stripping it. As I rolled and scattered the unburnt tobacco with my hands, I said, "Did I detect some animosity, Lenny? Some petty jealously perhaps?"

Lenny Bragg blew smoke out of both nostrils, then shrugged at the same time. He shook his head and said, "And whyever would I be jealous of such a one as she . . . who is endowed with the body of Venus, the heart of a lioness and all the brains of a barnyard goose? She's only using her assets the best way she knows how. And I don't think that commotion, catastrophe, confrontation, conflagration, or the casting couch will prevent her from attaining her goals."

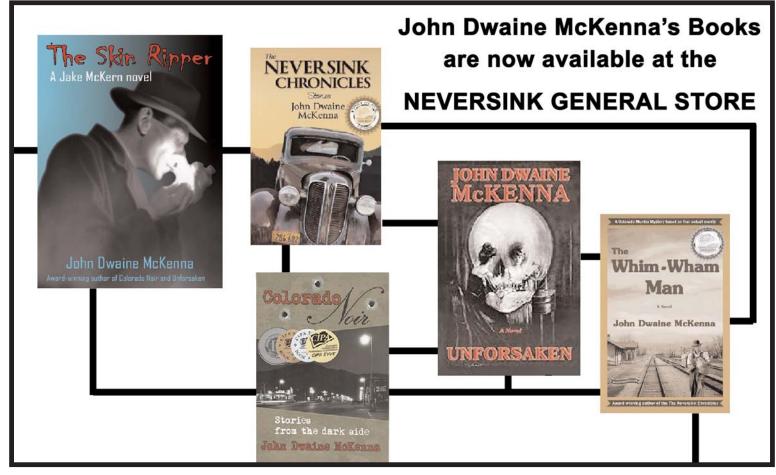
"Well, let the alliteration begin," I said. "What's her name?"

"Agnes," Lenny said and waved over his shoulder as he melded into the crowd. "Agnes Bedwell."

I wrote her name on the last page of my notebook and went back to the grim work I'd been assigned.

As I walked back to the grocery store's delivery door, the who and why of this terrible murder fell on me like the weight of the world. The awesome responsibility for catching what appeared to be a team of professional killers now rested entirely on my shoulders . . . and I wasn't sure I was up to the task. Abraham and Ruth Sorwell deserved, no, I thought. Mr. and Mrs. Sorwell's case demands justice. It screams for it . . . because this is America, where ordinary folks are supposed to be safe in their homes while asleep in their beds at night . . . and because this is Colorado Springs. My home. And my sanctuary, where my family lives, where my son is growing up . . . I stopped moving as I reached for the door handle, shook my head, and chuckled to myself. That was the corniest thing that's ever run through your head, Jake. Thank Christ you didn't say it aloud, in front of anybody . . . even if it is the God's honest truth.

I pulled the door and went inside. I needed to find Doug Sikes, to see if he and the fingerprint guys were through yet. The coroner's men were waiting in their unmarked black panel truck to remove the deceased and transport them to the morgue. I was determined to show the couple all the dignity and respect they'd earned over the course of their life's journey. No one should ever come to such an ignominious and evil end of their days. Certainly not in the Springs.



Just in case you're wondering, we'll be re-running some of our best and most popular book reviews every other week from now on. They will be described as our Legacy Mysterious Book Reports. Send us a quick request if you have a favorite that you'd like to see again and we'll do our best to re-publish it.

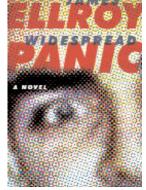


Suburban Dicks Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 90 by John Dwaine McKenna Mysterious Book Report No. 449 Published May 20, 2021

After teaming up and co-creating the sensational comicbook superhero known as *Deadpool*, author Fabian Nicieza has turned his many talents to writing crime fiction, and authored an unconventional first novel that touch-

es upon many of the hot button social and political issues that are currently driving our national discourse, alienating friends and families . . . as well as fracturing our society.

Suburban Dicks, (Putnam, \$27.00, 400 pages, ISBN 978-0-593-19126-2) takes place in the suburban town of West Windsor, New Jersey. It begins with the discovery of a murdered gas station attendant named Satkunananthan Sasmal, whose Uncle, Tharani Sasmal, owns a number of gas



stations in the area. The family is part of a large, and growing, Indian and Asian immigrant community that's moved to the area, where housing developments and McMansions have displaced the dairies and vegetable farms that were there just a few decades earlier.

From there, the snark never stops as the author takes aim at everything and everyone many of our woke brethren find objectionable about the society whose largess they have enjoyed, albeit with no investment in the country from which such gifts are withdrawn. To sum it up in a few words: great plot with too many clichéd characters. Our advice, save your money. Better books are in the pipeline and coming soon.

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Heat Wave

All winter long, we longed for this warm and sunny weather.

However, we didn't quite expect to go from light jackets to "Oh, my goodness. It is hot as blazes out." Of course, the heat wave comes during the final weeks of school, which, in the northeast, do not have much air-conditioning units in the classrooms. Perhaps, computer labs and offices have such comforts of AC, but staff and students are sweltering as they take finals,



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Regents, and have field days at the close of another school year.

Being retired, cooling off is a lot more fun. I am drawn to water, lake or pool, like a magnet. The menu is summer=time easy. Barbecue or salads are called for so the kitchen doesn't heat up. That means easy prep and easy clean up. Tonight is Cobb Salad and Cheesecake, bought ready made, with blue berries and strawberries.

The key is to be well-hydrated, so cool drinks appear. There is solar ice tea, sweetened with maple syrup and cinnamon, lemonade, and good old well water with fresh mint and cucumbers. All with lots of ice.. t is also time to toast the summer solstice with a gin and tonic with a lime or lemon.

Somehow, in my mind anyway, summer cooling is a lot more relaxing than winter warming which always seems labor intense with feeding the woodstove, layering on the warm clothing, and cooking hearty meals. It seem like the heat wave is sending us a manage to kick back, slow down, and enjoy all the beautiful flowers and shrubs that are blossoming right now.

Savor the summer heat. Store up memories because summer is so short and winters so long.

Barefoot in the Park

Auditions for the radio play, "Barefoot in the Park" will be held at the Boiceville Inn on August 16 and 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. and on August 18 from 3 to 5 p.m.

"Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon will be a dinner theater planned for August 23, 24, and 25. The director will be Linda Burkhardt.

Let the Adventures Begin... DPL Summer Reading Program Kicks Off June 30!

By Lisa Carroll

We are! The DPL is kicking off our 2024 Summer Reading Program, "Adventure Begins At Your Library," on June 30 and have a summer activity line-up sure to please everyone in your family!

Before I delve into the specifics of the program, I want to give a great, big shout-out to Liberty Press in Liberty, NY. They have printed all of our Summer Reading Program flyers for eons...and they do a fabulous job. Their turnaround time for products and their eye to detail is top notch and they are such a pleasure to work with. If you are in need of any printed products-church BBQ flyers, business envelopes, etc. they are the place to go; specializing in small-town affairs with professionalism that can't be beat.

So this year's program set up is not much different than in years' past. We have reading incentives for children through adult residents of the Tri Valley CSD. There are separate reading logs for children based on age and/or grade level as well as for 'tweens', teens and adults. For children, they need to fill in the log, broken down in either 15 or 25 minute blocks and return the logs to the children's circulation desk to receive a prize. For 'tweens' through adults, log four books per form and be entered into our SRP drawing. That's pretty simple. Along those lines, for those seeking more adventure we have book bingo game boards. Follow the guidelines specified and return the completed form to win a book. Both the logs and bingo game boards are available at the library or to print from our website. Our Summer Reading Program ends August 30th so all reading logs and bingo forms need to be turned in by then.

Calling all artists-our bookmark contest for children ages 5-7, 8-11 and 12-18 years old will open June 30 with a deadline of July 22. Winning designs will be chosen from each age category, printed (by Liberty Press!) and then shared as our official 2024 DPL Bookmarks. Additionally, each winner will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card. Our bookmark contest form is available at the library and printable online from our website.

Now, for the programs:

"Sunshine and Good Times Show" with Cool Dude Ron Albanese will be on Tuesday, June 9 at 6PM for children 0-5 years old. It's going to be a high-energy, fun, good time program. We're asking everyone to where Hawaiian shirts and/or tropical wear to really amp up the vibes.

"Baaa-ventures with Goats" will be on Tuesday, July 16 at 6PM for going into grades 1, 2 and 3. During the program, children will meet Barbara Moran of CCE and her adorable furry friends and learn all about the amazing goats. It's sure to be a baaa-venture!

"Adventures with Canvas" on Thursday, July 18 at 6PM rounds out our children's' programs, open to students going into grades 4, 5 and 6. Local artists and teacher, Robin Raykoff will lead the kids on this adventure. We supply the canvas, paint and brushes and the children create a painting they get to take home, all while having fun with friends.

All of these programs, as well as the teen and adults



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programs, require pre-registration on our website. It's a quick online form.

For teens going into 7th through 12th grades, join us for "Adventures with Ramen," where we discover the art of crafting a yummy-healthier-version of our favorite crazy noodles. This program will be on Tuesday, July 23 at 6PM. For adults, "Understanding the Eastern Coyote," with Pam Golben of the Mamakating Environmental Education Center will give a wide range of information regarding these incredible creatures we share our forests with, on July 20 at 10AM.

And then we cap our summer program off with our famous Entertainment Night. Please join us and Jarred Campbell on Thursday, July 25 at 6PM at the Grahamsville fairgrounds for a night of great music and good times! It's going to be a blast-a real musical treat-and every child leaves with a brand new book to keep.

And-this should be mentioned after a week-long of 90 degree days-we have air conditioning! So feel free to stop in and browse our growing selection of beach reads (or books based in the dead of winter, we're not judges) for adults, teens and children. It's a great opportunity to try out different genres (especially if you are competing in the bingo challenge) or want to prevent summer slide with your school-aged children. The children's floor is a great place to unwind from a day out and about; with the train and doll house sets, puppet stage and puzzles, and of course all the great books! If you are the work-from-home type, we have great spaces for you to work inside as well as a beautiful patio if you'd like to work outside. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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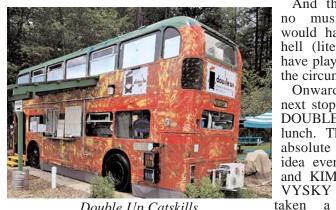
no music.

The Scene Too By Jane Harrison

If you look up the word 'meandering', you get "act of following a winding course." Well, my daddy added to that. Being a second generation American of German descent, it was second nature to him to consolidate movements in this meandering, and that was following that wandering course with purpose(s).

Today, we might call it 'running errands' and if you're like me, you end up acting like the rabbit in Alice in Wonderland. I woke on Saturday feeling Daddy close by and feeling all sparkly like he'd just asked that little girl "Let's take a ride." So Daddy and I meandered through the cooler morning before the oppressive heat set in. First, the ROCK HILL FARMER'S MARKET....except it wasn't there. 'pout'. So, I picked up Lefty's insulin at CATSKILL VETERANARY across the street and started to head back toward 17 and there were the signs directing me to where the Farmer's Market had moved!!

The vendors were set up in the parking lot of the Fire Department, under canopies shading them from the blazing sun and I give a lot of credit. I stepped out of the car and was met with a wall of heat, mostly because of the asphalt soaking up that sun. I was able to score some teeny zucchinis and some beautiful kale. I like kale. But then again, I cut the leaves in strips and put it through my mini chopper until it has a consistency equal to sand. This way I can add it to almost anything for the health benefits without having to chew it for half an hour.



Double Up Catskills

repurposed it as a kitchen/restaurant with outside seating on

Parksville Road near NEW MEM-ORIES. I opted for a Khachapuri which the menu describes as а 'Georgian open face cheese pie'. The bread crust. one could tell was freshly baked, the Feta, Mozzarella and Ricotta were combined and melted in such a way that it created a whole new flavor and the egg just added piz-For those zazz.



Khachapuri Soooo good!!!

that know me, I'm famous for taking home half of whatever I order: 1. Because I love food, 2. Because I love to eat, and 3. The calorie



count is split between (keeping me svelte!). All three went out the window and all I left on the plate was a one inch piece of crust. I can't wait to sample some more of this fare. If you're on FaceBook, you can go to DOU-

Outdoor seating at Double Up

BLE UP CATSKILLS for their complete menu.

Then a quick trip to FARE HAVEN MARKET in Livingston Manor to round out the day with additional organic produce. This is such a great place. They work with local farmers, and I was able to pick up locally grown radishes and rhubarb (I love rhubarb too!)

And that was it for my day.

Silly you, did you really think I wouldn't be out to CABER-NET FRANK'S for DRAZ AND THE LUCKY DEVILS?



Draz and the Lucky Devils

have to say I debated for a bit, but in the end I threw on a dress and some make-up and out the door I went....forgetting my phone. DRAZ and his accordion are great alone but adding THE LUCKY DEVILS ratcheted it all up a notch. Where that trio came from, I have no idea but I sure hope they're around for a bit if just for the additional Cajun. Thank the fates that be that my good friend and amazing photographer LES STONE happened to be there, so I have a photo to show you.

Thursday night, come to Lake Street and Route 55 in Kauneonga Lake for the BETHEL LAKESIDE MUSIC SERIES where my friend JOANNA GASS will be onstage from 6pm to 8.

Tuesday, July 2nd, DAVID KUNZ will be in 1868 Route 52 in Liberty as part of the SOUNDS OF SULLIVAN SUMMER SERIES; 6pm



Saturday, July 6st catch CASWYN MOON and FAITH KELLY at THE DALE in Mountaindale

Phew! Until next time..... A visitor today

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(From Pg. 8) And, not to be forgotten, we have the book tent up and running. There's something for everyone! A bag of books is just \$4 or you can purchase books, DVD's and CD's, vinyl records and puzzles/games piece meal. There are pricing guides and money envelopes available on the non-fiction table and please keep in mind that we add new things to the tent constantly, so check back often. If you are interested in donating to the book tent, please call the library and speak with Michelle Gorman. She will schedule a time for you to drop off those donations but please, please don't just leave things under the tent. We go through a particular system when collecting and processing our donations and it helps immensely when donations are brought into the library for us to sort.

After an Intense Search Two Local Youths Found

On Saturday June 22, 2024 at about 6:00 pm, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Patrol was called to a report of two missing children from a residence on Rose Lane in the Town of Fallsburg. The two youths, a 16 year old girl and a 12 year old boy were last seen at their residence at about 3:00 pm the day before. A massive search ensued with Fallsburg and State Police assisting as well as the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department. Sheriff Mike Schiff who was on the scene said that his deputies deployed drones and requested a K9 from the Orange County Sheriff's Office to aid in the search. At about 11:30 pm, the two subjects were located in the woods off of Reynolds Rd. They were slightly dehydrated and hungry, but were in otherwise good condition. They were reunited with their parents. The Sheriff credited the cooperation between the fire service and law enforcement as brining the search to a relatively quick end.

SLAC News

We have been successful in stopping the CON for the ACC for the second time, which has held it up for almost a year. We will continue to keep the pressure on the PHHPC so that we can bring the ACC back under county control.

Our next project is the Garnet Medical Canter in Harris, which is eliminating services which are vital for the residents of Sullivan County. Our goal is to stop the sale of the building, and prove it's importance for the health and well being of our residents.

NYS Alliance for Retired Americans is holding their annual convention on August 8th in Latham, N.Y. The cost is \$15.00 per person, and will include a buffet lunch. The ARA's Legislative Director David Simon, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and NYS Representative Pat Fahy have been invited. We will discuss this at the meeting.



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Primetimers of Temple Sholom Plans Trips

Join the Primetimers of Temple Sholom on July 18 for a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The bus will leave from the Temple Sholom parking lot at 9:00 am.

The casino site includes many outlet stores and a large choice of restaurants for lunch. Your donation of \$55.00 per person will pay for transportation and \$30.00 in free play.

On July 12, the Primetimers will host another event -- a self-drive trip to Fort Delaware in Narrowsburg. The museum offers live dramatization of colonial history. Local historian John Conway will lead a tour of the fort, leaving time for lunch on your own at a nearby restaurant of your choice. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

The Primetimers group meets at Temple Sholom once a month. Membership is only \$10 a year. Proceeds of their events are contributed to Temple Sholom and other local charities. The next meeting, on July 8, will feature music by students of the Nesin Cultural Arts Center.

Sullivan 180 Welcomes Two New Board Members Dr. Patrina Phillip-King and Dr. Anjana Poonthota Add Expertise and Passion



[Liberty, NY] - Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the additions of Dr. Patrina Phillip-King and Dr. Anjana Poonthota to the Sullivan 180 Board of Directors.

Dr. Patrina Phillip-King, M.D, F.A.C.O.G, CPE, is a Regional Women's Health Medical Director at Sun River Health and is affiliated with Garnet Health Medical Center-Catskills. She oversees providers and patient services, ensuring clinical and quality standards for women's health practices across Hudson Valley and New York City. For over seven years, she has delivered comprehensive women's health services in Sullivan County, collaborating with community partners to enhance health and wellbeing through initiatives like preventive cancer awareness and lectures.

Dr. Phillip-King served in the United States Army Reserves while attending The College of Staten Island. She earned her medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical School and completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. She is currently pursuing an MBA with a concentration in Medical Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

"As a physician who values collaboration and is committed to improving the health of my patients and the community, it is an honor for me to be a member of the Sullivan 180 Board of Directors. I am delighted to bring my expertise to the Board as Sullivan 180 continues to prioritize improving the wellness of Sullivan County," said Dr. Phillip-King.

Anjana Poonthota, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAP, is a board-certified Pediatric Hospitalist with Garnet Health Doctors. She serves as Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, Medical Director of Women and Children's Services, Director of Employee Wellness, and Chair of Resident Wellness at Garnet Health. Dr. Poonthota was appointed to the Board of Health of Orange County and is a board member of Parks & Trails New York.

Dr. Poonthota earned her medical degree from Guntur Medical College in India and completed her pediatrics residency at Albany Medical Center in New York. She holds a master's degree in public health from SUNY Albany and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

"I am honored to join the Board of Directors at Sullivan 180 and share their vision to strive for a healthy Sullivan County. I hope that my years of service as a pediatrician and my efforts in promoting women's health and children's services at Garnet Health would help me in serving our community. I am eagerly looking forward to working with the compassionate team at Sullivan 180," said Dr. Poonthota.

For more information about Sullivan 180, visit www.Sullivan180.org or call (845) 295-2680.

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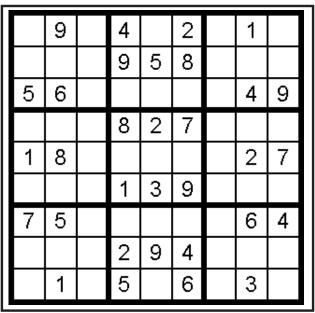
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Salad

3/4 lb. fresh tortellini1/2 lb. fresh brocolli1/2 lb. cherry tomatoes2 tbsp. fresh Parmesan cheeseIn blender combine all salad dressing ingredi-

ents and blend well. Chill. Cook and cool tortellini. Cook and cool brocolli.. Half tomatoes unless very small. When all ingredients are cool, combine and serve.

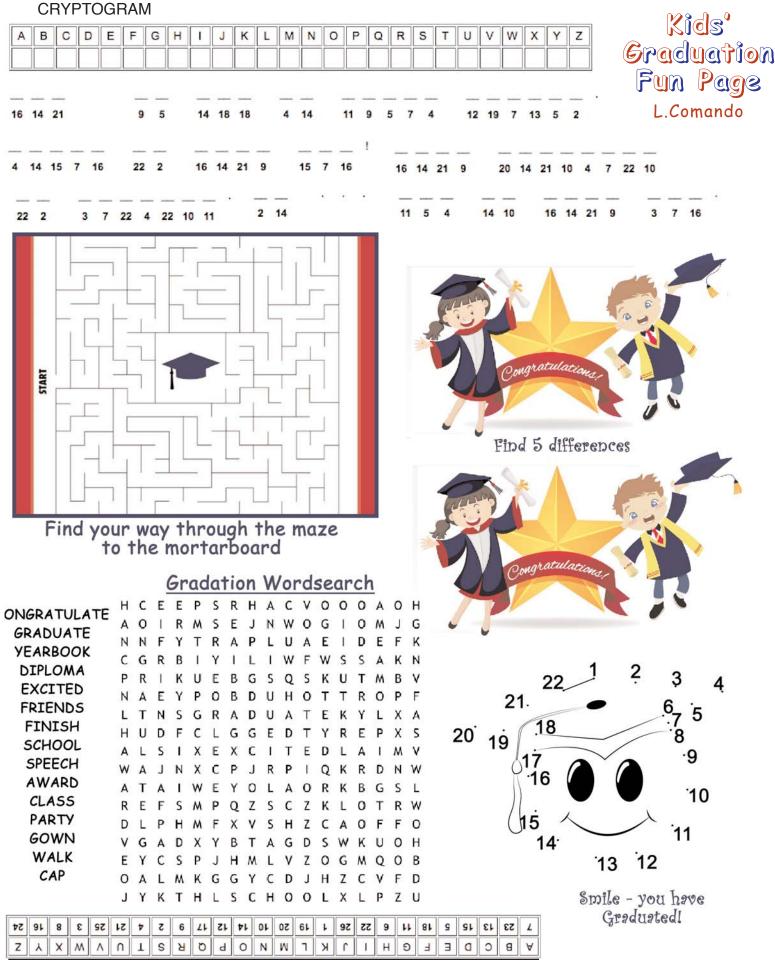
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SWIMMING LESSONS SIGNUP

Swimming Lessons Registration has begun and is ongoing at the Town of Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Documents section of the Town of Neversink's website or picked up at the Neversink Town Hall located in Grahamsville from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

Any child who lives in the Tri-Valley School District and/or the Town of Neversink is eligible to participate in the Swimming Lessons Program. There is no fee. For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262 x300 or 307.

www.townofneversink.org

Brazell Physical Therapy & Wellness Now Open in Neversink! LIVE WITH CONFIDENCE

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, the Assessor for the Town of Denning, County of Ulster, New York has completed the Assessment Roll for SAID Town, for the year 2024. A certified copy thereof has been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Denning on the 1st day of July, 2024.

Patricia Masterson Sole Assessor nap

June 24th, 2024

6/27; 7/4

Pool Passes on Sale

2024 Pool passes for the Town of Neversink Pool located at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville will go on sale at the **Town of Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville on June 25, 2024.** The cost of a pass is \$15.00 per person ages 3 and up. Children 2 and under free. Forms are available in the Lobby and also on the Town of Neversink's web site under documents. The Town Hall is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Town of Neversink residency is required. **The Pool is projected to open on July 3rd**. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262 x300 or 307. *www.townofneversink.org*

Please be advised: The Village of Monticello Board of Trustees Budget Work Session\

that was scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, June 25th, 20024 at 5:00pm has been CANCELLED.

The Village Board of Trustees will be having a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 27th, 2024

at 9:00am for a Public Hearing to adopt the 24/25 Village Budget. All are welcomed to attend

Tri-Valley School Board

will hold a SPECIAL Board Meeting Wednesday, June 26, 2024 4:00 p.m. Secondary School Library Lower Level

This Board Meeting will be on Tri-Valley's YouTube LIVE Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8 nAWhR6NVao24w/live

The Agenda will be available on BoardDocs 1 day before the Board Meeting.

MEET THE CAST OF DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCdOp5CqoNU

Alexandra Fortin and Michael Liebhauser star in Ken Ludwig's Dear Jack, Dear Louise, directed by Stephen Nachamie.



Preview performances begin TONIGHT, Friday, June 21st, at 8 PM. You won't want to miss this romantic comedy hailed by critics as "An affecting love letter to unlikely romance!" - The Washington Post, and "A moving, funny, and heartbreaking reminder of what we should strive to become, individually and as a country." -Broadway World.

Dear Jack, Dear Louise follows the story of U.S. Army Captain Jack Ludwig as he begins writing to Louise Rabiner, an aspiring actress in NYC, during the turmoil of World War II. This joyous and heartwarming tale, told through the actual letters exchanged between the playwright's parents, offers a poignant exploration of love, resilience, and the enduring power of human connection.

The production begins with preview performances tonight, June 21st, at 8 PM and June 22nd at 2 PM, leading up to the official opening night on June 22nd at 8 PM. Opening night festivities on June 22nd include a pre-show toast in the studio lobby at 7:15 PM (sponsored by Equilibrium Brewery) and a post-show celebration at Morning Sunshine in Ellenville.

Tickets are \$35 for preview performances on June 21st at 8 PM and June 22nd at 2 PM, and \$43 for all other evening shows. Tickets for Sunday matinee performances are \$39. SHADOWLAND STAGES' Studio Theatre is located at 14 Market Street in Ellenville, NY. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at (845) 647-5511 or online at shadowlandstages.org.





Featuring Alexandra Fortin and Michael Liebhauser Photo by Jeff Knapp

Learn about the SHADOWLAND 2024 season with Artistic Director Brendan Burke https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PhHPCC-3ZM

Don't have a subscription yet? It's not too late! Get your subscription today. See the remaining five shows in our MainStage season for only \$167! Subscribers save 20% compared to single ticket purchasers and they help SHADOWLAND thrive. Call the box office to subscribe today at 845-647-5511.

SC Responds to EMS Crisis **Legislature Authorizes Contract for 24/7 Service**

Monticello, NY - On Thursday, Sullivan County legislators took a major step in addressing the ongoing emergency medical services (EMS) shortage by unanimously approving the funding of four staffed "fly cars" throughout the County.

We have heard the concerns of our citizens and our EMS agencies, and we agree that action is needed," said Legislature Chair Nadia Rajsz. "I am proud that we were all able to agree on providing this much-needed support service for our volunteer ambulance agencies and, in turn, a vital service for all of our Sullivan County residents."

"We understand this is not the local ambulance corps fault, but it's unacceptable to have residents waiting an hour or more for an ambulance to arrive," added District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, chair of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee and leader of this initiative.

"As a resident of Sullivan County myself, I understand firsthand the challenges that face the fine EMS professionals operating in the region," affirmed Michael S. Vatch, MPA. NRP. CCEMT-P. the

Chief Executive Officer of SeniorCare EMS, which was awarded the contract. "I believe



One of SeniorCare EMS' fly cars, a modified Ford SUV A SeniorCare EMS paramedic explains what equipment is inside their fly cars. The entire video can be found at https://seniorcareems.com/about.

we can bring a service to the EMS system which enhances the already strong system in place. We are excited as we begin to develop the role we will play, and we are indeed honored to have been chosen by Sullivan County."

SeniorCare will be paid \$5.4 million over two years to provide four "fly cars" - SUVs that carry EMTs or paramedics but do not transport patients. The service is expected to start later this year.

"Fly cars are a faster, less resource-intensive way of getting care to the scene of a medical incident," explained Sullivan County Public Safety Commissioner Scott Schulte. "These vehicles will be stationed in strategic locations around the County, supplementing existing ambulance services so that we can rapidly respond."

Each car will have an EMT assigned to it 24/7. Two vehicles will be capable of Basic Life Support (BLS, giving immediate care at the scene in order to stabilize and support patients through basic techniques like CPR or AEDs (automated external defibrillators) until help arrives). Two will be capable of Advanced Life Support (ALS, providing advanced airway management, IV access, medication administration, and advanced cardiac life support).

"Ambulances will follow every call a fly car is dispatched to," said Schulte. "The fly cars will not compete with our local corps - they will not 'steal' calls, and if a corps is able to respond, we will defer to them."

SeniorCare, a Bronx-based EMS provider, was chosen out of four potential vendors based on considerations of cost, dedication to this initiative, comprehensiveness of their proposal, and references. Once this two-year contract expires, the County can choose to extend it annually.

"Voters elect us to represent their interests, and taxpayers expect us to provide services regardless of whether we break even - I consider this an essential service that is well worth the money we're investing," remarked District 5 Legislator Cat Scott, who chairs the Legislature's Health & Human Services Committee.

'This was a fantastic step forward for the County's health, welfare, and public safety, and I couldn't be prouder of the work that was done by this Legislature to make this happen," added District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips.

"Sullivan County is as large as Rhode Island, and providing care rapidly is a challenge," noted District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips. "So this initiative is a key first step in supporting our existing ambulance corps and ensuring no one is left waiting when they need EMS."

"This shows how the Legislature can work together to make lifechanging progress across the County, and I am proud to be part of it," said District 4 Legislator

Nicholas Salomone.

"Today was a milestone for Sullivan County," remarked Legislature Vice Chair Joseph Perrello on Thursday. "This will be an essential service that we need and will provide people who can respond quickly to give patients support before the ambulance arrives."

"I am so gratified to help make this happen, as our hardworking volunteers deserve support, and our citizens' very lives depend on prompt emergency response," stated District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward.

"The resounding support received for engaging a third-party EMS

provider for fly-car services, as evidenced by the overwhelming majority vote from the Sullivan County EMS Advisory Board, highlights our shared dedication to delivering high-quality emergency medical services to our community," said District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo.

"This is an exciting time for our company and an opportunity to bring our history and strengths into the Sullivan County system," concluded Vatch. "We are ready to get to work, and over the next several weeks and months, we have ambitious plans to stand up resources which will make Sullivan County proud of their decision to choose SeniorCare EMS."

About SeniorCare

Since its humble beginnings in 2005, SeniorCare EMS has grown from a small three-ambulance provider into one of the largest ambulance companies in the downstate region, developing into an agency that represents the gold standard in EMS, and in 2021 were accredited (and re-accredited in 2024) by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services. SeniorCare is one of only four agencies in the State of New York to obtain this accreditation. SeniorCare remains committed and grounded in its core values of clinical excellence and outstanding customer service. Its senior leadership team all come from EMS backgrounds and have decades of experience in 911 systems and management. Several are residents of Orange and Sullivan counties. This foundation allows for a leadership team that understands the dynamics of the profession and can tend to the changing needs of patients and providers alike. For more about SeniorCare, visit www.seniorcareems.com.

Celebrate Independence at Fort Delaware



Narrowsburg, NY - The celebration of American independence is so monumental for Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg that it couldn't possibly be confined to just one day!

This year, Fort Delaware will offer special programming on three different days to mark the Independence Day holiday.

• As part of the Bold Gold Media Speaker Series, on Thursday, July 4, Sullivan County Historian John Conway will present a program titled "A Settlement Divided," examining how the inexorable march toward independence in 1776 effectively destroyed the Cushetunk settlement, so that by 1785 the first permanent European settlement in the Upper Delaware was largely abandoned. The program starts at 11 a.m. and is included in the price of admission to Fort Delaware.

• Continuing the Bold Gold Media Speaker Series, on Saturday, July 6, performance artist Oliver King will deliver the impassioned Frederick Douglass speech, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" in which Douglass praises the Founding Fathers and their creation of the greatest nation on earth, but then admonishes, "The blessings in which you, this day, rejoice, are not enjoyed in common. The rich inheritance of justice, liberty, prosperity and independence, bequeathed by your fathers, is shared by you, not by me. The sunlight that brought life and healing to you, has brought stripes and death to me. This Fourth July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn." The program starts at 3 p.m. and is included in the price of admission to the Fort.

• The following Saturday, July 13, is Patriots & Loyalists Day at the Fort, highlighted by the reading aloud of the Declaration of Independence, followed by a Tory response and interaction among the Cushetunk settlers, most of whom were content to remain under British rule. The readings will begin at 1 p.m. and will follow the presentation of The Delaware Company's two annual awards, which takes place at noon.

The James W. Burbank Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to local history during the previous year will be presented to Elsie Kopcha of Harris, who has been an active volunteer and generous benefactor to Fort Delaware. The award is named in honor of former Sullivan County Historian James W. Burbank, the man who conceived of and built Fort Delaware, opening it in 1957. Mr. Burbank's daughter, Peggy McIntyre, will be on hand to help present the award.

Delaware Company's President's Award, which recognizes outstanding service to the field of local history over a period of years, will be presented this year to the Cochecton Preservation Society.

Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History is located on the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway at 6615 Route 97 in Narrowsburg, NY. The Fort is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays in June, September and October and Thursday thru Sunday in July and August.

For more information about the Fort and a schedule of special events, visit The Delaware Company's website, www.thedelawarecompany.org or The Delaware Company's Facebook page.

Oliver King will deliver the Frederick Douglass speech, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" at Fort Delaware on Saturday July 6 at 3 p.m.

UC Clerk Nina Postupack Announces Woodstock Musuem Film Screening at the Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to welcome the Woodstock Museum to the Matthewis Persen House Museum on Thursday, June 27 and Thursday, August 8th for a film screening of "Iroquois Power for the 21st Century." The museum is conveniently located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public.

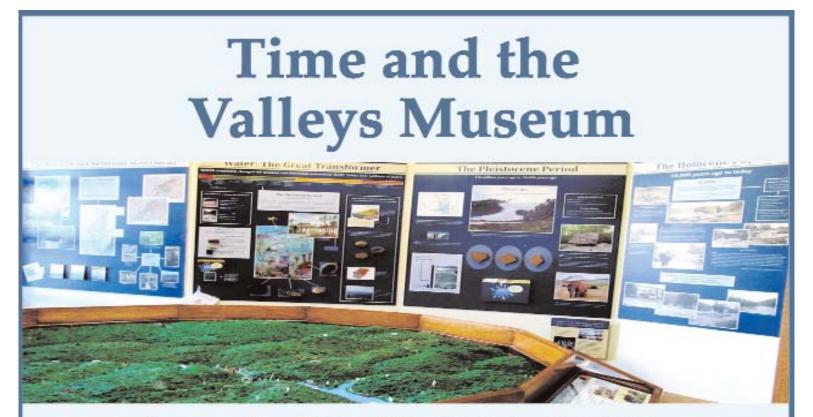
Join Shelli Lipton and Nathan Koenig from the Woodstock Museum for a film screening of "Iroquois Power for the 21st Century" at the Matthewis Persen House on June 27th from 11 am to 4:30 pm. This educational event features seven half-hour episodes, allowing attendees to come and go as they please to watch one or all of the episodes. Producers Shelli Lipton and Nathan Koenig will be present to engage with the audience, answer questions, and serve refreshments. The screening will also be repeated on August 8th for those who cannot attend the first showing.

"Iroquois Power for the 21st Century" offers a compelling look at American history from the Iroquois perspective, shedding light on the crucial contributions and often overlooked role the Iroquois played in helping shape the United States government.

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, commented, "We are thrilled to collaborate with the Woodstock Museum to host this important film series at the Matthewis Persen House. It is a wonderful opportunity for our community to learn about the significant impact of the Iroquois in American history and to engage in meaningful dialogue with the filmmakers."

To learn more about the Woodstock Museum, please visit their website at https://www.woodstockmuseum.org/. For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum, please contact the Ulster County Clerk's Archives at (845) 340-3415 or archives@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also visit us online at

https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house or on Facebook for updates and announcements.



Connecting Water, People & the Catskills

- Augmented Reality Exhibit: Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds
- Interactive Exhibits Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: NYC's Quest for Water and & Water and the Valleys
- 1930s Catskill Family Farm
- New expanded shop

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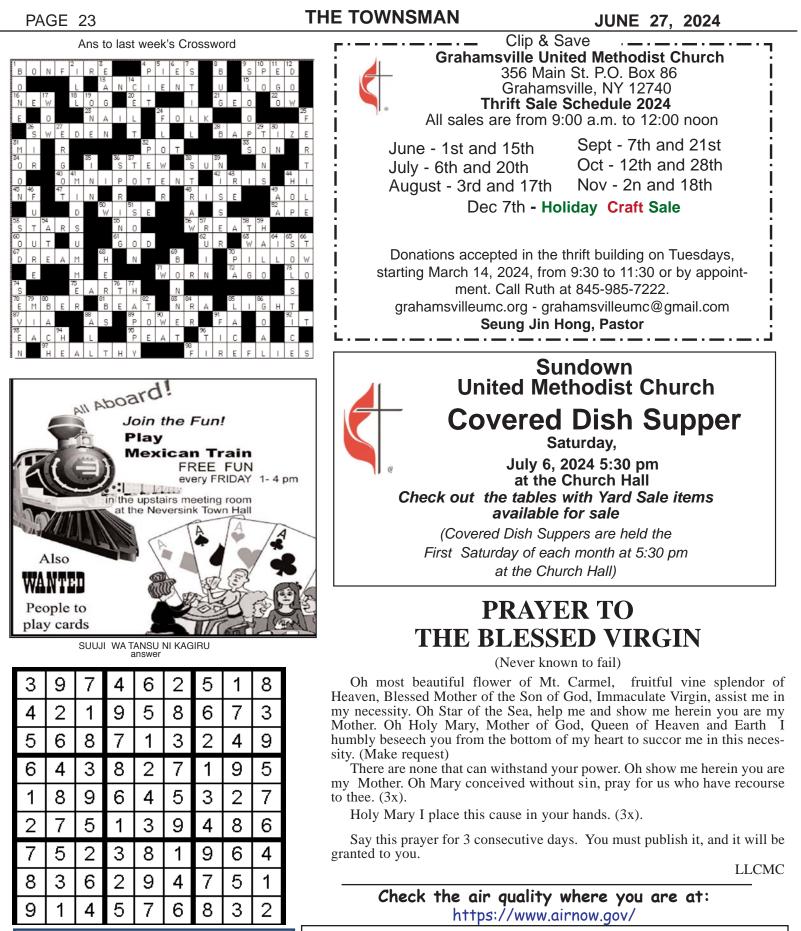


NEW! Town of Neversink and Denning Residents FREE 1st Saturday of the month!

Adults: \$5, Children: \$2 Members: FREE

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VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.

For information call 845-434-8044.

THE TOWNSMAN

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/2/24 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
- 7/3/24 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 7/4/24 Town of Neversink Holiday INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 7/6/24 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am 12 noon
- 7/6/24 Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
- 7/9/24 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 7/10/24 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 7/18/24 Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 7/18/24 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm

7/21/24 Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon

Save the Date!

The Matthew Bertholf Annual Horseshoe Tournament will be Sunday, July 14, 2024

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of June 24 - June 28, 2024

Monday, June 24

o 5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Teleconference by Dialing (845) 340-7589, Bridge #123666

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

Tuesday, June 25

o 5:00 PM - Fleet Management Review Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Wednesday, June 26

o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & 1975 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Unit 305, Longboat Key, Florida 34228

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

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

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

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

Thursday, June 27

5:00 PM - Ulster & Delaware Corridor Advisory Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
5:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee, in the UCRRA Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

MISU is a 501c3 nonprofit organization DRUM CIRCLE at MISU Every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6-7:00 pm All ages and abilities are welcome! Drums will be provided, first come first serve. If you have a drum, bring it! I or more information visit our website All Market St. Lilenville www.misucatskills.org 845:377.3727

Friday, June 28 o No Meetings

Sullivan West student Andrew Nowrouzi Recipient of NRAMA Scholarship



Congratulations to Sullivan West student Andrew Nowrouzi, this year's Neverink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. recipient of our annual scholarship award of \$500.00. Andrew plans on attending SUNY Delhi with a focus on welding. We wish him all the best! (Left to right, Scholarship Chair, John McHugh, Award recipient, Andrew Nowrouzi and President Eric Akerley) not pictured, Scholarship Chair Seymour Streigold.

Forestburgh Playhouse Announces: "Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville"

Forestburgh, NY - June 21, 2024 - Forestburgh Playhouse is thrilled to announce the opening of "Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville," running from July 2nd through July 14th. This musical comedy promises to be the beach party of the summer, featuring the most-loved Jimmy Buffett classics, including "Cheeseburger in Paradise," "Margaritaville," "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," and many more.

Directed by the talented Dana Iannuzzi, and starring the incomparable Chris Marsh Clark, this production is set to ring in summer with a burst of energy and nostalgia.

Attendees can expect to sing along to iconic tunes and enjoy a festive atmosphere complete with the MARGARITAVILLE VIP PASSPORT EXPERIENCE! The Margaritaville VIP Passport is the ultimate enhancement to your night at the Playhouse. When you get your VIP Passport, you'll get the chance to visit the Margaritaville Bar ONSTAGE, mingle with the actors, and pick up your very own refreshing Margarita or Playhouse Punch in a Souvenir Playhouse Tumbler! While onstage, you can pose with the cast for a vintage polaroid pic to take home that very night!

The VIP PASSPORT EXPERIENCE is an upgrade to your show ticket, so you will need both tickets to enjoy the whole evening!

What better way to embrace the summer vibes?

The cast includes a stellar lineup of performers:

Chris Marsh Clark, Casey Martin Klein, John Antony, Nattalyee Randall, Sarah Coleman, Jordan Okeke, and Madison Osment

Don't miss out on this sensational summer event. Secure your tickets now at fbplayhouse.org. For group rates, please contact us at boxoffice@fbplayhouse.org or call 845-791-1194.

Join us for an unforgettable summer celebration at Forestburgh Playhouse. Escape to Margaritaville and make lasting memories with friends and family.

Contact:

Forestburgh Playhouse • boxoffice@fbplayhouse.org 845-791-1194 • fbplayhouse.org

Invitational Art Show to Open at the Liberty Museum

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center will host its first Invitational Art Show, opening

Saturday, June 29th and running until September 1st. The Liberty Museum will be filled with a dazzling array of artwork from pre-eminent artists both from the region and beyond.

Much of the artwork is rarely seen in our area. New watercolors by Laverne Black and Jacqueline Herman, whimsical multi-media creations of James Karpowicz and Matthew Sherman, the rarely seen, museum-quality still-lifes of Phillip Gabrielli, the large lyrical abstract work, some dating from the 1960s of Tony Canger, the oil and acrylic of Rosie Feder, paintings evocative Jackie Chiger and Jean Rhodes, oil paintings from the



e oil and acrylic Painting by of Rosie Feder, Marjorie Morrow photographs of **Barking Up the Right Tree** iger and Jean 67" by 46"

butterfly series by Barnaby Frumess, colorful geometric abstracts of Julie Gross, seminal art deco works of the late Gustav Kaitz, varied oil paintings by Alison Luci and the always popular paintings by the late Dorothy Langseder, varied textural frottage and abstract paintings of Marjorie Morrow, wildlife art of Sara Munoz, and stylized city-scapes of Ed Ziff will be included in the show.

Curator Naomi Frumess says "I have invited each artist to bring special works, representing each ones' interests to entice visitors into their world. It has been quite a challenge to get all these incredibly talented people under one roof."

Most of the exhibited artwork will be for sale. The Liberty Museum is located at 46 South Main Street in the village of Liberty. The Museum is open from noon to 4PM, Saturdays and Sundays. Call (845) 807-6055 or email nfrumessfnp396@gmail.com.

Ulster County Clerk Welcomes D&H Canal Museum Historian to the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, June 29th, the D&H Canal Historical Society Museum will host an interactive information session at the Matthewis Persen House, located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome

Join D&H Canal Museum Historian Bill Merchant on Saturday, June 29th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm to learn about the D&H Canal and its contributions to Ulster County's transportation and commercial growth in the late 19th century. Additionally, hear about the new Mid-Hudson Visitor Center and D&H Canal Museum located in the 1797 stone DePuy Tavern building. The Visitor Center provides information on many local sites and attractions, while the Museum preserves canal-era artifacts and documents the canal's creation, operation, and significance as an engine of economic development in the region and beyond.

County Clerk Nina Postupack expressed her gratitude to the D&H Canal Historical Society for their dedication to preserving Ulster County's industrial heritage. "Their efforts in safeguarding the stories and artifacts of our past are invaluable," she said. "The D&H Canal played a crucial role in the development of our region, and through the work of the Historical Society, these significant contributions are not forgotten. We are thrilled to have historian Bill Merchant with us to share his extensive knowledge and insights. This event at the Persen House is a wonderful opportunity for the community to connect with our rich history and learn more about the canal's impact on Ulster County and beyond."

To learn more about the D&H Canal Historical Society and their ongoing efforts, please visit their website at www.canalmuseum.org. For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum, please contact the Ulster County Clerk's Archives at (845) 340-3415 or archives@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also visit us online at

https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house or on Facebook for updates and announcements.



Summer Camp Season is Getting Closer by the Day

As the Summer Camp season is getting closer by the day, we are thrilled to announce that Callie Radday has joined our team as the Executive Director of Camping Services. Callie is a seasoned camp and youth development professional with over 10 years of experience managing day and overnight camp programs. Most recently, she served as the Director of Programs at Trail Blazers in Brooklyn, where she led the strategic vision and success of their program portfolio.

Callie brings significant expertise in program evaluation, budget management, and strategic planning. She is dedicated to fostering staff development and enjoys collaborating across departments to ensure a cohesive and high-quality experience for campers, families, and staff alike.

Callie has a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from James Madison University, and recently completed the Executive Leadership Program at Columbia Business School. She is thrilled to join the team at Frost Valley YMCA, and is eager to contribute to its continued success and legacy.

Callie attributes her love of camp to when, "nearly 15 years ago, I accepted a position working as a lifeguard and camp counselor at a small camp program for children and young adults with special needs. What was at first a summer job and meant to be a fun, new adventure, quickly became a transformative and lifechanging experience," She recalls before elaborating that "over the course of that summer and the many that followed, I gained confidence, developed new skills, found my voice as a leader, and built meaningful friendships that remain some of my closest all these years later." Most importantly, she shares her key takeaway that has shaped her career: "I learned first-hand the unique value and power of camp, and a passion for fostering challenge and opportunity for all through camp."

Callie can be reached by email at

CampDirector@frostvalley.org with questions or comments.

Please join us in welcoming Callie to the Frost Valley community!





Community Art Series Exhibit

The Library is proud to host an art exhibit series in our RDN Community Room, featuring a rotation of local New York Artists.

This month's exhibit...

"Woodland Gardens"

by Susan Dollard



Opening Reception will be held on

<u>Saturday, June 15th,</u> from 1:00pm — 3:00pm

Please join us as we welcome Susan and her beautiful artwork. Refreshments will be provided.

<u>Exhibit Viewing from</u> <u>Saturday, June 15th – Saturday, July 13th</u>

For viewing availability, please call the front desk before planning your visit.

Susan Dollard is a multimedia artist whose work ranges from impressionistic pastel renderings to gelatin prints and monoprints. She has lived in Smallwood, NY for close to 50 years. As an avid gardener, many of her works reflect her love of nature, woodlands and simple country living.

She graduated with a MS in Art Education and Elementary Education from SUNY New Paltz and taught elementary school for 30 years. Susan often collaborates with her husband Tim, a rustic woodworker. Susan has exhibited her work locally in Sullivan and Orange Counties, and won a Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Regrant in 2009, 2010 and 2011.



Monticello-Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library 479 Broadway Monticello, New York 12701-1300 (845)794-4660 https://ebcpl.org



IN THE MIDST OF TICK SEASON, GILLIBRAND CALLS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LYME DISEASE RESEARCH

• New York Was The Number One State For Reported Cases of Lyme Disease In 2022

• In 2022 Alone, New York Reported More Than 16 000 Cases

16,000 Cases

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In the midst of tick season, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to announce her push for federal funding to research tick-borne illnesses. Ticks are widespread throughout Upstate New York and transmit a number of dangerous diseases, including Lyme disease, which can lead to serious complications and complex chronic conditions that have not been well-studied. Gillibrand is pushing for nearly \$200 million for research to understand the full impact of Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses in the Fiscal Year 2025 government funding bill.

"Lyme disease, other tick-borne illnesses, and the sometimes lifelong complications they cause are poorly studied. Additional research can help us find better treatments and preventative measures for the thousands of Americans who suffer from Lyme and the millions more who live in high-risk areas," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am fighting to include almost \$200 million in next year's government funding bill to fund critical research to understand the full impact of Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses and help us combat the often devastating and life-altering impacts of these illnesses."

Specifically, Gillibrand is calling for:

1. \$30 million for the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a national strategy to address vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases.

2. \$30 million for the CDC to further their Lyme disease and tickborne illness work.

3. \$9 million to support the Department of Defense's Tick-Borne Disease Research Program. Because many military bases are located in regions with large tick populations, service members and their families are at particularly high risk for tick-borne illnesses. 4. \$130 million for Lyme and tick-borne disease research at the National Institutes of Health.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection carried by deer ticks, which can be transmitted through a bite to a human or animal. If left untreated, the bacterium Borrelia burgdorferi travels through the bloodstream, manifests itself in body tissues, and causes mild or severe symptoms, depending on the case. Lyme disease begins as a rash at the location of the tick bite and then spreads to the nervous system, heart, and joints. Early diagnosis and antibiotic treatment are crucial to recovery, and appropriate antibiotic use in the early stages of Lyme disease typically results in a swift recovery. Untreated and undiagnosed Lyme disease can lead to debilitating effects on a person's health. For more information on reported New York Lyme disease cases by county, click here. https://apps.health.ny.gov/public/tabvis/PHIG_Public/chirs/report s/#county

Senator Gillibrand has long fought for federal resources for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease. Gillibrand secured the Kay Hagan Tick Act in the 2019 yearly government funding package, and her tireless advocacy has delivered increased federal funding for Lyme and tick-borne disease research.





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Primetimers Trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets

The Primetimers of Temple Sholom is sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlet Mall in Bethlehem, PA on Thursday, July 18th .

The bus leaves at 9:00 AM from Temple Sholom Parking Lot at 5 East Dillon Road, Monticello, NY.

Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping. Cost is \$55 including tip and \$30 free slot play. Deadline is July 1st.

> For further info and reservations, call Paula at 845-794-2314.

Our book tent is open! Come check it out

There's something for everyone! Bag of books is \$4.00

Daniel Pierce Library

Something for everyone:



Hardcovers: \$.50 Paperbacks: \$.25

Children's Books: \$.50



DVDs & CDs: \$1
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Please DO NOT leave book donations under that book tent.

Please contact Michelle to make an appointment.



We appreciate donations for our White Elephant table Sundown United Methodist Church Hall (Intersection of Sundown Rd, Peekamoose Rd & Greenville Rd, Sundown, NY 12740)

Neversink River Craft Co-0p will open the 2024 Season













On June 30th the Neversink River Craft Co-0p will open the 2024 season in Frost Valley with a show of new work, including locally handcrafted pottery, jewelry. woodworking, resin art, stained glass, paintings, and more. Open dates are Sundays, June 30, July 14, 28 and August 11. From 10 AM to 5 PM, at 2554 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY.

From Rt 55 in Grahamsville, go up Claryville Road and just past the church in Claryville take Frost Valley Road for three miles to the NRCC sign. We welcome you to meet the artists, visit, and shop for unique traditional and contemporary American fine crafts. For information call 845-985-2016.

International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil

A Time to Remember. A Time to Act.



Join us as we raise awareness about overdoses and reduce the stigma surrounding drug-related deaths.

Hear state and local leaders talk about what is being done to bartle the oploid crisis in our community. Open your hearts as families share their stories of loved ones who lost their battle with substance use. Remember those who have passed and celebrate those in recovery. Meet organizations and learn about resources created to face this crisis head on.

Local first responders, music and dance artists and bagpipers will join us in front of the Sullivan County Courthouse, which will be illuminated in purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

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



Thursday • August 29, 2024

For more information, contact Lindsay Wheat, Sullivan 180 Outreach Program Manager, at Lindsay@Sullivan180.org or (845) 295-2683.



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CATSKILLS

The Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project Presents

2024 BOWHUNTER YOUTH CAMP



JULY 13 & 14

9am-5pm Saturday, 9am-3pm Sunday

The Youth Bowhunter Camp is open to all youths ages 11 to 16 in DEC region 3 which includes Sullivan, Orange, Rockland, Westchester, Ulster, Dutchess And Putnam Counties.

Held each year at the Sullivan County Conservation Club in Ferndale NY, area youths enjoy an informative, no cost archery camp. With an emphasis on SAFETY, and covering everything from arrow making to tracking, campers will learn almost everything they need to know to begin Bowhunting. The program is run by NYS DEC certified Hunter Education Safety Instructors, and all youths completing the camp will leave with their Bowhunter safety certificate required to purchase a NYS Archery License.

Space is limited, and admission to Youth Camp will be determined by a brief essay each applicant will include with this application explaining their interest in learning to bowhunt. The deadline for all applications will be June 30.

Applications should be submitted to:

Harry Walker Sullivan County Archers 149 South Shore Drive Wurtsboro, NY 12790

Phone: (845)794-6752 Email: bowbender@hvc.rr.com



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Tri-Valley Elementary School UPK REGISTRATION

If you have a child that will be 4 years old by December 1, 2024 please call us at

845-985-2296 ext. 5405

Or send an email to: <u>registration@trivalleycsd.org</u> and leave your name, your child's name and phone number where you can be reached.

The Primetimers of Temple Shalom in Monticello sponsoring A Day on Your Own Bus Trip to New York City

Wednesday, August 14

Donation is \$55.00 round trip, including gratuity

The bus leaves the **Temple parking lot** on **East Dillon Road** at **8:15** AM and will return at approximately **8:00** PM Checks should be made out to Primetimers

Call Paula for further information and reservations at 561-504-7192



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Workshop To Be Offered on A Caregiver's Guide to a Safe Home

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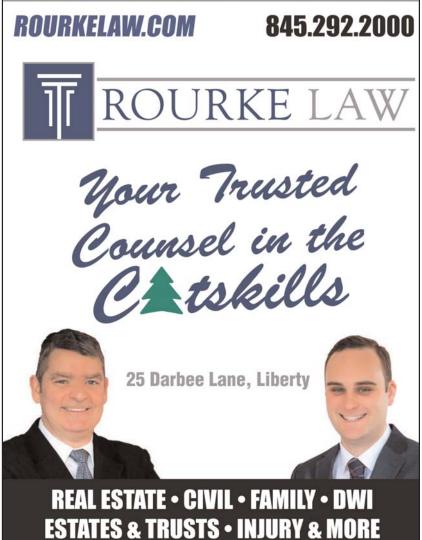
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The Caregiver Resource Center is a partnership between CCE Sullivan and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County and is supported in part by grant funding from the NYS Office for the Aging's Caregiver Program, NYS Department of Health.

Gillibrand Announces Legislation to Double Grant, Make College More Affordable

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to announce the introduction of the Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act, legislation to make college more affordable for working families. The Federal Pell Grant Program offers low-income students grants of up to \$7,395 each academic year to offset the cost of an undergraduate degree. At its peak in the 1970s, the maximum Pell Grant covered more than 75% of the cost of attending a four-year public college. Today, it covers less than a third. Gillibrand's legislation would double the maximum Pell Grant and expand eligibility for the program to help ensure that a college education is not out of reach for working families.

"As the cost of college skyrockets and federal financial aid programs fail to keep up, too many low-income students are forced to take on crippling amounts of debt or to drop out of school entirely," said Senator Gillibrand. "This bill acknowledges that \$7,395 - the maximum current Pell Grant simply isn't enough to help with cost of attendance of \$30K or more. By doubling the maximum Pell Grant, expanding access for part-time students, and automatically qualifying the fami-



lies most in need, the Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act will help put a college degree within reach for all students who want one, regardless of background. I look forward to getting it passed."

In New York, approximately 370,000 students receive Pell Grants. Over one-third of SUNY students—including over 40 percent of SUNY community college enrollees—are Pell eligible. These grants provide a lifeline for working families to help to afford a college education both at four-year institutions and community colleges. 63 percent of Pell Grant funds go to students whose families earn 30,000 dollars annually, and an estimated 92 percent of Pell Grant recipients had a total family income at or below 60,000 dollars

Specifically, the Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act would:

1. Increase the Pell Grant maximum award to \$10,000 for the 2025-2026 academic year and nearly double the award over the next four years to \$14,000 for the 2029-30 academic year and beyond.

2. Automatically qualify low-income students enrolled in federal benefit programs like SNAP or Medicaid for the maximum award, and to receive an extra award of up to \$1,500 in addition to the maximum Pell award (\$15,500 total).

3. Shift the Pell Grant program to fully mandatory funding to ensure that students can count on receiving their Pell Grants throughout their time in college, irrespective of potential federal budget cuts.

4. Make students eligible to receive the Pell Grant for 18 semesters instead of the current 12 in order to accommodate students taking fewer credits per semester over a longer period of time.

5. Broaden access to Pell for part-time students to ensure that students who can only take a few classes at a time are able to retain access to aid as the maximum award grows.

Governor Hochul Joins Attorney General James and Bill Sponsors to Sign Nation-Leading Legislation to Restrict Addictive Social Media Feeds and Protect Kids Online

 Legislation S.7694A/A.8148A Establishes the SAFE For Kids Act To Put First-in-the-Nation Restrictions on Addictive Social Media Feeds for Minors

• Legislation S.7695B/A.8149A Enables the New York Child Data Protection Act To Prohibit Online Sites from Collecting Personal Data of Minors Without Consent

 New York Establishes the Nation's Most Stringent Protections To Safeguard Kids on Social Media

Builds on the Governor's Ongoing Efforts To Address the Youth Mental Health Crisis

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed nation-leading legislation to combat addictive social media feeds and protect kids online. Legislation S.7694A/A.8148A establishes the Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation (SAFE) For Kids Act to require social media companies to restrict addictive feeds on their platforms for users under 18. Legislation S.7695B/A.8149A enables the New York Child Data Protection Act to prohibit online sites from collecting, using, sharing or selling personal data of anyone under the age of 18, unless they receive informed consent or unless doing so is strictly necessary for the purpose of the website.

"Young people across the nation are facing a mental health crisis fueled by addictive social media feeds - and New York is leading the way with a new model for addressing the crisis and protecting our kids," Governor Hochul said. "By reining in addictive feeds and shielding kids' personal data, we'll provide a safer digital environment, give parents more peace of mind, and create a brighter future for young people across New York."

The Governor was joined at today's bill signing by Attorney General Letitia James and bill sponsors State Senator Andrew Gounardes and State Assemblymember Nily Rozic, marking the culmination of a jointly led push to pass and sign this nation-leading legislation.

With this newly signed legislation, New York has established the nation's most stringent protections to safeguard kids on social media. This action also builds on Governor Hochul's ongoing efforts to address the youth mental health crisis.

The legislation signed today addresses critical challenges facing young people. According to an advisory issued by the U.S. Surgeon General, recent research shows that adolescents who spend more than three hours per day on social media face double the risk of experiencing poor mental health outcomes, such as symptoms of depression and anxiety. Additionally, a recent report from Pew Research Center found that six out of 10 teens say they feel they have little or no control over the personal information that social media companies collect about them. The SAFE For Kids Act

Addictive feeds, or algorithmically driven feeds, facilitate unhealthy levels of social media use. This legislation will require social media companies to restrict addictive feeds on their plat-



forms for users under 18. Unless parental consent is granted, users under 18 will not receive addictive feeds. Notably, the SAFE for Kids Act is the first bill of its kind to be signed into law in any state across the nation.

Under this law, kids may still use social media. For example, they can continue to search for specific topics of interest or subscribe to creators but will not be subject to algorithmically driven feeds that promote unhealthy levels of engagement. The law will also prohibit social media platforms from sending notifications regarding addictive feeds to minors from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. without parental consent. The law will authorize the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to enforce the law and ensure compliance, including by seeking civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation, among other remedies. And finally, it calls for the establishment of acceptable age verification and parent consent methods, to be determined by the OAG as part of a rulemaking process.

The New York Child Data Protection Act

This legislation will prohibit online sites and connected devices from collecting, using, sharing or selling personal data of anyone under the age of 18, unless they receive informed consent or unless doing so is strictly necessary for the purpose of the website. It also authorizes the OAG to enforce the law, including by seeking civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation.

Pushing the National Discussion Forward

By signing this legislation, Governor Hochul established New York as the leader in creating a safer digital environment for young people. (Contd. Pg. 38) Governor Hochul Joins Attorney General James and Bill Sponsors to Sign Nation-Leading Legislation to Restrict Addictive Social Media Feeds and Protect Kids Online

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Legislation based on the principles of the SAFE For Kids Act is being considered in California, and advocates have called for other states to introduce similar proposals.

Additionally, advocates and other stakeholders have called for greater action at the federal level. For example, in a recent op-ed, as part of a range of new ideas, the U.S. Surgeon General pushed for federal legislation that reflects some elements of the SAFE For Kids Act and New York Child Data Protection Act.

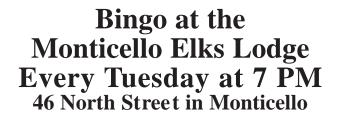
Safeguarding Teens from Online Exploitation

In addition to the legislation signed today, Governor Hochul has also taken other steps to protect young people online. As part of Governor Hochul's FY25 Enacted Budget, the Governor directed the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) to develop sextortion-focused training and technical assistance programs as well as a public facing informational website and to conduct a public awareness campaign. The training and technical assistance programs will assist both gender-based violence support organizations and law enforcement agencies seeking to support victims and investigate sextortion crimes. The public-facing website will provide educational materials for guardians and other audiences. The public awareness campaign will use social media platforms to publicize the warning signs of sextortion, technology-facilitated abuse and deepfakes.

the Youth Mental Health Crisis

As part of the Governor's \$1 billion investment in mental health statewide, Governor Hochul has also significantly expanded access to mental health care and re

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nificantly expanded access to mental health care and resources for young people and their families. This focus on youth supports and services continued with additional investments secured by the Governor in the FY25 Enacted Budget.

Governor Hochul took steps in her Enacted Budget to expand mental health support for children across the state and ensure their voices are heard, making good on an agenda she unveiled in her State of the State address in January. The Governor announced \$20 million in start-up funding for school-based mental health clinics and launched a rolling application, which will make it easier for interested schools to establish these satellites than through the state procurement process previously used. The announcement built on the \$5.1 million awarded in November to support 137 new school-based clinics, including 82 at high needs schools, and bringing the total number of clinics to more than 1,200 statewide.

The Governor's FY25 Enacted Budget also includes an investment of more than \$19 million to provide critical care to young people outside of school environments, including increasing resources for youth receiving treatment in their community or, when necessary, in residential care. Key initiatives such as the Youth Assertive Community Treatment teams, which provide wraparound services and support to young people at risk of entering residential or inpatient psychiatric treatment, have been expanded with \$9.6 million to continue serving them at home and within their community whenever possible. Additionally, the Governor secured an additional \$4 million to support a loan forgiveness program specifically for licensed mental health clinicians serving children and families.





JUNE 2024 By Ed Ostapczuk



Above, tailout of Esopus Creek Trestle Pool, downriver of the Ashokan Rail Trail foot bridge. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.

June Fishing Outing on Thursday, 6/27!

There is no chapter meeting per se scheduled for June, BUT... the chapter is hosting an evening of fishing on the Esopus Creek, followed by pizza back at the Boiceville Inn, Thursday evening, June 27. Chapter members interested in fishing with other members should meet in front of Boiceville Inn at 5:30 PM. Afterwards - from 8:30 PM on - we'll meet back at the Boiceville Inn for pizza. The chapter will supply the pizza, participants need to purchase their own drinks. The evening is open to all chapter members and friends, so come on out. If there is bad weather and/or poor water conditions (high water temperatures), an email will be sent out that evening informing members of the outing status beforehand. Please be aware of this and watch for updates.



Chapter member Tony Cocozza fishing an Esopus tributary.

Catskills Great Outdoors Expo



Russell Martin, Victoria Lawrence and Tony Cocozza greeted visitors at the Trout Unlimited table at the Expo.

On June 8, the chapter staffed a table at the Catskills Great Outdoors Expo, which was held at the Catskill Visitors Center. The weather was grand and this event was well received; we had many inquiries about Trout Unlimited. Thanks to all chapter members who stopped by and those who worked the table. Help Trout Beat the Heat

Given the hot June we've experienced of late, and climbing water temperatures throughout the Catskills, PLEASE TAKE HEED of this fishing guidance from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/summertroutflyr.pdf

Consider when and where you fish, and maybe try some warm water fishing till water temps cool off again.

Leadership Change at the DEC

As one individual, it seems to me that in the dark of the night NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos left his post unnoticed. I first read about this in the April/May 2024 NYS Conservationist. Based upon my experiences with DEC in recent times, Seggos did a respectable job. NYS is now looking to fill that DEC position; Sean Mahar is currently serving as Interim Commissioner. You can read about Basil Seggos in this article in the Albany Times Union.

https://www.timesunion.com/capitol/article/seggos-depart-decleading-climate-plans-18681673.php Sunset view of the Ashokan Reservoir.



Ghost Towns of the Ashokan Reservoir

Chapter member Peter Marx has provided a link to an article published in Archaeology Magazine: "Ghost Towns of the Ashokan Reservoir." https://archaeology.org/issues/may-june-2024/letters-from/ghost-towns-of-the-ashokan-reservoir/

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JUNE 2024 Blue Mountains Trout News

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Given the chapter's strong connection to the Esopus Creek, I thought this would be of interest to members. The article follows Archaeologist April Beisaw of Vassar College as she explores the forested areas surrounding the reservoir, discovering remnants of the hamlets that were lost to its construction.

Get Valuable Stream Information via USGS Gages and DEP website

Often I'm surprised that the general public and many chapter members aren't aware that lots of important information about our streams is available via the internet. The United States Geological Service (USGS) maintains several datasets of "real time" stream data for various U.S. rivers and creeks, and one specifically for New York State. Typically at a minimum, stream flow data is available. Sometimes you can also find temperature and turbidity information. With summer months upon us, when our Catskill waters often warm up so much that trout fishing should be avoided, anglers should check current conditions before venturing forth.

You might want to bookmark these websites:

USGS website for New York stream flows https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ny/nwis/current/?type=flow Shandaken Tunnel (Portal) information https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/01362230/#parameterCode=00065&period=P7D&sh owMedian=false

Here's data for the Esopus Creek at Coldbrook (this gage is located where the former Coldbrook Bridge used to be, in Boiceville) *https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/01362200/#parameterCode=00065&period=P7 D&showMedian=false*

Here's the Esopus, above the Portal in Allaben (this gage is located downstream of the NY 28 bridge at the junction of NY 28 and Ulster County 42:

When you click on any if these links, they will report stream data in terms of gage height, which does not mean much to me. Thus I suggest you scroll down and click on "DISCHARGE" which provides data in CFS (cubic feet/second). Plus, some gages also provide water temperature data, but you may have to request it.

Summer trout fishers should check water temperature data from late June through early September to see if temps are too warm to fish for trout (70 F degrees or higher). If so, don't fish the Esopus below Phoenicia, but check Portal discharge water temperatures also. Generally, barring major rain events, come summer months, 90% of the Coldbrook flow is due to Portal releases. And usually, during summer months, Esopus water temperatures increase by 10 F degrees between the Portal and Coldbrook. Thus, it is possible trout fishing might still be had upstream of Phoenicia, closer to the Portal.

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) also maintains a website with current conditions of their Catskill Reservoirs. Sometimes, especially over weekends, information might lag actual conditions by a day or so:

https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/water/reservoir-levels.page

Acid Rain Report

Jody Hoyt reported during May there were seven measurable rain events recorded in Boiceville, measuring 4.75 inches, and having a 6.2 weighted average pH. By comparison, in May 2023 there were six rain events, measuring 2.35 inches, and having a 6.0 weighted average pH. While last month the region received more rain than it did the same month last year, the lack of snowmelt this year is taking its toll on our streams.

Above Average Hurricane Season Predicted

https://www.noaa.gov/news-release/noaa-predicts-above-normal-2024-atlantic-hurricane-season#:~:text=NOAA's%20outlook%20for%20the%202024,of%2039%20mph%20or%20higher As an aside, after the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recorded the warmest year on record in 2023, they now predict an active, above average hurricane season for 2024.

Membership

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

Until next time, Ed Ostapczuk June 23, 2024

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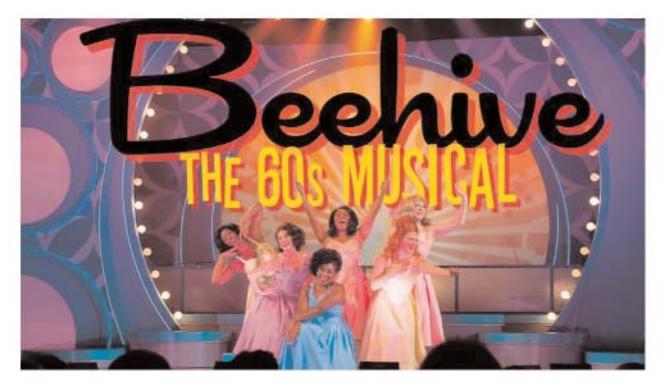
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Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Presents:

"A Taste of Broadway III"

The Shadowland Theatre at 157 Canal St. is featuring this rollicking '60's Broadway musical coupled with lunch at Gaby's Café, 141 Canal St., Ellenville, NY.

Date: Sunday, August 25th - Lunch at 11:45, 2 pm show.

Price: \$99 includes lunch, show and fundraiser.

*If you are a paid season subscriber to Shadowland, your price is \$74.

(Please make check payable to: "ERH Auxiliary" along with your phone #, choice of entrée and if you are a season subscriber.

Mail to Helene Morris, PO Box 105 Spring Glen, NY 12483 Call 845-210-7120 with any seating requirements or questions.

"A TASTE OF BROADWAY III"

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Start/Open Seating (Cash Bar)

<u>Menu</u> Chips & Salsa Gaby's House Salad Choice of Entrees

Pollo 5 de Mauso

Egg battered, pan seared chicken breast with capers, fresh tomatoes in a reduction of fresh garlic, white wine and lemon juice.

Pernil al Horns

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style

Pasta Primancra

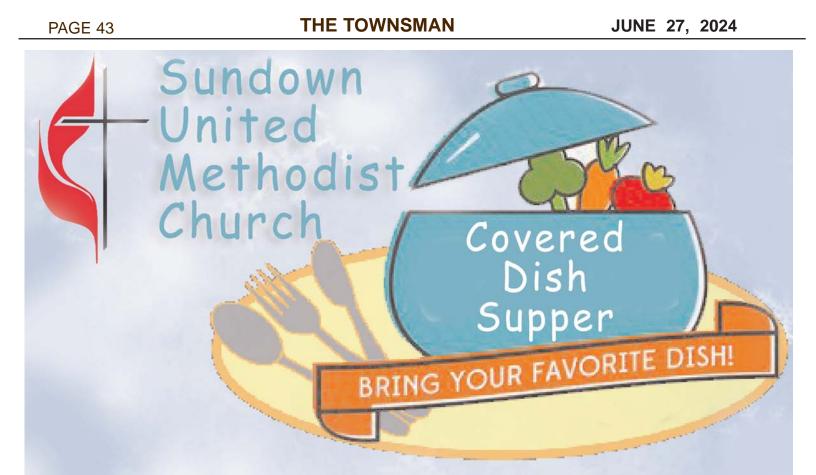
Roasted Vegetable over Pasta

Dessert

Assorted Cookies,

Soda/Coffee/Tea Included

(Please call Helene Morris. Auxiliary Event Coordinator at 845-210-7120 with your selection)



July 6, 2024 5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share Enjoy good food and fellowship

and don't forget to check out the tables filled with a variety of collectibles, household items and more that will be available for sale

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New, Used, and Handmade items -- Something for Everyone!!

When: Saturday, August 24th, 2024

Rain or Shine

Where: Claryville Fire Dept. 1500 Denning Rd Claryville, NY 12725

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Setup start time: 8 AM Break Down by 3 PM - *vendors must stay until 3pm*

Regulations for Sellers:

- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafts on a first come first serve basis.
- Food will be available for sale throughout the day
- FEE \$20 per table. Tables are 8ft long or 8ft picnic table (If you require the use of an outlet \$25 per table)- tables are provided.
- **Claryville Fire Dept is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise**

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at 845-807-6563; email at claryvillefd@gmail.com.

Payment and registration must be submitted by July 1 to reserve your spot. Payment will no longer be accepted on the day of the event!



CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 65

1500 DENNING ROAD · CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725 845-985-7270

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 24th, 2024

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name:			
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	_Zip:
Telephone number:	Email:		
Description of Merchan	dise:		:
# of tables needed:	Electricity needed (ins	ide the building only).	: Yes No
Choose type of table:	8ft table or	8ft picnic table ((outside)
Please check if you wo	uld like to be either outside	under the pavilion o	or inside the building.
spots inside the buil	ding are first come first serv	ve based on postage	date of application
Pavilion:	Inside the building:		
Amount Due:	Check if paid: cas	h:	check #:
Signature of vendor:		Date:	
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THE TOWNSMAN



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JUNE 27, 2024

Statement on Education Secetary Visit to Ulster County & Hudson Valley

Ulster County, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement on U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona's visit to Ulster County and the Hudson Valley to discuss career pathway programs and community colleges:

"It's great to see the Secretary of Education take an interest in Ulster County and the Hudson Valley. It's absolutely essential that we place an emphasis on workforce development, vocational education, and growing partnerships with registered apprenticeship programs and organized labor - giving our students the opportunity to succeed and build their futures right here in New York. As the Department of Education examines our local needs, I'd also encourage them to focus on growing pathways to employment for students with disabilities, so every student, of every ability, has the ability to succeed. Education and workforce development isn't a Republican versus Democrat issue. So I'm eager to collaborate on this effort to create opportunities and uplift Ulster County and the Hudson Valley region."

Molinaro Celebrates NYS Court Ruling Protecting Sullivan County Duck and Goose Farmers

Liberty, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today released the following statement celebrating the ruling by the New York State Supreme Court against New York City's foie gras ban:

A New York City ban on foie gras would devastate those who can least afford it in Sullivan County - where duck and goose farming account for millions of dollars in economic output. I've been fighting alongside our farming community in hopes that the court would see New York City's ban as it is: government overreach. Today's decision marks another victory in our fight. New York City should not be allowed to meddle in Upstate New York's agricultural industry."



Background:

Since taking office, Rep. Molinaro has fought against New York City's foie gras ban and appealed directly to New York City Mayor Eric Adams to drop the ban in light of the importance of this industry to Sullivan County.

SC Legislator Luis Alvarez Statement on Local Foie Gras Farms

Sullivan County District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez today made the following statement regarding the June 21st decision by the NYS Supreme Court, affirming the State's position on local foie gras farms.

"Well over 400 people and many local businesses depend on the continued existence and success of our foie gras farms. These agricultural operations play a crucial role in both our local economy and culture, and I am very happy that the NYS Supreme Court has reaffirmed their right to function free of unreasonable government interference."

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



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

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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



For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



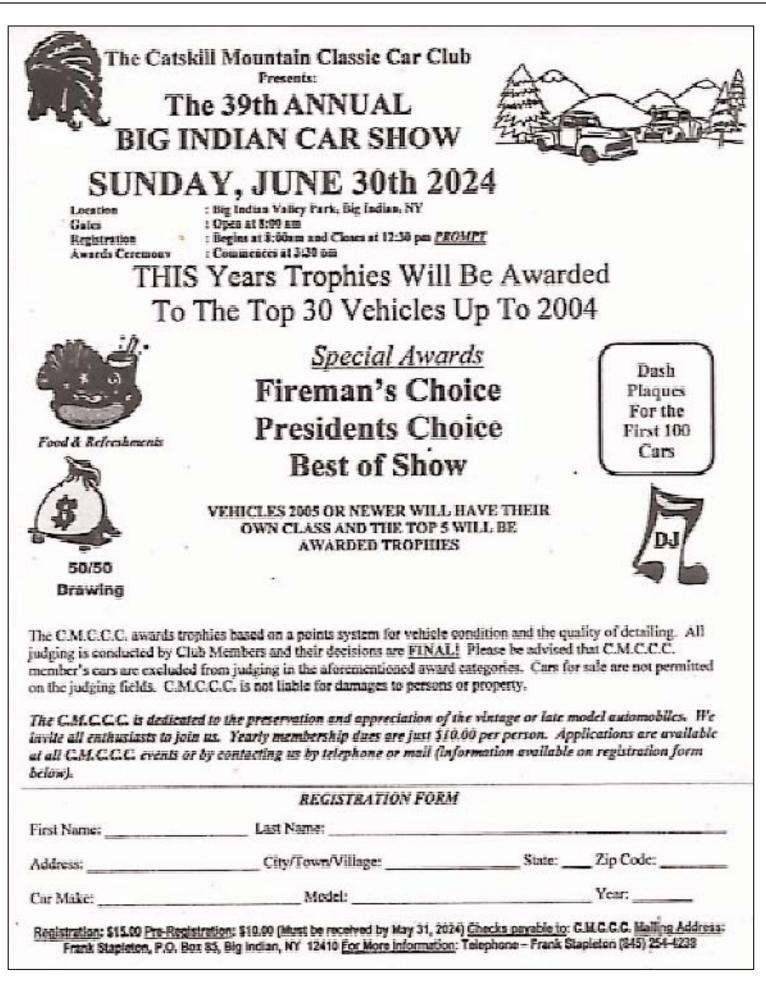
Sunday, July 21st

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13 Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11 Children Ages 5-11: \$5 Under 5 Yrs. Free Take-outs: \$13 Call 845-985-7270

Pancakes, French Toast, 3 eggs any style, Hash brown, Sausage, Man-n-moon, Spud-eggo, Oj, Coffee / Tea

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry





ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB BOX 25 CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725 PHONE 845-985-2943 or 845-985 7162 EMAIL bungst01@gmail.com GLENN EMAIL tmatthewsm88@gmail.com TOM

2024 SHOW DATES

THURSDAY 7/4/24: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT, NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:00 PM PARADE LINE UP 11:30 AM. PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 25; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN DATE 7/6/24.

SATURDAY 7/13/24 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, MAIN STREET WURTSBORO, NEW YORK 12790

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:30 PM PRICE \$15:00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 30; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW.

SUNDAY 8/11/24 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM PRICE \$15:00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 40; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW

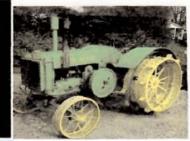
SATURDAY 9/21/24 OUTPOST BBQ SHOW

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

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







COME JOIN US FOR THE

THE NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION'S 24th ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOW

on

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 from 10 am - 6 pm (rain date Sept. 22) at the GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS

COST: \$5 PER CAR

*****<u>IT'S THE YEAR OF THE JOHN DEERE*****</u>

(But all tractor models are welcome!)

Several makes/model tractors & farm equipment w/hit & miss engines, shingle mill, sawmill A showroom of antique household and farm machinery

Food by our Grahamsville Fire Dept. & Tri-Valley Little League including a Chicken BBQ Dinner from 4-6 pm (pre-orders available at <u>fd.grahamsville@gmail.com</u>)

Beer Garden w/Bridge & Tunnel brewery & entertainment by Jon Zanger & DJ Mark Hyser

Craft, yard sale, sports and machinery equipment vendors Hayrides, Pedal Tractors, Timmy the Train, Tractor Bingo & more TRACTOR PARADE @ 1 PM

Trophies awarded for

Best Featured Tractor (John Deere), Best Restored Tractor, Best Original Condition Tractor, Best Garden Tractor, Best Young Adult (13-21) Tractor, Furthest Traveled Tractor and to all Tractors from ages 12 and under.

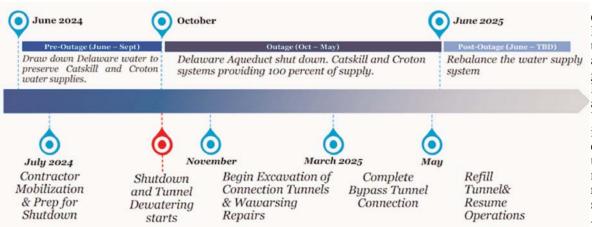
> Classic and antique vehicles welcome. Club membership not required. ALL TRACTORS MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN SHOW

Want more info? Contact: Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081 or Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401 (if no answer leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible)

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

New York City Prepares for Delaware Aqueduct Repair with Temporary Aqueduct Tunnel Closure Starting October 1, 2024

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is set to commence essential repairs on the Delaware Aqueduct by temporarily shutting down the Rondout to West Branch Tunnel (RWBT) portion of the Aqueduct starting October 1, 2024, with modified pre-shutdown water supply management operations commencing this summer. Background on the Project



Identified initially in the early 1990s, two significant leaks in the aqueduct deep underground have been causing a daily loss of about 30 million gallons of water per day. One leak is located near Newburgh, and the other in Wawarsing, Ulster County. To tackle this issue, in 2021, the DEP completed a 2.5-mile bypass tunnel under the Hudson River just north of the City of Newburgh to replace the most compromised segment of the aqueduct. Additionally, a smaller leak in Wawarsing will be addressed

during this repair phase. This extensive process requires the complete shutdown and drainage of the Delaware Aqueduct's RWBT to integrate it with the new bypass section.

The planned eight-month shutdown was initially scheduled for the previous year but was postponed to allow for further testing and to mitigate impacts in the areas of the leaks.

Preparations for the Shutdown

In anticipation of the shutdown, starting in June 2024, the DEP will modify water management strategies to increasingly rely on the northern and eastern Catskill and Croton Systems. This adjustment will help manage the water levels across the city's 19 reservoirs, accommodate seasonal usage patterns, and ensure adequate water supply while minimizing any risk of overflow or spills.

During the shutdown, fluctuations in reservoir water levels may differ from typical seasonal patterns, with some reservoirs east of the Hudson River likely experiencing notable temporary reductions in capacity.

Impacts on Recreation

While the shutdown will affect some recreational activities, most will remain available on DEP lands and waters.

• In the Delaware System (the Cannonsville, Pepacton, Neversink, and Rondout reservoirs in Delaware, Sullivan, and Ulster counties), activities such as recreational boating and fishing will continue on all reservoirs as usual. The Neversink, Cannonsville, and Pepacton will continue to support recreational boating throughout the season. During any periods of lower water levels, accessing the water for fishing and boating might require a longer walk, but all land-based activities, such as hunting, hiking, and trapping, will continue without interruption. Water releases into Delaware River tributaries and the Neversink River will proceed as per the Flexible Flow Management Program (FFMP). Depending on seasonal precipitation, the releases may remain higher than usual during the pre-shutdown phase as DEP plans to lower the Cannonsville, Pepacton, and Neversink reservoirs to below 70 percent of capacity by the time of the shutdown.

• In the Catskill System (the Ashokan and Schoharie reservoirs in Ulster, Schoharie, and Greene counties), fishing from both shore and boat at Schoharie and Ashokan reservoirs will continue as usual, with Schoharie also supporting recreational boating all season. Similar to the Delaware system, lower water levels during the shutdown may impact routine water access but won't restrict other activities. Releases to the lower Esopus Creek during the shutdown will also continue pursuant to the Interim Release Protocol, including the Conditional Season Storage Objective of 90 percent capacity in the Ashokan from mid-October through mid-March.

• The Croton System (12 reservoirs and 3 controlled lakes in Westchester and Putnam counties) will maintain fishing access across all of its reservoirs, and hunting, hiking, and trapping will remain unrestricted. In-stream water discharges, however, may vary from typical conditions. Moreover, fluctuating water levels will necessitate ice fishing restrictions at several reservoirs during the winter of 2024-2025. As part of the planned modified pre-shutdown operations, release flows in the West Branch Croton River from Boyd Corners Reservoir all the way to the Muscoot Reservoir will be reduced to seasonal minimums this summer and/or during the shutdown period. Also, starting this summer, releases from the East Branch and Diverting reservoirs into the East Branch Croton River will be reduced by at least half. During the shutdown starting Oct. 1, releases from East Branch Reservoir will be increased significantly above normal to increase flow into the Croton Falls Reservoir to augment the City's supply system.

Stay Informed

• The Delaware Aqueduct is expected to fully reopen in May 2025, after which DEP will work on rebalancing the water supply across the Delaware, Catskill, and Croton systems. Given the project's complexity, real-time weather and environmental conditions may impact reservoir levels, water releases, and stream conditions, thereby influencing both repair progress and recreational activities.

• For the latest updates on the shutdown and its impacts, please visit the DEP website or follow the DEP Watershed Facebook page. Additionally, DEP has released a detailed presentation on the project, which includes projected reservoir levels during the shutdown.

• DEP Website: New York City Department of Environmental Protection https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/whats-new/delaware-aqueduct-shutdown-impact-upstate.page

• Follow us on Facebook: NYC Watershed

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Shady United Methodist Church Summertime Fair & Yard Sale Saturday, July 13 9AM - 1PM

Breakfast & Lunch

Bake Table, Craft Table, Quilted Items, Plants, White Elephant & Great Food!

Quilted Items, Wall Hangings, Table Runners, Placemats, Mugmats, Trivets etc.!

Shady United Methodist Church Church Road, Shady 5 miles West of Woodstock on Rt. 212



After a busy week breaking ground at iPark 87 with Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, holding Central Hudson accountable, rolling out landmark reproductive freedom legislation, and discussing investments in our infrastructure and economies with the Deputy Secretary of Transportation Polly Trottenberg at Stewart Airport, I wanted to give an update on how I spent this week in the Hudson Valley fighting for you: BREAKING GROUND ON iPARK 87 WITH SECRETARY CARDONA

I was honored that on Thursday, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona joined us to break ground on the new, cutting-edge workforce development center for Ulster BOCES, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Ulster, and Ulster County. Watch here !

I've proudly fought to revitalize iPark 87 since my first day as County Executive and now, we're sending a message that the workforce of the future starts right here in the Hudson Valley.

This landmark investment in Hudson Valley students and families has been years in the making and I want to thank everyone whose tireless efforts made it all possible.

My grandfather worked at this site for 36 years when it was an engine of economic growth and good paying jobs for hardworking families across the region. Now, for the first time in my lifetime, I can envision my two young boys and the entire next generation having that same opportunity.

SUPER CHARGING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCA-TION OPPORTUNITIES

I'm grateful that Secretary Cardona then joined me to meet with leaders from our local teachers' unions and for a conversation with local leaders in education, including Dutchess County College President Dr. Peter Jordan, and administration and students from Newburgh and Arlington school districts to discuss our shared work in ensuring that NY-18 students have every opportunity to thrive in the 21st century economy.

HOLDING CENTRAL HUDSON ACCOUNTABLE

As your County Executive and your Congressman, but most importantly, as your neighbor and fellow ratepayer, we've fought this battle against Central Hudson together for years. I always said we'd never back down until every ratepayer was made whole - last week, we finally held them accountable.

This historic \$60+ million settlement, paid for solely by shareholders, and including direct relief for ratepayers, is a direct result of collective and relentless advocacy, particularly the tireless efforts of everyone at PULP. These multi-billion dollar monopolies have more than enough power and profits last week, we returned that power to Hudson Valley families.

But the fight isn't over yet. I promise I'll continue to hold their feet to the fire and stand up against Central Hudson's outrageous proposed rate hikes.

FIGHTING FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Two years after the devastating Dobbs decision, far-right extremists continue to escalate their attacks on reproductive freedom. Trump now has a detailed playbook to weaponize the Comstock Act, an archaic law from 1873 that would impose a nationwide abortion ban and criminalize women receiving and doctors providing life-saving care. This is a hidden ticking time-bomb that must be immediately defused. That's why I joined with colleagues to introduce the Stop Comstock Act to halt them in their tracks.

The stakes could not be higher, and the choice could not be clearer - without this new legislation, Donald Trump and his antifreedom allies could impose an abortion ban in New York on his first day in office.

As long as these extremists continue their campaign to rip away reproductive rights, we'll continue our fight to protect them.

INVESTING IN STEWART AIRPORT AND HUDSON VALLEY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) unlocked billions of dollars to revitalize our transportation infrastructure, and create thousands of good-paying jobs along the way. I'm pushing every day to deliver those dollars and jobs right here to the Hudson Valley. Stewart Airport alone received over \$8.7 million in BIL funding and has received over \$25.6 million in federal investments since 2012 to rehabilitate its runways.

Friday, I joined with U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg at Stewart Airport to discuss how the impact of the federal investments in Stewart doesn't end at the airport terminal - it stimulates economic growth for the entire region.

Local leaders in government, business, and transportation joined Deputy Secretary Trottenberg and I to discuss how we're building on the millions of dollars we've already secured for Stewart to chart the course for new and creative partnerships, like those with the RedTail Flight Academy, to create new jobs and expand transportation options across the region.

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

"Freedom is not a state; it is an act." - Rep. John Lewis

Thank you to everyone who joined in Kingston's profoundly moving Juneteenth celebration and historic moment of the opening of the African Cultural Center.

On Juneteenth, we celebrate how the word of freedom traveled from the battlefield in Gettysburg to finally reach Galveston, Texas. How long it took just for word of the Emancipation Proclamation to spread, how much longer the road to true freedom was and is.

In the Hudson Valley, we have many places that have lined the history of that road - from the Underground railroad that traveled up the Hudson River Valley to the Ulster County Courthouse where Sojourner Truth fought for and won her son's freedom.

Last weekend, we celebrated adding another one of these landmarks to the map with the opening of the Kingston African Cultural Center - I hope you can make it over for a visit soon! BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

My team's had a great time this summer directly assisting seniors at the Dutchess County senior picnics and helping families at farmers' markets across the Hudson Valley.

If you need assistance with a federal agency, anything from VA benefits to Social Security to passports, or just want to say hi to my team, join them at one of this upcoming week's events! CONGRATULATING PASTOR GAYLE JOHNSON

Pastor Gayle Johnson of the New Central Baptist Church in Kingston has led a life grounded in service - the roots of that service run deep, far, and wide throughout the Hudson Valley from serving on the Executive Board of the Ulster County NAACP to founding the Community of Churches.

I was honored to join faith leaders from across the region to celebrate as she became the first woman Pastor at New Central Baptist Church.

The energy and love at the celebration was palpable - congratulations Pastor Johnson, our community is lucky to have you! (Contd. Pg. 58)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 57)

ENJOYING AMERICA'S PASTIME FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Playing in the Congressional Baseball Game was more than just a cool experience - it was a privilege to take part in an important, and all too rare moment, when everyone comes together to support a good cause, raising over \$2 million for charity.

Read my interview about playing in the game here ! https://www.recordonline.com/story/sports/2024/06/13/pat-ryan-plays-in-congressional-baseball-game/74092426007/?utm_cam-paign=snd-autopilot

KEEPING SAFE IN RECORD HEAT

With dangerous heat last week expected to recur throughout the summer, please be safe, check on neighbors who might be at risk. Find a cooling center near you here or for assistance locating one near you, please reach out to my team at (845) 443-2930.

BRINGING THE OTISVILLE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

I'm grateful that Maria from my team was able to attend the grand opening of the Old School Community Center in Otisville.

Maria presented a Congressional Record to Allison Miller and the Friends of the Otisville School for their tireless efforts in creating what will surely become a staple in the lives of Otisville families for generations to come.

A huge congratulations to the Friends of the Otisville School and the entire community on an exciting day!

UC Executive Metzger Applauds PSC Decision Holding Central Hudson Accountable \$64.59 million in costs will be absorbed by Shareholders - not Ratepayers

KINGSTON, NY - County Executive Jen Metzger lauded today's unanimous decision by the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) approving a \$64.59 million settlement agreement with Central Hudson to be paid by shareholders, not ratepayers, for the failed implementation of the Company's new billing system that was rolled out three years ago. The County Executive has been pressing the Commission and the Department of Public Service (DPS) to complete the investigation and bring justice for customers before taking any decision on Fortis/Central Hudson's new rate plan.

"I want to thank the Chair Christian and the Commission for today's decision, which rightly penalizes Fortis/Central Hudson shareholders, including the company's top management, for the harm inflicted on thousands of residents and small businesses by mismanaging billing and cutting costs for the sake of profit," said County Executive Metzger, who also co-founded and previously directed the utility watchdog, Citizens for Local Power. "It was important for the Commission to complete the investigation and prudence review before issuing any Order on the rate case to ensure justice for ratepayers, hold the Fortis/Central Hudson accountable, and prevent utility behavior like this in the future."

County Executive Metzger applauded the creation of a \$4 million customer fund and requirements for independent monitoring of compliance, as well as potential enforcement actions in the future should the company fail to deliver monthly meter readings on schedule. Importantly, shareholders and not ratepayers will pay the costs of implementing monthly meter reads. The County Executive had earlier pressed the PSC and DPS for both changes relating to meter reading-the switch to a monthly schedule and the assignment of those additional costs to shareholders. She also called for an independent audit of the billing system in a letter to the Commission in May 2023, and applauded the decision of the Commission several months later to install an Independent Billing Monitor at Fortis/Central Hudson.

The County's involvement in this issue stretches back to 2022, when former County Executive Pat Ryan held a hearing on Fortis/Central Hudson billing issues after receiving numerous complaints from residents, and successfully pressed for an investigation by DPS, which issued a scathing report of the company and its billing system in December 2022. In both the Ryan and Metzger administrations, the Office of County Executive has been pressing for remedies from regulators while working continuously with constituents, DPS Office of Consumer Services Staff, and Central Hudson in efforts to remedy billing errors and push for much needed change.

"As your County Executive and your Congressman, but most importantly, as your neighbor and fellow ratepayer, we've fought this battle against Central Hudson together for years. I always said we'd never back down until every ratepayer was made whole - today, we finally held them accountable," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "This settlement, paid for solely by shareholders, and including direct relief for ratepayers, is a direct result of collective and relentless advocacy, particularly the tireless efforts of everyone at PULP. These multi-billion dollar monopolies have more than enough power and profits today, we returned that power to Hudson Valley families. But the fight isn't over yet. I promise I'll continue to hold their feet to the fire and stand up against Central Hudson's outrageous proposed rate hikes."

"My constituents and I are relieved to see a long overdue decision come out of the investigation of Central Hudson's billing practices that have affected thousands since 2021," said Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha. "While we find this to be a welcome step, we'll be digging into the details to fully analyze the merit of the settlement and ensure there are robust monitoring protocols included. I want to note that we recently heard from a ratepayer who lives in an RV and didn't get a bill for over a year, and when they finally did, it was for \$6,000. With unresolved billing issues like these, we urge both the PSC and Central Hudson to pause account shutoffs until every case has been resolved. Considering how much time we've given Central Hudson to fix the issues, the same consideration should be given to customers so that they can catch up with their bills without losing access to energy."

"The decision today by the PSC is a major step forward in finally holding Central Hudson accountable for its negligent billing practices that have been plaguing customers since 2021," Michelle Hinchey. "Despite having years to fix said Senator its system, Central Hudson has passed the buck and, in doing so, has failed to take accountability or right the wrongs they have caused. This settlement finally forces Central Hudson to change its practices while also protecting ratepayers by ensuring that shareholders will be the ones paying this cost. While this ruling forces a systemic change within Central Hudson, it does not change the fact that individual customers have been harmed, with many continuing to face billing problems still today. The process for individuals to seek justice directly with the PSC still stands, and those affected should file independent cases with the Department of Public Service (DPS). This settlement reinforces what we've been fighting for since 2021 when we introduced the bill to ban estimated billing once and for all: that Central Hudson has failed in their responsibility to provide reliable service to their customers and must work to (Contd. Pg. 59)

UC Executive Metzger Applauds PSC Decision Holding Central Hudson Accountable

(From Pg. 59)

regain the trust of Hudson Valley residents. I thank the PSC for listening to our calls for action, for their diligence, and for their commitment to holding Central Hudson accountable while doing everything within their purview to ensure that this never happens again."

"Today's settlement announcement is a major step forward to hold Central Hudson accountable and rectify the issues that have plagued customers since the fall of 2021. We thank County Executive Metzger and all of the other elected officials, community-based organizations, and individual customers whose stories and efforts were instrumental in helping the Department and Commission understand the experiences of customers. PULP will continue to monitor these developments closely and ensure that the principles of accountability and compliance are upheld," said Laurie Wheelock, Public Utility Law Project.

Included in the settlement are the following measures:

o Shareholders must pay the more than \$35.3 million spent over the last two and a half years to remedy problems with the company's customer information and billing system.

o Shareholders will pay \$4 million into a customer fund to be allocated by the Commission.

o The company will not challenge approximately \$8.75 million in negative revenue adjustments as a result of missed customer service metrics, largely stemming from the billing system failures.

Shareholders have incurred more than \$8.2 million in costs associated with back-billing credits to customers that were related to the billing system problems. The company continues to be obligated to provide back-billing credits when warranted if future cases arise.

o Shareholders will pay costs incurred and projected to be incurred to implement monthly meter readings (estimated to be \$6.3 million).

o Shareholders will pay up to \$2 million in additional payments in the event the company does not implement monthly meter readings by October 31, 2024.

Ulster County, in Partnership with OSI, Invites Public to Ribbon-Cutting for Newly Improved O&W Rail Trail

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, in partnership with the Open Space Institute (OSI), the Towns of Rochester and Wawarsing, and the Village of Ellenville, is pleased to announce a ribbon-cutting in Accord to celebrate the improvement of five miles of the Ontario and Western ("O&W") Rail Trail. The event, originally scheduled for Friday, June 21, has been POSTPONED. A new date will be forthcoming.

The improvement projects included the repair of a 3.2-

mile-long trail section between Accord and Kerhonkson and a 2.1-mile-long section stretching north from the Village of Ellenville toward Port Ben. The work also included new trail surfacing, replacement of three bridges, trailhead parking area improvements in the hamlet of Accord, vegetation maintenance, and drainage improvements.

"We're committed to enhancing the County's world-class trail network in all corners of the County, providing recreational and non-motorized transportation opportunities for residents of all abilities, and bringing more visitors to our Main Streets," said County Executive Metzger. "OSI has been a great leader and partner in this effort, and I want to thank OSI President and CEO Erik Kulleseid and his team for their pioneering work to improve our trail system, including here in Rochester, Wawarsing, and Ellenville."

"As demand for greenway trails increases - for transportation, recreation, and community connections - OSI is leading the effort to reinvent the entire O&W line as part of our Growing Greenways initiative," said Erik Kulleseid, president and CEO of OSI. "From building partnerships to land acquisition, trail restoration projects, and more, OSI is doing everything it takes to accomplish our goal of creating a connected corridor that helps grow the region's trail network, links communities, and expands public access to nature."

Together costing more than \$1 million, the improvement projects were managed by OSI and funded by Ulster County, with OSI providing \$95,000 in project management services. Thanks to a generous donor, OSI also provided a 50-foot steel truss bridge for improvements completed in Ellenville.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Ulster County Legislature awarded OSI \$2.1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to complete rail trail improvement projects in the region. Following substantial improvements to the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail in 2023, the two O&W projects mark OSI's successful completion of all Ulster County-ARPA funded initiatives.

The restoration of the O&W Corridor was outlined as a priority in the 2020 New York State Greenway Trails Plan.

Improvements throughout the O&W Corridor, including the newly restored sections of the rail trail, are a focus of OSI's Growing Greenways: West of Hudson Greenway Trails Vision Plan. The OSI-led plan presents a vision and a blueprint to connect several existing Hudson Valley trail networks, including the arterial O&W Rail Trail, to create an interconnected, multiuse trail network spanning more than 250 miles and connecting dozens of communities throughout Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange counties.

Renovations along the lengthy O&W Corridor are key to the success of the Growing Greenways initiative: Once trail improvements are completed, the fragmented former railroad corridor will be transformed into a continuous, 57-mile greenway trail running from the City of Kingston to the City of Port Jervis, forming the backbone of the Growing Greenways trail network.

In addition to the new improvements, this year OSI has notched several Growing Greenways conservation and trail improvement victories along the O&W Rail Trail, including the purchase of 2.4 miles of the O&W railbed in Wawarsing, additional trail improvements in Port Ben, and the launch of the O&W Rail Trail Corridor Study. The O&W Rail Trail Corridor Study is supported in part by a \$500,000 grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation through Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993.





We Must Secure the Border NOW

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97wb ckbjYc

For over three years, Congressional Democrats and the Biden administration have allowed our borders to remain open, permitting criminal drug cartels, terrorists, and 9.5 million illegal immigrants to enter our country. Under President Biden, our border patrol is completely overwhelmed and cannot prevent illegal immigrants from entering our country. Recently, a migrant who entered the country illegally at the Southern Border brutally attacked and raped a 13 year old in a park in Queens, New York. The horrific incident, like the murders of Laken Riley and Rachel Morin, could have been prevented with stricter border policies.

As a co-sponsor of HR 2, the Secure the Border Act, which is the strongest border security bill ever passed in Congress, I believe we must tackle the border crisis that has led to an unprecedented national security and humanitarian crisis. I recently supported the Police Our Border Act, which reports to Congress on how the Biden border crisis has affected law enforcement, and includes details on crimes committed by illegal aliens. When border patrol officers and police officers do not have the resources they need to do thier jobs, criminals are let into the country and threaten and harm our children. We must stop putting our communities at risk. ICYMI: Demanding Governor Hochul Pardon President Trump

Three weeks ago, former President Donald Trump was convicted on the grounds of a politically motivated and malicious prosecution. I recently sent a letter to Governor Hochul regarding the the 2024 Virtual Service Academy Information Night. recent verdict in the case of The People of the State of New York Representatives from the U.S. Military Academy, Naval V Donald J. Trump, which undermined the equality and credibility of our justice system by convicting President Trump. It is Governor Hochul's duty to immediately issue a pardon in order to reinstate integrity in our once venerable justice system.

As a member of the New York Bar Association and the daughter of a New York State Supreme Court Justice, I am horrified by this abuse of power and the politicized, two-tiered system of justice Governor Kathy Hochul and DA Alvin Bragg have created.

Alvin Bragg went after President Trump in an effort to constrain his ability to campaign freely.

A pardon is critical to restore the integrity and faith of our legal system that was lost when in an effort to silence him, President Trump was convicted. We cannot stand behind our legal system will be accepted but are not required. being used to further political agendas.

Democratic Gov. Hochul to pardon Trump: 'Your solemn duty' https://www.foxnews.com/politics/another-house-member-callsnew-york-democrat-gov-hochul-pardon-trump-your-solemn-duty Banning Biological Men from Participating in Women's Sports! Biological men should not be able to compete in women's sports. Period.

Yet the NCAA has allowed biological men to participate in (Contd. Pg 61)

women's college sports, undermining the critical Title IX protections women fought so hard to achieve. This has not only created an unsafe physical and mental environment for female athletes but is fundamentally unfair.

In April 2024, I sent a letter to NCAA President Charlie Baker demanding that he change the NCAA's policies and ban biological men from participating in women's sports.

I also introduced the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act to guarantee women and girls a fair playing field in competitive sports. This act ensures that school athletics comply with Title IX's recognition of a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth. This commonsense bill protects biological females from having to compete against biological men in women's competitive sports funded through Title IX.

Recently, we saw a breakthrough for women athletes. Transgender swimmer Lia Thomas was barred from competing in the Olympics. After becoming the first biological male athlete to win a women's NCAA Division I title in March 2022, Thomas had Olympic ambitions. However, a ruling made by World Aquatics bans transgender women who underwent male puberty, like Thomas, from participating in women's races.

This is only the beginning; there is more to be done. We must keep biological men out of women's sports, especially in the Olympics, the most esteemed sports event in the world. I am dedicated to protecting opportunities for female athletes to compete and thrive.



Welcome to Kirsten's **New York Minute!**

Here's what she's been up to this week:

1. Are you interested in attending one of the nation's service academies?

On Thursday, June 27th at 6:00pm, Kirsten's office will host Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, and Air Force Academy will share information about the unique academic and career opportunities they offer as well as the admissions process. Representatives from across New York will also share information about the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and Department of Defense cyber scholarship programs.

Interested students, parents, and school officials can find more information and RSVP here . https://senate.zoomgov.com/webi-Instead of prosecuting violent criminals in his jurisdiction, nar/register/WN_3nvdOTo5QPqH8QXnLkgKgg#/registration

To be considered for Kirsten's service academy nomination, students are required to submit short essay answers, an official transcript, and three letters of recommendation (one must be from a mathematics or science teacher). Copies of SAT/ACT scores

Frequently asked questions are available online here. READ MORE: Another House member calls on New York https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/academy-nominations/

> The application for Kirsten's nomination opens in July and the deadline to submit all materials is October 13, 2024.

> Contact nominations@gillibrand.senate.gov for information. 2. LISTEN: Kirsten on The Brian Lehrer Show

> https://www.wnyc.org/story/call-your-senator-sen-gillibrand-onsupreme-court-immigration-and-more/

Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

(From Pg. 60) Kirsten made her monthly appearance on The Brian Lehrer Show on WNYC to talk about how she is fighting to keep dangerous bump stocks off our streets, her efforts to protect IVF and contraception, and much more.

3. Fighting Lyme disease

Ticks are widespread throughout Upstate New York and transmit a number of dangerous diseases, including Lyme disease, which can have devastating and life-altering impacts.

Kirsten is committed to securing the resources necessary to properly study these illnesses. This week, she announced her push for nearly \$200 million for research to fully understand and combat Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses in next year's government funding bill. Kirsten is calling for:

\$30 million to implement a national strategy to address vectorborne diseases, including tick-borne diseases.

\$30 million for the CDC to further their Lyme disease and tickborne illness work.

\$9 million to support the Department of Defense's Tick-Borne Disease Research Program.

\$130 million for Lyme and tick-borne disease research at the National Institutes of Health.

Read more. https://www.wxxinews.org/local-news/2024-06-20/gillibrand-renews-call-to-fund-federal-lyme-disease-research

4. Addressing racial disparities in health care

Black Americans are more likely to suffer from diabetes, heart disease, and other serious chronic health problems, yet face enormous disparities in health care. Kirsten is fighting to address these racial disparities.

This week in Rochester and Niagara Falls, Kirsten announced her Health Equity Innovation Act, which would help expand access to high-quality and affordable preventative health care. The bill would create a new grant program to fund faith- and community-based organizations' efforts to provide preventative care in underserved communities. Kirsten is pushing for \$50 million for this program in next year's government funding bill.

5. ATTN: Arts and culture organizations

On Thursday, June 27th at 2:30 PM, Kirsten's office will host an informational webinar on government funding and resources for arts and culture and historic preservation for municipalities, theaters, museums, libraries, galleries, historical societies, and other cultural organizations.

Representatives from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), and New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYS OPRHP) will be on hand to answer questions and discuss how to apply for a wide range of state and federal funding programs.

Register for the webinar here . https://senate.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_VNs_EA0HS iWlu0ttOCcGRQ#/registration

6. Celebrating Juneteenth

On Juneteenth, Kirsten joined the Town of DeWitt for their first ever Juneteenth Freedom Day Festival to celebrate freedom and recognize the continued fight for equality.

7. Helping health care providers

When a new health center in Western New York needed to secure its status as a Medicare provider or risk turning away patients, it contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to process and approve the center as a Medicare provider, securing its ability to continue serving the community. Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with a federal agency, contact her here. https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/



Molinaro Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Lower Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Upstate NY

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) and U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX-30) introduced the Enteric Methane Innovation Tools for Lower Emissions and Sustainable Stock (EMIT LESS) Act, which mitigates the negative environmental impacts of methane by incentivizing dairy farmers to adopt clean energy practices.

Specifically, the EMIT LESS Act:

Creates methane product and practice testing capacity through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service.

Establishes and expands training programs that familiarize farmers and ranchers with practices that reduce methane emissions.

Adds practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including methane, under USDA's Conservation Innovation Grant's On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials.

Directs USDA to review conservation practice standards that can assist in reducing methane, revise those as needed, and establish any appropriate new standards.

Amends USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program to provide financial incentives for farmers and ranchers to voluntarily use products and implement practices that reduce methane.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I'm a conservationist. Incentivizing dairy farmers to implement clean and efficient energy practices will further our cause and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. I'm proud to deliver for the dairy industry and protect our environment alongside Rep. Crockett."

Rep. Crockett said, "From an ice-cold glass of milk to freshly churned ice cream, farm-fresh cheese to a rare steak, American beef and dairy is the best on planet Earth - but for decades, that excellence has come at a high emission cost to our environment. With the introduction of our EMIT Less Act, we have the potential to expand the use of low-emission cattle feed and reduce the environmental cost of grazing without spiking costs for farmers and producers already under strain from overseas competition with poor environmental standards. In a divided Congress, I am grateful to work alongside my Freshman colleague Rep. Molinaro to advance this bill with support from both producers and conservationists. This legislation is proof that putting farmers and ranchers first doesn't mean putting the environment last!"

The Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance (FACA) said, "The Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance (FACA) commends Representatives Molinaro and Crockett for supporting farmers and ranchers' voluntary efforts to reduce methane emissions from ruminant livestock. The bipartisan EMIT LESS Act will bolster ongoing, farmer-led efforts to address enteric methane emissions and support research on the efficiency and environmental benefits associated with novel feed additives." (Contd. Pg. 62)

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(From Pg. 61) Mike Barnes, Agri-Mark Family Dairy Farms Director, Mount Upton, New York said, "Upstate New York dairy farmers like me are always eager to embrace new and innovative technologies, including feed additives that can enhance our sustainability efforts. USDA conservation programs are well-positioned to support uptake of these products once approved. I thank my Representative, Marc Molinaro, for co-authoring the bipartisan EMIT LESS Act to better target USDA voluntary conservation programs toward helping farmers with sustainable feed management."

Gregg Doud, President and CEO of the National Milk Producers Federation said, "Innovative feed ingredients will help U.S. dairy farmers bolster their already robust voluntary environmental stewardship efforts. But they will need resources and support as they start using approved enteric methane-reducing feed additives. We commend Representatives Marc Molinaro, R-NY, and Jasmine Crockett, D-TX, for introducing the bipartisan EMIT LESS Act, which would better tailor USDA voluntary conservation programs to sustainable on-farm feed management."

Andrew Lentz, Director of Federal Affairs of Agriculture Policy at the Environmental Defense Fund said, "Reducing enteric methane emissions from livestock is one of the most urgently needed climate solutions, and the EMIT LESS Act will advance climate-smart livestock production by providing financial incentives, technical assistance and research to farmers seeking innovative new tools for their operations. The EMIT LESS Act will set U.S. farms and ranches up for success now and into the future, and we thank Rep. Molinaro for his leadership on this issue."

Michael Dykes, D.V.M., President and CEO of International Dairy Foods Association said, "The EMIT LESS Act will support the adoption of science-based enteric methane reduction products and practices within the dairy supply chain that help U.S. dairy processors meet their ambitious emissions reduction commitments. IDFA is grateful to Reps. Molinaro and Crockett for leading this effort to provide farmers and ranchers with safe and effective technologies that will help ensure the voluntary, incentive-based U.S. approach to reducing emissions in the food and beverage industry is successful."

David Hong, Washington Director at the Breakthrough Institute said, "New technologies and practices will play a key role in enabling U.S. beef and dairy producers to both reduce enteric methane emissions and increase the productivity of their operations. The EMIT LESS Act will provide much-needed support for research on emerging solutions with potential to reduce enteric methane, without compromising animal health or safety, and empower producers to implement voluntary on-farm emission reduction strategies. We commend Representatives Molinaro and Crockett for their bipartisan leadership on this legislation that will bolster the longterm sustainability and profitability of animal agriculture."

Charles Brooke, Program Lead of Livestock Enteric Methane Mitigation at Spark Climate Solutions said, "Developing new solutions to reduce methane emissions from livestock supports the long established and continuing journey of sustainability for farmers and ranchers, and will give them the tools to mitigate climate change. The EMIT LESS Act has the potential to accelerate the development and adoption of these tools and strategies. We thank Representatives Molinaro and Crockett for their leadership on this consequential bill, and we look forward to the innovation it will create."

Chuck Conner, President & CEO of National Council of Farmer Cooperatives said, "I would like to thank Congressman Molinaro and Congresswoman Crockett for introducing the EMIT LESS act. This bill is needed and will allow our nation's livestock producers to be better positioned to compete in the global climate economy. This bill empowers USDA to direct resources to voluntary livestock practices that have incredible potential to reduce GHG emissions and increase profitability for our nation's livestock producers." Clean Air Task Force said, "Currently, farmers have limited options to reduce enteric emissions. This important legislation supports research and development of technologies, practices to close this gap across different production systems, and rapid implementation by farmers. The more technologies that are available to farmers, the more opportunities they have to access important revenue streams such as carbon markets, further accelerating reduction in enteric methane emissions."

Constance Cullman, President and CEO of American Feed Industry Association said, "We appreciate Representatives Molinaro and Crockett for introducing a bipartisan bill that enhances our nation's agricultural research and conservation efforts while acknowledging the critical role that animal nutrition and innovative feed ingredients play in lowering on-farm enteric methane emissions. The EMIT LESS Act demonstrates our country's commitment to investing in a more sustainable future alongside animal food innovators."

Pat Maloney, Director of Government and Industry Affairs at Danone North America said, "Danone is taking action to reduce methane emissions in our fresh milk supply by 30% by 2030. We are investing in farming partners to support and increase implementation of regenerative agriculture practices and innovative technologies that address methane from enteric fermentation. Reducing livestock methane emissions is vital for mitigating climate change, alongside efforts in decreasing carbon dioxide emissions. We thank Rep. Molinaro and Crockett for this important bi-partisan legislation for prioritizing the funding and training necessary to help U.S. agricultural producers accelerate the deployment of new tools necessary to mitigating methane."

The EMIT LESS Act is endorsed by the Food and Agriculture Climate Alliance, Dairy Farmers of America, Environmental Defense Fund, National Milk Producers Federation, Danone North America, Breakthrough Institute, American Feed Industry Association, Clean Air Task Force, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Environmental Working Group, International Dairy Foods Association, McDonald's, Bipartisan Policy Center Action, and National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Keep in the know with CCE on invasive species to have on your radar!

VIRTUAL - Approximately 42 percent of threatened or endangered plant and animal species native to our region are at risk due to invasive species. To warn and update local residents on what they are and how they are affecting our environmental habitats, Horticulture Program Educator Katie Gasior will be hosting a webinar through Zoom on the invasive plant and animal species in our area. This webinar will take place from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 17th.

Participants will learn what makes plants like the Tree of Heaven and Hydrilla, and animals like Feral Swine, an invasive species in Sullivan County. Topics to be covered include an overview of invasive plant and animal species to be on the lookout for and the dangers they pose to the natural habitats in our region. Additionally, participants will learn why invasive species are among the leading threats to native wildlife and what they can do to protect the native species of Sullivan County. A question-and-answer session on the topics covered will close out the class.

There is no fee, but preregistration is required to participate. Participants can register online at sullivancee.org/events. After registering, participants will receive a Zoom link to join each session by computer or phone. Those with related questions can find more details at http://sullivancee.org/events, email sullivan@cornell.edu, or call 845-292-6180 for assistance.

This workshop is grant-funded. The grant is supported by the State's Environmental Protection Fund and administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation's Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health Program.

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Henry Simon plays his white 25 year old Fender Stratocaster with the kind of confidence you rarely see in an 18 year old guitarist. He began performing with Little Sparrow two years ago, and his warm soulful tones and super enjoyable guitar solos bring an unmistakable spark to the band.

Jeff Anderson is a seasoned bass player who has toured the world with performers like Ben E King and Esther Philips. He plays jazz, blues, R&B and rock, and has worked on multiple Lp's and recording projects over his 40 year career.

Carol Smith is a painter turned musician who together with her husband Aldo Troiani started the band Little Sparrow. Over the years they have worked with countless local and regional musicians, continually expanding and experimenting with their sound.

The current foursome is part jam band, part folk rockers, with dazzling three part harmonies and plenty of guitar solos. Their musical influences are solidly sixties and seventies, with lots of Jerry Garcia, Neil Young, classic rock, folk, reggae and R&B.

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Noah Barker at Arts Nest July 7, 2024, 7-9pm Doors open 6pm

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tilled from two lives unapologetically chasing sounds. Noah, the son of AACM percussionist Thurman Barker, came up in music, and leads the jazz-pop group Noisebody, as well as the post-bop-flavored Noah Barker Quartet. Nelson is a heavygigging saxman who plays in the coolest groups - Bon Iver, Craig Finn, Paul Cherry, Jungle, Lizzo.

The pair has played together a lot, but never as a duo. Subtle Frequencies, the first record that's only them and no one else, is a brief and potent sabbatical from their musical day jobs. It feels visionary: an intense concentration on a shared goal eternally out of reach yet tantalizingly clear in ephemeral bursts. Pre-dawn vibes shine, all iridescent synth and breathy sax tones, mysterious drumless musings and misty condensations of sonic dew.

Explorers of the farthest reaches of the ECM Records catalog will uncover a nearby treasure in Subtle Frequencies, glittering aural riches bathed in warm tape hiss, tiny glitches marking dropouts in the transmission, perhaps from Jon Hassell's fourth world. All eyes close, lungs expand and contract, mystery of machine and breath revealed to open ears: Noah and Nelson made the trip and this is the record.

Subtle Frequencies is available in digital and cassette format from FPE Records.

Noah Barker

As a technically trained pianist, composition has become the focus of Noah Barker's practice. His foundation in jazz begets lush harmony, expressive solos, syncopated rhythms and a spontaneity in his music. Incorporating modern production gives Barker the freedom to push boundaries in his solo projects, Noisebody, Pure Grooves and others.

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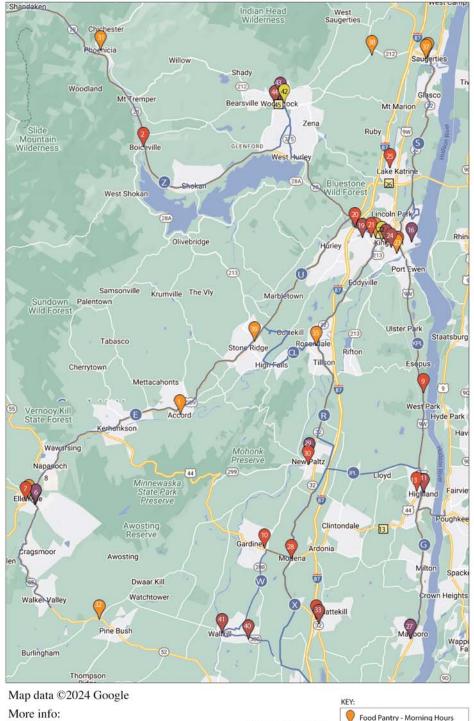
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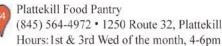
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PLATTEKILL



New Day Tabernacle Church Food Pantry (845) 566-4441 • 38 Fire House Rd, Plattekill Hours: Sat 10am-12pm; Wed 6-7pm



ROSENDALE

Rosendale Food Pantry (845) 205-2822 • 45 James St, Rosendale Hours: Mon 9am-1pm, Sat 10am-1pm

SAUGERTIES

God Given Bread Food Pantry (845) 246-8322 • 100 Market St, Saugerties Hours: Tues & Wed 10-11:45am

Saugerties Area Council of Churches Food Pantry (845) 246-6885 44 Livingston St, Saugerties Hours: Mon & Th 10am - 12pm; Tue 7-8pm

St. John the Evangelist Food Pantry Phone: (845) 246-9581 915 Rt 212, Saugerties Hours: Wed & Fri, 10 am-12 noon Serving residents of the Town of Saugerties

STONE RIDGE

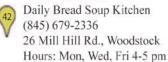


WALLKILL

His Love Unveiled Food Pantry (845) 895-3006 • 2393 Route 300, Wallkill Hours: 2nd and 4th weeks of the month Tuesdays 12-1:30pm & Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm

Wallkill Reformed Church Food Pantry (845) 895-2181 • 45 Bridge Street, Wallkill Hours: Thu 6-7:30pm, Fri 11am—1 pm

WOODSTOCK



Family of Woodstock Food Pantry (845) 679-2485 16 Rock City Rd., Woodstock Hours: Sun - Sat 9:30am - 9:30pm

- Good Neighbor Food Pantry (518) 598-7312 89 Tinker St, Woodstock Hours: Wed, Thu 11am-3pm
- Woodstock Area Meals on Wheels
 (845) 679-4656 16 Tinker St, Woodstock
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June 27, 2024

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Schedule an appointment on the county website sullivanny.us | County Clerk Russell Reeves



Catholic Charities 2024 Golf for Charity Outing

Monday, September 16 West Hills Country Club Middletown, NY

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

For foursomes, sponsorships, and tee signs, contact: Kristin.Jensen@cccsos.org

HIRING!

Join our team!

Part Time Buildings & Grounds Crew Member

Candidate will be is responsible for day-to-day general maintenance of the library.

Applicants may drop off or email an application and resume to Beth Wolpert at bwolpert@rcls.org.



Primetimers Self-Drive Trip to Fort Delaware in Narrowsburg

Meet at 10:30 on Friday July 12 Colonial history tour by John Conway

> \$25 per person Call Paula for reservations

> > 561-504-7192



My Home

School

Group

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

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

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

> Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

Contact Dana Wright for more information: myhomeschool101@yahoo.com

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

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ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Registration is open for Grades K-5.

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

- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

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ALL ANIMALS ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT MUST BE ON A LEASH. For more information, or to register, please call 845-794-4228 or email smurphy@atitoday.org



CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK OR ONLINE @ WWW.ATITODAY.ORD Action Toward Independence



Middle School Social Skills



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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD 6:30 P M





















You are invited to get involved! Make a difference in your community today.

Volunteering with Sullivan 180 offers diverse opportunities for grassroots engagement while connecting people with places and one another. We are looking for volunteers to help with: beautifying schools and public spaces; teaching workshops; leading health and wellness programs; and outreach support. Volunteer opportunities are matched to individual skills, interests, and availability.

Why volunteer? Volunteering:

- connects individuals to their community;
- Teaches new skills;
- promotes physical activity;
- and so much more!

"I was born and raised in Monticello, and it feels good to give back. Lenjoy working with everyone involved. I volunteer because I want to make a difference where I live."

-Diane Moss, Community Volunteer

COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPION & VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, April 24 6:00-8:00 PM

CVI Building, I Cablevision Center Drive, Liberty

Register at Sullivan180.org.

Questions? Contact Anne-Louise Scandariato at Anne-Louise@Sullivan180.org or (845) 295-2405.

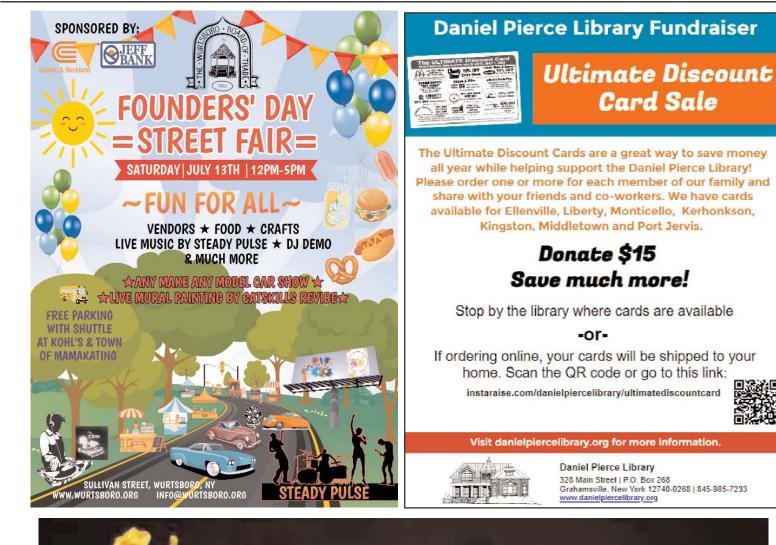


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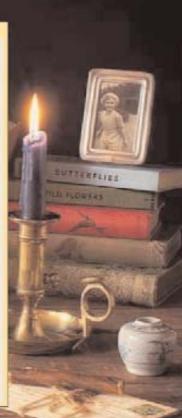
~Be a beacon of Inspiration--

Join our immersive experience with themes of survival, hope and humanity, by sharing your voice as survivors from the Holocaust to present day.

Share your story, your family's story at our host locations: The Liberty Museum and Arts Center, Liberty NY, and the Sullivan County Historical Society Museum, Hurleyville, NY.

Dates for LMAC are May 17-June 9th and At SCHSM are Sept. 12-15th, Sept. 26-29th.

> For more information, contact hope@hopescompass.org



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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON PRIME YANKEE DOODLE DANDY (2 h 5 min / 1942 Genres Drama, Documentary, Arts, Entertainment, and Culture)



James Cagney danced and sang his way to a well-deserved Oscar for his outstanding portrayal of vaudeville composer and performer **George M. Cohan in this Oscar-nominated biography.** Directed by *Michael Curtiz, and starring James Cagney, Joan Leslie and Walter Huston.*



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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Sam Sheparde

This weeks' Trivia question: What army division attended Custer on his raid at *Little Big Horn*?

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(From Pg. 81) KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S AS JULIUS CAESAR ONCE SAID, FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE! KEEP YOUR LEGIONS INTACT, THEY MAKE THE LAW LEGAL TIME OF SHOW? YOUR CONVENIENCE STREAMING ON AMAZON.COM (R · 2000 · 2hr 45min · Action/History)



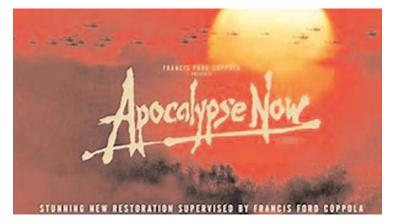
The Patriot is a 2000 American epic historical fiction war film.

The story takes place mainly in rural Berkeley County in South Carolina and depicts Benjamin Martin, an American colonist nominally loyal to Great Britain who gets swept into the Revolutionary War when his home life is disrupted. It has been said Martin is a composite character based on four historical men: Andrew Pickens, Francis Marion, Daniel Morgan and Thomas Sumter.



Directed by Roland Emmerich; Produced by Dean Devlin, Mark Gordon, and Gary Levinsohn; Written by Robert Rodat, and starring, Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Joely Richardson, Jason Isaacs, Chris Cooper, Tchéky Karyo, René Auberjonois, and Tom Wilkinson. Music by John Williams. Budget \$110 million –Box office \$215.3 million.

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Apocalypse Now is a 1979 American epic psychological war film directed and produced by Francis Ford Coppola. It stars Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall, Martin Sheen, Frederic Forrest, Albert Hall, Sam Bottoms, Laurence Fishburne, Harrison Ford, and Dennis Hopper. The screenplay, co-written by Coppola and John Milius with narration written by Michael Herr.

Apocalypse Now is loosely based on the 1899 novella *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad, with the setting changed from late 19th-century Congo to the Vietnam War. The film follows a river journey from South Vietnam into Cambodia undertaken by Captain Benjamin L. Willard (Sheen), who is on a secret mission to assassinate Colonel Kurtz (Brando), a renegade Army Special Forces officer accused of murder and who is presumed insane.



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