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2023-2024 Lions International Peace Poster Contest and local winner Brianna Mendez, 6th Grader at Tri-Valley School

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.



Peace poster judges - Leah, Claire, Mike, Lauree, Julie, Pat and Art Teacher Maureen Winter

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire - it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, Lions International is asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

On Thursday, November 9, 2023, several of the Tri-Valley Lions headed off to the Tri-Valley School to review and judge Peace Posters for the 2023-2024 Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lion Chairperson Leah Exner organized the effort with Tri-Valley School Art Teacher, Maureen Winters, and along with Lions Claire Rennison, Mike Ryan, Lauree Novogrodsky, Julie Kapito, and Pat Menje reviewed and selected the winning poster. See photo showing both Tri-Valley Lions and Art Teacher Maureen Winter.

The local winner of the Peace Poster Contest was 6th grade Tri-Valley Student, Brianna Mendez. Her poster was selected as the winning poster of the

23 posters submitted by other Tri-Valley students. We are excited to say that all the Peace Posters will be shown at The Daniel Pierce Library in the near future, and we will notify the readers of the date when the exhibit will be available for viewing.

Along with the beautiful poster done by Brianna, she also showed a great deal of wisdom and insight with her message of "EVERY KIND ACT NUDGES THE WORLD IN A BETTER DIRECTION." These words by Brianna show how she would go about making her dream of a peaceful world into a reality with every act of kindness, and if each of us perform acts of kindness, the world would be a much better place in which to live.

The Tri-Valley Lions awarded \$25 to Brianna for her winning poster, and \$25 to the Art Program at the Tri-Valley School. Congratulations to Brianna for her wonderful peace poster, and thank you to Art Teacher Maureen Winters for once again coordinating the peace poster contest with the Tri-Valley Lions.

For more information about The Tri-Valley Lions or how to become a member, please contact Lion Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com at or Lion President, Stephen Miller at (845)798-1981 or srecords@hvc.rr.com.

Wishing one and all a happy and HEALTHY Christmas and holiday season. Stay well and safe.



Peace Poster winner Tri-Valley Student, Brianna Mendez

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On the Front Burner: Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that hath loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

Thank You...

Thank you for your sympathy and kindness during our time of loss. Your kind words, thoughts and prayers are of great comfort to us. A special thank you to the ladies of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church.

The Family of Elise C. Hornbeck

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

December 1, 1948

Exceptionally mild fall weather makes possible the continuation of construction work at Lackawack. At present the two large earth-screening plants are being torn down for removal to Neversink. Work on the effluent chamber is under way and rocks are still being placed upon the great slopes of Merriman Dam. The rolled earth fill of the dam, a job started late in July of 1946, was completed October 29th this year. Below this hard-packed mound of earth is a core wall of concrete reinforced with steel, and the sloping sides will be completely covered with stones. Much of the vast surface has already been covered. The dam is 2500 feet long, and rises to a maximum height of 200 feet above the valley floor. Its width is 1500 feet at the bottom and 60 feet at the top. Approximately 5,000,000 cubic yards of earth have been already covered. Engineers estimate that the work at Lackawack should be completed in the fall of 1950. Excavation for the spillway is a future objective there, in addition to the completion of the effluent chamber and the rock covering. Work will continue this fall as long as weather permits. The reservoir project was begun in 1937 and came to a halt during the war years for lack of materials and man-power. It is said that final construction will probably require another five or six years.

December 9, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Erts, Sr. of Liberty celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, November 26th at their home. They were married on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1903 at the Dutch

Reformed Church at Hoboken, N.J. Mrs. Erts is the former Adelia Schwab of Claryville. The couple are the parents of five children and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, Christmas is almost here.

As you prepare to stuff the socks of every little dear,

Remember Krum's can help you at this season of the year.

KUM TO KRUM'S

December 4, 1963

Edward O'Brien, Tri Valley senior, accompanied by the vocal music instructor, Mr. Robin Litton, will travel to Rochester today for the annual New York State Music Festival. Mr. O'Brien will represent Tri Valley in the All-State Chorus, having been selected by audition. This is the third time Tri Valley School has been so honored.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tillson are the parents of a daughter born at Liberty-Loomis Hospital on November 28th. She has been named Naomi Eileen. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cypert of Hasbrouck are the maternal grandparents. Mrs. Pearl Tillson of Woodbourne is the paternal grandmother.

December 28, 1973

Four Tri-Valley seniors have been awarded Regents scholarships as a result of their performance on the examination held this fall. The high scorer for Tri-Valley was John Boncek who was tied for fourth place in Sullivan County. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boncek. Other winners are Valerie Shader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Volney Shader of Grahamsville and Judith O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Brien. A scholarship in nursing was awarded to Cheryl Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Robinson.

December 22, 1983

Evelyn and Donald Wiseman of Lackawack Hill, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Richard Bonita, son of Lydia and Thomas Bonita of Warwick, N.Y. Lisa graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and is employed by I.B.M. in Mahwah, N.J. Richard graduated from Warwick Valley Central School and is employed by Wayne Beverage at Chester, N.Y. Wedding plans are incomplete.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published Decembe 11, 1997

Looking back as the years move swiftly by, I have come to realize that the homemakers of yesteryear are truly worthy of recognition along with you working girls and homemakers of today.

When times were hard and the home was more important than ever, we did our best to keep our family nourished and healthy on a very few pennies. When a child fell ill, we brought out the hot water bottle, castor oil and herb tea. For cuts and bruises we used clean cloth and Malena Salve.

We put up and canned anything available from the garden, fruit from the orchard, chicken and meat that we raised, and we gathered wild berries for jams, jellies and preserves as well as pickles. When unexpected guests arrived, we never took them out for dinner, we just went down the cellar and brought up a couple of two quart jars of chicken or meat and a meal could be prepared in just a few minutes. I often used a quart of sauce or canned fruit for a simple dessert. Another nice dessert, very easily prepared, was to stir up a pan of baking powder biscuits and combine them with fruit. Corn meal muffins or homemade bread added the right touch to a meal especially when served with golden sweet butter that we had made from our own cream. Most families had a cow in the good old days

We also kept a flock of chickens in a little hen house in the back yard to supply us with eggs and an occasional roast chicken dinner. I don't think we ever grew tired of putting away food for the larder to see our family safely through another winter.

Clothes, boots and shoes wore out and often had to be replaced from a meager budget. We homemakers of long ago handed down clothing whenever possible and often made new garments from old ones. "Something from nothing" was what we were looking for and I think that us homemakers of long ago were among the very best.

Household Hint:

Create Holiday Air Freshener with Baking Soda

You will need:

- a small jar;
- 1/3 cup of baking soda;
- 10-15 drops of your favorite pine tree scent essential oil;
- a piece of cloth or paper;
- a string or ribbon

Add the baking soda and essential oils to the jar. Cover it with the cloth or paper, then secure it in place with the string and put it in your living room, bedroom, bathroom, or kitchen. When the scent starts to fade, give the jar a shake.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Bring Out the Holly

Its beginning to look a like Christmas Neighbors are decorating and getting into the holiday mood, perhaps adding a little holly to a wreath or garland.

Long, long before we went to the store to buy some silk holly for our annual Christmas décor, or planted ornamental holly in the garden, holly was considered to be a sacred plant by some primitive cultures.

Even before that, holly had an interesting historical process responsible for the wide geographic distribution of genealogical lineages and cultural myths which is quite impressive. Ancestors of this group became isolated from the remaining Holm Oak; family that includes holly when the Earth mass broke away into the supermassive continents of Gondwana (present day South America, Africa, Arabia, Madagascar, India, Austrailia and Antarctica) and Laurasia (present day North America, Europe and Asia) about 82 million years ago. This resulted in a physical separation of the groups and began a process of changes of the Laurel Forests and Holm Oak. They adapted to new conditions just waiting for humans to intercept and integrate the plants into their own cultures and traditions.



Eons later, early Europeans used holly as ornamentation during their winter solstice celebrations that occurred in late December. In the northern hemisphere, it was the longest night of the year signifying the gradual lengthening of days and coming spring - a cause for celebration. In Norse mythology, holly was associated with Thor, god of thunder, and holly plants grown by the home were thought to prevent lightning strikes. Ancient Romans used holly as decorations during Saturnalia, a festival dedicated to Saturn, god of agriculture and husbandry. Holly's symbolism of the new season made it an appropriate and a colorful ornament for winter festivities.

Over time, many customs from pagan celebrations were incorporated by Christians into religious holidays.

As holly was a common part of the winter landscape, it provided a free and easy way for even the poorest of families to decorate their homes for the Christmas holidays.

Over time, survivor species of the holly genus adapted to different ecological niches. We eventually had our very own Holly (*Ilex Aquifolium*) found primarily in North America, Europe and Asia, with hundreds of species of the plant ranging from short shrubs to tall trees. The most common species grown in America is the American Holly that is mostly associated with our current Christmas festivities. This type of holly grows up to a height of 15 to 30 feet. The foliage is deep green and the leaves are small and pointed. They bear bright scarlet berries. The leaves, characterized by a waxy texture and serrated edges, are dioecious - having male and female reproductive structures found on separate plants. Both male (staminate) and female (pistillate) hollies bloom in May or June, yielding white flowers. But only the females can produce berries. In order for this production to occur, a male plant must be near a female plant for the process of pollination to take place. Insects, like bees, help cross-pollinate female hollies, transferring pollen from the male to the female plants.

Holly berries are toxic to humans, resulting in nausea and severe stomachaches when ingested. Not so for some animals. Holly berries are a vital source of food for birds such as thrushes and blackbirds. Holly berries, which ripen in early winter, typically contain four seeds each. The birds that eat these seeds help scatter them for germination and the growth of new holly plants.

Today, holly is still used in our celebration of modern Christmas and winter holidays. While belief in their mystical powers may have dissipated, our American Christmas holly is just as beautiful as its ancestors, 82 million years ago. Now that is incredible! I wonder if Harry Potter knew all this when he chose holly for his wand?

The Town of Neversink Welcomes the 2023 Holiday Season

The Town of Neversink welcomed the 2023 Christmas and holiday season with its Annual Visit from Santa and Tree Lighting in Bicentennial Park on Sunday. Despite a light rain, it was a festive occasion for young and old alike. There were hot dogs, hamburgers, hot chocolate, marshmallow, warm apple cider, coffee, cookies and more for everyone to

enjoy, while the Tri-Valley School Band under the direction of Mr. Matthew Weyant entertained the crowd with beautiful Christmas carols.

The Tri-Valley Cheerleaders preceded Santa and Mrs. Claus, who arrived accompanied by our local EMS services and area fire departments, after which the official Town of Neversink Christmas Tree was lit.

Visit Bicentennial Park any night from now until the end of the 2023 holiday season to see the festive lights and our town tree.

Thank you to the Town of Neversink staff and volunteers who always do so much for our community.



Enjoy “Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays” in Wurtsboro on December 14

WURTSBORO, NY - Take a break from your holiday shopping and preparations and enjoy an evening of short stories and jokes when the Mamakating Library presents Big Sky Productions in “Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays.”



Carol MacAdam and Carol Montana will present “Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays” on December 14 at the Mamakating Library.

The evening will feature actress Carol MacAdam and Big Sky Productions' Artistic Director Carol Montana -- think of them as the two Christmas Carols!

Guests will enjoy jokes and short stories about Christmas, Chanukah and the New Year celebrations, with treats served up courtesy of the Friends of the Mamakating Library.

It's all happening on Thursday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the community room of Mamakating Library, 128 Sullivan Street in Wurtsboro. Admission is free, but registration is required by calling 845-888-8004.

Farm Arts Collective brings a new site-specific performance to Dickens-on-the-Delaware

Damascus, PA--- Farm Arts Collective, directed by theatre artist and farmer Tannis Kowalchuk, will present a new site specific performance at Dickens on the Delaware in Callicoon, NY Saturday December 9 at 2 PM.

The FREE performance is described by Kowalchuk as a "literary ambulatory banquet of scenes and characters from the beloved novels of Charles Dickens."

On Saturday, December 9th, spectators are invited to gather at the train depot in Callicoon NY at 2 PM. They will be greeted by Nicholas Nickleby and a band of street musicians. They will depart with Nickleby on a walking tour to locations throughout the town of Callicoon to witness scenes and characters from Dickens' work. The "novel" experience will include innovative and delightful scenes from Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol, David Copperfield, Hard Times and A Tale of Two Cities.

The Farm Arts Collective ensemble presenting the new work includes the creator-actors: Pam Arnold, Jess Barkl, Jess Beveridge, Melissa Bell, Michael Chojnicki, Ellie aka ClownDaddy, Ginny Hack, Annie Hat, Tannis Kowalchuk, Kris Kurtz, Phoenix Murns, Doug Rogers, John Roth, Leo Schmidt

The performance explores themes of greed-generosity, equality-class, memory, and literary delight. The performance will be filled with music, stilt walking and likely, bad English accents--but hopefully the joy of performance and the season can afford the troupe a pardon.

This new work by Farm Arts Collective is supported by a collaboration with Callicoon Business Association with support from Sullivan County Arts and Heritage grant administered by DVAA.



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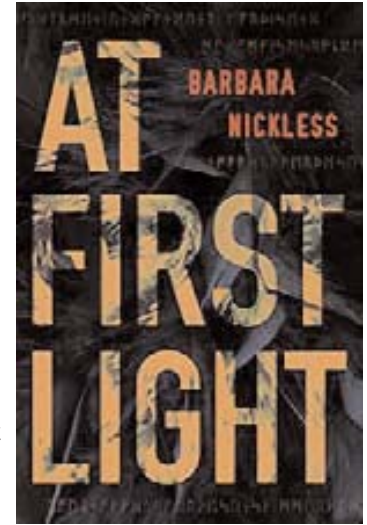
At First Light

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Published December 9, 2021

by John Dwaine McKenna



Award-winning and best-selling author —as well as personal friend —Barbara Nickless, has just launched her latest book featuring a pair of all new characters in a high intensity thriller that will take your breath away.

At First Light, (Thomas & Mercer, \$15.95, PB, 400 pages, ISBN 970-1-5420-26-41-3), by Barbara Nickless, introduces a female character named Addie Bisset, who's a homicide detective who works in the Chicago Police Department. The novel opens at the scene of a man who's been ritually murdered, his body staked out to resemble the ancient bodies found in peat bogs throughout Europe, then left beside the Calumet River with mysterious symbols carved on wooden strips arranged like sunbeams around his head. They turn out to be Viking runes. Baffled, Addie calls in a consultant, her friend, university professor Evan Wilding, a forensic semiotician (Someone who studies signs and symbols) to try to decipher the markings. When a second body, also killed in ritualistic manner turns up, it becomes apparent they're dealing with a possible serial killer in this outstanding psychological thriller. Evan uses all of his linguistic ability in attempting to get inside the killer's mind and find out exactly who he or she is. In translating the archaic runes, he determines that the killer intends to slay three more victims. But as Addie and Evan struggle to find the monster before he claims more victims they're impeded by an unknown someone who's deliberately leading them astray, as well as hampered by her misogynistic superior . . . a lieutenant . . . who doesn't think females are capable of anything more than administrative or clerical duties.

A back-story featuring tidbits of romance, as well as frequent references to the epic poem *Beowulf* and a smattering of historic Viking lore, keep the plot moving and the reader fully engaged and eager for the next installment of what promises to be an exciting and dynamic series. Barbara Nickless is an awesome talent! You won't be disappointed.

Like the review? Let your friends know, *you saw it in the Mysterious Book Report*, because the greatest compliment you can give is to share our work with others.

And Hey! Check out our combined website that's simple to use and easy as pie to leave your comments! We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

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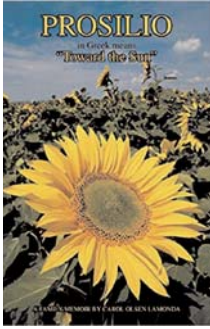


The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda Community Events

Well, the bad news is that we had to cancel our trip to Aruba because of my upcoming surgery, but the good news there are many events that we would have missed.



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



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This coming weekend is "It's a Wonderful Life" directed by Linda Burkhardt at the Boiceville Inn as a dinner theater.

Then the school concerts begin next week.

Saturday, Dec. 9, is Breakfast with Santa put on by the Parete Family at the Boiceville Inn from 8:30-11.

After that the Library Fair, Olive Free Library in West Shokan, has its annual craft sale Saturday, December 9, from 11-3.

Had to drive by the new firehouse in Boiceville today so I took some pictures. The plaque dedicating the fire-house to John Bachor has been brought up from the old fire-house. It sits below the flagpole in the walkway of brick and stone made of bricks purchased by townspeople. Hopefully, they will have a formal open house and dedication in January.

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 Town of Olive Archive 2024 Wall Calendars!





Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

**Join us for
Sounds of the Season:
Sure to be a most magical addition to
your holiday schedule**

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Start spreading the news...we're hosting our first Sounds of the Season program at the library! Local artists will be sharing their beautiful holiday instrumental melodies in our enchanting reading room. Come celebrate the wonders of the season with music!

It will be a magical time where guests will be able to unwind from the craziness of the holidays to the soothing sounds created by artists: Mrs. Helen Miller, Mr. John Bernstein, Mr. Clarence Dow-Spielman and Mrs. Keira Weyant. One musician will be featured per program day: Tuesday, December 12, Thursday December 14, Tuesday December 19 and Thursday, December 21 from 6 to 6:45PM. Please check back with us (at the library or on social media) as the time gets closer for specific artists' performance dates and in the event of inclement weather (fingers crossed it'll be smooth sailing), any cancellations.



Happy Hanukkah! December 7 marks the first day of Hanukkah, the 8-day Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and the rededication of the Holy Temple. Please stop in and admire the beautiful collection of menorahs on loan from the Weisberg family in our Anne Holt Reference Room. This festive holiday display is one of many in our beautiful building and the perfect opportunity to come here, take a look around and check out a few holiday inspired books. We have an amazing collection of both adult (fiction and non-fiction) as well as children's to get anyone into the spirit.

Take the time to relax and enjoy the moment with us. It will be an elegant experience surely to uplift spirits and create all the festive feels.

And on that note....

One of the most stressful parts of the holidays can be financial. It's the times we live in now, unfortunately; where expectations are high and costs, higher. We invite adults (those 18 and older) to participate in a free live webinar on Saturday, December 16 from 10:30 to 11:45AM. You are not expected to come to the library for this, more information for logging on will be given to you with your advanced registration through our website.

James Farnham, MS, MBA, Licensed Agent will be presenting this webinar to anyone interested in learning more about personal finance.



Our upstairs reading room is all decked out for the Sounds of the Season performances coming up this month. It's such a festive room; hearkens back to the days of Louisa May Alcott-I can just imagine her four little women sitting beside the fire waiting for a letter. (If you haven't read the time-honored novel, Little Women, yet I implore you to do so!)

Deirdre McHugh, DPL Children's Program Coordinator, offered her book pick for this week.

The Spirit of Christmas by Nancy Tillman is such a sweet, uplifting story; perfect for this time of year. The reader gets to go on a journey-along with the Spirit of Christmas-through all the most favorite parts of the holiday, seeking the one thing that makes it so special. It isn't until the end that readers discover that it's familial love that is the greatest gift of all. Such a cute story to share with our little ones-and a gentle reminder that the best things are often priceless!



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The Scene Too

— By Jane Harrison

No column this week

Catskill Artisan and Fine Art Exhibition Opening at ARTS NEST

Prepare to be immersed in a world of artistic splendor at the Catskill Artisan and Fine Art Exhibition, a feast for the senses that promises to leave you captivated and inspired!

Exhibition Duration: November 18th, 2023 - January 29th, 2024

From the moment you step into the Arts Nest, you'll find yourself transported into a realm where creativity knows no bounds. Marvel at the masterpieces curated for your visual delight, each stroke and shade telling a unique story.

Why You Can't Miss It:

Dazzling Diversity: Explore a kaleidoscope of artistic expressions, from contemporary masterpieces to timeless classics, showcasing the rich tapestry of talent within our community.

Engaging Conversations: Connect with the brilliant minds behind the artwork. Gain insights into their creative process and be part of a dynamic dialogue that brings the art to life.

Free Admission: This is not just an exhibition; it's an invitation to an unforgettable experience. Admission is free, making it accessible to all who appreciate the power of artistic expression.

Mark Your Calendar:

If you didn't make it on opening night - the exhibition will continue to grace the Delaware Valley Opera Arts Nest until January 29th, 2024.

Come one, come all! Let the Catskill Artisan and Fine Art Exhibition be a source of joy, wonder, and inspiration for you and your loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming you to an evening of artistry, elegance, and community.

Yarnslingers Weave Holiday Tales at DVAA

On Saturday, December 9th at 2 PM, join DVAA and the Yarnslingers for an afternoon of holiday storytelling in Krause Recital Hall (37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, 2nd Floor). Presented in collaboration with DVAA's annual "Holiday" show, 'Art in Sixes' --where each artwork is limited to a mere 6 inches, the program features six storytellers delving into the theme of "Holidays." As always, the interpretation of this theme is left to the writers' discretion.

Featured Storytellers: Penelope Gharety; Kiki Riginato; John Ronyon; Greg Triggs; Teresa Tulipano; and Pamela Zaitchick

ABOUT YARNSLINGERS

Yarnslingers was founded in 2012 by writer/musician Ramona Jan. Jan believes that "everyone has a story...or two" and encourages people from all walks of life to share their spell-binding tales.

The writers of Yarnslingers have presented their stories in villages in Upstate New York extending from Narrowsburg to Long Eddy. Venues that have hosted Yarnslingers include the

Rock Valley Schoolhouse, DVAA's Tusten Theatre, Bethel Woods, and the public libraries of Callicoon, Tusten, and Cocheton, as well as cafes and taverns in the Upper Delaware River area.

TICKETS & LOCATION

Tickets: \$10 Suggested Donation

Kids 12 and under, free.

Tickets may be purchased by calling (845) 252-7576 or online at delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

ABOUT DVAA

DVAA is a creative home in the Upper Delaware Valley and Sullivan Catskills Region. We give artists platforms to share their voices in our galleries, on our stages, or at our festivals, including Riverfest in July and the Big Eddy Film Festival held every September. DVAA funds Sullivan County creatives and cultural organizations through our role as the county's Arts Council. We are committed to nurturing the arts community, fostering growth, and cultivating a vibrant regional artistic landscape.

SUPPORT

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

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December 2, Saturday
Andrea Wittgens with guest vocalist Lena Kaminsky
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December 9, Saturday
Kathy Geary | Elizabeth Rose
Singer Songwriters
Kathy Geary released an EP of original Folk Rock *Sky High*, recording with her band Cloud Cover. Kathy has a live weekly public-radio program on Radio Catskill, Saturdays 3pm "Now & Then".




Elizabeth Rose released two singles on 2/21/23: "Maya Angelou (Songbird)" and "Burning The Candle At Both Ends." More releases are coming, including songs from her Happiness Project, inspired by the need for uplifting during the pandemic.



December 16, Saturday
Scott Palermo - Americana and Traditional Folk
Scott Palermo has a beautiful baritone voice and brings a vast repertoire of traditional folk songs in addition to his own original songs. He'll warm your heart on a cold night.

December 23, Saturday Holiday Celebration!
Christian Bowers & Aundrea Beishline & Martin Yazdzik
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Editor's Note:

It's beginning to look like a lot like Christmas...especially in Ellenville. Saturday's Wawarsing Wassail including the Joshua Peter's Electric Fire Truck Parade and the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting was a segue for the next spectacular Christmas event that evening -*Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* at Shadowland Stages.

As I took my seat in the theater I felt as though I was sitting in a nicely decorated 1800's parlor complete with a side library that included a piano. There was a yet-to-be-decorated Christmas tree in the parlor. This holiday setting was the start of the very entertaining and heartwarming play that unfolded.

The family members -the Bennet sisters, the Darcys, and Bingleys all gathered at Pemberley to celebrate Christmas. Each attempted to solve what seemed to be the biggest clash of the holiday season -why cut down perfectly good trees just to bring them inside?

The Christmas Tree at Pemberley was a new tradition that Lizzy Darcey embraced. She not only convinced the family members to accept the idea, but to also join in with decorating.

This is England in the 1800s, and a woman's best shot at worldly happiness then, was to marry well. Mary Bennet, the middle child of the family, is a clever woman, but the last to marry and often cast aside as a future old maid and the assumed Bennet family caretaker. She is unique, witty, and constantly feeding her inquisitive nature by filling her mind with knowledge of the world beyond. Mary is growing tired of her role as dutiful middle sister in the face of her sisters' romantic adventures.

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Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley gave me everything I wanted in a holiday production. The actors were outstanding. This show is complete with humor, wit, and the drama. I left this play feeling warmth, connection, and the memory of what I first felt like when I fell in love with my husband, Christmas 1973.

For this holiday production, SHADOWLAND performance times will feature an earlier evening curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays at 7 PM (\$43), and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 PM (\$39).

Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley will grace the MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES from December 1st through 17th.

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The poster features a red background with yellow stars and gingerbread cookies. The title 'Gingerbread BASH' is written in a large, bubbly, brown font with a white outline. Below the title, the text 'Celebrating the birth of baby Jesus' is written in a white, sans-serif font. The date and time are listed as 'Date : Dec 10th Sunday' and 'Time: 1-3PM'. The location is 'Where: Claryville Reformed Church Hall, 946 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY 12725'. The word 'Free' is written in a white, sans-serif font. The bottom section of the poster is a solid red color with white text for the RSVP information and a note about children.

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of baby Jesus

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Free

RSVP: by Thursday Dec. 7th. Via e-mail to
claryvillechurch@gmail.com

Respondents need to provide their name, phone number, e-mail address (incase we need to contact you), number of children (so we can be sure to have enough supplies available) please. Thank you!

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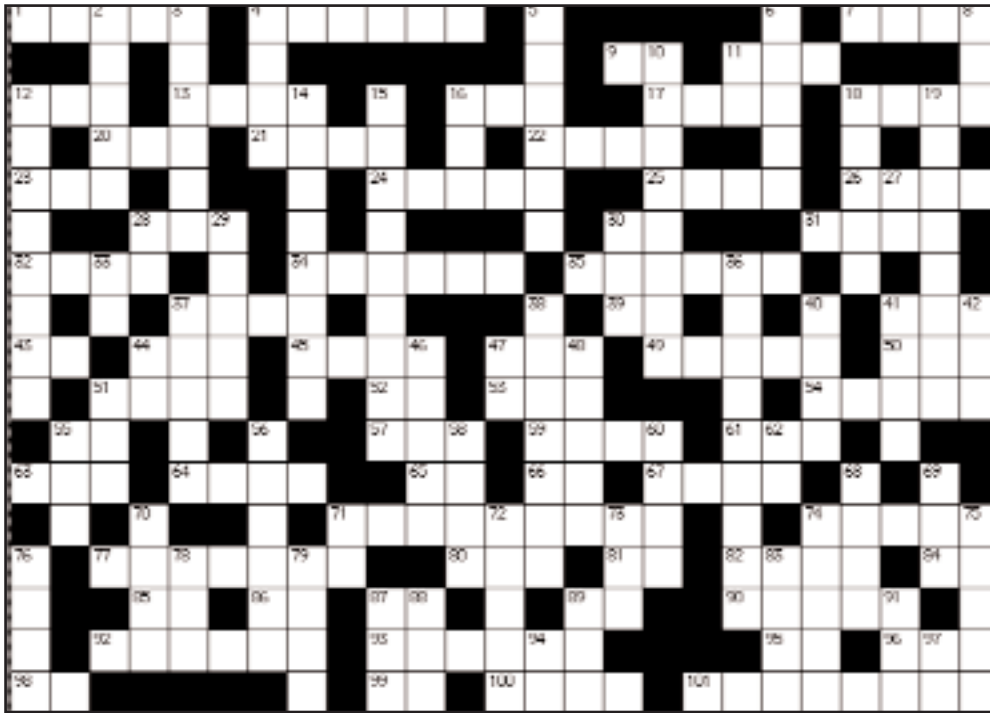
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ACROSS
 1 Symbol of Christmas joy
 4 Messiah
 7 Aromatic flower
 9 Expressing the relationship between a part and the whole
 11 Wetland
 12 Old woman
 13 Fixed luminous point in the sky
 16 German grandfather
 17 Restraint
 18 What Santa has begun checking
 20 Head covering
 21 Stagger
 22 Story
 23 Kernel
 24 Wooden case
 25 Final part of something
 26 Friends
 28 Part of the circumference of a circle
 30 Land of the Wizard
 31 Large primates

32 Save
 34 Pensive
 35 Friday is named after this Norse mythical figure
 37 Woody perennial plant
 39 Half an em
 41 Lie
 43 Expressing time when an event takes place
 44 Bow
 45 Discharge
 47 Lutefisk or baccula
 49 Cool Christmas color
 50 Frozen water
 51 Small children
 52 To such an extent
 53 In favor of
 54 Full range of ability
 55 What Santa is saying these days
 57 Charact-

er in "A Christmas Carol"
 59 Young goats
 61 Attached label
 63 Grass found in the manger
 64 Tempt
 65 Archaic exclamation
 66 Used to introduce a conditional clause
 67 Lower abdomen
 71 Parasitic plant that bears white berries
 74 Tranquility
 77 People of Northern Europe
 80 He is (contraction)
 81 Advertisement
 82 Precious metal
 84 Elevated railway
 85 Archaic exclamation
 86 In the direction of
 87 Chemical element Silver
 89 United Kingdom
 90 Wet snow
 92 Tableau of the Nativity

93 Mythical race of very small people
 95 Deutschemark
 96 The night before an event
 98 Surrounded by
 99 European Union
 100 So be it
 101 Gifts
DOWN
 2 Packet of photons
 3 Female sibling
 4 Emperor of Russia
 5 Startle or shock complacent people
 6 Musical compositions
 8 Consume food
 10 Very cold
 11 Combining form of having two
 12 Hebrew Festival commemorating the rededication of the temple in 165 BC
 14 What pulls Santa's sleigh
 15 Medieval scientist of a mystical tone

16 German grandmother
 18 Reindeer herders of Northern Scandinavia
 19 When the winter sun reaches the lowest point in the sky
 27 Auto-exposure
 28 Associated Press
 29 Paper Christmas greetings
 30 Unwrought metal
 33 European Plan
 36 Salutation or good wishes
 37 Absolute
 38 Small baked sweet cake
 40 Complication
 41 Occupy
 42 Cot
 44 Negative
 46 Works hard
 47 Cystic Fibrosis
 48 Heap of snow
 51 Plaything
 55 Common Christmas dinner entree
 56 Garland
 58 Nocturnal

insect related to a butterfly
 60 Toboggan
 62 Form of an indefinite article
 68 "Footies"
 69 Expert
 70 Cherished by someone
 71 Female title
 72 Intermediate the-

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 73 Acorn bearing tree
 74 Purple oval fruit
 75 Santa's helpers
 76 Sorcerer
 78 Wheat-like cereal plant
 79 French Christmas
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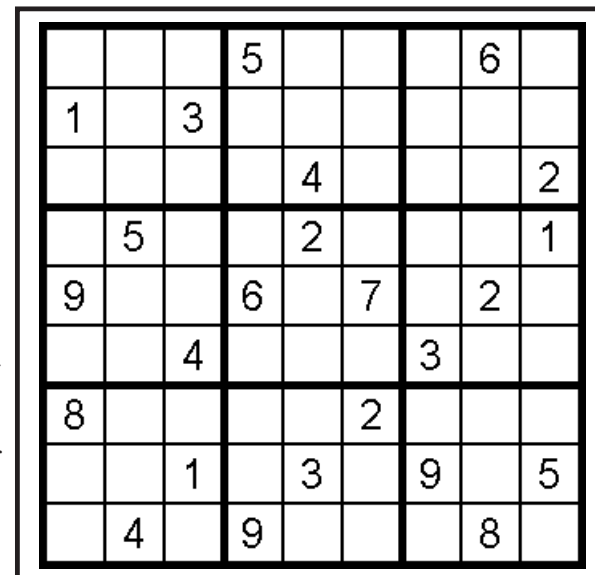
87 Mature
 88 Large dark antelope
 89 Utilize
 91 One of three sent on the Third Day of Christmas
 94 Twelve points
 97 Vermont

Spritz Christmas Tree Cookies

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

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

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Kids' Fun Page

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Mrs. Claus has been busy baking Gingerbread Men. Can you follow the dots to see a Gingerbread Man?



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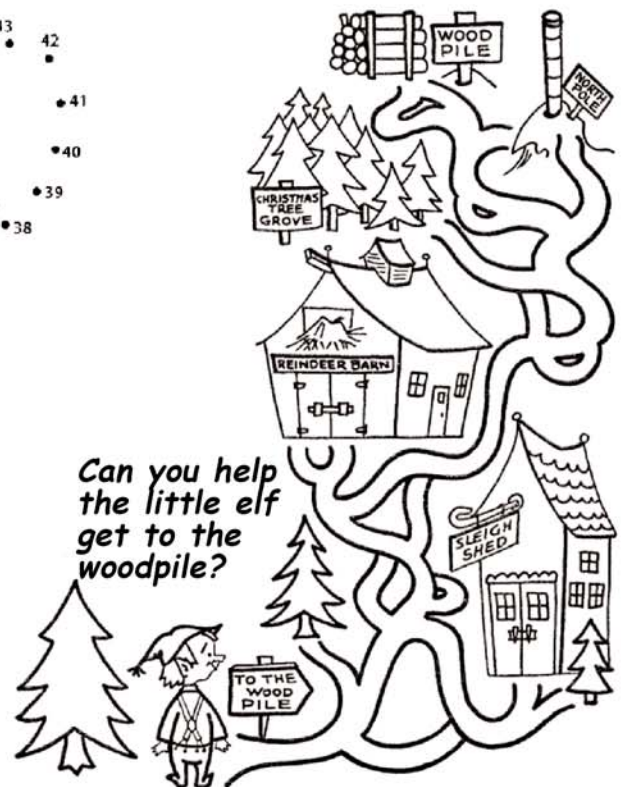


Can you find 10 differences between the 2 pictures?



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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District
Held on December 12th, 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 12th between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm at the Neversink Fire House located at 7486 State Route 55, Neversink, New York for the purpose of electing a Commissioner for one, one year term, commencing January 1st, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2024, and a Commissioner for one, five year term, commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2028. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before November 20th, 2023 and residing within the Neversink Fire District will be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office will need to have filed their names and the office they are seeking in writing with the Secretary of Neversink Fire District, at the firehouse at Neversink Fire District, PO Box 394, Neversink, New York 12765, no later than 20 days prior to the election with the last day for a Candidate to file their name in writing being November 22nd, 2023.

Dana Vogler, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Neversink Fire District
11/16; 11/23; 11/30; 12/7

**Public Announcement for School Meals
Special Provision Options (Provision 2 Non-
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The Sullivan BOCES announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 23-24 school year, which would allow for all children at all schools/sites to be served meals at no charge.

For additional information, please contact the following person:

Sullivan County BOCES
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**Statement from Governor
Kathy Hochul on Judicial
Approval of Cannabis
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**Senator Bill Weber
CoSponsors The
Dismantling Student
Antisemitism Act
or "DSA Act"**

Nanuet, NY: Senator Bill Weber has cosponsored the The Dismantling Student Antisemitism Act or "DSA Act", sponsored by Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick - S7773. Both Senator Weber and Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick serve on the Senate Antisemitism Task Force.

“Hatred is taught. Antisemitism, the world's oldest hatred, is taught. We must do all we can to educate young minds against hatred,” said Senator Bill Weber.

From the bill memo:

The DSA Act requires higher education accredited institutions to implement antisemitism awareness and prevention in administrative, faculty, staff, and student sensitivity training seminars. Further, the intent of the Act is to record and provide transparency on the frequency of these incidents which occur on the campuses of higher education institutions, and to actively assist individuals in recognizing and responding to hate and discrimination related to antisemitism on college campuses.

“This long embraced hatred has no place in our state or our country. To see those who believe it come out of the shadows to not just publicly embrace antisemitism, but to call for the outright destruction of Israel and the death of Jews everywhere, is sickening. If just last year you told me students, elected officials, and so called prominent members of our society would take the same position in 2023 as Europe in the 1930's and 40's, I would never have believed it possible,” Weber added.

In addition to cosponsoring this legislation, Senator Weber has sponsored the Combating Campus Antisemitism Act - Senate Bill S7752 to prohibit New York college students knowingly engaging in Antisemitism from receiving New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) awards.



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Tri-Valley Lions Christmas Holiday-Party at the Paper Mill Restaurant in Napanoch



Lions Maryann Cosentino and Esta Jacob of the Holiday Party Committee for coordinating this fun event, and to all those Lions who helped with the event, bringing pet supplies and delivery to the SPCA. Thank you also to the wonderful staff at The Paper Mill for a lovely experience and for the great food.

On Monday, December 4, 2023, The Tri-Valley Lions held their annual Christmas & Holiday Party at the beautiful Paper Mill Restaurant in Napanoch, NY. There were 26 Tri-Valley Lions and guests at the dinner. We started with yummy appetizers and then enjoyed soup or salad and excellent entrees. In addition to the fabulous food and drinks, we had a great time with a Tricky Tray offering and then played a Holiday Word Jumble followed by Holiday Bingo. Several of the attendees won lovely items from the tricky tray event and then gifts for the winners of the Holiday Jumble and Holiday Bingo. Multiple gift winners included Fran Fuller and Stacey Wizwer. A fun time was had by all. Special thanks to



As in previous years, in lieu of Secret Santa gifts for each other, The Tri-Valley Lions brought in all sorts of dog & puppy foods and cat & kitty foods, as well as kitty litter, dog and cat treats, and cleaning supplies for the Rock Hill SPCA. In all we delivered over 600

pounds of supplies to the SPCA on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. We met the new Shelter Manager, John Attard, and he gave us an update on how the Shelter was meeting its



challenges and wanted to let everyone know that the Rock Hill SPCA is looking for a full-time employee to oversee the cat and kitty population. John was very thankful to receive our donations and it will certainly help take care of the beautiful cats and dogs at the Shelter. They currently have several large adult dogs and lots of beautiful puppies. There are a few cats and some kittens.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in the 46th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley School Service Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, and support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com

Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season, plus a very happy & HEALTHY 2024. Stay well and stay safe.



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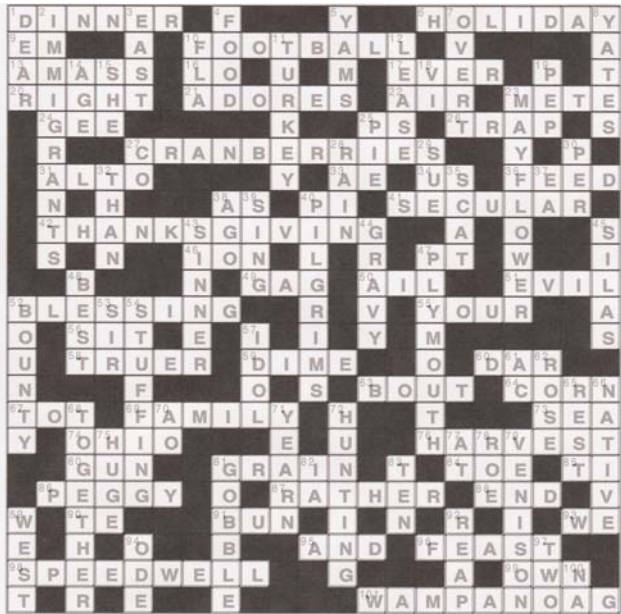
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The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/6/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
12/12/23	Claryville Fire District Election 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
12/12/23	Neversink Fire District Election 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
12/12/23	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/13/23	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
12/19/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
12/21/23	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
12/21/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
12/22/23	Town of Neversink Holiday - 1/2 day Christmas
12/25/23	Town of Neversink Holiday - Christmas Day
12/29/24	Town of Neversink Holiday - 1/2 day New Years
1/6/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall

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Grahamsville UMC Holiday Craft Fair Dec. 2, 2023 - 10 am - 3 pm
Gingerbread Bash Dec 10th 1-3 pm Claryville Reformed Church Hall (See pg. 13 for details)

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of

December 4 - December 8, 2023

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

Monday, December 4

o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, December 5

o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics**, in the Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building No.2 - Veterans Agency Entrance, 100 Development Court, Kingston

o **5:30 PM - County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2023**, A Local Law Amending Part II, §218, Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, To Extend Participation In The New York State Hunting Pilot Program For 12 - 13 Year Old Deer Hunters, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

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

Wednesday, December 6

o ***4:00 PM - Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and Legislature's Livestream*

o **5:30 PM - Caucuses: Democrats**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; Republicans, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

The Following Public Hearings and Special Legislative Session can be viewed via Livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

o **6:00 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 16 of 2023**, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter,

(Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify Various Provisions, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **6:10 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2023**, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify Various Provisions, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor County Office Building, Kingston

o **6:20 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 19 of 2023**, A Local Law Amending Article III Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **6:25 (Or Immediately Following Public Hearings) - Special Legislative Session: Vote on the Proposed 2024 Budget & Proposed 2024-2029 Capital Program**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board**, in the UCAT Operations Center, 1 Danny Circle, Kingston

Thursday, December 7

o **11:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **CANCELLED 12:00 PM (Or Immediately Following IDA) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o ***2:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and Legislature's Livestream*

o ***3:30 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and Legislature's Livestream*

o ***5:15 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and Legislature's Livestream*

Friday, December 8

o No Meetings_

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11 a.m., December 6, 2023
10:45 a.m., December 7, 2023
1 p.m., December 7, 2023
10:30 a.m., December 8, 2023
12:30 p.m., December 8, 2023

11 a.m., December 11, 2023
12:45 p.m., December 13, 2023

10:30 a.m., December 14, 2023
11 a.m., December 15, 2023

11:45 a.m., December 18, 2023
11 a.m., December 19, 2023
10:30 a.m., December 20, 2023

12 p.m., December 20, 2023
10:30 a.m., December 21, 2023
12 p.m., December 21, 2023

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Sullivan West HS Select Choir
Fallsburg Junior High Chorus
Chase Elementary School Chorus
Livingston Manor High School Band
and Chorus
Sullivan BOCES Student Chorus
Benjamin Cosor Elementary School
Chorus
Sullivan West Elementary Chorus
Liberty High School Mixed Choir and
Honors Choir
Liberty High School Band
Tri-Valley High School Jazz Combo
Monticello Middle School 6th Grade
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String Ensemble
Monticello High School Emerging
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From our Youth Theater - We begin the show with two short one-acts, directed by Dawn Perneszi. First - "Santa's Little Reindeer Rap" by Val Neubecker - the lovable holiday tale that is heartwarming and joyful as we see that Santa's not feeling so well, but the Elves and Reindeer use music to help him feel better - bringing the spirit of Christmas to life; followed by

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After a brief intermission of hot beverages and desserts, we conclude the performance with an old classic with a new, fresh, and inventive look at "A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play." The timeless classic (and a holiday television tradition) transforms live theater to staging the story as if it was a live radio broadcast in front of a live studio audience! Our '1940s' actors perform the voices of dozens of characters while creating LIVE foley sound effects. An adaptation by Joe Landry, and music by Kevin Connor - we are transported back to the heyday of 1940 Radio bringing the Charles Dickens classic to life with the iconic characters of Scrooge, Cratchits', and Christmas Ghosts. Come see our cast of characters, performed by Jean Eifert, Peter Nastasi, Alberto Santiago, Heather Strauss, Grace Summa & Harold Tighe including our Youth theatre members.

SCDW is inviting families, neighbors, and friends to come see these heartwarming holiday plays. \$12 ticket for general admission at "The Center Stage" in Hurleyville, NY (next to the Sullivan County Museum). Friday, December 8. 7:00PM, Saturday, December 9, 7:00PM and Sunday, December 10, at 1:00pm. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early. For more information, please check www.scdw.net.

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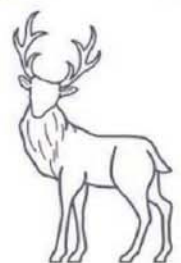
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Shane Rennison Unleashes Dynamic Live Energy with 'Live at the Outlier Inn' EP

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Singer-songwriter Shane Rennison, known for his genuine and soulful musical expression, is set to release a captivating Live EP titled "Live at the Outlier Inn". Recorded with his band in May 2023 at the renowned Outlier Inn Studio in Mountandale, NY, this EP showcases Rennison's evolution from a solo artist to a dynamic force in the indie pop and pop-rock scene.



Hailing from the picturesque Catskills of Upstate New York, Rennison's musical journey reflects his deep connection to the region's natural beauty and tranquility. His latest EP, "Nice To Meet You", is a testament to

his authenticity, featuring five tracks that provide a heartfelt glimpse into Rennison's wide-open heart and his cherished home in the Catskill Mountains.

Teaming up with talented composer and audio engineer Julian Giaimo, this collaboration symbolizes the growth and excitement Shane feels as he continues to explore and expand his musical horizons.

Known for performing regularly at local venues throughout the Catskills, covering a diverse range of over 150 bands, Shane Rennison's Live EP takes his musical prowess to the next level. The live recording includes



three tracks: "Closer", released as a single in 2022, along with "Ghost" and "Drunk" from the "Nice To Meet You" EP.

The live performances, captured by the skilled video team of Mike Bloom and Josh Baron, have already begun making waves. The "Ghost" video, released on October 27th, and the "Drunk" video,

released on November 10th, offer an immersive visual experience. Fans can watch these videos on YouTube, building anticipation for the full Live EP, which is scheduled for release on digital streaming platforms on Friday, November 24th.

Reflecting on the project, Rennison expressed, "This project



was a way for me personally to see if I was capable of playing with a band. The success of the project speaks volumes to the people I had helping me. From the video team to the band, there was experience and expertise in that room, and we were able to use that to create something truly special."

Excitement continues to build around Shane Rennison as he embraces a full band setting, hinting at the potential to play in larger venues and reach a broader audience. With the recent completion of their long-awaited debut album, slated for an early 2024 release, Rennison's musical journey is on an upward trajectory, promising more captivating moments for fans and music enthusiasts alike.

Live dates

12/27: Windham Private Club 2pm-5pm

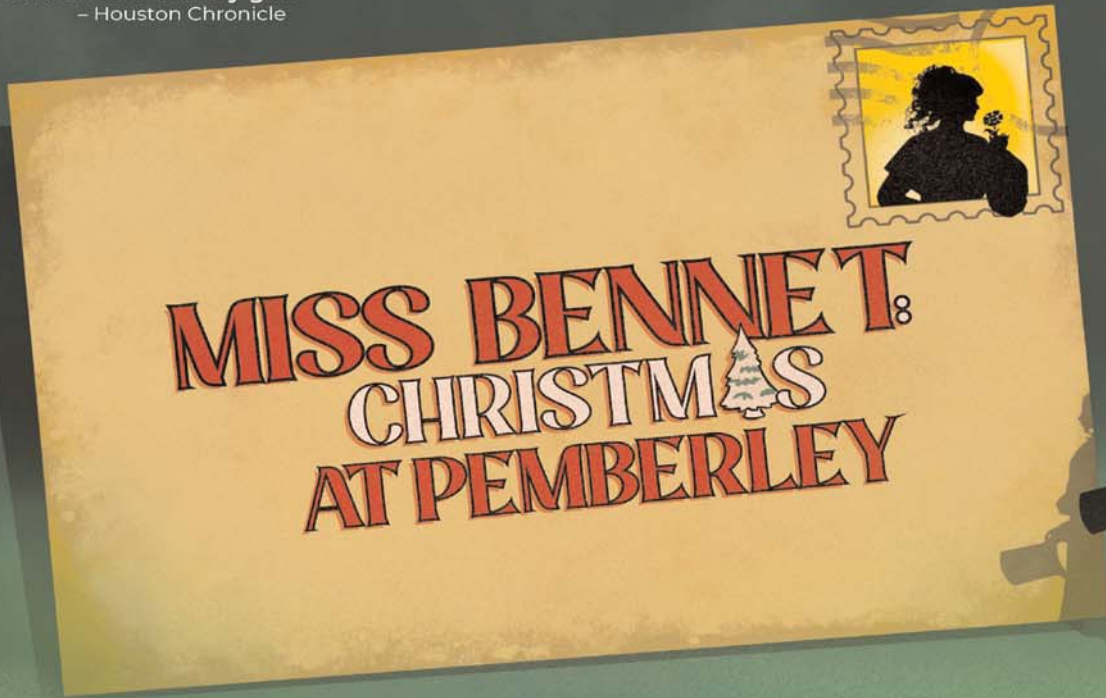
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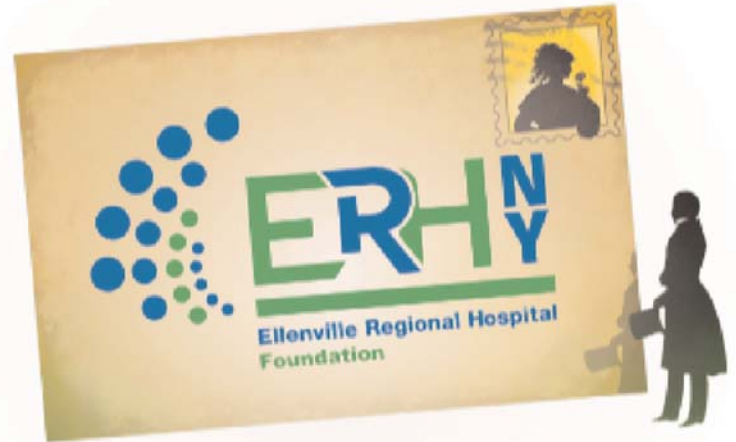
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The 3rd Annual MLK Day of Service Youth Summit

[HURLEYVILLE, NY] - The 3rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Youth Summit, which will be held on Friday, January 12, 2024, at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre. This is a free event, open to Sullivan County youth (grades 11 & 12) to participate from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The MLK Day of Service Youth Summit promises teens will be inspired by the importance of their voice, their ability to act for change and help them create their personal blueprint for life. Students will experience interactive workshops and collaborative activities designed to open their minds and hearts to greater service for themselves and their schools.

Back by popular demand will be dynamic keynote speaker, Duncan Kirkwood, Director of the Center for Resiliency at Villa Maria College, Army National Guard Master Resilience Trainer and Author of "Rerouting: Resilience Tools and Tactics". Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, Duncan attended Alabama State University, earning a bachelor's degree in communications before completing his master's degree in public administration. While in his last year of undergrad, Duncan enlisted in the Alabama Army National Guard and went on to become a Master Resilience Trainer, where he discovered his passion for helping others build resilience and overcome adversity.

The day will also feature the famous Dr. King speech, "Blueprint for Life" which focuses on the principles of; Belief in Oneself, Determination and Commitment. Lastly, each student in attendance will receive four hours of community service time to be used toward graduation requirements.

The MLK Day of Service Youth Summit is presented by Sullivan 180, Action Toward Independence Inc., Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, MISN CAPP (Maternal Infant Services Network Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention), Rural Migrant Ministries - YEG (Youth Economic Group), SALT (Sullivan Allies Leading Together), the Sullivan County Youth Bureau and the Center for Workforce Development, and Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers. To learn more or get involved with the MLK Day of Service Youth Summit, contact Amanda Langseder, Sullivan 180 Managing Director amanda@sullivan180.org or 845-295-2681.

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Governor Hochul Announces \$5.1 Million to Establish School-Based Mental Health Clinics

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that more than \$5.1 million was awarded to support 137 school-based mental health clinic satellites throughout New York State, including 82 at high-needs schools. Administered by the New York State Office of Mental Health, the funding is part of the governor's \$1 billion landmark plan to transform New York's mental health care system, which includes a total of \$8.3 million to support and expand these clinics throughout the state.

"In the age of aggressive social media culture, it is clear young people are facing insidious, and increasingly complex challenges to their mental and emotional wellness," Governor Hochul said. "By expanding mental health clinics in school-based settings, we can help engage young people of all ages in a familiar and stigma-free environment through conversations led by licensed experts."

Office of Mental Health-licensed providers were awarded \$25,000 per clinic to establish services at 137 schools throughout the state. An additional \$20,000 per school was awarded to those providers establishing services at high-needs schools, where more than 50 percent of the students are classified as coming from economically disadvantaged households.

In total, \$1.4 million in startup funding was provided for clinics at 55 schools, with an additional \$3.7 million awarded to clinics at 82 schools located within high-needs districts. Once these are established, there will be roughly 1,200 school-based clinics throughout New York State.

The satellite clinics operate at each school's main location and will be staffed by mental health practitioners regularly throughout the academic week. Through establishing a physical space within a school building, these clinics will be part of the school community alongside educators, allowing them to achieve optimal treatment outcomes.

Practitioners will help to identify childhood mental health needs earlier and engage families that might not have otherwise sought mental health assistance. A list of the new satellite clinics by region, district, and school can be found here.

Governor Hochul announced the awards during a visit to the Leadership and Public Service High School in Tribeca, where she met with students to discuss the mental health challenges they face along with their peers. New York Foundling will establish a satellite clinic at the school using a \$45,000 award through the initiative.

The funding will enable New York Foundling to develop a physical location at the school, shift a part-time program supervisor to a full-time role, and provide additional training for staff. Once established, the clinic will work to reduce mental health stigma, engage students and their families to connect them with services and provide case management for those needing more intensive services.

Assemblymember Aileen M. Gunther said, "Mental Health care is vital to all our communities. As a registered nurse and Assemblymember I have seen firsthand the struggle to provide adequate care for youth mental health throughout New York State. I applaud Governor Kathy Hochul on the expansion of these school-based mental health clinic satellites throughout New York State. These clinics bring care directly to those in need and it is critical that our state supports New York's communities, including by enhancing supports for children's mental health. I have always fought for what was best for my constituents, and I look forward to working with Governor Hochul on further expanding our healthcare infrastructure so that all those in need of mental health support have the access they need."

Governor Hochul has made youth mental health a focus of her administration and included it as an important component of her landmark \$1 billion plan to strengthen New York State's mental healthcare

system. In the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget adopted in May, she secured \$30 million to expand mental health services for school-aged children throughout the state, including \$20 million for school-based mental health services and \$10 million to implement wraparound services training.

Governor Hochul's plan also provided a 25 percent increase in Medicaid rates for full-day school-based programs for young people with significant mental health challenges and for school-based mental health services provided by Article 31 licensed clinics serving children in pre-K, elementary and secondary schools. This additional funding will improve access to services and ensure close coordination between the clinics, schools, and families.

As part of her plan, Governor Hochul increased insurance reimbursement rates for school based mental health services, ensuring the care provided by school-based mental health clinic satellites will be covered by commercial insurance plans and at the same rates as Medicaid. This change was adopted as part of the FY 2024 State Budget in May and will take effect starting in January, ensuring clinics can provide a high-quality care at their school satellites.

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



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

Oh, my goodness! Last week's paper was just chock full of wonderful events and activities. You always do such a great job in bringing us the latest in "what's happening" in the Tri-Valley area.

What a wonderful resource the *Tri-Valley Townsman* is!

Thank you from a grateful reader. Wishing you and your family and your readers the happiest of holiday seasons.

Carol Montana
Grahamsville

Editor's Reply:

Thank you Carol for the kind words and for your help this past week. Carol stepped in the last minute to help put together the article and pictures celebrating the Town of Neversink Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Like a lot of us, I was a victim of that old-fashioned cold and sniffles that is going around. Thank you to Chris Mathews and Brenda Brooks for their help too. It takes great people to make a great community! We have both.

The 9th Annual Tinsel Trot 5K Run December 16th at 10:00am

Place -Race registration and packet pickup is inside
Dutch's Tavern - 204 Rock Hill Dr.
Rock Hill, NY 12775

The Monticello Teachers' Association is proud to present the 9th Annual Tinsel Trot 5k Fun Run! Remember to dress as your favorite holiday character! Your support will provide scholarships for Monticello students as well as benefit local charity!

Over the past 8 years, the Tinsel Trot has raised over \$60,000 to support local charities and deserving Monticello High School students in their academic endeavors. Please help us continue this festive occasion!

The race begins at the stop sign between Dutch's Tavern and the Rock Hill Trading Post. Participants make a left onto Lake Louise Marie Road and then a right onto North Emerald. The race continues on North Emerald until reaching a turnaround just before Old Sackett Road. Runners then continue back to the start of the race and finish at the end of Lake Louise Marie Road. Organized by the Monticello CSD Teachers Association.

Register at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/RockHill/5thAnnualTinselTrot5kFunRun>

Volunteers Needed for AARP Tax Aide Program

LIBERTY, NY - Would you be interested in a meaningful volunteer position? If so, AARP Tax Aide is looking for you. Anyone who lives in Sullivan County can volunteer for the AARP Tax Aide program, whether you are a member or not!

If you have any experience with computers, especially if you have prepared your own taxes, why not volunteer as a tax preparer? Volunteer tax preparers will be trained to assist seniors as well as low to moderate-income individuals and families.

AARP will provide this comprehensive training beginning in December 2023 and continuing in January 2024. Most of it will be online, and you must pass a Certification test following training. You don't have to worry about being left on your own. Experienced preparers will help you at the site in real time, and another preparer will check all your work for accuracy. If you don't have a comput-

er, no problem! Tax Aide will provide Chromebook laptops for your use during training and while you volunteer.

For more information on volunteering with the Tax Aide program, please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension office at (845) 292-6180 or sullivan@cornell.edu, and they will put you in touch with the local Tax Program coordinator, Carl Amaditz, who will provide you with details and requirements.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

SCDW Holiday Shows:

A Christmas Carol: Live Radio Play
adapted by Joe Landry

On The Eight Night of Hanukkah by Jake Lewis
Santa's Little Reindeer Rap by Val Newbecker

Performing at The Center Stage (219 Main St,
Hurleyville, NY 12747)

Dates: December 8,9 at 7pm, December 10th at 1pm
Admission \$12

Monticello NY Elks Help 54 Veterans

(Monticello) Elks Lodge #1544 of Monticello has presented Sullivan County Veterans Coalition Chair Howie Goldsmith with 54 boxes of food (including hams) just in time for the holidays. Funding for the food came from a \$2500 Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant. Pictured from left (back row): Past Exalted Ruler Mike Brennan, Scott Cooper, Past District Deputy Jim Gerrard, Past District Deputy Jim Sheerer and Trustee Brian Johnson. Front row: Dennis Mandina, Peter Kunz and Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell. Also helping out, but not in the photo were: Past Exalted Ruler Bill James, Lecturing Knight David Welsch, Terry Atkins and Maggie Sheerer.

List of Foreclosed Properties Now Available to Read

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County has published the annual list of properties at risk of being foreclosed upon, and the public is welcome to view it at <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Treasurer>.

"My office makes every effort to keep people in their homes and allow ample time to pay delinquent taxes," noted Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "That's why we want property owners to know now whether their lands and buildings are on our list of potential foreclosures, as they have until April 1, 2024 to redeem them."

The list includes all properties upon which property taxes have not been paid since 2022 or earlier. Should delinquent taxes not be paid by the due date, these properties will be put up for sale in the County's Real Property Tax Auction.

Payment of taxes due can be made by check or money order via mail, payable to the Sullivan County Treasurer, PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701; or in person at the Treasurer's Office on the first floor of the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

The County Treasurer's Office welcomes questions at 845-807-0200 or by visiting the office.

Grahamsville Youth Program

Fall Dates

One Saturday a month

5 pm to 7 pm



October 14, 2023 - Flood Buckets for UMCOR
November 4, 2023 - Operation Christmas Child
December 9, 2023 - Nursing Home Christmas Gifts

Join us for a night of playing games, short messages, crafts, music, dinner and community service projects.

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall

Who: Ages 8+

**Accepting donations for the Flood Buckets. Please contact
Grahamsville Church to arrange a drop off time.
Evening sponsorships are welcomed.**

**For more information contact Amanda 845-538-6145 (text) or
grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com**



ULSTER HEIGHTS ROD & GUN CLUB RAFFLE

SUPPORT OUR CLUB AND FUTURE YOUTH EVENTS
BY PURCHASING A RAFFLE TICKET WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A
WICKED RIDGE - RAIDER 400 DE-COCK CROSSBOW



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CONTACT FOR TICKETS:
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ERIC AKERLEY 845.707.1483 - CLUB MEMBER

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AWESOME/AWKWARD FAMILY PHOTOS
FUNDRAISER / TOY DRIVE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED FOR THE HOLIDAYS
AT BRIDGE AND TUNNEL BREWERY

SATURDAY DEC. 16TH 2PM TILL 6PM

\$20 FOR: 8.5"x11" Portrait
Complementary Pint Pour Or Pot of Tea
Snacks Santa

Photo With Santa? **Toys Welcomed**
Bring The Kids **Bring The Dog**

50 LAKE STREET LIBERTY N.Y.
LIBERTY POLICE
All Proceeds To Liberty Community Christmas Drive

New Features at WWW.DEC.NY.GOV Enhance and Modernize Service Delivery to 28 Million Annual Visitors

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today officially debuted a redesigned public website that improves accessibility and the user experience, particularly on mobile devices. The site is significantly easier to use with cellphones, streamlines navigation, includes more powerful search capabilities, and offers new multimedia features to provide a more engaging visitor experience.

“With more than 28 million visitors each year in search of information about DEC programs, environmental rules and regulations, outreach and education, and grant opportunities, DEC’s website is a critical extension of the services we provide for New Yorkers,” said Commissioner Basil Seggos. “The launch of DEC’s new website provides a more mobile-friendly and immersive view into DEC’s mission and our ongoing work to protect the environmental and public health and responsibly connect New Yorkers to nature.”

DEC’s prior website was launched in 2005 on a now-antiquated platform that was not optimized for cellphones and other small-screen devices. The redesigned site offers a more responsive design and intuitive functionality, whether visitors are using a desktop, laptop, tablet, or handheld device. Features include streamlined navigation and new content presentation capabilities that allow DEC to better integrate video and other visual media. Updated DEC website URLs

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Start at Route 28 and Reservoir Rd in Shokan 1.7 Miles
 ← Turn LEFT onto Monument Road
 Continue onto NY-28A West 1.8 Miles
 ← Turn LEFT onto NY-213 1.1 Miles
 → Turn RIGHT onto Krumville Road/CR-2A 0.8 Miles
 Gun Shop on LEFT

Start at Route 209 and 213 in Stone Ridge
 -Going Towards Olivebridge 7.5 Miles
 ← Turn LEFT onto The Krumville Road/CR-2A 0.8 Miles
 Gun Shop on LEFT

Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge Every Tuesday at 7 PM
46 North Street in Monticello
For information contact
 Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell at (845) 701-0695

are all plain text, improving the ability of search engines to find and connect users to content. To ensure visitors can still find favorite web pages from the old design, DEC has established redirects to the new web pages.

Expanded, task-focused navigation makes it easier for visitors to find regulatory, environmental protection, licensing, and environmental education content and resources more quickly. Larger call-to-action sections make it easy to purchase licenses, search for job openings, sign up for topic-specific newsletters through DEC Delivers, or subscribe to DEC’s Conservationist Magazine.

Finding permit information and submitting requests for permit action is also improved on the new website. For instance, a new State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) submission form lets local, regional, and state governmental agencies quickly provide details for SEQR reviews and approvals.

DEC’s website includes a wealth of information, such as DECinfo Locator—an interactive map that lets the public access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites in New York State, as well as outdoor recreation information. With more than 90 data layers available, this is the first application that shows both environmental quality monitoring and natural resource information together in one place.

To experience the website redesign, learn more about DEC’s programs, or find your next outdoor adventure, go to DEC’s web-

WANTED

White and Black T-shirts or T-Shirt Fabric



Maureen Hamilton is making another hooked rug! This time she needs enough **Black and White T-Shirt Fabric** to complete this project

When the rug is finished it will go on sale
by the **Sundown UMC Ladies**

All proceeds from the rug will be for the benefit
of **The Sundown United Methodist Church**

T-Shirts can be dropped off at the Sundown UMC Hall on Tuesdays from 1 - 3 pm

In Search of the Goddess

March 16 - May 4, 2024
Curated by **Kathy Yacoe and Sandra Scheuer**

For our ancestors, the Goddess was a powerful, dynamic, and creative figure who represented fertility and the continuation of nature. The Goddess is associated with renewal, rebirth, transformation, and the mystery of death. She also attracts us with her alluring charms, arouses our curiosity about her powers, and tempts us with her pleasurable and unbridled nature.

This show will embrace the concept of the Goddess as the powerful representative of Mother Earth. Imagery could be of Mother Earth and the endless cycles of life, death, and rebirth or representations of the Goddess herself revealing ancient or modern ideals of feminine beauty and power.

All genres of art are considered but work must be wall-hung. The exhibition will open on Saturday, March 16, 3 - 5 pm and will run through May 4, 2024. If you are interested in submitting work to be considered for this show, please read the submission instructions.

Submission Guidelines:

1. All artwork should be original (no reproductions) and should fit the theme of the exhibition, "In Search of the Goddess".
2. All artwork should be no more than 48 inches x 48 inches in size, including frame. All works must be wall hung. Small shelves (to be provided by the artist) for sculptures are acceptable.

3. The library takes a 30% commission on all sales (the artist will receive the remaining 70% of the sale). All artwork must be for sale.

4. Send up to 5 jpg or png files (no zip files!) of your work in ONE EMAIL only (please do NOT include the frame in the image if your work is framed, only the artwork itself!) to oflart-submissions@gmail.com.

5. Image files should each be named with the artwork's title only. In the body of the email, please provide details for each of the works, i.e. title, medium, and size (height x width) incl. frame (if framed):

eg. Title 1: oil, 5" x 7"

Title 2: pastel, 8" x 10"

Title 3: pen & ink, 12" x 12"

6. All artwork must be properly WIRED ready for hanging. Any work not properly wired will be rejected.

7. All candidates must be 16 years or older.

8. Please submit your image files by Thursday, January 25, 2024 and send to oflartsubmissions@gmail.com.

9. If accepted, you will be contacted directly by email with all necessary forms for you to fill in, and submit them with your artwork during drop-off. Intake day is Monday, March 11, 2024.

10. All artworks have to be dropped off and picked up by the artist or a friend or family member (no mail!)

11. If you want to be added to the Olive Free Library's email list and find out about its events and other exhibition opportunities, please send an email to director@olivefreelibrary.org

12. We look forward to receiving your submissions!

Holiday Market



at Liberty Mall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

11 AM - 4 PM

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Local Cuisine and Craft Beverage Makers.

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DECEMBER 2 & 16
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JANUARY 6 – MARCH 16



SULLIVAN 180

WALK-THRU MONDAYS

as part of Peace, Love & Lights
at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

November 27; December 4, 11, 18, 25

5–9 PM | Last Entry: 7:30 PM

Adult (12+): \$12; Youth: Free

To support the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, guests who bring a new, unwrapped toy will receive complimentary admission for one adult.

Explore Peace, Love & Lights up close and personal, out of the car and in the midst of the magic. Zip up your coat and take a walk with Sullivan 180 at the spectacular holiday lights display!



THEMED NIGHTS:

- December 4: **School Spirit Night** – Get creative and show off your school spirit!
- December 11: **Healthcare Night** – Take a much-deserved break and enjoy a walk with your healthcare colleagues.
- December 18: **Healthiest Fire Department Challenge Night** – Kick off the 2024 Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge with your department.



Scan for walk details
& to plan your visit.



Sundown
United
Methodist
Church



January 6, 2023

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

(Intersection of Sundown Rd., Peekamoose Rd. & Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740)

Daniel Pierce Library

Holiday Felting Event!

Come explore the world
of wool with us.

For Adults

Thursday, December 7, 2023

6:00-7:00 pm



Celebrate the holidays and dip into felting! Join felting expert, Christine Adams in this workshop where you will felt your own Snow Owl.

Felting is an age-old textile art that uses wool fibers and special tools to create a variety of objects.

A \$5 supply fee is due before event to secure your spot. Space is limited.
Tri-Valley residents only. Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

To register for this event go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelawQI3OvFzZXsIQ4PWVeBuXf7rIbZIK_2DppFm0IPz-x1Q/viewform

Kiwanis Club of Monticello 2023

Bernie Shore/Rose Raimond

Fundraising Dinner

We are once again making our annual fundraising dinner available at a time of your choosing from Yanni's Café on Pleasant Street in Monticello. You can have your dinner socially distant "eat in" or "take out" at the window after ordering ahead at 845-794-2044.

Dinner choices (choose one):

Roast Beef Dinner

Grilled Chicken Platter

Gyro Platter

Vegetarian Crepe

Dinner Includes: Dinner choice, Soup or Salad, Choice of 2 Sides

Tickets are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance by contacting a Monticello Kiwanis member or by mailing a check made out to Kiwanis Club of Monticello, P.O. Box 413, Monticello, NY 12701. They are valid currently and may be redeemed at Yanni's through December 31, 2023

Thanks for your continual support of this important annual fundraiser. All proceeds benefit our local projects, including a Walk Against Hunger, aiding foster children, working with United Way to collect food baskets for holiday distribution, providing books for second graders and sponsoring scholarships for Monticello High School seniors.

For questions or information on obtaining tickets contact:
Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.

Local Teens Visit County Government Various Leaders Talk About Roles, Rules and Rights



Monticello, NY - A group of approximately 30 Sullivan West high-schoolers spent much of Thursday, November 16 learning about the people and offices who serve them.

"We were happy to facilitate a field trip so that local teens could better understand the important tasks Sullivan County government undertakes every day - and the important role they can play in accomplishing those tasks," explained Youth Services Manager Kristen Kitson, who oversees the Sullivan County Youth Bureau. "They came to ask questions and engage with leaders, something we want to offer to all our school districts and their high school students."

The day kicked off with Legislature meetings, where teens learned in real time how resolutions are discussed and passed in committee. That was followed by insights from Legislature Vice Chair Mike Brooks, County Treasurer Nancy Buck, Deputy County Attorney Tom Cawley, Commissioner of Jurors Deanna Armbrust-Cruz and Information Technology Services Director of Application Development and Support Andrew McCabe.

"I was very impressed with how attentive these high-schoolers were," noted Buck. "They seemed truly interested in what we had to say and how they can be a part of County government. I welcome future visits like these, especially since some of these young people may one day be working in and running local government."

The Youth Bureau will be hosting Eldred Junior-Senior High School students in December, and Kitson encourages other area school districts to contact her to set up a visit: 845-807-0394 or Kristen.kitson2@sullivan-ny.us.

Sullivan West students listen to Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck and Deputy County Attorney Tom Cawley talk about their roles in County government during the first of a series of Youth Bureau-organized visits to the Government Center in Monticello.





The Health Benefits of Open Space

A Municipal Planning & Zoning Seminar

As a Planning, Zoning or Town Board member, you can positively influence the health of your community.

Join Shannon Cilento, Community Development & Communications Manager, for a discussion on the important relationship between health and open space. Learn about resources and opportunities for improving access and inclusion in parks and public spaces.

**Wednesday, December 6
6:00 PM via Zoom**

Municipal planning and zoning board members will receive 1 hour of training credit.

To register, visit Sullivan180.org or scan the QR code.



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Ulster County Executive Metzger Launches Medical Reserve Corps, Calls for Community Volunteers

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has announced the launch of the Ulster County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), an all-volunteer network to bolster community preparedness and response to public health emergencies and disasters. The MRC consists of both non-medically trained and medically licensed/certified volunteers to support the County's Departments of Health and Emergency Services in protecting health, preserving life, and administering aid and assistance during times of disaster and community need. The program is now open and accepting applicants from all backgrounds, with an emphasis on medically trained or certified members of the public. Additional information about the MRC is available on the County's Participate Ulster site at <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/mrc>.

"The Medical Reserve Corps is an exciting new initiative that will draw on the talented pool of volunteers we have right here in Ulster County to protect public health and well-being and improve our overall resilience to public health threats and natural disasters," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I am thrilled that we are rolling out this program and encourage interested residents to consider joining our Medical Reserve Corps today."

"A well-organized Medical Reserve Corps stands as a pillar of readiness, ensuring a rapid, coordinated response when crisis strikes," said Everett Erichsen, Director of the Department of Emergency Services. "Investing in preparedness not only shields against the unexpected but also fosters a sense of security and resilience, strengthening the very fabric of society. I extend my gratitude to the County Executive for steadfastly supporting this endeavor and commend the collaborative synergy between the Department of Emergency Services and the Department of Health. This joint effort exemplifies the power of cooperation, underscoring our shared commitment to bolstering preparedness and ensuring the well-being of our community in times of need."

"The Ulster County MRC will provide a network of trained volunteers to support our Public Health and Emergency Services workforce in responding to large-scale community health emergencies, such as we experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic," said Dr. Carol Smith, Commissioner of Health. "This event demonstrated that we have residents who are willing to dedicate their time and talent to assist in meeting the needs of the community when faced with extraordinary circumstances. We hope that the Ulster County MRC will promote a more resilient community, as well as serve as a rewarding opportunity for our dedicated volunteers."

The County Legislature and County Executive approved the Ulster County Medical Reserve Corps Unit in July, and in September it was certified as a registered unit in the Federal MRC program under the Office of the United States Surgeon General. MRC volunteers are

trained as part of a team and work within their community's health, preparedness, and emergency response infrastructures to help meet local medical and public safety needs. Volunteers will assist with emergency preparedness, emergency management, public health, and safety and response efforts. Examples of activities that MRC volunteers participate in and support include: emergency shelter operations and medical care, community vaccination clinics, disaster clean-up and recovery support, and first aid and medical support during large public gatherings.

The MRC is seeking a broad range of related skills and expertise in its call for volunteers, including:

- o Practicing, retired, or otherwise employed medical professionals, such as doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians, pharmacists, nurses' assistants, and others
- o Public health professionals including behavioral health, environmental health, epidemiologists, and others
- o Non-medically trained community members who can provide administrative, management, and other essential support functions.

Prospective members must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license or a non-driver ID to apply for membership. Upon completing the application process, members must register with the NYS Health Commerce system and ServNY, and complete the following online courses: FEMA Independent Study IS 700, IS 100a, and the NYS Health Department Psychological First Aid PFA 100. To retain membership in the unit, members must attend a minimum of four activities annually, either training or deployments. The MRC unit will conduct scheduled training exercises, typically monthly.

The Federal Medical Reserve Corps program operates under the guidance of the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, a division of the U.S. Public Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services.


The nationwide program involves more than 200,000 volunteers from across approximately 800 community-based units throughout the United States and its territories. These dedicated individuals, including medical and public health professionals and community members from diverse backgrounds, willingly contribute their time and expertise to support emergency preparedness and response efforts in their communities.

The need for the MRC program was recognized following the events of September 11, 2001, when medical and public health professionals eager to assist in emergency relief operations found a lack of organized avenues for their involvement. The MRC was established to provide a structured framework for recruiting, training, and activating volunteers to address community health needs during disasters and public health crises.

At the local level, the Ulster County MRC will be led by a dedicated MRC unit coordinator responsible for matching community needs with volunteer capabilities, building vital partnerships, ensuring the sustainability of the local unit, and managing volunteer resources.

For those who are interested in joining this exciting initiative or would like to learn more about it, please contact the unit coordinator at ucmrc@co.ulster.ny.us and request an application, or go to ServNY at www.health.ny.gov/ServNY

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

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

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NO DOG REQUIRED TO WALK

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LIBERTY, N.Y.

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**ALL ANIMALS ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT
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VET 2 VET



**SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Action Toward Independence



Following the Thanksgiving holiday and another busy week, I wanted to provide another update on how I've been fighting for you down in DC and across the Hudson Valley.

HONORING THOSE LOST AND CALLING FOR THE RETURN OF ALL HOSTAGES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HyLUGnfv2U>

This week, I solemnly honored the memories of those the Hudson Valley is mourning and called for the safe return of all hostages kidnapped during Hamas' terrorist attacks in Israel during a speech on the House Floor.

Judih and Gadi Haggai are not combatants or soldiers, but a school teacher and a musician.

Ariel and Kfir Bibas are not prisoners of war, but children, babies, ripped away from their home and taken hostage by Hamas terrorists.

To the Haggai family and to the Bibas family, to the Hudson Valley community deep in sorrow, to every Jewish person worried about their safety amidst rising antisemitism, know this:

We are here for you, and we will not give up until every single hostage gets home safe.

SUPPORTING EARLY EDUCATION

Delivering for Hudson Valley schools is a direct investment in our children and our communities' future.

I'm proud to have secured \$2.5 million in federal funding for early education programs in Poughkeepsie schools to enrich students' lives and uplift our entire community.

I had a fantastic time visiting Head Start in Port Jervis. These early education programs are absolutely crucial for launching our children on the pathway to success.

I'm fully committed to fighting for the resources that our kids, teachers, and schools deserve.

REDUCING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

For too long, Big Pharma has been allowed to game the system, rake in record profits, and rip off hard working Hudson Valley families.

I'm proud to introduce the "Stopping Pharma's Ripoffs and Drug Savings For All Act" to make producing generic drugs easier and lower costs for NY-18 families.

I'll keep fighting to make healthcare more affordable for everyone in the Hudson Valley.

Watch the full press conference here.

DELIVERING FOR ULSTER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Our law enforcement officers are on the front lines of the opioid epidemic - we must get them the proper resources.

I am proud to deliver a \$400,000 grant to Ulster County to implement a crisis intervention team through its Opioid Response as County Law Enforcement's High Risk Mitigation Team (ORACLE). These funds will go a long way in combating the addiction crisis and keeping Hudson Valley families safe.

The progress that Sheriff Figueroa and the entire Ulster County Sheriff team has made is nothing short of remarkable.

I will continue to use every tool at my disposal to combat the opioid crisis.

INCREASING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

Every Hudson Valley family deserves quality healthcare. I'm proud to deliver \$2.8 million for Cornerstone Family Healthcare to build an urgent care center and expand its primary care center in Middletown.

I'm looking forward to continuing to fight for our shared goal of ensuring everyone in NY-18 has accessible and affordable healthcare.

WORKING WITH MIDDLETOWN FAITH LEADERS

Thank you to Mayor DeStefano and faith leaders in our Latino community for coming together for our recent productive conversation.

I'm grateful to work alongside such remarkable partners to deliver the resources to uplift our families and neighbors in Middletown and across the Hudson Valley!

CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING WITH SERVICE

I'm thankful for all of the inspiring volunteers across NY-18 who selflessly serve our communities.

I was grateful to work alongside volunteers at the Salvation Army in Kingston and at RECAP delivering meals to families in Newburgh, Middletown, and Port Jervis this Thanksgiving.

Your compassion and dedication are what makes the Hudson Valley a home for all of us.

RAISING DIABETES AWARENESS

November is National Diabetes Month.

Thank you to JT for being a fierce advocate for kids with Type 1 Diabetes in NY-18 and across the country.

Proud to fight alongside you to make insulin and medications more affordable for American families.

FIGHTING FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Our military families make huge sacrifices for our country - we are forever indebted to them.

This Military Appreciation Month, I'm proud to champion legislation that delivers the support they deserve, from healthcare to nutrition to housing.

SUPPORTING HUDSON VALLEY SMALL BUSINESSES

Last Saturday was Small Business Saturday - I want to thank all the small businesses across NY-18 for being the backbone of our Hudson Valley economy!

Every day, I'm working to deliver you the resources you need to continue to thrive.

HELPING SENIORS ACCESS MEDICARE

Big reminder: Medicare open enrollment ends on December 7th! Explore your options here or contact my office here on my website or by calling (845) 443-2930 if you need assistance navigating the open enrollment process or accessing your benefits. Enroll or learn more about your options here on [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

With benefits like Medicare and Social Security under constant attack, know that I will always battle and vote to protect the benefits you've earned from cruel cuts.

GRANTS CORNER

NEW!

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Speciality Crop Block Grant program is now accepting proposals for projects that work towards the following outcomes: improved pest and disease control, develop new seed varieties and speciality crops, expand speciality crop research and development, and improve environmental sustainability of specialty crops. The potential grant award was recently increased to \$250,000 and two webinars will be held for interested applicants on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm and Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 9:00 am - 10:30 am.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available through its Community Change Grants Program to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. (Contd. Pg. 53)

Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 52)

This opportunity will be available for a year, closing on November 21, 2024, and EPA will review applications on a rolling basis. This allows applicants to utilize technical assistance and possibly resubmit a new application if not initially selected. EPA encourages applicants to apply as early as possible. There will be multiple informational webinars, with the first being held on December 7, 2023.

The USDA's Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program is designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools and help connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals. Grants can launch new farm to school programs or expand existing efforts. The deadline to submit applications is January 12, 2024.

New York was awarded \$13.5 million from the Inflation Reduction Act's Federal Urban and Community Forestry Program. This grant program is designed to increase equitable access to trees and green spaces in urban and community forests to support building a clean energy economy, advance environmental justice, and create economic opportunity. All projects must take place in disadvantaged communities as identified by any of three Federal and State tools listed in the Request for Applications (RFA). The deadline to submit applications is Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is now accepting applications for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2024. The popular program helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact. RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the state and local levels, including municipalities, Tribal governments, counties, and others complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects. Application due by February 28, 2024.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE SOON!

Applications for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) are now open. FEMA's two competitive mitigation grant programs provide states and local communities with funding to address high-level future risks to natural disasters such as wildfires, drought, hurricanes, earthquakes, extreme heat, and increased flooding to foster greater community resilience and reduce disaster suffering.

Subapplications are due to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) through FEMA GO (FEMAGO - Login) no later than December 15, 2023. If you intend on applying and would like a Letter of Support, please contact my office!

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

New York State's Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program has announced that \$1 million is available to support community growing spaces and fund projects geared toward the development and enhancement of urban farms, school gardens, and community gardens across the state.

New York State recently announced more than \$60 million in capital grant funding will be available to nonprofit human services organizations through the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program to support the delivery of critical services to New Yorkers. Eligible nonprofit organizations that provide direct programs and services to New Yorkers may receive grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 for the completion of small- and large-scale construction projects.

The Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program (CWIFP) enables local investment in infrastructure projects that enhance community resilience to flooding, promote economic prosperity, and improve environmental quality. Through CWIFP, the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will accelerate non-federal investments in water resources infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost loans to creditworthy borrowers. Application open until December 19. If you want to stay up-to-date on all of that my office is doing, I encourage you to follow along on our social media channels: Facebook and Twitter .

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Patrick K. Ryan

Member of Congress

New York's 18th District

<https://patryan.house.gov/>



Ensuring Illegal Immigrants are not Reaping the Benefits of our Taxpayer-Funded Programs & Resources

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-m9IQYRzEk>

The Biden administration continues to advance policies that incentivize illegal immigration at the taxpayers' expense, turning every community into a border community. Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams have only exacerbated this crisis by allowing migrants to run unchecked in New York, even using taxpayer resources to house them on public park land. That is why I voted for the Protecting Our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act of 2023 this week to put a stop to this blatant abuse of taxpayer dollars and prohibit the Biden administration from using federal funding to house illegal immigrants on federal property. I will always work to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being used in a responsible manner to assist American citizens.

Halting the Transfer of \$6 Billion to Iran & Refusing to Fund Terrorism

In September, the Biden administration made a dangerous hostage deal with Iran that put a price on every American head all over the world. Not only did President Biden's reckless decision incentivize our foreign adversaries to take more Americans hostage in return for a payout, but it also provided Iran with additional financial resources to fund its terrorist activities worldwide. By passing the No Funds For Iranian Terrorism Act and refusing to send \$6 billion to a state sponsor of terrorism, the United States sends a clear message that Iran will face consequences for its role in funding, training, and supporting terrorism, including the attack on Israel. The United States must remain steadfast in its commitment to counteracting terrorism and supporting Israel's right to self-defense.

Restoring Fiscal Responsibility in Washington for NY-24

It's hard to find any part of a household budget that hasn't been affected by the Left's policies. Since January 2021,

Groceries have been up 25%

Used car prices have climbed 35%

Auto insurance is up by 33%

Rent is up by 20% (Contd. Pg. 54)

This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 53) Democrats continues to claim “Bidenomics” is working. Yet, prices have risen by 17.1% since Biden took office, and a recent survey reported that 7 out of 10 Americans don't believe the economy is getting better. This struggling economy is a direct result of Joe Biden and extreme Democrats' reckless spending, which House Republicans are committed to reining in. I am dedicated to continuing to work on your behalf to restore fiscal responsibility in Washington.

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

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

I voted “No” on H. Res. 878, Providing for the expulsion of Representative George Santos from the United States House of Representatives. This resolution expelled Representative George Santos from the House of Representatives and required a 2/3 majority to pass. The finding of the House Ethics report on Santos reveals a pattern of lies, false statements and inappropriate use of donor funds that are unlawful and will more than likely lead to a conviction of Santos in a court of law before a jury of his peers. However, Santos has not been afforded Constitutionally guaranteed due process, which includes the right to offer a defense and to cross-examine the evidence against him, which must be provided to every citizen. Since the Civil War, only two members of the House of Representatives have been expelled, but only after being convicted of a crime or after pledging allegiance to the Confederacy. Neither of those charges applies to Santos. Two Democrats voted “No.” The hypocrisy of the Democrats voting “Yes” is glaring because Democratic members of the House, past and present, have been indicted or convicted of crimes and were not expelled. For example, former Democrat Ways and Means Committee Chair, Charlie Rangel, was found guilty of 11 counts from the Ethics Committee in 2010 and was censured, but not expelled. Democrats Jamaal Bowman, Senator Robert Menedez, Adam Schiff and others have repeatedly lied to the American people - but never faced an expulsion on the floor. Schiff knowingly advanced a hoax over years to cripple an American President and undermine the security and the integrity of the American people. In the name of consistency and transparency, I implore the Ethics Committee to take up an investigation into these glaring acts of deceit and harm to the American people. This premature and politically charged action erodes due process, which all members of Congress and public office holders have taken an oath to uphold. This motion was passed by a vote of 311-114, with two members voting present.

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 5283, the Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act of 2023. While Biden's border crisis continues to be exacerbated by willful inaction from Democrats in Washington, the Biden Administration and Mayor Adams have now decided to house migrants on parkland such as the Floyd Bennet Field in the New York City Gateway National Recreation Area, ending community access in order to make way for a tent city. In response, House Republicans continue to advance legislation to secure the border, protect our communities, and in this case, ensure that failed border polices don't result in our parkland being used as housing grounds for illegal immigrant overflow. H.R. 5283 protects local communities and our parks from Biden's border crisis by prohibiting taxpayer dollars from being used to house illegal immigrants on federal lands owned by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management. It also revokes a Department of Interior lease located at the “Floyd Bennett Field, in the Jamaica Bay Unit of

Gateway National Recreation Area” in New York City to return this important park to community use. It is time the Biden Administration finally works with Congressional Republicans to address the president's border crisis, but in the meantime, it is essential we protect the American people from paying the price for this willful incompetence. H.R. 5283 passed the House by a vote of 224-203, with 1 member voting present

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 5961, the No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act. In September 2023, the Biden Administration finalized negotiations to unfreeze \$6B in Iranian financial assets, which Iran would inevitably use for terrorism and the oppression of its people. Despite claims by President Biden to the contrary, money is fungible, and these funds could easily be used for any malevolent purpose. Iran financially backs terrorist proxies and partners in the region, such as Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. H.R. 5961 would effectively freeze the \$6B of Iranian funds by imposing immediate sanctions on financial institutions attempting to engage in transactions with these funds. Further, this bill would prevent the Biden Administration from waiving these important sanctions on Iran. For years, I have sounded the alarm about the danger posed by Iran, and yet the Biden Administration has given the regime billions in the form of sanctions relief and lack of enforcement. I wholeheartedly support H.R. 5961 and will continue pushing back on the Biden Administration's pro-Iran agenda. This bill passed the House by a vote of 307-119, with 1 member voting present

I voted “Yes” on H.Res. 793, Calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken during October 2023 attack on Israel. H.Res. 793 condemns Hamas in the strongest terms for its brutal attack on Israel and hostage-taking, which violates international law. On October 7, the world watched in horror as Iranian-backed Hamas terrorists brutalized, tortured, kidnapped, raped, and killed Israeli civilians. Over 200 Israelis were kidnapped, including dozens of Americans. This resolution makes it clear that the United States will not tolerate Hamas kidnapping innocent civilians. H.Res. 793 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 414-0.

I voted “Yes” on H.Res. 888, Reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist. H.Res. 888 unequivocally supports Israel's right to exist and recognizes that denying Israel's right to exist is anti-Semitism. On October 7, the world watched in horror as Iranian-backed Hamas terrorists brutalized, tortured, kidnapped, raped, and killed Israeli civilians. Over 1,400 Israelis and over 30 Americans have been killed. The United States must unequivocally support Israel's right to exist and continue to back Israel as it works to defend itself against radical Palestinian terrorism. H.Res. 888 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 412-1 with 1 member voting present.

Introducing Legislation To Officially Recognize Veteran Suicide Awareness Flag

Every year, thousands of veterans tragically die by suicide, making it imperative we raise awareness around this important issue and dismantle the barriers preventing our brave servicemembers from seeking help. I joined a group of my colleagues in introducing a House Resolution to officially recognize the Suicide Awareness and Remembrance (SAR) flag and designate the flag as the nation's symbol to raise awareness of military and veteran suicide and honor the lives and service of those servicemembers and veterans who have died by suicide. By designating the SAR flag as a national symbol of this crisis, we take a significant step towards eliminating the stigma associated with seeking help, bringing us closer to resolving military and veteran suicide.

Worth Fighting For - America First Foreign Policy In the Middle East

Over the past two and a half years, the Biden administration's terrible foreign policy has brought U.S. leadership on the international stage to an all-time low. As the mother of a Marine officer and former member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I understand the importance of American leadership in the Middle East during these turbulent times. (Contd. Pg. 56)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 54)

I am working to hold the Islamic Republic of Iran accountable for the oppression of its people, its support for global terrorism, and the expansion of its nuclear program. This includes urging President Biden to take action against Iran for its involvement in funding, training, and supporting an attack on Israel by the Iran-backed terror groups Hamas and Hezbollah.

The United States must support our strongest ally in the Middle East, Israel, and its unequivocal right to defend itself and pursue justice for the Israeli and American citizens harmed by Palestinian leadership. I am working strengthen our national security while assisting Israel in defeating terrorist organizations that seek to kill as many Jews as possible.

R EAD MORE: My America First Foreign Policy Plan <https://tenney.house.gov/issues/america-first-foreign-policy-plan>



MOLINARO MEMO

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

Supporting Individuals with Disabilities

I'm continuing to build on my 'Think DIFFERENTLY' initiative to support individuals with disabilities and wanted to share three new updates:

My Think DIFFERENTLY About Emergencies Act earned enough bipartisan support to advance to the House Floor. Studies show that individuals with disabilities are two to four times more likely to die or be critically injured during natural disasters. This bill will help emergency crews meet the unique needs of individuals with disabilities.

I introduced a bipartisan bill that will force health insurers to provide families with the information they need to navigate a Down Syndrome diagnosis and ensure their child receives care. Between navigating treatment options and figuring out how you're going to pay for it, receiving a new diagnosis for your child is scary. No family should have to figure all this out on their own.

The Americans with Disabilities Act passed thirty years ago, and Amtrak's leadership still has work to do to meet the law and make trains and rail stations accessible to individuals of all disabilities. I introduced a bipartisan bill to force Amtrak to be ADA compliant and ensure every person can have fair access to transportation.

My Second Standalone Bill Passed the House

My POST IT Act passed the House with tremendous bipartisan support. Doing business in New York is hard enough. My bill forces federal agencies to simplify and post its regulations online to help small business owners navigate the bureaucracy. Click below to watch my speech on the bill.

Held A Telephone Town Hall to Help Seniors Navigate Medicare Open Enrollment Period

I held a Telephone Town Hall on the Medicare Open Enrollment Period! Experts provided insight and answered questions from seniors. If we missed you, and you have questions call (607)-242-0200.

Expelled George Santos from Congress

I voted to expel George Santos from Congress.

The House Ethics Committee produced an honest, conclusive, and comprehensive report into the allegations made against him. The final product was thorough, fact-based, and a confirmation of what most of us knew: George Santos stole from his campaign, filed false reports with the federal government, lied repeatedly and egregiously to the voters and his colleagues. This was a fraud of epic proportions.

Expelling a Member of Congress should meet a high-bar. In the case of George Santos, that the bar has not only been met - but far-exceeded.

Pushing to Hold Biden's Homeland Security Secretary Accountable For Border Crisis Failures

I'm pushing to hold President Biden's Homeland Security Secretary accountable for his failures to address the border crisis. Since he won't do his job -- he should not have the job.

Authored Bill to Support Family Caregivers

Caregivers are often unsung heroes. They make great personal sacrifices to care for a loved one with a disability or chronic illness. My bill reauthorizes and expands the Lifespan Respite Program to provide caregivers with relief and assistance so they can lead a balanced life while tending to their loved ones.

Enhancing Environmental Protections in Upstate NY

Upstate New Yorkers, including those in metropolitan areas like Binghamton, live in close proximity to natural gas pipelines and hazardous liquid pipes. My bill will encourage pipeline operators to work with - not against - its regulator to create a system that collects and analyzes crucial pipeline safety data.

Standing with Israel

Proudly participated in the March for Israel in Washington to call for the release of hostages, condemn antisemitism, and reaffirm our support for Israel's right to exist & defend itself.

Investments in Upstate New York

Over \$1.5 million in federal funds to hire local police officers and implement officer training.

\$3.5 million in federal funding will go to nine airports in Upstate New York. This funding will support important infrastructure improvements to ensure our local airports remain competitive and continue to meet the needs of travelers.

Around New York

I visited the Garnet Health Medical Center Catskills Harris campus. A leader in providing quality care for its patients, this facility and its staff continue to amaze. Thank you!

Thank you People USA for working to end the stigma around mental health and substance use disorders through your touching theatrical performance highlighting the need for a humanistic response from first responders. And a special congratulations to Sheriff Juan Figueroa, for being recognized with the PEOPLE USA MARC MOLINARO advocate award. Our team was proud to award him with a Congressional Certificate for his endless service to the community.

As County Executive, I created the model for crisis stabilization centers in NYS. We're working to get one in Sullivan County and convened a roundtable on how to make it happen. Enjoyed meeting with Rabbi Moshe & members of our local Jewish community. Traveling from Upstate NY to D.C shows your outstanding leadership and commitment to advocacy. I will continue to raise your voice in Congress.

At the United Nations, Gillibrand Delivers Remarks Condemning Rape and Sexual Violence Committed by Hamas Against Israelis

New York, N.Y. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand delivered remarks at a special session convened by Israel's Permanent Mission to the UN. At the session, Gillibrand and other women's rights experts denounced the use of rape and sexual violence committed by Hamas terrorists against Israeli women and girls.

Video of Senator Gillibrand's remarks can be viewed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0F4QiwkdhM>

The full text of Senator Gillibrand's remarks is available below.

Good afternoon. It's very important that we are all here. It is very important that we are giving voice to the women who were raped and murdered on October 7th. It's very important that we are speaking truth to power at this time, and in this place. I'm grateful for the leaders here. I'm grateful to Sheryl Sandberg, for your voice, to take your platform, to speak out so loudly and so boldly and so clearly, is essential. I'm grateful for the Ambassador Gilad Erdan, for your searing words, your absolute truth, and your unwillingness to accept silence from your colleagues at the U.N. I want to thank Sheila Katz and for the National Council of Jewish Women, for standing so firm, for refusing to be silenced in this moment, and to bring the world community to bear. When I saw the list of women's rights organizations which said nothing, I nearly choked. Where is the solidarity for women in this country and in this world to stand up for our mothers, our sisters, and our daughters?

The horrific acts committed on October 7th by Hamas are truly indescribable. I've seen much of the footage. It takes your breath away at the sheer level of evil it depicts. You can't unsee when you see it, and it haunts you, like no other image you could ever see on a movie screen. The barbaric acts are acts beyond what we have seen from ISIS, Al Qaeda, other horrific terrorist organizations around the globe. Witnessing people trying to behead people through many means is disgusting. Hearing the testimony about what has happened to women, the types of dismemberment, the types of sexual violence to degrade them, to bring fear in their final moments, to bring fear in the eyes of those who had to witness the atrocities, is unspeakable.

While it is very hard to tell these stories, while some don't want to show the actual videos and pictures, we must demand it. We have to demand that people see what happened and know it is truth. We collectively must ensure that the world knows the heinous, horrific, barbaric nature of Hamas's actions. We have to ensure that it is engraved in history for all time, just as when we go to see Yad Vashem, and see the memories and the moments and the failures and the cruelty and the horror of what happened during WWII.

One of the earliest images that we have been able to see during the attack was that of Naama Levy. She was being dragged by her hair, her hands tied behind her back, thrown into a truck, blood streaming down her face, streaming down her arms, streaming down her back. Her sweatpants were covered in blood, streaming down her legs, clearly a victim of sexual assault. She was in terror. We have seen photos of bodies of all ages with unspeakable injuries. We've heard testimony of young

girls being killed with their pants pulled down and naked, alone, afraid, and in terror. The mountain of evidence-forensic examinations, eyewitness testimonies from survivors and paramedics, video footage from Hamas itself, the words of Hamas declaring victory about the ten people that he killed to his mother, recorded on his cell phone. It embodies a level of evil we don't see. It's hard to hear. It's hard to witness.

The atrocities have evoked horror and despair. I can't imagine what it's like to be a Jewish family today, whether you're in Israel, whether you're in America, whether you're anywhere in the globe-watching this episode unfold in real time, knowing that it is just part of a long legacy of antisemitic brutality and inhumanity.

For centuries, rape, sexual mutilation, sexual violence have played a grotesque role in the subjugation and suppression of the Jewish people. During the Holocaust women and children were sexually abused, mutilated and raped routinely. During the pogroms of the early 20th century, rape was used as the instrument of war. Even in the Renaissance in Italy, rape was used to extort money from families.

Make no mistake, this is part of our global history. Rape has been used as a weapon of war for centuries - a deliberate form of torture that serves to dehumanize and terrorize not just the women, but the entire community. It has recently reared its very ugly head in the former Yugoslavia, where mass rape and sexual enslavement were used as an instrument of war. In Iran, the regime's security forces used rape and sexual violence against children in order to subdue women and the population as a whole. In Ukraine, overwhelming evidence shows Russian soldiers systemically using rape against innocent Ukrainians.

This explains why all the atrocities committed on October 7th and the international community's reluctance-even refusal-to condemn, or even acknowledge them, doesn't just strike fear in the hearts of Israeli women, it strikes fear in the hearts of every woman and girl around the globe. Their bodies are not worth defending. Their humanity is not worth protecting. The world community must do more. It must demand accountability for these intolerable crimes. The United Nations must denounce Hamas as a terrorist organization that uses rape as a weapon of war. The United Nations must live up to its purpose of upholding the principles of international law. And the United Nations must condemn these evil crimes against humanity.

Barges Back Off

Coast Guard suspends plan that would allow oil barges to anchor without restriction up and down the Hudson River
In July the Coast Guard quietly changed the map of where barges could randomly park on the Hudson, an issue that we thought had been settled in 2016 when a massive negative response quieted its plan to create 40+ permanent anchorages between Yonkers and Rhinebeck.

Thanks to quick lobbying by environmental groups (Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson, Clearwater and more) and many local officials the Coast Guard has "suspended" its rule change, vowing to run future amendments past stake holders. Among the most vocal complainant was Congressman Pat Ryan, who in a speech on the House floor blamed "greedy corporations" for the move.

Soon after the fight surfaced we took State Senator Michelle Hinchey out onto the river for a reminder of what exactly would be at risk if oil and asphalt-laden barges were allowed to park anywhere they wanted between the Tappan Zee Bridge and Troy.

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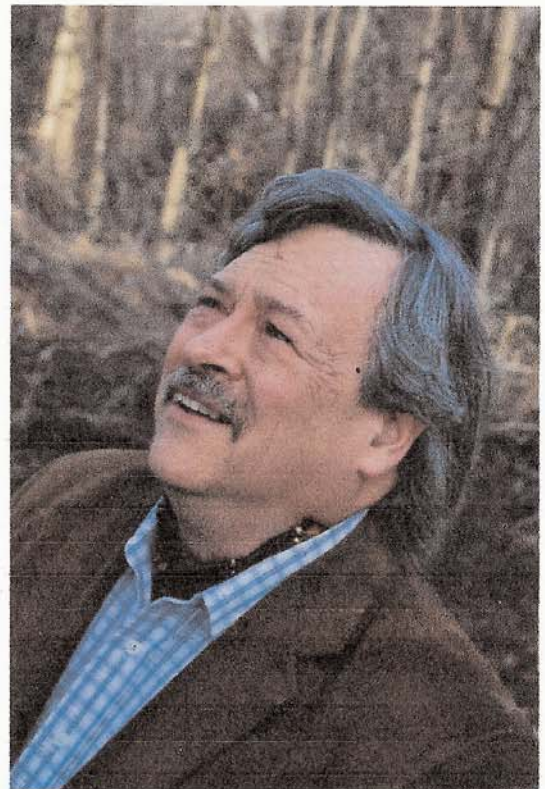
Entering the Ceremonial Landscape Of the Munsee Delaware

An illustrated lecture by Evan Pritchard Saturday, December 9th, 2023, 1 pm
Shandaken Museum, 26 Academy Street, Pine Hill, NY12465 (845)254-4460



Noted author and historian Evan Pritchard will talk about the many ancient stone constructions that can be found throughout Shandaken's mountainous landscape. Many are in the form of carefully arranged stone piles called "cairns" or *manitouassinak* (spirit stones in Algonquin) which seem to be designed to express "harmony and balance." They are often found in what some call "Ceremonial Stone Landscapes," (CSL) fields or slopes where cairns, effigy mounds and statues, towers, star maps, circles, pointers, balanced rocks, or tombstones, are

found either in relation to each other, or the stars, sun and moon. In this context it is easier to relate to these mysterious artifacts as an "art form" today. Pritchard will begin the journey by presenting landscape paintings by noted Shandaken area artists and then show how each of these sites, chosen for their natural beauty, also contain hidden Native American histories, and even hidden ceremonial landscapes not actually shown on the canvas and never acknowledged. Pritchard will attempt to share with us further insights as to how to live in harmony with the natural landscape inhabited by the Munsee Delaware for so many centuries without disrupting its natural balance. Book signing afterwards.



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

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

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Contact Anne-Marie at afreitas@asfl.org for more information.

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THE JARED PROYECT MEMORIAL ICE FISHING CONTEST

Saturday, January 20, 2024

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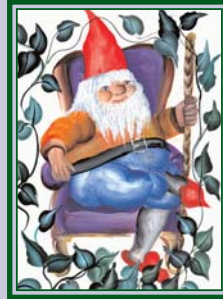
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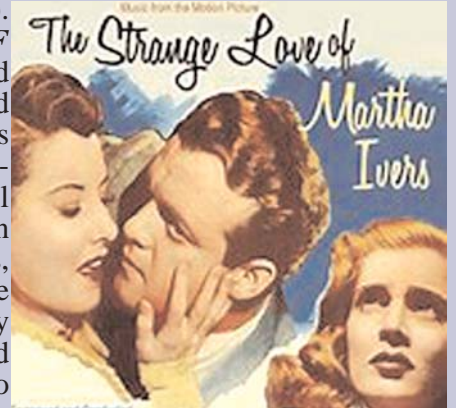
“KNARF’S CLASSIC MOVIE”

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in those who have true contrition will see heaven as all realize in the end. A 1946 American film noir drama from a screenplay written by Robert Rossen (and an uncredited Robert Riskin), based on the short story "Love Lies Bleeding" by playwright John Patrick. Produced by Hal B. Wallis. The film stars a superb actress Barbara Stanwyck, and one of my favorite Musketees, Van Heflin, the exciting and stunningly beautiful Lizabeth Scott, and features the fabulous Kirk Douglas in his film debut.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Katherine Hepburn*

This weeks' Trivia question: Who stars in *Tango & Cash* with Sylvester Stallone?

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Remembering December 7, 1941

“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II” ON AMAZON PRIME MIDWAY

(PG · 1976 · 2hr 12min · Action/History)

The remakes of these epic war films fall very short and are mediocre at best and cannot live up to predecessors like "Tora! Tora! Tora!," "Midway," and "The Longest Day" that follow the true stories very closely.



After the the attack on **Pearl Harbor**, Japan choose to attack Midway Island in the Pacific Ocean, with over 400 ships and four aircraft carriers. At the end of the battle, Japan lost all four Aircraft carriers. The Japanese now understood what **Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto** said after Pearl Harbor “**I am afraid. All we have done is awaken a sleeping giant, and filled her with with great resolve.**”



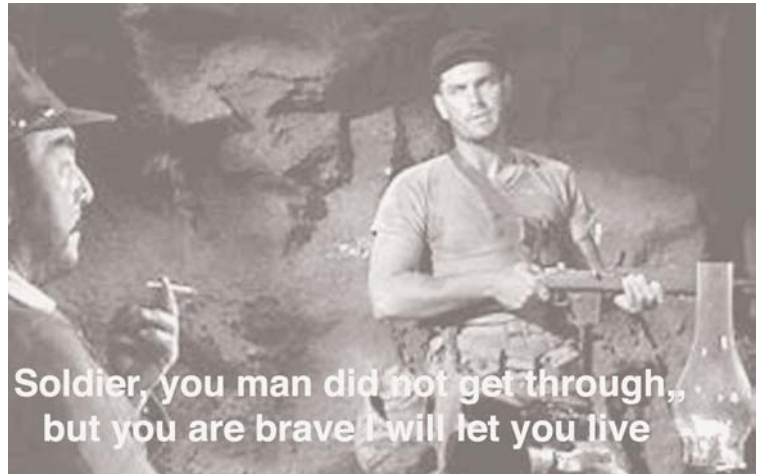
Directed by Jack Smight, and starring, Charlton Heston as Captain Matt Garth, **Henry Fonda** as Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, **James Coburn** as Captain Vinton Maddox, **Glenn Ford** as Rear Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, **Hal Holbrook** as Commander Joseph Rochefort, **Toshirô Mifune** as Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, **Robert Mitchum** as Admiral William F. Halsey, **Cliff Robertson** as Commander Carl Jessop, **Robert Wagner** as Lieutenant Commander Ernest L. Blake, **Robert Webber** as Rear Admiral Frank J. 'Jack' Fletcher, **Ed Nelson** as Admiral Harry Pearson, **James Shigeta** as Vice Admiral Chuichi Nagumo, who on December 7, 1941 led the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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