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An Update on FCSD Robotics Teams

Faculty Advisor Donald Thomas reports that the Fallsburg Comets Robotics teams returned to regular season competitions at the Mount Academy on December 10, 2022. At this competition, team 99561B (Photo below: Saladin Basic and Bella Muscia) took second place, and qualified for the Southern NYS Championship (Contd. Pg. 14)



Three Fallsburg Teams Honored as Scholar Athletes



At the FCSD Board of Education meeting on January 18, 2023, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, and Girls Volleyball teams received Scholar Athlete Awards from New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYS PHSAA). (Contd. Pg. 14)

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On the Front Burner: When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; by the Lord hear our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.
Deuteronomy 26:6-7

OBITUARY

Shields, Sister Kevin John, OP, was born into eternal life on January 28, 2023. Sister is survived by the Sisters of St. Dominic and her loving family. Funeral Mass and Burial will take place on January 31, 2023, at the Motherhouse. There will be a Memorial Mass in the near future for S. Kevin John in Sullivan County where she ministered for over fifty years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701.

field of teaching.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis DePew who celebrated their 30th anniversary on Tuesday.

Roger W. Fredenburgh, 52, a game warden and active sportsman in Ulster County, died on January 8, 1963 after a heart attack in his Napanoch home. He was a member of the Izaak Walton League in Ellenville, the Wawarsing Sportsmen's Club in Napanoch and the Hoponese Boat Club in Catskill. Surviving are his wife, the former Caroline Port; two daughters, Carol and Christine and a son, Roger Jr.

January 10, 1973

Services were Thursday for Arthur S. Mellen, 76, of Curry, who died Monday at Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. He was born September 25, 1896 in New York and had lived in Curry about five years. He married the former Gladys VanWagner in Wyandanch, L.I. on March 6, 1958.

Liberty physician Lee R. Tompkins, 67, a longtime leader in Sullivan County medical circles and former Liberty mayor, died Wednesday after a lengthy illness. Dr. Tompkins succumbed at the Liberty Loomis Hospital where he was chief of staff from 1961 to 1970. He was born March 23, 1905 in the Town of Neversink, where he later served as medical officer. Dr. Tompkins was regarded as one of the area's last "country doctors" because he regularly made house calls until he retired two years ago.

January 13, 1983

Pearl Cole of Claryville, a retired postmistress in Ulster County, died at the Community General Hospital, Harris. She was 87. The daughter of the late William and Minnie Barnum VanValkenburgh, she was born Aug. 26, 1895 in Branch. Mrs. Cole was postmistress of the Branch post office until it closed in 1957. The widow of Harry B. Cole, she was a member of the Claryville Dutch Reformed Church and the Church's Ladies Aid Society, a member of AARP. Survivors include three sons: Percy Cole of Claryville, Harry Cole of Woodbourne and Walter Cole of Leesburg, Fla.

Days of Yore.... Today's History

January 14, 1953

A new dual-control Ford car was presented yesterday to the Tri Valley School by Russell Houghtaling of Russell's Garage in Loch Sheldrake for use in its adult driver education course. It is loaned to the school by Mr. Houghtaling for at least the next six months.

A son, David Jack, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rubenzahl at Mt. Vernon, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Max Rubenzahl are the proud grandparents.

The Town of Denning March of Dimes supplies have been received by the Chairman, Mrs. Herbert George and the campaign will be underway immediately. Mrs. Harry B. Cole will take charge of the Branch, Claryville and Ladleton area.

January 16, 1963

The Methodist Church Couples Club is in the process of redoing the Grahamsville Church Hall. This includes putting up sheetrock and painting. All materials and labor are being donated. A house to house canvass of church members will be made. John McKenna, president of the Couples Club is in charge of the project.

Miss Nancy Cypert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cypert of Pleasant Road has been accepted at Albany State. She will enter there in September with future plans in the

Days of Yore....

Today's History

January 13, 1983 (From Pg. 2)

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Landon of Red Hill Claryville are happy to announce the birth of a grandson to Carl and Daphne Landon. Carl and Daphne were married on Red Hill August 2, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Purcell, Hastings Drive, proudly announce the engagement of her daughter, Lisa M. Wakefield, to Michael W. Garigliano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dion Garigliano, also of Grahamsville. A September wedding is planned.

Discipline is Not a Dirty Word: Strategies for Parents in Sullivan

LIBERTY, NY - Parenting can be one of the most challenging and rewarding responsibilities a person encounters in their lives. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE) will host Discipline is NOT a Dirty Word, a FREE, in-person program for parents beginning Thursday, February 9, 2023 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. Classes will occur every Thursday evening until March 22, 2023.

These sessions will aid participants in learning the seven principles of positive discipline that are based on research studies about what parenting approaches are best for healthy child development. Topics to be covered include understanding children's behavior, effective communication skills, conflict resolution, setting realistic limits, and developing healthy family relationships.

This class is FREE with required pre-registration. Registration can be completed by calling the CCE office at 845-292-6180, ext. 100 or emailing sullivan@cornell.edu. To learn more about this class and other CCE programs, visit <http://sullivancce.org/events>.

This program is a six-week series with each week's lesson building off the prior week's class. Additional materials will be sent to participants each week in preparation for the upcoming class.

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

Household Hint:

Sanitize jars or vases

Do you cringe at the thought of cleaning out a mayonnaise, peanut butter, or mustard jar to reuse it? Or worse, getting the residue out of a slimy vase, decanter, or container? There is an easy way to handle these jobs. Fill the item with equal parts vinegar and warm, soapy water and let it stand for 10-15 minutes. If you're cleaning a bottle or jar, close it up and give it a few good shakes; otherwise use a bottle brush to scrape off the remains before thoroughly rinsing.

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.

All Eyes on Punxsutawney Phil

Depending on where you're located in the Northern Hemisphere, winter is showing its age and spring is on the horizon. This transition has always been marked by local traditions. In modern East Coast America we have Groundhog Day while Europe celebrates Candlemas with various other names, too. Ancient pagans welcomed the anticipation of the growing season in yet another way. They marked the solstices and the equinoxes as a way of measuring the cycle of the year. The dates that fell in the midpoint between the solstices and equinoxes were considered the real beginnings of the seasons. The old pagan holiday of Imbolc falls on the February first or second, and was referred to as the beginning of spring when the young lambs were born. In Ireland, February 2nd was holy to Brigid (also known as Bridget or Bride), an ancient deity who symbolized the returning light and fertility after the dark quiet of winter.



The ancient celebration of the return of light coincides with Candlemas. Christians celebrate Candlemas on February 2nd, 40 days after Christmas, as this was the end of the 40-day purification period after childbirth for Mary under Jewish law. It is also considered to be the day the infant Jesus was first presented in the Temple. For the early Christians in Europe, it was also a custom on Candlemas Day for clergy to bless candles and distribute them to the people. A lighted candle was placed in windows bringing light into each home. Throughout Europe the feast known as Candlemas became associated with midwinter weather forecasting. Superstition held that if the weather was fair, the second half of winter would be stormy and cold.

As it is today, winter weather was tiresome, and for many, downright dangerous as they feared not having enough supplies stocked to last until spring. Checking their provisions at the half-way mark of winter didn't make the supplies last any longer, but signs of spring comforted their worried minds. One omen Europeans looked for was the emergence of hibernating animals giving them hope. In some parts of Eastern Europe, Candlemas is also known as the Day of the Bear. In France, the marmot became the traditional animal to look for. In England, folks waited for the arrival of the hedgehog. And in Germany, Candlemas was associated with the weather forecasting omen of the emerging badger.

When German settlers arrived near Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, during the 18th century, they continued to celebrate the tradition of Candlemas Day. The only difference was, there were no badgers, only groundhogs. Thus they began the tradition of watching the groundhog.

The name Punxsutawney comes from the Indian name for the location "ponksad-uteney" which means "the town of the sandflies." The name woodchuck comes from the Indian legend of "Wojak, Here on the East Coast on Thursday, all eyes will be on the groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil. As for the groundhog, the male emerges from his hole for 'getting-to-know-you visits' around the groundhog neighborhood. At the end of his walk-around the male groundhog returns to his own burrow, curls up into a furry ball for another month of hibernation.

You have to love a holiday centered around weather and animals. Despite the fact that there may be patches of snow in some places, the dreary skies of winter are beginning to wear themselves out. Look under that patch of snow, and if you look closely, you will see the first hints of the light of spring getting ready to shine through. It is in this spirit that the traditions of Imbolc, St. Brigid's Day, Candlemas and Groundhog Day are still celebrated every February 2nd.

No matter what Phil's prediction -the fact is winter is half over!

Happy Groundhog's Day!



News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

If you look out the window these days you see snow coming down, snow on the ground, and you know winter is finally here. But is it really? Yes we have had some beautiful winter wonderland days, but we haven't had the consistent freezing we needed to hold our 2nd Annual Winterfest. It is because of this, regrettably we had to cancel this year's Winterfest. And I want to explain further to everyone why Parks & Rec had to cancel this wonderful event.

As you know, Winterfest is held at our Grahamsville Fairgrounds. And if you have ever attended our Little Worlds Fair at the fairgrounds, you know that the parking is on the grassy fields surrounding the main grounds. In order for us to use these parking areas in winter, the ground MUST be frozen, otherwise we end up with "mushy mud". Those of you that attended last year's Winterfest remember how muddy it was due to the warm weather we had that day. But you also need to recall that the ground was frozen as we had several days of freezing temperatures and ice prior to the event. Now imagine what the parking will be without that frozen ground! Because it's so soft, we couldn't plow any snow as the plows would tear up the layers of grass and mud. And of course we couldn't allow for cars to park as more than likely they would get stuck in the mud and possibly require towing assistance. After reviewing various weather reports for the months of January and February and after discussing implications of the weather with our Town Highway Dept. and Town Supervisor, Parks & Rec made the decision to cancel the Winterfest. We really wanted this event, as we knew it would be fun for everyone and a great success. However, our priority is to preserve and protect our community properties, such as the fairgrounds. We could not risk destroying those grassy fields which may not have been repaired in time for the summer activities.

Having said all of that, I do want to thank all of our vendors and participants for their patience and understanding. And I especially want to thank the community for their understanding and support of our decision. Let's keep our fingers crossed that next year Mother Nature shines on us and gives us the conditions we need to have our Winterfest.

It's a good thing our Community Ice Rink is self-contained so that these warm weather conditions do not affect our ice (at least not until it reaches 55 or 60 degrees)! The rink is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 7-9 pm, Saturday 1-3 and 7-9 pm and Sunday 1-5 pm. Our Disco Nite, held on January 20th, was an incredible success with over 60 attendees enjoying the hot cocoa, coffee and cookies---and the disco lights. As for the music, I need to work on that as the speakers just didn't do the trick. I for one was looking forward to listening to the disco music and reminiscing. We hope to plan at least one more disco nite before the skating season ends, which is usually around mid-march. So keep checking our Facebook page and your Townsman for updates.

Super Bowl Sunday is coming up!!! For those folks that don't attend super bowl parties, we are planning a "SUPER BOWL SKATE PARTY" at the ice rink. It will be on Sunday, February 12th from 1-3 pm. And everyone should wear their favorite team colors as they skate around the rink! We will have food and drink to help us celebrate. More info will be forthcoming on our Facebook page.

Until our next update, everyone be safe, stay healthy and most of all be happy. And as always if you have any suggestions or questions for Parks and Rec. send them to me at cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)



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

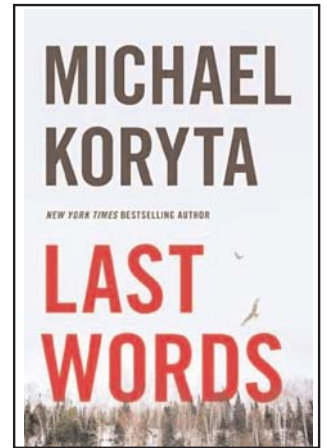
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Last Words

Mysterious Book Report No. 231

by John Dwaine McKenna



There ought to be a special word for novels that have more than one theme, more than one story arc, and a tricky, psychologically-twisted plot interwoven with numerous backstories blended together into a complex and genre-defying literary stew that you just can't put down once you begin reading. Something like *Mindaffected-Mystery* or *Terribullistawickedus-Thriller*, which would easily identify smash-mouth, twisted pulse-pounders like ***Last Words***, (Little, Brown and Company, \$26.00, 420 pages, ISBN 978-0316-12263-4) by Michael Koryta that are a work of a virtuoso, master wordsmith. Oh, yeah . . . I liked it . . . a lot!

Markus Novak is an investigator for Innocence Inc., an anti-death penalty project based in St. Petersburg, Florida. It's a *pro-bono* defense agency whose only purpose is to free unjustly convicted death row inmates and help them regain their lives. It's a job he loves, almost as much as he loves his wife Lauren, who's also an investigator at the same firm. Truth be told, Markus was so enamored of Lauren that he followed her to work there. And, surprise! He's really good at it. But, on the day his life changes forever, when Lauren's going to interview a spiritualist who claims to have vital information about a case they're working, Markus, a man loaded with bad childhood memories says, "*Don't embarrass me with this s**t!!*" A couple of hours later, Lauren is killed by an unknown assailant . . . and Markus is devastated. A year later, with the murder still unsolved, Markus reaches out to an inmate in prison, offering immediate cash for the name of her killer, with the promise of ten times that amount for the killers death. The news travels and Novak is all but banished, sent to the small southern Indiana town of Garrison, to look into a ten year old cold case. It's the unsolved homicide of a seventeen year old girl, named Sarah Martin, whose body was found in a mysterious and geologically spectacular cavern known locally as Trapdoor. It's the type of case Innocence Inc. would never accept, but while Novak's job is hanging in the balance, he's better off being out of town, as his boss tries to convince the board of directors not to fire him. That's plot theme number one.

Theme number two unfolds in Garrison, Indiana. There, Markus is inexorably drawn into the unsolved murder of young Sarah. It's a ten-year old cold case that everyone in town—including the sheriff—is convinced was committed by a local eccentric named Ridley Barnes. He's a recluse, an expert cave explorer who was mapping Trapdoor before the tragedy, and he's the man who carried Sarah Martin's lifeless body back to the surface. Barnes can't remember what happened as he wandered for days in the dark, lost without food or water or, worst of all, light, in the depths of the cavern as he searched for the lost girl. When he finally surfaces with Sarah's body—Ridley doesn't know if she was alive when he found her—and thinks he may have killed her. But he can't remember . . . where he found her, or how they got out . . . and no one can contradict him. Now Ridley Barnes want to know—did he kill Sarah Martin? Maybe Markus Novak, despite his reluctance, can find the answer and maybe he'll die trying!

Last Words is one of the most suspenseful, well-crafted and intricately plotted novels we've read in the twenty-first century. It will enthrall the reader from first to last page as it keeps everyone guessing . . . *whodunnit?*

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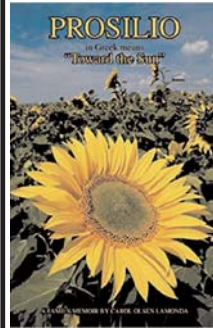
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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Art is AGELESS

Please join us on Saturday, February 4, from 2-4, at the Olive Free Library for an opening reception for the Senior Art Group's ongoing exhibit entitled AGELESS.

The art work is on display in the downstairs gathering room, and the Library will get

a percentage of the sale price. The exhibit will be ongoing and evolving so visit often.



Sue De Sanna, Linda Schultz, Judith Boggess, and Linda Champanier mentor us in oil, watercolor, and pastel painting. Hopefully, Janette Kahil will be doing a special presentation on portrait painting.

Occasionally, we have special fiber art projects lead by Donna Kopf or MaryAnn Shultis. Many of our group are multi-talented and diversely crafty in scrapbooking or stamping, or quilting.

Come and enjoy original art by your friends and neighbors. I guarantee the chatter and conversation will be worth your visit.

Upstairs in the Community Room a juried exhibit by premier local artists is ready for viewing and sale.

Come get a double dose of art in one short trip to West Shokan. Plus snacks!

When I ponder what makes something "art", I find the definition is as elusive as the parameters of art. I do know that if the word ART is removed from the word EARTH, you are left with "EH."

Art is seeing with the heart and creating with the soul. –Carol LaMonda
 Art is a line around your thoughts. –Gustav Klimt

Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist. –Pablo Picasso

Art is not a handicraft, it is the transmission of feeling the artist has experienced. –Leo Tolstoy

Art is never finished, only abandoned. –Leonardo da Vinci

The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance. –Aristotle

Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life. –Pablo Picasso

Artists are just children who refuse to put down their crayons. –Al Hirschfeld

Art is AGELESS -Senior Art Group

Check out the new Senior Art Group Exhibit

Join us for the opening:

Saturday

February 4

2:00 p.m.

open for viewing now!

AGELESS



The group, which meets every Monday morning at the Legion Hall on Mountain Road in Shokan, is fortunate to have a small budget from the Town of Olive that enables us to have art lessons in many media by various local artists. We have been fortunate to have had Mira Fink,



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Starting February 6, SC Office for the Aging Visits Will Need to Be by Appointment

*Office Is Expanding Into New Quarters
at Government Center*

Monticello, NY - The Office for the Aging will temporarily transition to appointments-only for the next few months, starting February 6, due to an expansion of their quarters in the Government Center.

"We'll continue to handle phone calls and emails like we always have, but we won't be able to accept walk-ins without an appointment," explained Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul. "I ask for the public's patience as we transform our

cramped offices into an expansive, welcoming, ADA-accessible space in the months to come. It will be worth the wait!"



Phones (845-807-0241) are answered by a County employee between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and voicemails can be left at other times. Emails are welcome anytime, including to the general mailbox of sullivanofa@sullivanny.us. They will be answered as quickly as possible.

"We'll continue to be responsive to the people we serve," affirmed Division of Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley. "In fact, that's exactly why we're undertaking this renovation and expansion. With a more professional, accommodating and confidential space, we'll better meet the needs of everyone who walks through our doors. Till then, though, please call ahead for an appointment!"

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It's Happening at the County Museum A Black History Month Celebration!

Several years ago, singer Mickey Barnett told an incredible story to some folks from the Sullivan County Museum, about how one of America's most famous and iconic soul songs came to be written in Bethel, New York...

That song, recorded in 1970 by Marvin Gaye, was Let's Get it On. It became the biggest Motown hit of the time, selling over two million copies within the first six weeks of its release.



Ed Townsend, left, and Mickey Barnett, c.1970

Along with the concert, and in celebration of Black History Month, The Cook Society will present an exhibition highlighting the accomplishments of two of the greatest black explorers in America's history - Matthew Henson and Barbara Hillary.

Matthew Henson (1866-1955), was the descendant of African American slaves. He traveled with Admiral Robert Peary as a member of an expedition to the North Pole in 1909. Henson's dog-handling skills, fluent Inuit and all-round resourcefulness were key to the expedition's success. The following quotes, from Henson's diary, offer insight into his extraordinary character: "I have a steady job carpentering, also interpreting, barbering, tailoring, dog-training." Of the Inuits he writes: "I have come to love these people ... They are my friends and regard me as theirs."

Henson grew up in Washington DC and Baltimore, was orphaned and left school at 12 to become a cabin boy. When he was 22, a chance encounter with naval engineer Robert Peary resulted in a lifelong working relationship, including 18 years of Arctic exploration.

Barbara Hillary (1931-2019) was an American nurse, publisher, adventurer, Arctic explorer, and inspirational speaker. Born in New York City, she attended the New School University, from which she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in gerontology.

In 2007 at the age of 75, Hillary became the first known black woman to reach the North Pole. She reached the South Pole in January 2011 at the age of 79, becoming the first African-American woman on record to reach both poles. She was also a friend of the Frederick Cook Society, and in 1909 came to Hurleyville and presented a talk about her arctic adventures.

The afternoon will conclude with a 3:00pm performance by Little Sparrow, featuring special guests Cecil Allen and Van Manakas. The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. For information, please call 845-434-8044, or visit www.facebook.com/littlesparrowny.



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To hear the story, at 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 11th, The Frederick Cook Society will present a concert by Mickey Barnett, performing classic renditions of the music of Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins and others. Following his performance Mickey will share the story of how songwriter Ed Townsend wrote "Let's Get it On" at Mickey's "Little Giant" recording studio, in Bethel, New York.

Welcome February

As we say goodbye to January, we're saying hello to a blanket of winter white. Perfect timing for winter fun. But it won't be the same without you. Book a room—we have plenty of them—and come enjoy a fun-filled weekend. Pick your pleasure of where to stay: a full-service resort, a boutique inn with dining, a quiet B&B, or a vacation rental of your own for the whole gang.

A visit here would only be complete if you experienced our natural beauty outdoors. Try a hike on one of our trails. Trailkeeper.org is a great resource for finding a trail.

Now that we're blanketed in snow break out the skis and snowshoes. Our hiking trails (there are dozens) provide a great workout on snowshoes or cross-country skis. Or takes some downhill runs at Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center or Holiday Mountain. Ever wonder what it would be like to ride a horse in the snow? Go find out and take a winter trail ride at Bridle Hill Farm or Rolling Stone Ranch. You could also tour the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail - our tribute to the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair.

Did you get your honey a Valentine's Day gift yet? Our talented artists and makers have unique and lovely gift ideas sure to make their hearts swoon, so plan a shopping trip through our main street towns and villages. And when you get hungry and thirsty, let the chefs and bakers fill you up with something Catskill-icious. And savor the flavors of beer, wine, spirits and cider on the Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail.

Plan Ahead

Enjoy Hearty Meal Thursdays to support the WSUL Heart-A-Thon February 2 and 9 at Piccolo Paese.

On Friday, February 3, it's Happy Hour at Dos Gatos from 5 - 8 pm featuring live entertainment, margaritas, and beer to benefit the 45th annual WSUL annual Heart-A-Thon.

Our friends at Cabernet Franks keep the music going. On February 10, see Sky Creature, and February 11, see Empire of the Light. Both shows start at 7:30 pm.

The 2023 Gallery Exhibitions at Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) kick off starting February 11 with The Space Between You and Me and Abundance. Head over for the opening reception between 4 - 6 pm.

The Sullivan County Catskills Conservation Club hosts the area's premier ice fishing contest... King of the Ice on February 19. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded for winning fishing categories: Trout, Pickerel, Perch, Crappie, and Walleye. Youth trophies are also awarded to kids in each category (no cash prizes).

Welcome to the Catskills

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

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

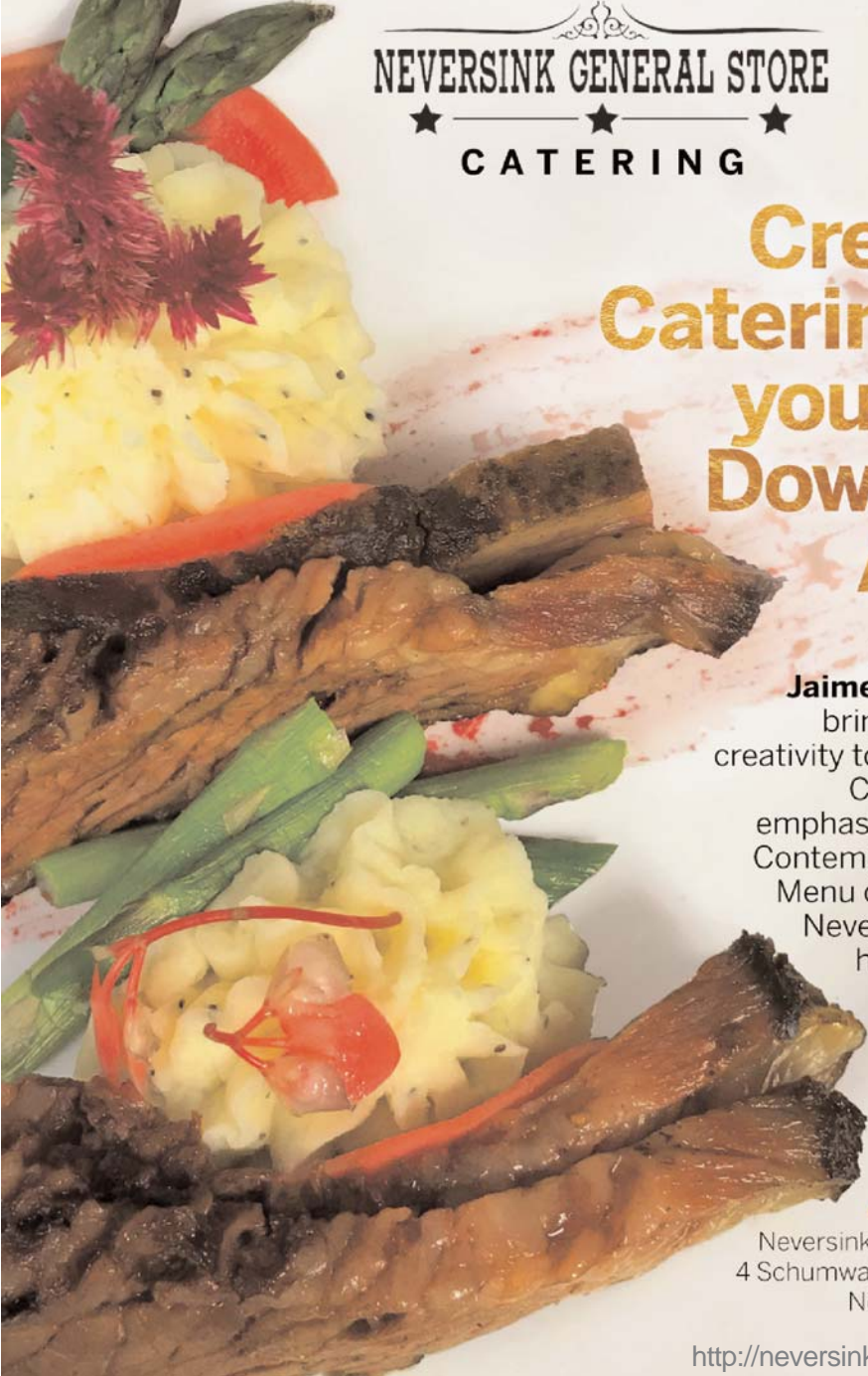
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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

I had to make a promise to my many friends that I wouldn't plunge headlong into my lifestyle, that I would take it easier for a bit. I am trying my best to keep those promises.



This week I popped into DAVID ROSENBERG'S Open Mic MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT in DeFILIPPI'S BAKERY. This is the 'grand old man' of Open Mics, being one of the very first in the area. It has been so successful that the bakery set up a space specifically for the music and was rewarded with a

devoted audience of non musicians that turn up on Sundays for breakfast to enjoy the variety of artists.

This last Sunday seemed to be a reward for my 'being good'. BARRY ADELMAN was performing one of his poignant songs as I walked in. He is the co-founder of MUSIC FOR HUMANITY, a foundation that each year provides scholarships for young musicians. BARRY's originals fall into two categories, those with a message and those that explore simple things like the memories that the creaking rocking chair brings.



In addition to the music, there was another thing on my mind.



Rye bread! And I whooshed in to get in line. My prize in hand, I again, of course, had to interrupt good friend DEBBIE FISHER of FISHER AND KEAN to say "Hi" especially since I heard her telling the couple she was speaking with that I wrote

about music in the area for two papers. This lovely couple, Brad and Terry, are from Connecticut and visit often. Like so many in the younger generations are fascinated by the whole Woodstock phenomenon of 1969. It was, however, their first time at the bakery. Talk about being delighted! And that they were chatting with one of the foremost artists of Sullivan County! I don't think they even realized that. But I do know that the bakery on Sundays has just been

added to their itinerary.

I spoke for quite some time with good friend DEBBIE FISHER of FISHER AND KEAN. It seems the winter break from performing isn't much of a break as she's getting inquiries



about commissions for her artwork. DEBBIE's work can be seen on at least two of the doves in the area as well as on ELIZABETH ROSE'S guitar.

THE AVENUE is well known in Orange and Ulster counties and it's exciting to see them here. The energy of JOANA DUTCHER's vocals accompanied

by MICHAEL HENRY is just 'feel good' inspiring the audience to sing and clap along.



This audience participation continued with another good friend CARMINE PACE as he launched with an ELVIS PRESELY tune followed by BRUCE SPRING-STEEN'S 'Dark Side'.

CARMINE is best known for SINATRA and songs from THE GREAT AMERICAN SONG BOOK but as he explained to me "It's not ALL I can sing!" His voice, which has always been terrific, has taken on a new richness. Many others have commented on this, some attribute it to age while others cite the stretching of his repertoire. But I know the real reason!

The trio of ANTHONY COLLONA (sp?), a guitar player new to me and Mr Tie Dye himself JAY WILLIS on harmonica



gave us two classic rock tunes and were then joined by the great BRYAN GORDON. BRYAN is unique in this area, not only for being a strong solo performer but also for having the distinction of touring in Europe. And he's one of the few who can entice DEBBIE FISHER up to sing.

And I was only there an hour! (

Come be part of this any Sunday from 11am to 1ish. You will never be disappointed. (Contd. Pg. 12)

The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11) Just one more note before I sign off. Another good friend JAMES RILEY (bassist for LION ZEN) who has stepped away from music for several years to pursue more audio and video projects is now thinking of stepping back in on with a unique idea for which he reached out to me for any stories of the area. Gee, do you think I have any?



And look at these beauties! Having come through CoVid had given me a new sense of gratitude for things. I am thankful for the big beautiful blueberries, a gift from DIANA of THE STORY'S NEVERSINK PLANT COMPANY. I am thankful for the hand made plate from potter CHRIS PARROW gifted to me by CRIS ABY AZAR of the NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE. And I am thankful for my mother and my sister who taught me that hand made is so much better (and tastier) than store bought. Gratitude.

Stay safe, stay well and for Heaven's sake keep a mask and hand sanitizer close!
Until next time.....




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SCDW Audition Notice

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is excited to announce auditions for its July performances of Lionel Bart's "Oliver!"

This award-winning musical adaptation of the classic Dickens novel, "Oliver Twist," springs to life with some of the most memorable characters and songs ever to grace the stage.

The streets of Victorian England come to life as Oliver, a malnourished orphan in a workhouse becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker. Oliver escapes to London and finds acceptance amongst a group of petty thieves and pickpockets led by the elderly Fagin. When Oliver is captured for a theft that he did not commit, the benevolent victim, Mr. Brownlow, takes him in. Fearing the safety of his hideout, Fagin employs the sinister Bill Sikes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap him back, threatening Oliver's chances of discovering the true love of a family.

'Oliver!' is a musical theatre masterpiece, perfectly showcasing the talents of a large ensemble cast as they bring these classic characters and musical scores to life.

Audition dates & time - February 18 & 19, 1-5pm

Callbacks - February 23, 6-9pm

Location - St. John's Church, St. John St, Monticello

Please be prepared to cold read and sing a song from Oliver.

Looking for males & females ages 10-60+

Performance dates are July 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8 PM and July 16 & 23 at 2PM at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg.

For more information, please contact Director Heather at HeatherSCDW@gmail.com.

Agricultural Training Series for Municipal Officials, CEOs and Realtors

MAMAKATING, NY - The NYS Agriculture and Markets Law encompasses conditions that affect Sullivan County and its farmland. To aid the community's understanding of these conditions, staff from the NYS Division of Agriculture and Markets and Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County

Monticello Elks Bingo Every Tuesday



The non-profit Monticello Elks Lodge raises funding at Bingo and other events to provide local elementary school children in Monticello and Fallsburg with winter coats and gloves.

(Monticello) Please tell your friends about Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge every Tuesday at 7 PM at 46 North Street in Monticello. There's a full payout and a progressive jackpot with weekly door prizes. Food is also available in the Bingo kitchen. The Monticello Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats and gloves to elementary school children. For information, contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell at (845) 701-0695. Happy New Year from the Monticello Elks.

(CCESC) will teach municipal officials, code enforcement officers and realtors about NYS Agriculture and Markets Law in a three-part workshop series. The first workshop will take place on February 15th at 6:00 PM, dates for the next workshops are forthcoming.

Topics to be covered at the first workshop include agricultural districts and how they relate to zoning within the municipality, agricultural assessments, right to farm laws and what the ag data statement is, the 239 review process, and ag disclosure notices are. The second and third workshops will cover more about agricultural zoning, farmland preservation techniques, and a farm visit for all attendees.

There is no fee, but preregistration is required to participate in this series. To register, participants can contact the CCESC office by phone at 845-292-6180 or by email at sullivan@cornell.edu. More information on the workshops can be found at <http://sullivancee.org/events>. Those with related questions can email sullivan@cornell.edu or call 845-292-6180.

This is a workshop co-sponsored by CCE, Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development and Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

An Update on FCSD Robotics Teams

(From Pg. 1) On January 7, 2023, Fallsburg hosted 24 teams from around the area. This was an all-school event, with Principal Kyle Roddey, Living Environment teacher Jennifer Dietz., and Social Studies teacher Jeff O'Neill performing judging duties, and the class of 2024 providing snacks at refreshments. The competition was in the High School Gymnasium.

On January 14, Fallsburg's youngest team 84501A (Photo below: Autumn-Rain Atkinson, Kiara Sauer, and Kileen Milligan) traveled to Little Neck, NY to compete in their first ever competition. The team placed 11th out of 24 teams. Mr. Thomas thanks Technology teacher Megan Kappes for assisting him once again to working with the teams.

Three Fallsburg Teams Honored as Scholar Athletes



(From Pg. 1) The following athletes were recognized Boys Cross Country Justice Laurel*

and Adam Mednick* ; Girls Cross Country Meredith Anderman, Kassandra Damms, Bintou Darboe*, Arianna Gonzalez*, Stephanie Granados, Gisella King, Angelina Levner*, Amanda Murtagh*, Cecilia Norris-Yanes*, Joslyn Odell Schreier*, Cyriah Russell*, Jaily Sebastian*, and Nataly Zempoalteatl. Girls Volleyball Maya Ballard*, Mikalah Ballard*, Amanda Gutierrez Padilla, Ashely Ingrassia, Hannah Johnson*, Sierra Kaplan, Nadiushka Rosa Gonzalez, Rugiatu Sesay*, Dianaliz Vargas, and Jordyn Wall-Carty". The (*) indicates students that receive an average of 90 or above.



Is it Spring Yet? - L. Comando



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- 1 Repeated patterns
 - 7 Adjacent to
 - 8 Commemorate
 - 12 Donned by Phil's keeper on Feb 2nd
 - 14 Advertisement
 - 15 Against
 - 16 Cut an area of grass
 - 19 Prefix-not doing
 - 20 Female sheep
 - 21 Morning
 - 23 Water hole
 - 26 A region
 - 27 Raise to a higher level
 - 29 Sun
 - 31 Combining form of new
 - 32 Ch. element Tellurium
 - 33 Units of land
 - 34 Word by
 - 38 Male child
 - 40 Shining
 - 41 Refer to you and I
 - 42 Look forward to
 - 44 Hour
 - 45 Like
 - 46 Ocean
 - 49 Archaic plural form of thou
 - 50 Ability to see
 - 51 Single celled alga with silica walls
 - 53 Extra terrestrial
 - 54 Epoch
 - 56 A fruit-filled pastry
 - 57 Punxsutawney groundhog
 - 58 Light again
 - 59 Large open air fire
 - 61 Fermented drink made with
 - 62 United States
 - 64 Spend the winter in a dormant state
 - 71 Approximately
 - 72 Slump
 - 73 Another term for Irish
 - 75 Popular myth
 - 76 Delaware
 - 77 Circle of light around the sun
 - 78 Common football hero injury
 - 82 Partner
 - 83 Knockout
 - 84 Being able
 - 86 Derived from "country dweller"
 - 88 Brit's abbrev. for railway
 - 90 Hypothesize
 - 92 Extra-sensory perception
 - 94 Not out
 - 95 Part of the mind
 - 96 Printer's 12

- 11 Become apparent
- 13 Small round mark
- 17 Obligation to pay
- 18 Atmospheric conditions
- 22 Glovelike hand-covering
- 24 Northeast
- 25 Make a resonate sound
- 28 Mardi Gras carnival
- 29 South Carolina
- 30 Links alternatives
- 33 Belonging to the past
- 35 Exclamation of surprise
- 36 Mountain (abbrev)
- 37 Omnivorous nocturnal mammal
- 39 Informal exclamation
- 40 Confidence in someone
- 41 Circular object that revolves on an axel
- 43 Pennsylvania
- 46 Atmospheric disturbance
- 47 Executive Order
- 48 Ampere
- 51 Unpleasant loud noise
- 52 Simple roofed structure
- 55 Warm primary color
- 56 Post Office
- 59 Tunnel dug by an animal
- 60 Electrical Engineer
- 63 Not sacred
- 64 Exclamation of surprise
- 65 Another name for St. Brigid's Day
- 66 Exist
- 67 Question something
- 68 Story
- 69 Self-importance
- 70 Bitter brew
- 71 Shaded part of a picture
- 73 A Germanic language
- 74 Check
- 79 Bushman of South Africa
- 80 United Nations Organization
- 81 Condensed atmospheric moisture
- 83 Local store that advertised with jingles
- 85 Large primates
- 87 U.S. Executive in the cosmetic industry; born Florence Nightingale
- 89 Affirmative
- 91 Edge
- 92 Radiate
- 93 Friend
- 95 Anger
- 96 Night before an event
- 98 Myself
- 102 Official Nevada postal code
- 103 Archaic exclamation

Brownies from Scratch

- 1/2 c butter
- 2 sq. unsweetened chocolate
- 1 c. sugar
- 1/2 to 3/4 c. flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. chopped nuts (optional)

Melt the butter and unsweetened chocolate in a heavy saucepan. Remove from heat and stir in remaining ingredients.

Place in a 9 x 9 inch greased pan and bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes

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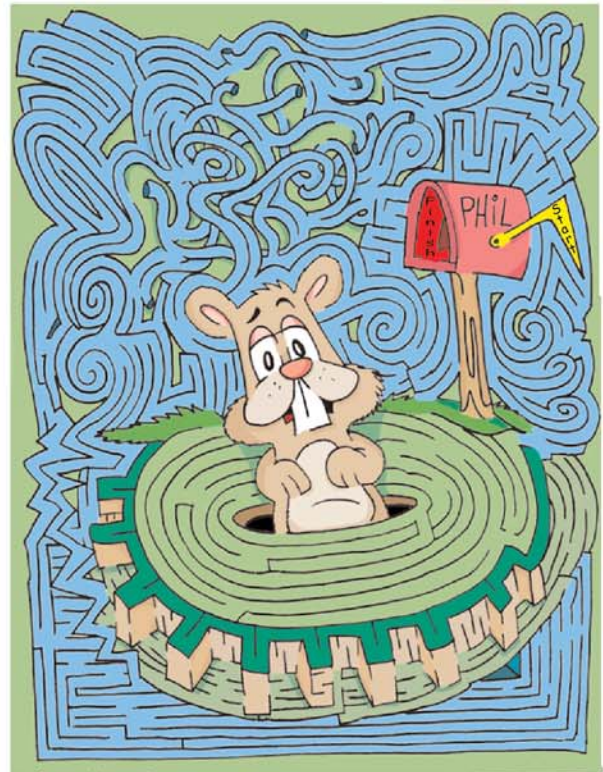
Follow the dots to see the emerging groundhog



Find 5 differences between the two pictures.

- SIX WEEKS COLD
- SPRING FEBRUARY
- SUNNY GROUNDHOG
- WARM HOLE
- WEATHER PHIL
- WINTER SHADOW

This maze starts with the flag on the mailbox and winds up in the mailbox. It is almost as perplexing to get through as it is for Phil to make his prediction!



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Groundhog Day Wordsearch

Cryptogram Key

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Kids' Groundhog Day Fun Page
- L. Comando

Fallsburg Girls and Boys Indoor Track Teams Excel at OCIAA Championships

The Fallsburg Girls and Boys Indoor Track Teams performed fabulously at the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association (OCIAA) Indoor Track Championships held at SUNY Sullivan Field House on January 21, 2023.

The Boys Team took second place, and they fought hard the whole meet going neck and neck with the winning O'Neill team. The Comets scored higher than ever before, with two new school records-Isaiah Hershewsky in the 1600 meters and Edwin Morales, Hunter Doty, Yosua Serophin, and Nazir Lopez in the 4 X 200 meter relay.

The Girls Team took the first place trophy, with so many girls performing well throughout the many track and field events. Veteran Gisella King stood out with two firsts and one second place finish. Stephanie Granados earned a first place in the 55 meter hurdles. Three relay teams took two second and one third place. In total, the Girls Team finished with 155 points, 29 higher than runner-up On te o r a High School.

Coaches Daniella Halikias and Loren Rapaport were very proud of their student athletes, and they were happy to share the news with the entire school community the following week. Congratulations to the coaches and their young athletes.



Isaiah Hershewsky



4 X 100 team



Boys and girls indoor track team

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Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meeting

Regular Meeting #11

Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Meeting Opening Call to Order 6:00 p.m.

Secondary School Library Lower Level,

Anticipated Proposed Executive Session 6:00 p.m.

Secondary School Library Upper Level,

Regular Meeting #11 resumes 7:00 p.m.,

Secondary School Library Lower Level.

The January 19, 2023 Board Meeting was
cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Board decided not to reschedule it but move
forward with the February 2, 2023 Meeting.

Meeting will be advertised, conducted, streamed
live on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckI224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>.

Celebrate Catskill Park Day

On Thursday, February 2nd, Mountainkeeper and the Catskill Center are hosting two great webinars to celebrate the Park and plan for 2023. Both webinars are free and will be closed captioned for greater accessibility, but you must register to attend.

Comfortable in the Cold:

Winter Hiking in the Catskills

There's no shortage of hiking trails and beautiful scenery in the Catskill Park. During the winter season, visitors to the Park have the opportunity to experience a totally unique view of all that our environment has to offer. But snowfall, cold temperatures, and other factors can introduce hazards that many outdoor enthusiasts might not be familiar with.

On February 2nd at 12pm, Mountainkeeper is hosting a webinar all about Winter Hiking in the Catskills. We'll hear from expert hikers David Hans of the Catskill Center and Stash Rusin-former Vice President of the 3500 Club and producer of the 'Inside the Line' podcast-as they share their knowledge and tales from the trail. Whether you're planning a winter backpacking trip or a casual walk through the woods, this webinar will provide important information that every hiker should have to stay safe and comfortable in the cold.

We hope you'll join us for this enlightening discussion! This webinar is free and will be closed captioned for greater accessibility, but you must register in advance to participate.

**Feb 2, 2023 12:00 PM in Eastern Time
(US and Canada)**

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6716739894885/WN_fCMY3YhwQdisN1DslWt_7A

At 7 pm hop back online to hear from key New York State decision makers about the challenges and opportunities facing the Catskill Park and broader region in 2023. This will be a moderated conversation featuring questions from the audience-so please come ready with your best questions! Our panelists will include:

Senator Michelle Hinchey;
Senator Peter Oberacker;
Assemblymember Aileen Gunther;
Assemblymember Chris Tague; and
Members of the Catskill Park Coalition

This will be a great opportunity to hear directly from key decision makers and Mountainkeeper allies about how best to tackle pressing environmental challenges in the Catskills, and work together on ways to protect this special part of the world.

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takes input from legislators and community members alike, and Mountainkeeper is committed to helping spark and facilitate these critical mutual conversations. To start 2023 off right, Mountainkeeper and our allies are hosting a free Zoom webinar on February 2nd-Catskill Park Day-that will connect key NY State decision makers with our friends and supporters. The online discussion, which will take place from 7:00-8:00 pm, will explore specific obstacles facing our region, possible solutions to pressing problems, and actions we all can take to help enhance life in the Catskills and protect everything that makes this region so special.

We hope you'll join us for this conversation, which will end with a moderated Q&A session. Participants will have a chance to ask our panelists questions about the many opportunities and challenges facing the Catskills most on their minds, and so we encourage you to come ready with topics you'd like the group to address. This webinar is free and will be closed captioned for greater accessibility, but you must register in advance to participate.

Feb 2, 2023 07:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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35th Annual Ice FISHING CONTEST

The Hurleyville Fire Department in cooperation with the Town of Fallsburg Youth Commission will be holding their 35th Annual Ice Fishing Contest, Saturday, February 11th, 2023. The contest will take place on Morningside Lake, 614 Brickman Road in Hurleyville from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Registration will take place the day of the contest at the lake. Registration is \$5.00 for adults and free for those 15 and under.



Winners and contestants having fun at a past Hurleyville Fire Department Fishing Contest

Refreshments and bait will be available. We will also drill holes for you if needed.

There will be an adult and youth division with trophies for first, second and third in the following categories: PERCH, PAN FISH, BULLHEAD, WALLEYE AND PICKEREL. All fish must be legally caught and of legal size.

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Feb. 4, 2023
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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team looks forward to returning in the Spring of 2023



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches
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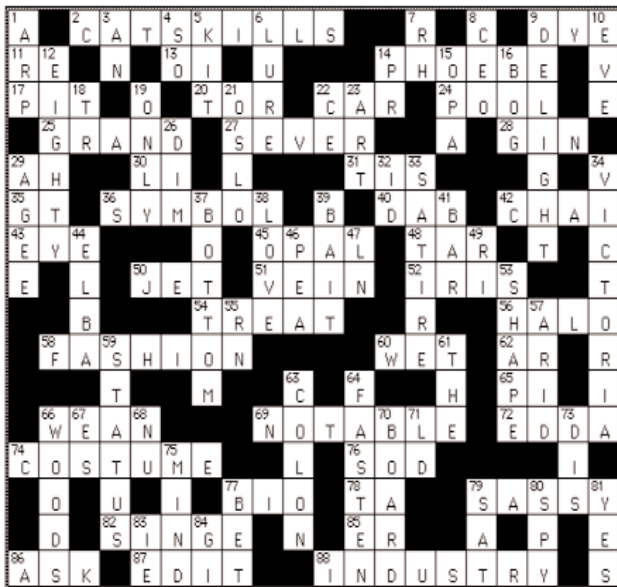
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The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper
 Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 5:30 pm
 at the Church Hall

Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale

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

Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day

Join the celebration and "Take Your Child to the Library Day" Saturday, February 4, 2023 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. Take Your Child to the Library Day is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library.

Spread the word, please!

Action Toward Independence and Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County will be offering Suicide Prevention Training on Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Woodbourne Firehouse, 355 Route 52 in Woodbourne, for service members, veterans and their families. Registration is required. Call 845-794-4228, ask for a Veteran Peer Advocate.

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/1/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
2/4/23	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
2/7/23	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
2/8/23	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
2/14/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/16/23	Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/16/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
2/21/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
3/1/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Save the Date!

February 4, 2023 **2nd Annual Town of Neversink Winterfest CANCELLED**
 May 6, 2023 f **Tri-Valley Lions' Journey For Sight Walk** at 8:30 am at Grahamsville First Aid Squad Bldg and Fairgrounds. Call Lion Esta Jacob for more information at 845-866-1579.

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.

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week of January 30 - February 3, 2023

Monday, January 30

- o No Meetings

Tuesday, January 31

- o **6:00 PM - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Public Hearing: Zinc8 Energy Solutions USA Inc.**, at the Town of Ulster Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Dr., Lake Katrine, NY

Wednesday, February 1

- o **3:00 PM- Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board Meeting**, at the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Ave, Cottekill
- o **5:45 PM - Health, Human Services & Housing Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center**, Conference Rm A, 733 Broadway, Kingston

Thursday, February 2

- o **3:00 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Charter Revision Commission**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, at 1250 Penbrook Club Dr., Venice, FL, and by videoconferencing, Zoom Meeting ID: 840 4292 4344
- o **5:15 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission**, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

Friday, February 3

- o No Meetings

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- Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Mamakating Town Hall - 2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Tusten Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Town of Liberty Senior Center - 119 N Main St. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Bloomingburg Town Hall - 13 North Rd. Bloomingburg, NY (rotating schedule)**

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Rotary Participating in The 45th Annual 98.3 WSUL Heart-a-thon



Rotary is showing heart in participating in The 45th Annual 98.3 WSUL Heart-a-thon to be held on Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6am - 5pm at the Epicenter at Resorts World Catskills in Monticello. Heart Disease is the number one cause of death in the United States. Sullivan County is ranked 61 out of 62 in NYS for poor health with Heart Disease following the national trend. This year's Heart-a-thon has shifted focus to ensure those concerns are being addressed for our community. This year, the Heart-a-thon will be expanding the beneficiaries to focus on: Prevention, Education, and Treatment of Heart Disease in Sullivan County. This year's proceeds will benefit a Treadmill for the Cardiac Rehab and some portable Cardiac Monitors, both for the Garnet Medical Center Catskills Campus; The Warrior Teens Program and an Outdoor Fitness Pad in Monticello with Sullivan 180, A Single Bite's Real Food School Education Program, and Building Sullivan's Healthcare Workforce Scholarships with Suny Sullivan.

To help us, help others, please consider donating today. Donations can be made online at: <https://www.givegab.com/p2p/45th-annual-98-3-wsul-heart-a-thon/lori-orestano-james> or you can pledge by calling 845 798-1770.

The Rotary Clubs of Sullivan County (Monticello, Liberty, and Livingston Manor) will be holding a Blood Drive during this event during the hours of Noon - 6pm. Please use the following link to sign register and set an appointment time. https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/303543 Any questions, call 845 798-1770

Maher Calls for Multiple Approaches to Improve Public Safety

Assemblyman Brian Maher (R,C-Walden) joined his Assembly and Senate Minority colleagues, family members of crime victims and victims' rights advocates to call for changes to the state's bail reform laws. Maher is calling on the Legislature to adopt multiple policies to improve public safety, including judicial discretion.

"New Yorkers have said loud and clear they feel the state is less safe because of the rise in crime. This is a problem that won't be fixed with one solution, but we can start with restoring judicial discretion, instituting parole reforms to protect victims and addressing hate crimes, among others," said Maher. "New Yorkers deserve to feel safe in this state and crime victims need to know they are heard. Every minute we wait to fix this broken system more lives are lost and our communities devastated."

The daughter of John Lee, Tammy Patrick, spoke at the press conference about the June 2022 murder of her elderly father by Thomas Quillan. Only 36 hours earlier, Quillan was arrested and out on bail for a brutal assault of another man. If judges had more discretion to hold violent individuals such as Quillan, John Lee would not have been murdered.

New Yorkers consider crime a serious problem, according to a poll conducted by Siena College, which also showed broad support

for restoring judicial discretion. This is just one of the many solutions proposed by Maher and his Minority colleagues. Other proposals include bail for gun crimes, parole board reforms and addressing hate crimes.

Fallsburg Man Who was Stabbed by his Grandson Arrested for Gun Possession

On December 16, 2022, sheriff's deputies arrested Supreme Faison, age 24, for stabbing his grandfather Robert L. Gibbs, age 69, at the grandfather's residence in the Town of Fallsburg. The victim of the attack drove himself to the Garnet Health Urgent Care facility on Concorde Rd. in Lake Kiamesha, where he was transferred by ambulance to the hospital. While investigating the incident, detectives recovered a loaded handgun from Gibbs' vehicle which was parked in the lot at the Urgent Care. While examining the scene of the stabbing, detectives also recovered two long guns from Gibbs' residence. The handgun and one of the long guns was reported stolen to the State Police in the 1980's. Mr. Gibbs has a previous felony conviction which prohibits him from possessing any guns. On January 24, 2023, Robert Gibbs was arrested and charged with the felonies of Criminal Possession of a Firearm and Criminal Possession of a Loaded Weapon. He was arraigned in the Town of Fallsburg Court before Judge Jamie Kaminski and released on a \$5000.00 bond pending a future court date.



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Rep. Molinaro Sounds Alarm on NY's COVID-19 Unemployment Fraud Scandal

Calls for Comprehensive Investigation to Help Prevent Future Failures

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today sent a letter to James Comer, Chairman of the House Oversight Committee, urging the Committee to conduct robust oversight over New York's COVID-19 unemployment insurance fraud scandal. Rep. Molinaro was joined in this effort by Republicans in New York's Congressional Delegation.

Rep. Molinaro's effort follows a recent audit from the New York State Comptroller's office, which revealed gross negligence within the New York State Department of Labor (NYS-DOL) resulted in an estimated \$11 billion in fraudulent and improper unemployment insurance (UI) payments during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the audit, the Comptroller's office reported that since 2010, NYSDOL ignored numerous warnings that its UI system was outdated and lacked the resources to handle workload surges. When demand for UI rose during the COVID-19 pandemic, the system became overwhelmed and led to countless fraudulent payments.

In the letter to Chairman Comer, Rep. Molinaro and the New York lawmakers called for a comprehensive investigation and offered to serve as a resource to help advance the inquiry.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I am pushing for a comprehensive investigation into New York State's COVID-19 unemployment insurance fraud scandal. Taxpayers were cheated due to gross negligence by the New York State Department of Labor. We have to take a hard look at the facts so we can prevent similar failures down the road."

The full text of the letter can be found at: https://molinaro.house.gov/uploadedfiles/ui_fraud_letter.pdf

Rep. Molinaro Statement on Mayor Adams's Push to Move Migrants From NYC to Upstate NY

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) reacted to New York City Mayor Adams's comments this week on moving migrants from New York City to Upstate New York:

"We need complete transparency surrounding any plan to relocate migrants from New York City to Upstate New York. Strategic relocation meetings should not be happening behind closed doors, but in public view and in coordination with community leaders and residents that will be impacted.

"Communities that I represent in Upstate New York are already being impacted by the crisis at our southern border, with illicit drugs steadily flowing in and contributing to an uptick in overdose deaths. Instead of focusing on relocation plans, leaders in our state should be demanding that President Biden secure the border. I want to solve this problem with compassion for the communities and migrants that are impacted and stand ready to work with anyone who is honest and earnest about finding a bipartisan solution."

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This week, Rep. Molinaro and Republicans in New York's Congressional Delegation sent a letter to President Biden requesting information on the number of migrants that have been moved from the southern border to New York State and their whereabouts. Additionally, they asked for information on any pending federal plans to relocate migrants within New York State.

Rep. Marc Molinaro Selected to Serve on the House Committee on Small Business

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced he was selected to serve on the House Committee on Small Business. This is the third House Committee Rep. Molinaro has been selected for, a rarity for a freshman Member of Congress. This week, Rep. Molinaro announced he will serve on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure.

The House Committee on Small Business has jurisdiction over issues related to small businesses and conducts oversight over the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Rep. Molinaro said, "I'm honored to be named to the House Committee on Small Business. Receiving three committee assignments is a high honor for a freshman Member of Congress. It will amplify my impact for Upstate New York and help me deliver results for local small businesses at a crucial time."

Rep. Molinaro continued, "Right now, small businesses in Upstate New York are bearing the brunt of record-high inflation and desperately need support. On the House Small Business Committee, I will be focused on empowering entrepreneurs and supporting commonsense policy that reduces the burden government places on small businesses."

Rep. Molinaro represents New York's 19th Congressional District. The District includes Broome, Chenango, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, Tioga, and Tompkins counties as well as part of Otsego County and Ulster County.



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Congressman Pat Ryan Kicks off Inaugural “Valentines for Vets” Program with Visit to New Windsor School

New Yorkers are encouraged to participate by dropping off or mailing cards to Ryan's district office in Kingston

NEW WINDSOR, NY - Congressman Pat Ryan kicked off his inaugural “Valentines for Vets” program with a visit to New Windsor School in Orange County, where he joined 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students as well as faculty in handwriting messages to local veterans and veteran-caregivers.

“The Hudson Valley is the proud home to West Point, and tens of thousands of my fellow veterans. I'm honored to launch my inaugural 'Valentines for Vets' program as a way to say thank you to these men and women who protected this country in uniform,” said Representative Pat Ryan. “This kickoff was made even more special by the students of New Windsor School, who joined me in handwriting notes to our veterans and veteran-caregivers. These heroes have earned our recognition, and I look forward to our office showing them just how much the Hudson Valley community recognizes their sacrifice.”

“Congressman Ryan is the son of a teacher, a father, a husband, a West Point graduate, a veteran, and a friend,” said City of Newburgh Councilman Anthony Grice. “He gets what everyday life is like for many people. It was such an honor to have him visit New Windsor School to spend time with our amazing students, and we look forward to having him come back many times.”

The deadline for submission is February 8th, 2023. Ryan's district office is located at the below mailing address:

256 Clinton Avenue
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Congressman Pat Ryan Appointed to House Committees on Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure

*Committee assignments reinforce
Ryan's commitment to defending rights,
delivering relief*

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Pat Ryan received appointments to the House Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

“When I graduated from West Point eighteen years ago, I took a solemn oath to protect and defend our Constitution and our country - it is my great honor to continue that service on the House Armed Services Committee,” said Representative Ryan. “Serving on this committee last Congress, I was able to help deliver tens of millions of dollars for West Point, a 4.6% pay increase for service members and additional fund-

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ing for the Basic Allowance for Housing. I maintain my commitment to ensuring our service members and military families are properly supported to preserve and promote America's security, prosperity and values both at home and abroad.”

“I'm proud that I've also secured a spot on the highly selective Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which will allow me to deliver crucial federal investments in the district,” continued Ryan. “Last Congress, Democrats and Republicans worked together to pass the biggest infrastructure bill since the Eisenhower Administration. Whether you take Metro North to New York City, travel Route 17 through Orange County or need improved broadband in Dutchess County, I will fight every day to make sure that funding comes right back here to the Hudson Valley.”

The House Armed Services Committee provides oversight of and funding for the Department of Defense, the U.S. Armed Forces and portions of the Department of Energy. Each year, it is tasked with drafting the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which lays out the annual budget and authorizations of the Department of Defense. Last year, Rep. Ryan successfully championed the Hudson Valley's priorities in the NDAA. These key local priorities included a military pay raise, \$40 million for construction of an engineering center at West Point, and over \$1B in funding for new barracks and child development centers.

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has jurisdiction over all modes of transportation - our aviation system, highways and bridges, transit and rail transportation, pipelines, and maritime and waterborne transportation. The Committee also has jurisdiction over wastewater infrastructure, the Nation's emergency preparedness and response programs, public buildings and federal real estate management, federal economic development agencies, and the U.S. Coast Guard. Key priorities in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that will support Hudson Valley communities include \$55 billion to expand clean drinking water to ten million American households, the single largest federal investment in repairing and reconstructing our nation's bridges and ensuring every American has access to reliable and high-speed internet.

Joint Statement from Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, Sheriff Juan Figueroa and Chairwoman Tracey Bartels

“Our hearts break for the family of Tyre Nichols for the tragedy they are experiencing. We are deeply disturbed by what transpired in Memphis and do not condone the misuse of force, and fully expect that our national community will be equally outraged. The fact that these incidents disproportionately affect people of color cannot be overlooked, and we must all do better to put an end to such a brutal abuse of power.

No human being should be subjected to mistreatment and misuse of force by police, who are sworn to protect and serve all communities equally. The now former police officers who carried out this heinous act of violence must be held to account for their actions.

We are thankful that here in Ulster County, our Sheriff's Office and local police departments have implemented training, programs, and a professional standards unit policy to ensure aberrations of justice such as this do not occur in Ulster County.

Ulster County is committed to continuing to work with our community, law enforcement, and all those affected to prevent such heinous acts from continuing to scar our nation.”

Gillibrand Hosts African American Faith Leaders Summit in Washington; Event Features Remarks from Leader Schumer, Senator Warnock and Reverend Sharpton

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand hosted her African American Faith Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C. The summit brought more than 100 African American faith leaders from across New York State to Washington to discuss some of the most pressing issues facing New York communities, including health equity, gun violence, and public safety.

Gillibrand delivered an address highlighting her work in Congress to uplift communities of faith and provide information on resources available to apply for federal grants. The Summit also featured remarks from U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock, Reverend Al Sharpton, senior White House officials, and other national leaders.


“The African American Faith Leaders Summit was an incredible event that brought together national and New York faith leaders to foster deep

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lasting partnerships that will strengthen our communities,” said Senator Gillibrand. “I’m proud that inspiring leaders like Senator Schumer, Senator Warnock and Reverend Sharpton can meet with many of New York’s most important faith leaders. Houses of worship form the backbones of our communities and I was excited to hear directly from local leaders about how I can best serve them as we enter the new Congress.”

“Faith-based institutions are vital to the work we do for American families, and I am so thankful to Senator Gillibrand for hosting this summit of African American religious leaders and bringing us all together,” said Leader Schumer. “Whenever big things happen here in Washington, I turn to the cornerstone of our communities—our churches, because I believe with my whole heart that when our churches are strong, our communities are strong.”

“In such a milestone year for civil rights, it is tempting to celebrate the progress we have seen in the past six decades. But the truth of the matter is that we cannot afford to be so caught up with celebrations that we do not seize the opportunity to act upon the reality: that the threats to our democracy and civil liberties are at historic levels, and Black Americans continue to bear the weight of,” said Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder and President of the National Action Network (NAN). “It is in this spirit that the African American Faith Leaders Summit has been convened. In 2023, it is quintessential that as Black faith leaders and justice advocates, we have the support of our elected officials to continue the work of dismantling structures that stand in the way of equity, safety, and wellbeing for all Americans.”

Tenney leads letter to President Biden regarding the resettlement of migrants in Upstate New York

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-24) and Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY-21) today led a letter with members of the New York congressional delegation to President Biden regarding the settlement of migrants in Upstate New York.

The letter was also signed by Congressman Mike Lawler (NY-17), Congressman Marc Molinaro (NY-19), and Congressman Langworthy (NY-23).

In the letter, the lawmakers wrote, "This unprecedented influx of migrants into the United States is an obvious sign of your administration's failed policies at the Southern Border. Rather than shifting the burden to the small communities we represent that are not equipped to handle the influx, the answer is to secure the border. Already, your current policies have created a humanitarian and national security catastrophe which undermines the rule of law and empowers human traffickers and criminal gangs."

Earlier this month, it was reported that migrants were resettled in Jamestown, New York, a small city in Chautauqua County about an hour from Buffalo, New York.

"It is essential that the Biden Administration finally provide transparency to New Yorkers regarding how the crisis at the southern border is affecting our small Upstate and Western New York communities. Under Biden, every state has become a border state, and because of this, our Upstate communities our suffering. It is my privilege to lead this letter demanding President Biden not only address this crisis but provide answers to why he is making our communities pay for his mistakes," said Congresswoman Tenney.

"Joe Biden's failure to enforce the law at our the border has made every state a border state. Instead of securing the border, President Biden is shifting the burden of the influx of illegal migrants onto New York communities. Upstate New York should not be punished for Biden's Border Crisis," said Congresswoman Stefanik.

"As the husband of someone who immigrated to this country, I understand the importance of legal immigration and have seen firsthand how broken our current system is. We must, however, secure our porous Southern border and have an orderly process for those who wish to come here. The Biden Administration's decision to ship migrants to communities in New York and elsewhere across America without any coordination with the local officials in those towns shifts the burden to those who simply lack the resources to provide. The end result is local taxpayers being on the hook for a problem that the federal government created, overwhelming schools, housing, and other scarce, vital resources. It is past time for the Biden Administration to stop playing politics with our nation's broken immigration system, work with local officials rather than overwhelm them, and prioritize border security," said Congressman Lawler.

"We need complete transparency surrounding any plan to relocate migrants to Upstate New York. I am proud to join Congresswoman Claudia Tenney and New York Republicans in pushing President Biden for answers," said Congressman Molinaro.

"It's wrong and unfair to place this burden on local communities because the White House has

completely abdicated their responsibility to secure our border and require legal immigration. I would invite the so-called "Border Czar" Vice President Harris to come visit the community I was born in, but I won't hold my breath. If this is a problem in a city with 9 million people, imagine the strain it's causing on a city the size of Jamestown," said Congressman Langworthy.

Congresswoman Tenney's Statement on the Terrorist Attack in Jerusalem

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-24) released the following statement following today's terrorist attacks on a synagogue in Jerusalem, Israel.

"Today's brutal terrorist attack against innocent Israeli civilians near a synagogue in Jerusalem is reprehensible, and I condemn it in the strongest terms possible. On International Holocaust Remembrance Day of all days, we are reminded of the fact that the Jewish people and the State of Israel both remain under the grave threat of Palestinian terrorism, often fueled by the terrorist regime in Iran. On this tragic day, I not only reaffirm my enduring commitment to Israel's security but also to the ability of the Jewish people to live in peace and worship their faith freely wherever they may choose," said Congresswoman Tenney.

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Governor Hochul Announces Completion of More than 1,000 Joint Counter Terrorism Exercises Across NYS in 2022

State's Counter Terrorism Teams Conducted Assessments and Exercises at a Variety of Businesses, Critical Infrastructure Sites and Rail Stations Throughout 2022, Will Continue These Efforts to Enhance Public Safety in 2023

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' Office of Counter Terrorism conducted training exercises at more than 1,000 locations statewide in 2022, partnering with New York State Police and counter terrorism experts from more than 80 state and local law enforcement agencies in assessing the ability of retail businesses and mass-gathering sites to recognize and report suspicious activity in nearly every county in the state. More than 5,200 of these exercises have been conducted across New York since 2016. DHSES Office of Counter Terrorism staff also completed dozens of NY-SECURE transit details in 2022 to remind travelers of the importance of 'See Something, Say Something.'

"By utilizing these critical counter terrorism exercises at over 1,000 locations, we are helping educate New Yorkers across the state on how to spot suspicious activity and report it to law enforcement, as well as enhance security measures," Governor Hochul said. "Keeping all New Yorkers safe is my number one priority, and I thank DHSES, State Police and our public safety partners across the state for their continued support of these important programs that safeguard the public."

Public safety teams across the state conducted exercises involving over 450 law enforcement personnel in each of the state's 16 counter terrorism zones. As part of this process, teams assessed suspicious activity reporting and recognition at 842 retailers and businesses that sell chemicals, compounds, components, services, or rent space or resources that could be exploited by those with nefarious intent. Additionally, teams assessed more than 180 infrastructure locations across the state, including stadiums and arenas, malls and shopping centers, colleges and universities, airports, transit hubs and other mass-gathering locations.

Engagement with these stakeholders has increased public vigilance and suspicious activity reporting. Since the State-coordinated effort launched in 2016, suspicious activity reporting has increased 20 percent resulting in additional reports of unusual activity to the NYS Terrorism Tips Line.

Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray. "The threat landscape is constantly evolving, and DHSES is committed to working with our agency partners across the state to ensure the public knows how to identify suspicious activity and report it. Every New Yorker has a role to play: If you See Something, Say Something."

State Police Acting Superintendent Steven A. Nigrelli said, "These exercises are not only critical in making sure the New York State Police and our agency partners are prepared to respond to a terroristic threat as effectively and efficiently as possible, but they are imperative in educating the public on how to be aware of their surroundings, and the role they can play in keeping our state and communities safe. As a unified front, our efforts are stronger as we work together to prevent and mitigate such attacks."

The State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) also partnered with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in "Operation NY-SECURE" to conduct counter terrorism and incident response details along Amtrak

routes and MTA commuter lines. These details help improve coordination and response between the railroad police agencies responsible for each station, and the state and local law enforcement agencies that respond to emergencies at those locations. These visible, unannounced details included heightened platform patrols, increased security presence onboard trains, explosive detection canine sweeps and counter-surveillance measures. In 2022, Operation NY-SECURE completed 84 details across the state. Teams conducted 72 single station details across the state, and 12 multi-station details at Amtrak and MTA stations along the Empire Line. Since the program's inception in 2018, law enforcement teams have conducted 322 details across the state. These details will continue in 2023.

DHSES also offers educational materials, resources and guidance for appropriately reporting suspicious activity for the public, the statewide Terrorism Tips Hotline (866-723-3697) and accepts tips online.

About the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

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My Bipartisan Resolution Calling Out the Brutal Iranian Regime Passes the House of Representatives

The murderous regime in Iran poses the single greatest threat to Israel and a significant threat to the security of the United States. The regime also continues its violent crackdown on its citizens' rights and civil liberties.

This week, the House passed my resolution by a vote of 420-1 reaffirming with one voice our commitment to support the brave Iranian protesters, who are more resolved than ever to fight this regime. These courageous Iranians are demanding a government that respects their rights at home, stops funding terrorism abroad and makes peace with its neighbors like Israel. They are demanding a future built on freedom, justice, and prosperity.

The passage of my resolution this week makes clear that the U.S. House of Representatives stands with the brave Iranian people and that the United States will continue to do all it can to increase pressure and hold the regime, which is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, accountable.

Later in the week, I also hosted a press conference marking passage of the resolution and calling on the Biden administration to do more to counter the Iranian regime. I was joined by many members of Congress as well as human rights activist and actress Nazanin Boniadi.

READ MORE: Rep. Tenney Leads Bipartisan Resolution Supporting Iranian Protesters' Fight Against 'Murderous Regime' - Go to: <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2023/01/26/rep-tenney-leads-bipartisan-resolution-supporting-iranian-protesters-fight-against-murderous-regime/>

Leading the Charge to Ensure Biden Answers for His Dangerous Migrant Relocation Policies

This week, I led a letter alongside Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY-21) and other members of the New York congressional delegation to President Biden regarding the settlement of migrants in upstate New York.

It is essential that the Biden Administration finally provide transparency to New Yorkers regarding how the crisis at the southern border is affecting our small Upstate and Western New York communities.

Under Biden, every state has become a border state, and because of this, our Upstate communities are suffering. It is my privilege to lead this letter demanding that President Biden not only address this crisis but provide answers as to why he is making our communities pay for his mistakes.

READ MORE: NYS pols demand Biden admin answer for migrant surge in upstate town Go to: <https://nypost.com/2023/01/26/rep-tenney-stefanik-demand-biden-answer-for-ny-migrant-surge/>

Reintroduced Legislation Prohibiting COVID Mandates

While we have defeated many of Joe Biden's overreaching COVID mandates in the courts or at the ballot box, his administration continues threatening to reimpose certain restric-

tions. It is vital that Congress makes clear that the president does not have this authority, which is why this week I introduced legislation to prevent the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) from overstepping its authority by enacting a COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

In September of 2021, the Biden Administration through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) attempted to mandate COVID-19 vaccines for employees of businesses with 100 or more employees and require weekly testing for those who remain unvaccinated.

While this mandate was blocked by the Supreme Court, my legislation will stop the Biden Administration from ever attempting a COVID-19 mandate through OSHA again. The bill finally clarifies that under existing law, OSHA does not have the authority to implement rules requiring Americans to undergo COVID-19 vaccinations or testing. Read more about the bill here. <https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/congresswoman-tenney-reintroduces-legislation-prohibiting-covid-mandates>

The Health Freedom for All Act was co-sponsored by Congressman Matt Rosendale (MT-2), Congressman Bill Posey (FL-8), Congressman Greg Steube (FL-17), Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna (FL-13), Congresswoman Lauren Boebert (CO-3), and Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeke (IA-2). Election Integrity Update: New Comprehensive Election Report Released

This week, I released the Election Integrity Caucus' Midterm Election Report with fellow Co-Chair Mike Garcia (CA-27). The report is a look at what went right and what went wrong in election administration during the recent midterm elections.

It highlights the positive efforts of states like Georgia, Texas, and Florida, which are working to implement policies that promote fair, free, and transparent elections. It is also a look at what went wrong in states like New York and California, which implemented policies that encouraged chaos at the ballot box and undermined voter confidence.

In this report, we applaud the work of the legislatures, chief election officers, and executives who got it right by prioritizing election integrity-guaranteeing our elections are secure by making it harder to cheat and more accessible by making it easier to vote. Election integrity increases voter confidence, which in turn increases voter turnout, and that is why the Election Integrity Caucus researched and published this 2022 Midterm Review.

You can read the full report here.

https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/eic-midterm-review_final.pdf

Transparency and a well-informed public are vital components of our self-governing Constitutional Republic! I'm committed to restoring transparency to government, which is why I explain every vote I take on the House floor.

While we may not always agree, you will always know where I stand on the issues and exactly how I vote in Congress.

Some of the key bills we considered this week are explained below. To read more about these votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House of Representatives, please click here.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 346, the NOTAM Improvement Act of 2023. The safety of our country's airspace is an issue of national importance. An especially vital component of maintaining safety is the NOTAM system, which alerts pilots to potential hazards along the flight route or at a location that could affect the safety of the flight. The legislation will establish an FAA taskforce to draft recommendations to improve the NOTAM system and ensure its stability, resilience, and cybersecurity. This bill passed the House by a vote of 424-4. (Contd. Pg. 36)

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(From Pg. 35) I voted “Yes” on H.R. 400, the Investing in Main Street Act of 2023. This bill would increase access to capital and private equity for small businesses through the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program by increasing the amount of capital and surplus a financial institution or federal savings association can invest in an SBIC from 5% to 15%. It also would require approval from a federal regulator for financial institutions and federal savings associations seeking to invest more than 5%. This bill passed the House by a vote of 411-13.

I voted “Yes” on H.Con.Res. 7, Commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 133 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses. On September 16, 2022, 22-year-old Mahsa Amini was detained by the morality police for violating the country's strict dress codes. She later died in custody. Her death sparked mass protests across the country, leading in turn to a heavy-handed regime response. Hundreds of protestors have been killed by regime security forces. Thousands more have been detained on trumped up charges, and many of those in custody, especially women, have been subjected to cruel and inhumane torture. This resolution, which I introduced alongside Congressman Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5) and Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul (TX-10), was cosponsored by more than 60 members of Congress. In addition to expressing support for the courageous Iranian protestors demonstrating for their freedoms, the resolution also condemns the brutal beating and death of Mahsa Amini as well as the violent suppression by the Iranian regime of women and men participating in the current demonstrations. The murderous regime in Iran continues its violent crackdown on its citizens' rights and civil liberties. Today, the House reaffirmed with one voice our commitment to support these brave protestors, who are more resolved than ever to fight this regime. These courageous Iranians are demanding a government that respects their rights at home, stops funding terrorism abroad, and makes peace with its neighbors. They are demanding a future built on freedom, justice, the rule of law, and prosperity. This resolution makes clear that the U.S. House of Representatives stands with them and that the United States will continue to do all it can to hold the regime, which is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, accountable. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 420-1.

Tenney Sponsors the Protect Local Farms Act

I continue to hear from farmers in our community who are concerned about the new over time rule. As many of you know, the New York State Farm Laborers Wage Board totally disregarded the needs and input of farmers when they released their proposal to lower the overtime threshold for our farm workers from 60 to 40 hours. This proposal demonstrates just how out of touch the Board and Albany are with Upstate's farmers and their employees.

I am honored to once again cosponsor a critical piece of legislation that works to give farmers and producers the resources they need to succeed by reversing this decision. You can read more about it here. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/353>

Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly, and perennials. Seedling varieties allow for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

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Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens and streambank and road bank stabilization.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at sullivan-swcd.org. The order deadline is April 10, 2023.

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Issues Executive Order Creating Boldest Climate Agenda in New York State

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger signed an Executive Order today creating the boldest Climate Agenda for any County Government in New York State. The fourteen directives in the Order will align Ulster County Government with the targets of New York State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act at an accelerated pace, all while doing so in a way that is fair and equitable with a focus on Environmental and Economic Justice.

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said, “My office is committed to building a sustainable, resilient, thriving Ulster County that leaves no one behind. With this Executive Order, we are charting a path forward that makes our communities healthier, creates family-supporting middle class jobs, and does our part to help slow climate change to a more manageable rate. We don't need the science to tell us—we can see the impacts of climate change right here in Ulster County. That is why when I served in the State Senate I helped pass the most aggressive Climate Law in the nation, and why as Ulster County Executive I will continue to lead the fight against this existential threat.”

Standing in the Hudson River Maritime Museum where just a month prior flood waters inundated the facility, County Executive Metzger was joined by County Legislature Chairwoman Tracey Bartels, Actor & Activist Tim Guinee, Rev. Dr. Gregory Simpson, and dozens of local elected officials and climate activists to sign the Executive Order.

The Executive Order includes 13 different directives ranging from energy use in buildings to electrifying county buses to conducting public outreach to community members so they can take advantage of the myriad tax credits and programs available to decarbonize their homes, cars, and businesses. The Executive Order calls for the following:

- o Assessing all County Government buildings for implementation of on-site solar and storage to meet the goal of meeting 100% of government needs from renewable sources by 2030-ten years ahead of what's required in the state's climate law. (Contd. Pg. 37)

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- o Setting a goal of achieving reductions of community-wide GHG emissions of 40% by 2030 and 85% by 2050.
- o Promoting a fair, equitable, and environmentally just clean energy transition, by creating diverse and inclusive opportunities in the green economy, and addressing the legacy pollution that has burdened tribal communities, communities of color, and low-income communities.
- o Setting a goal of diverting 100% of organic waste from landfills and incinerators by 2030, starting with the government's own operations, putting an organic waste recycling program in place for county buildings and facilities this calendar year.
- o Undertaking an assessment of the Ulster County Area Transit service, with the goal of expanding routes and scheduling and continuing to fully electrify the fleet.
- o Directing Ulster County's new Chief Diversity Officer and all relevant departments, from Planning to the Department of Social Services to Economic Development to Office of the Aging, to develop a plan to help residents and small businesses take advantage of state and federal assistance and incentives.

Actor & Activist Tim Guinee said, "Executive Metzger demonstrated what real leadership looks like today with the release of an executive order that will serve as an engine for job creation and an invigorated local economy, all while addressing the climate-crisis! Thank you Executive Metzger!"

Reverend Dr. Gregory Simpson said, "Our new County Executive, Jen Metzger, is addressing the climate crisis head-on! The extraordinary work she began as a New York State Senator to catalyze the passage of the New York State Climate Act is now aligning with the County's sustainability agenda. Now she is taking the bold step to center an equitable and environmentally just clean energy transition. This executive order demonstrates her consistency and her commitment to protecting our planet, our children and the future of Ulster County. I look forward to working with her and her team in the days ahead as the implementation steps begin to take shape."

Mayor Steve Noble, City of Kingston, said "I congratulate County Executive Metzger on her ambitious environmental plans. We've seen firsthand here in Kingston how important this work is, and I look forward to partnering with the County Executive and her team to move these crucial initiatives forward."

Jeremy Cherson, Senior Manager of Government Affairs for Riverkeeper, said "Riverkeeper is grateful to Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger for placing the fight against climate change at the top of her agenda. As recent flooding at the tidal Rondout in Kingston demonstrated, there is absolutely no time to waste. The actions outlined in Executive Order 1 propel Ulster County to the forefront of local leadership in tackling the climate crisis."

Governor Hochul Announces Zinc8 Energy Solutions –A Long-term Energy Storage Leader –Will Locate its First Commercial Manufacturing Facility and American Headquarters in UC

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced Zinc8 Energy Solutions, USA, a leader in the long-duration energy storage industry, will relocate its \$68 million manufacturing facility and U.S. headquarters to Kingston, Ulster County at the former Tech City, IBM Ulster campus, now known as iPark 87 business park. Zinc8 Energy Solutions develops innovative battery technology that uses zinc and air as fuel. Zinc8 has committed to creating up to 500 jobs, complementing New York State's national leadership in growing the green economy, spearheading efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,

and prioritization of combating climate change. The company's location to Ulster County supports Governor Hochul's newly announced framework for the State to achieve a nation-leading six gigawatts of energy storage by 2030.

"Creating good jobs that will lead to a greener, more sustainable New York for our children and grandchildren is not only beneficial to our economy, it's the right thing to do for our planet," Governor Hochul said. "Zinc8's cutting edge, clean energy storage technology is another tool that will allow us to achieve our bold climate agenda and continue to make New York State a leader in advancing the green economy."

Zinc8 Energy Solutions (Zinc8) has submitted a Letter of Intent to be the anchor tenant and lease approximately 237,000 square feet of warehouse and outdoor space at iPark 87, which is owned by National Resources. Zinc8 will invest approximately \$68 million over 5 years to automate and build out the site, making the region Zinc8's U.S. headquarters and a major hub of manufacturing operations, research and development. Empire State Development (ESD) has agreed to provide up to \$9 million in performance-based Excelsior Jobs Program tax credits to encourage and support the creation of 500 jobs.

The new \$100 million iPark 87 business park will serve as a mixed-use technology campus, transforming the former IBM site and positioning the former TechCity as an innovative center for economic growth after 30 years of stagnation. Part of iPark 87's plan is to build a 600-unit net-zero carbon footprint sustainable residential community, powered 100 percent by renewal energy and constructed fully from sustainable building materials. The business park will also include several public amenities like pocket parks, bike and walking trails, and a wellness and arts center. Recognizing the goals of job creation, economic growth and sustainability for the campus and the surrounding region, ESD supported the business park's development with an \$8 million grant through the Upstate Revitalization Initiative.

Zinc8 is a leading technology developer and manufacturer of zinc-air long-duration energy storage systems for utilities, commercial and industrial facilities, and remote microgrids. The company aims to accelerate the world's transition to sustainable, secure, and resilient energy sources through environmentally and economically friendly mass storage systems to make clean energy storage cost-effective, reliable, and readily available.

Zinc8's technology has been developed around the utilization of zinc as the anode fuel, which is expected to offer advantages over other metals due to its high energy density, abundant availability, low cost, and ease of storage and handling. When the system is delivering power, the zinc particles are combined with oxygen drawn from the surrounding air. When the system is recharging, zinc particles are regenerated, and oxygen is returned to the surrounding air. The regenerative system does not require fuel replacement and offers scalable energy capacity through the simple introduction of additional fuel tanks.

Zinc8 first connected with New York State through the New York Power Authority's Clean Energy Innovation Challenge in 2019 which sought new technologies and business models to solve for the state's energy challenges. Zinc8 won the challenge and embarked upon deployment of the first use of its novel zinc-air energy storage system, the first phase of which will go live this year. As the winner of the Challenge, Zinc8 entered into an agreement with New York Power Authority (NYPA) to install a 100-kilowatt/1 megawatt-hour (kW/MWh) system at SUNY flagship the University at Buffalo, to increase campus resiliency and advance energy storage technology.

Additionally, Zinc8 announced a deployment agreement with Digital Energy Corp., a private sector engineering firm in New York State for a 100-kW/1.5-MWh energy storage system. The project will demonstrate the benefits and economic value of Zinc8's Energy Storage System in an existing behind-the-meter Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant in New York City.

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Governor Hochul Announces Zinc8 Energy Solutions

(From Pg. 37) The Project was awarded financial support from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

Zinc8 was also named a "Best-in-Class" solution in the Energy Storage Category of the 2022 PropTech Challenge, which focused on sustainable developments and ongoing efforts by the real estate industry to reduce emissions throughout the build environment.

Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer said, "When it came to the asbestos-ridden former Tech City site, we knew: if we clean it up, they will come. And Zinc8's 500 good-paying jobs and \$68 million in cutting-edge manufacturing investment is proof positive that when you invest in fighting climate change, you can create good-paying jobs, new economic growth, and a brighter future for our communities," said Senator Schumer. "I applaud Zinc8 for their commitment to Ulster County and Governor Hochul for her support for the project and look forward to continuing to work hand-in-hand to power New York's leadership as a global battery manufacturing hub."

Representative Pat Ryan said, "This is a huge win not just for Ulster County and the Hudson Valley, but for the entire state of New York. I've proudly fought to turn around iPark 87 since my first day as County Executive and led the charge with National Resources, the EPA, Governor Hochul and Senator Schumer to revitalize this important site. Zinc8's manufacturing facility will bring hundreds of good-paying, green jobs to the region, and sends a statement that the Hudson Valley will be at the forefront of economic development in New York State for decades to come."

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said, "When I served in the State Senate and worked to pass New York's nation-leading Climate Act, I spoke often of the significant economic benefits to our communities that this law promised. With companies like Zinc8 coming to Ulster we are now seeing the fruits of this law materialize: the creation of family-sustaining jobs in cutting edge industries that build a ladder into the middle class. I want to thank Governor Hochul for her forward-looking leadership in supporting the right kind of investment in Ulster County, and look forward to working with her administration on workforce development initiatives to complement this investment and provide the trained workforce we need for the green economy."

Zinc8's move to the Mid-Hudson Region complements Governor Hochul's 2023 clean energy agenda. Under Governor Hochul's leadership, New York has advanced the nation's most aggressive policies to combat climate change, safeguard clean water and our natural environment, promote environmental justice, and advance the green economy.

In her 2023 State of the State Governor Hochul is proposing critical initiatives that will make a difference in the lives of all New Yorkers. The Cap-and-Invest Program, which was unveiled last week, will create an economywide Cap-and-Invest Program that establishes a declining cap on greenhouse gas emissions, invests in programs that drive emissions reductions in an equitable manner prioritizing disadvantaged communities, limits costs to economically vulnerable households, and maintains the competitiveness of New York industries. In addition, Governor Hochul will propose legislation to create a universal Climate Action Rebate that is expected to drive more than \$1 billion in future cap-and-invest proceeds to New Yorkers every year.

Additionally, Governor Hochul outlined a new framework for the State to achieve a nation-leading six gigawatts of energy storage by 2030, which represents at least 20 percent of the peak electricity load of New York State. The roadmap, submitted by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the New York State Department of Public Service to the Public Service Commission for consideration, proposes a comprehensive set of recommendations to

expand New York's energy storage programs to cost-effectively unlock the rapid growth of renewable energy across the state and bolster grid reliability and customer resilience. If approved, the roadmap will support a buildout of storage deployments estimated to reduce projected future statewide electric system costs by nearly \$2 billion, in addition to further benefits in the form of improved public health because of reduced exposure to harmful fossil fuel pollutants. Today's announcement supports the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act goals to generate 70 percent of the state's electricity from renewable sources by 2030 and 100 percent zero-emission electricity by 2040.

In addition to New York's own green investments, the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides tremendous opportunities to leverage state and private investments that have already been committed across the state. The IRA will reduce costs to New York to help meet the requirements of the Climate Act by approximately \$70 billion through 2050 and is expected to provide unprecedented funding to reduce consumer energy costs, slash carbon emissions and pollution, ensure energy security and resilience, increase energy innovation and domestic manufacturing, and advance environmental justice.

New York State's nation-leading climate agenda is the most aggressive climate and clean energy initiative in the nation, calling for an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy as New York State recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Enshrined into law through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act), New York is on a path to achieve its mandated goal to reach economy-wide carbon neutrality, including a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040 with 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030. It builds on New York's unprecedented investments to ramp-up clean energy, including more than \$21 billion in 91 large-scale renewable projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce buildings emissions, \$1.8 billion to scale up solar, more than \$1 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and more than \$1.2 billion in NY Green Bank commitments.

With the implementation of the Climate Act, a clean energy workforce will be in demand. Results from a 2021 Jobs Study issued by the New York State Climate Action Council's Just Transition Working Group, show that in the 21 growing sub-sectors total employment will increase by more than 60 percent from 2019 to 2030 - adding at least 211,000 new jobs in New York State. Additionally, clean energy jobs in New York State reached a record level of 165,000 workers at the end of 2021, helping to lead New York's COVID-19 economic recovery by recouping the clean energy jobs lost in 2020 and exceeding pre-COVID-19 clean energy employment levels by 1,300 jobs.

Open Call for Art in All Mediums!

The WCAA and curators Marguerite (Maggie) Fuller and Phyllis Chekenian are seeking submissions for the 2023 GREAT WALL OF HONESDALE! Artists may submit up to 3 images and are encouraged to interpret the theme "HOME IS..." in any creative manner. The deadline for submission is February 28, 2023.

The Great Wall of Honesdale is now a well-known landmark in Wayne County, PA. More than 100,000 cars pass by each week and view the large-scale 11 x 17 foot art panels.

This year's theme is in conjunction with BIG news for the Wayne County Arts Alliance: the non-profit has secured a large matching grant to purchase a building on Main Street in Honesdale as their newly established headquarters! What does "Home" mean to you and what does that look like visually?

In early June, we will unveil twelve panels with newly selected artwork to be on display for an entire year. Each artist is permanently featured on The Wall's website, which includes a link to their personal website or social media:

For full details, please see the Great Wall website:

<http://www.thegreatwallofhonesdale.com/call-for-entries-2023> and/or WCAA website:

<https://waynecountyartsalliance.org/entries-2023-great-wall/>

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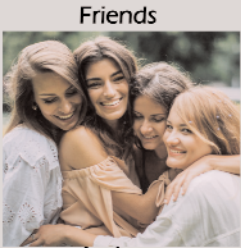
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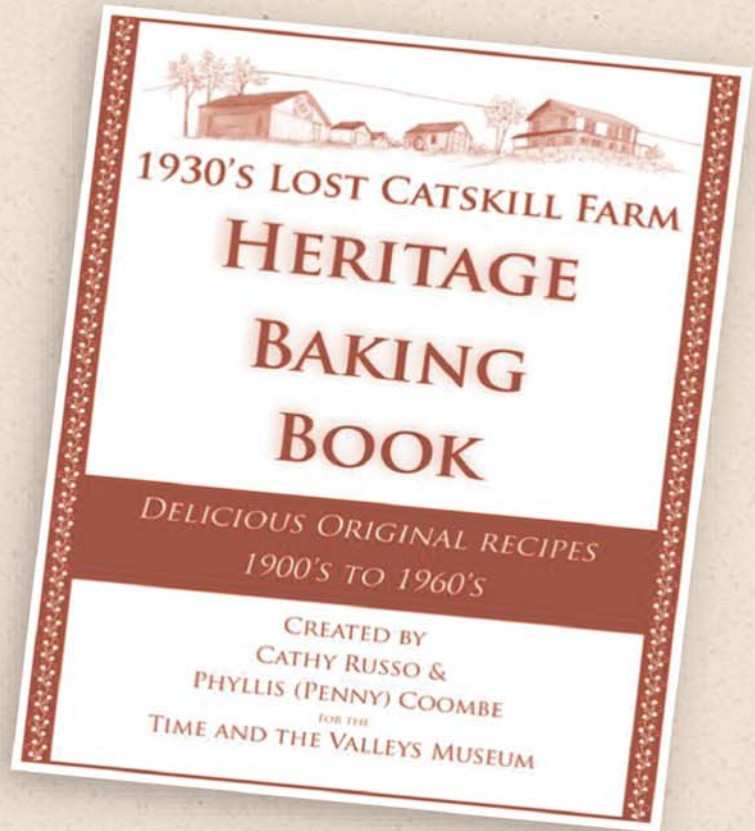
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or

Jill Hubert-Simon
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Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 4, 2023

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Join the celebration on "Take Your Child to the Library Day", an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library.

Visit us and you will ignite your child's imagination!

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If you take your child to the library, expect to return frequently as it is a treasure trove for ALL ages.



Register your child for our Spring Children's Programs- Mother Goose, Toddler Time, and Story Hour!

In case of inclement weather, please check our FB page for program cancellations.

Winter in the Catskills at its Finest

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TRENDING

NOW TRENDING... TOP TEN EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

- Feb. 3-5:** **Ashokan Winter Hoot**, Olivebridge
- Feb. 3-5:** **Saugerties Snow Moon Festival and Parade**, Saugerties
- Feb. 4:** **Sixth Anniversary Black History Month Kick-Off Event**, Kingston
- Feb 4-July 23:** **Exhibition: "The Historic Woodstock Art Colony – The Arthur A. Anderson Collection,"** New Paltz
- Feb. 8:** **"A Recipe to Die For – A Valentine's Themed M**der Mystery,"** Kingston
- Feb. 17:** **Film – "The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks,"** Kingston
- Feb. 17-19:** **Ole Savannah's Second Annual Winter Fest**, Kingston
- Feb 18:** **Fourth Annual Sojourner Truth Life Walk 2023**, Kingston
- Feb. 18:** **Ashokan Hot Chocolate Fest**, Olivebridge
- Feb. 26:** **Black History Month Kingston - Local Black Authors Unveiled**, Kingston

Celebrating the Legacy: Black History Month

February 2023 Calendar of Events - Black History Month	
DATE	
1	Black History Month Kingston Breakfast Mixer: Join us for breakfast and great community networking as we connect with each other and prepare to kick off the 2023 Black History Month Kingston's celebration of events, activities and acknowledgement. Hosted by Mayor Noble. Family-friendly. 10 a.m.-noon. Free. City of Kingston City Hall, 420 Broadway. 840-331-0080; blackhistorymonthkingston.org
1-28	Peg Leg Bates and Ulster County: Learn about prominent entertainer Peg Leg Bates and his impact on the history of Ulster County. He captivated audiences throughout his life and became a beloved pillar of the community. This Historical Profile will be on display in the lobby of the Ulster County Office Building. Free. 244 Fair Street, Kingston. 845-340-3288; clerk.ulstercountyny.gov
1-28	Dr. Margaret Wade Lewis Center's Black History Month: Displaying black art by black artists in various locations. Visit website for hours and more information. Free. 5 Broadhead Avenue and 173 Huguenot St., New Paltz. mwcenter.org
4	Sixth Anniversary Black History Month Kingston Kick-Off Event: Enjoy a fantastic day of celebration. Performances, MyKingstonKids dance party, African dance, poetry, singing, activities, vendors, special appearances and more. Family-friendly. 1-4 p.m. Free. YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County, 507 Broadway, Kingston. 845-338-3810; ymcaulster.org
4	Black History Month Kingston's Art & Photo Group Show: Showcasing African-American artists and inspired art and photos from talented individuals throughout the Kingston and Hudson Valley area. Featuring a special unveiling of "An Urban Legacy;" and much more. Refreshments and music. 5-8 p.m. Free. The Lace Mill, 165 Cornell Street, Kingston. 845-896-0105; blackhistorymonthkingston.org
7	VIRTUAL EVENT- Journey to Your Business Financial Wellness: The significance of the 4 C's of Credit; Why separate personal and business finances; Creating a solid business plan and more. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Eventbrite: Seasoned Gives-journey-to-your-business-financial-wellness
9	Skating to Financial Success with Rondout Savings Bank: Free Financial Literacy Session as part of this year's Black History Kingston. At 6 p.m., children will run off to see an incredible performance from Bee Bee The Clown. Each family that attends will receive vouchers for 30 mins of skating at Ole Savannah's outdoor rink. There will be a select complimentary menu available. Free. This event is reserved for the first 50 people who RSVP. 5-7 p.m. Ole Savannah, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-896-0105; blackhistorymonthkingston.org
9	Artist Expressions: Looking Back on Kingston Revealed: Features an in-depth conversation among some of Kingston's leading contemporary artists who participated in the landmark exhibition Kingston Revealed at City Hall, which will remain on display on the ground floor through the end of February. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. 6:30 p.m. City of Kingston, 420 Broadway. blackhistorymonthkingston.org

10	"Do The Right Thing:" Spike Lee's 1989 comedic/dramatic film takes place on the hottest day of the year on a street in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn where everyone's issues smolder and build to an explosive finale. \$6, or mention Black History Month Kingston and get in free. UPAC, 7:30 p.m. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; upac.org; blackhistorymonthkingston.org
16	Screening of "The Interview" and Panel Discussion: "The Interview" asks viewers to confront their feelings about justice and mercy while revealing the heavy toll our current legal system takes on incarcerated people and their families. 6 p.m. Free and open to the public. Restorative Justice Center 733 Broadway, Kingston. Email isispascuala@gmail.com to reserve your spot. blackhistorymonthkingston.org
17	Movie Night: "The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks:" Experience the unexpected story of Parks and her life beyond the historic bus boycott, revealing the intent behind her activism, her radical politics and courage. Film screening followed by a Q&A with co-director Yoruba Richen. 7-9 p.m. Free. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; upac.org
18	CCE presents The Black Experience! Singing, dancing, spoken word, comedy and more. Limited in person seating available. Registration required. 4-6 p.m. Free. Center for Creative Education, 16 Cedar Street, Kingston. 845-338-7664; cce4me.org
18	Fourth Annual Sojourner Truth Life Walk: Starts from Port Ewen to UC Courthouse. Re-live the life highlights of legendary abolitionist Sojourner Truth. Includes brief stops. Free bus available at Dietz Stadium for pick-up. The walk will end at the Old Dutch Church with new information about the Sojourner Truth State Park and a reenactment of "Ain't I A Woman" by Deborah Zuill portraying Sojourner Truth. Refreshments included. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. blackhistorymonthkingston.org/event/3rd-annual-sojourner-truth-life-walk-free/
19	Family Fun Fit Fest: Start the new year off right with a day of fitness education including multiple disciplines that will get you in shape. This event is great for all groups. 1-4 p.m. Free. Center for Creative Education, 16 Cedar Street, Kingston. 845-338-7664; cce4me.org
21	Soul Food Night Combo: Professionals in the local community of Color will share their life experiences and stories of how they became who they are and how their profession/job relates to the youth of today. In combination with a delicious pallet of Soul Food from various community members. Free. 6-8 p.m. Kingston Rondout Neighborhood Center, 105 Broadway, Kingston. 845-331-2575; kingston-ny.gov
23	Land in Black Hands - An Agricultural Feast & Celebration of Black Tenure: Land in Black Hands is an annual conversation organized by the Kingston Land Trust celebrating Black land tenure and economic innovations. If you are a local grower or interested in cooperative ownership, join us while we break bread together and strategize towards a stronger future. Must register to attend. 6-8 p.m. Free. God Work Institute, 65 St. James St., Kingston. goodworkinstitute.org
25	Circulation of Our Dollar: Initiative that examines the circulation of money and the potential widespread impact that regenerative versus extractive economics could have within Black communities. Provides Black-owned business community with an opportunity to display their products, market their brands and services, and receive a wealth of knowledge through network building and keynote addresses from leaders in the business industry. Noon-5 p.m. Free. Seasoned Gives, 11 Lohmaier Lane, Lake Katrine. Eventbrite: Seasoned Gives
25	Black History Month Kingston Community Family Dance: Dance the night away and enjoy community, food and music. This is a beautiful way to connect with your children and create lasting and loving memories. DJ to be announced. Family-friendly. 6-9 p.m. Free. YMCA of Kingston & Ulster County, 507 Broadway, Kingston. 845-338-3810; ymcaulster.org
26	Local Black Authors Unveiled: Enjoy an afternoon of great literature with local Black authors and hear excerpts of their books. This event will showcase Kingston's talent. Books will be available for purchase. 2-5 p.m. Free. Center for Creative Education, 16 Cedar Street, Kingston. 845-338-7664; cce4me.org

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TRENDING FEBRUARY 2023

Please Note	The Ulster County Tourism Office is located in the County Office Building, 244 Fair St., 3rd Floor, Kingston, 12401. The Trending Calendar of Events is now digital and is no longer printed for mass distribution. To receive a digital copy via email, please contact tourism@co.ulster.ny.us, call 800-342-5826, or sign up on our website at visitulstercountyny.com. Calendar listings are based on information received prior to publication; changes may occur after distribution so you may want to contact the event sponsors in advance.
3	Saugerties First Friday: Shops keep their doors open every first Friday of each month. Shop, drink, dine and play local. Free. Saugerties Village, Saugerties. facebook.com/DestinationSaugerties
3, 4, 5	Ashokan Winter Hoot 2023: A down-home, down-to-earth, music gathering. Friday kicks off with a dinner, documentary and discussion; Saturday overflows with music, dancing. Blacksmithing and mini concerts in the pewter shop, used clothing swap, kids zone activities, local food and libations; and Sunday closes with hiking, yoga and a farewell singalong. Separate fee for lodging. Tickets available in advance: \$50 Winter Hoot Passes, \$35 Saturday, \$25 Friday dinners and \$10 Friday film screening. Tickets at the door. Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; ashokancenter.org/events/
3, 4, 5	Saugerties Snow Moon Festival: Weekend long event to spread light, joy and love throughout Saugerties. There will be various events throughout the weekend to include an opening reception, comedy show, parade, bonfire, scavenger hunt, outdoor winter bars and so much more. Proceeds will be donated to area food banks. Saugerties Village. 914-388-2375; saugertiessnowmoonfestival.com
4	Saugerties Snow Moon Parade: Lighted floats, costumes, dancers and musicians along with Arm of the Sea are planned. A bonfire immediately follows the parade with more revelry. Free. Saugerties Village, 914-388-2375; saugertiessnowmoonfestival.com/parade

4	Alentine's Day: Presented by AL OLENDER with special guests. This show is for the broken-hearted, the new relationship energy you don't know where to put, the crushes you've had and have and maybe will meet at this show. New songs. Old songs. Doors: 7 p.m.; Show: 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston. 845-338-6759; olddutchchurch.org
4	Kingston First Saturday: Vibrant First Saturday gallery receptions offer a glimpse of what Kingston has to offer. Events throughout the year include live music, open studio tours, theatrical performances, arts and culture activities and more. 845-802-0097; madkingston.org
4, 18	Woodstock Farm Festival Winter Indoor Market: A celebration of local farmers, producers and artisans. Featuring locally roasted coffee, grains and beans, pasture raised meats, fresh produce and more. Saturdays, biweekly through April 7th. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bearsville Center Utopia Soundstage, 93 Tinker Street, Woodstock. woodstockfarmfestival.org
4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20	Benmarl Winery and Vineyard Annual Valentine's Day Wine & Cheese Pairing: Join us as we celebrate our love for local delights. One ticket includes a seated wine tasting (four different wines) and curated cheese board featuring our favorite Hudson Valley cheeses, locally sourced jams, house-made chocolates, and other accouterments. Your reservation is good for 1 hour 30 minutes at your table. Maximum number of people per table is 4 people. Ages 21+ only. 6 p.m. \$35. 156 Highland Avenue, Marlboro. 845-236-4265; benmarl.com
4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26	Wine With Your Valentine: Five-course Chocolate and Wine Pairing from Hudson Valley Chocolates. Each guest gets 5-Wines paired with a different wine made at Robibero's. Each seating has 90-mins to enjoy their tastings, then guests can enjoy the rest of their day at the cozy firepit. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. \$35. Robibero Winery, 714 Albany Post Road, New Paltz. 845-255-9463; robiberofamilyvineyards.com
4-July 23	"The Historic Woodstock Art Colony: The Arthur A. Anderson Collection:" Illuminating America's first Intentional art colony, this exhibition presents over 100 artists whose paintings, sculptures, and works on paper together form an artistic history of national and international significance. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday: 11a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Suggested Donation \$5. Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, State University of New York at New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive (GPS: 75 S. Manheim Boulevard), New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum/
5-6	Winter Yoga Weekend: A restorative winter weekend to awaken your body, clear your mind and enliven your spirit. (This is also Mindfulness in Minutes weekend). Registration is required. Visit website for pricing. mohonk.com/events/mindfulness-wellness/winter-yoga-weekend/ Mohonk Mountain House, 1000 Mountain Rest Road, New Paltz. 866-858-6646; mohonk.com
7	"Manhattan Phoenix - The Great Fire of 1835 and the Emergence of New York:" A lecture with author Daniel S. Levy in person and virtually via Zoom. Mr. Levy will look at the Great Fire of 1835 – which destroyed nearly 700 buildings in lower Manhattan – and the forces that transformed New York from a large unruly metropolis during the early years of the 19th century. Free-\$7. 7 p.m. Hudson River Maritime Museum Wooden Boat School, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org
8	"A Recipe to Die For - A Valentine's themed M**der Mystery:" Four celebrity bakers compete for the position of Pastry Chef at your restaurant. Each are asked to prepare an original Valentine's Day dessert recipe which will be tasted and rated. M**der is also on the menu and it will take a visit from local CSI investigators to determine whodunit and why. \$80. 7-9 p.m. Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, 503 Washington Avenue, Kingston. 845-338-0400; bestwestern.com
10, 11	Hoppy Valentines Masquerade Ball: Two Stages, 20+Band, indoor pool, craft vendors. Hosting Froggy Diner & Late night munchies. \$45-\$95. Hudson Valley Resort & Spa, 400 Granite Road, Kerhonkson. 845-626-1166; vacationvalleyresort.com
10	Galentine's Day DIY Candle Making Workshop: Create a custom scented candle with your favorite Gal's! Choose from 5 scents or BYO (blend your own) \$45 Nostrano Vineyards, 14 Gala Lane, Milton. 845-795-5473; nostranovineyards.com
11	Fourth Annual Valentines Event at VFW: Kissing Photo Booth, over 30 vendors and crafters so you can shop for your loved one, DJ Carl Dayton will be playing your favorite hits and announcing the winners of the Silent Auction at 4 p.m. There will also be food available for purchase. 708 East Chester, Kingston. 845-338-2676; alleventsinc - 4 th Annual Valentines Event
11, 25	Kingston Winter Farmers Market: Bi-weekly indoor farmers market hosting 20+ local food vendors, music, and workshops. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bethany Hall at Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston.kingstonfarmersmarket.org
14	Simi Stone Supper Club - Valentine's Day Dinner: Your prix fixe ticket includes seated admission, and a three course dinner. \$82.28. 8-11 p.m. The Colony Woodstock, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock. 845-679-7625; colonywoodstock.com
17, 18, 19	Ole Savannah's Second Annual Winter Fest: Includes Ice Skating for a Cause, Specialty Drinks & Guest Bartenders Donating Tips, Chili Cook-off and more. The Rondout Ice Rink will be open for skating fun all weekend. (please take note of a few special events happening on the rink throughout the weekend) Visit website for details. 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; OleSavannah.com
17-20	President's Day Weekend: Snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice fishing, and snow tubing may be available (weather depending). Try the climbing gym, archery range, or arts and crafts programs. Cozy up next to the fire with a good book and some hot cocoa. Visit website for cost and other Family Weekend events. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291; frostvalley.org
18	The Great Jell-O Jamboree! Join D.R.A.W. for a Jell-O-filled evening of food, drink, music, dancing and general merriment to support and celebrate our community. 5-8 p.m. Free-\$23.03 The Fuller Building, 45 Pine Grove Ave., Kingston. 845-802-0097; drawkingston.org
18	Live Edge Table Build: Live edge pieces are unique in that their construction does not take away from the wood's original shape and natural appearance. Additional Materials and Joint Instruction fees apply. Register deadline: February 10. \$130 - \$150. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org
18	Ashokan Hot Chocolate Fest 2023: Enjoy hot chocolate and outdoor fun, Live jugglers (Saturday) and ice sculpture (Sunday), blacksmithing demos, self-guided nature walks, cozy campfires, live music and sledding, if it snows (bring your own sled). Ticket includes:

	two cups of hot chocolate (six flavors). Advance ticket purchase recommended. Family-friendly. Free-\$10. Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; ashokancenter.org/product/hot-chocolate-fest-2023/
18, 19	Forbidden Planet (1956) at The Rosendale Theatre: Gene Roddenberry's important inspiration for "Star Trek." A Sci-Fi classic for any decade, a spaceship travels to the planet Altair IV to learn the fate of a scientific expedition. 9:30-11 p.m. \$6/\$10. The Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main Street, Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org/
19	Saugerties Pro Musica - Argus String Quartet: Joseph Boulogne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges' String Quartet, Op.1, No.6; Germaine Tailleferre's String Quartet; and Fanny Mendelssohn's String Quartet in E-Flat. Free. Donations accepted info@saugertiespromusica.org
19	Second Annual Chili Cook Off: Join us at Ole Savannah's Winter Festival for our Chili Cook-Off. Vote for your favorite chili from some of our amazing local restaurants. \$15. 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283; OleSavannah.com
25	Winter Open Boat Session: Visit the historic Sloop Clearwater as it undergoes maintenance in preparation for our 54th sailing season. Come down with the whole family to enjoy an afternoon of live music, boat tours and children's activities. 2-5 p.m. Free. The Rondout, Kingston. 845-265 8080; Facebook: Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

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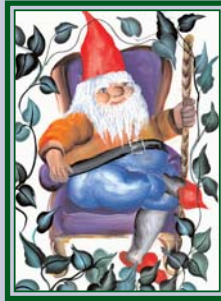


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"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I GROUNDHOG DAY

(1993 / Rated - PG / 1h 41m)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0107048/>

Feb. 2, AMC will repeat the film from 1:30 pm thu 11:30 pm



On February 2, self-centered and sour TV meteorologist Phil Connors (Bill Murray), news producer Rita Hanson (Andie MacDowell) and cameraman Larry (Chris Elliott) from fictional Pittsburgh television station WPBH-TV9 travel to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to cover the annual Groundhog Day festivities with Punxsutawney Phil, the Groundhog. However, Phil Connors is caught in a time warp at the annual emergence of Punxsutawney Phil, and he keeps repeating the same day until he learns what should be.

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FOR FACTS & FUN CHECK OUT - Countdown Clock

MENU;
INNERCIRCLE GROUNDHOG BALL
LUNCH WITH PHIL
ANNUAL GROUNDHOG BANQUET
HOSPITALITY VILLAGE, THE DUELING PIANOS,
GOBBLER'S KNOB GOT TALENT FAQ, MEMBERS
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EVENTS, STAY CONNECTED;

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KNARF'S
CLASSIC MOVIE OF THE WEEK II
ON AMAZON, NETFLIX, IMOB
TORTILLA FLAT

(1942 · 1hr 45min · Romance/Comedy / G)

Directed by Victor Fleming. Starring Spencer Tracy, Hedy Lamarr, John Garfield, Frank Morgan.



A wonderful romp through the characters of the antiquity of the early nineteen forties. It will mesmerize you as you enjoy a bevy of interesting Mexican-American characters. Played by many familiar faces as seen by classic film lovers. This is early 1940s life in Monterey, California. As written by **John Steinbeck** in his world renown book; "TORTILLA FLAT."



Spencer Tracy as Pilon, amazes us with his portrayal of a Mexican-American gentleman of the streets – a totally selfish con-man. Let's not forget his *Salacious B. Crumb* friend played by **Akim Timmorif** who keeps your 'chuckles' working. Then we see **Hedy Lamarr** and we are stunned by her beauty as she plays Danny's girl friend. (FYI –she was one of the most intelligent women in the 1940s with an IQ of 154. She also had a degree in Psychobiology from Vassar, and she invented "Frequency Hopping,." that during WWII, would have provided great help to the U.S. military. However, the Navy shelved her idea, and told her to go sell war bonds.)

Enhancing the story, one of my very favorite actors **John Garfield**, as **Danny**, a poor, naive, highly emotional northern Californian Mexican-American inherits two houses, but is swindled out of them for the good of his friends.

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Classic Movie of the week III
 on Spectrum or your favorite movie channel

Sex, Lies, and Videotape

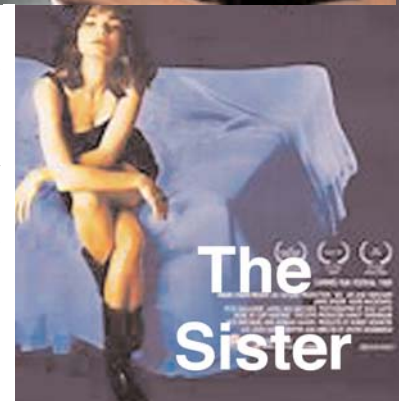
(1989 / Rated NR Adult Language / 1 hr 41 min)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0098724>

Sex, Lies, and Videotape is Directed by **Steven Soderbergh**. With **James Spader, Andie MacDowell, Peter Gallagher, Laura San Giacomo.**



A sexually repressed woman's husband is having an affair with her sister. The arrival of one of her husbands old friends with a rather unusual fetish changes her life, cures her mirrage, and effects everything going on in her life.



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