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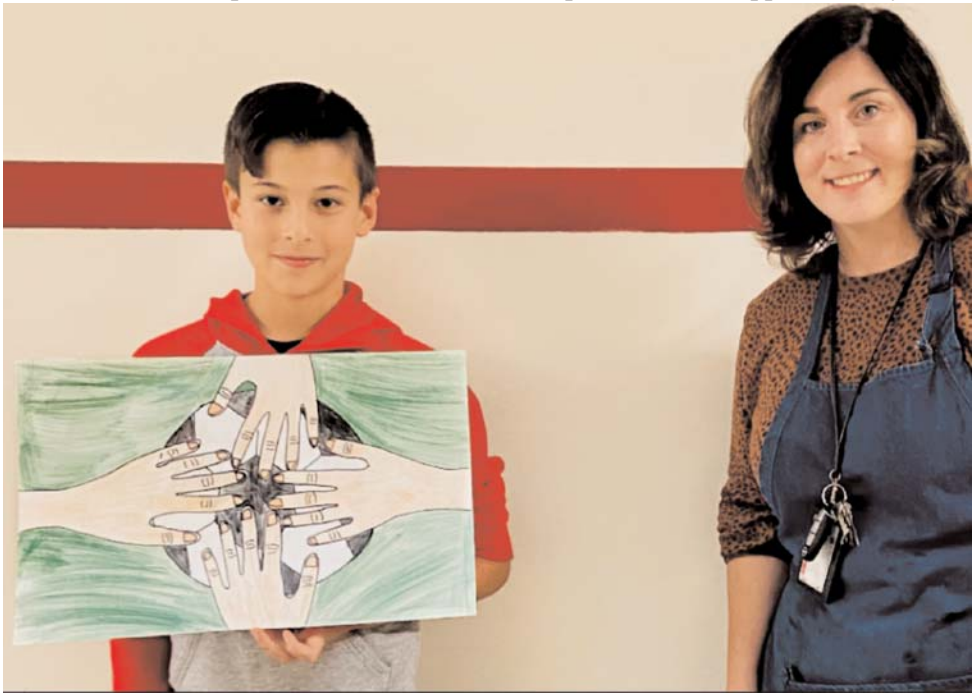
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Santino Haffner TVCS 6th Grader local winner of Tri-Valley Lion's Peace Poster Contest

Santino Haffner, a 6th grader at the Tri-Valley School, was declared the local winner of this year's Tri-Valley Lion's Peace Poster Contest. Santino's poster was selected as the top winner over approximately a dozen other posters submitted by 6th graders in Art



Santino Haffner and teacher, Maureen Winter

Teacher, Maureen Winter's, class. Santino's amazing poster will be submitted to The District Lion's for district competition by November 15. The District Governor will submit the winner of the local district to Multiple District by December 1. The winning District poster will then be submitted to Lions International by December 15. The International Winner will be notified by February 1, 2023.

Lions International sponsors The Peace Poster Contest in schools and youth groups as it gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

Congratulations to Santino, and to teacher, Maureen Winter, for her expert guidance to all the students who submitted posters. All submitted posters showed great talent by the 6th graders that drew them and the Tri-Valley Lion's who judged them had a tough time selecting the winner, but Santino's creative and thoughtful poster was the winner. We will report further as Santino's poster is judged at the District level.

Thanks to Lion Leah Exner for coordinating the Peace Poster Contest for The Tri-Valley Lions and Tri-Valley School.

For more information or to become a Tri-Valley Lion member, contact Lion President, Stephen Miller, at 845-798-1981 or Lion Director Stuart Wizwer at 845-798-2152.

A Picture is Always Worth a Thousand Words

Since her retirement as Town of Fallsburg Town Clerk, Donna Akerley has been busy doing what she loves –taking pictures!

She has captured some bewitching pictures of around the area that are reflective of the magic that only nature could create.

Donna has sent some of her recent photos for our readers to enjoy. Please see some of her photo shoot on page 8.



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On the Front Burner: And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone was hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. St. Mark 10:42

OBITUARIES

Marion Rubenzahl, a 71-year resident of Neversink, died on October 5 at the age of 90.



Marion loved Neversink. A sign she made and kept on her refrigerator says, "My entire life has been a beautiful vacation in the Catskills" and another says, "I live in Neversink, so I'm on vacation every day."

She moved to Neversink when she married Harry Rubenzahl on October 14, 1951. They raised five sons, Moe, Carl, Marty, Arthur, and Murray, of which all but Carl survive. Harry died in 1986. She equally loved their wives and partners, Mercie, Andelyn, Patricia, and Susan. She had a grandson, Harry, and a granddaughter, Josephine. Many other children called her "mom," including disadvantaged youth in the city who participated in the Fresh Air program, some for whom she was an extra parent or an extra teacher, and many dozens of Cub Scouts. Marion received a special Silver Fawn award for her long service as a Den Mother. Her door was always open to her neighbors and especially, to children.

Gratitude and optimism were always her hallmarks. Even as her final chapter opened, she repeatedly expressed how happy she was to have had 90 wonderful years. Another refrigerator sign she made says, "My age is one of the greatest gifts I've received."

Long time residents will recognize Marion's signs, such as Neversink Fire Department's Chicken Barbecue signs, which she hand-lettered for over 50 years.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held on Oct 21, 3-9 PM, at the Neversink Firehouse. See rubenzahl.com for information.

James Slater, of Woodridge, passed away on October 10, 2022 at Campbell Hall Rehabilitation. He was 81.



He was one of 5 sons of the late Stephen and Frances (Stratton) Slater, born on January 18, 1941 in Monticello, NY.

James was co-owner and operator of Slater's

Garage in Woodridge, NY. Jim loved the outdoors, and enjoyed spending his time hunting, fishing and trapping. He was an active member of his community and served as Past Chief and lifetime member of the Woodridge Fire Department for 63 years, Past President of Woods Pond Hunting Club, Past President of the Sullivan County Historical Society, Past Mayor and Trustee of Woodridge, NY and charter member of the Ambulance Corps. He was a Master Gardener. He was a loving brother, uncle and friend, he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his brother Robert "Bob" Slater; sister-in-law Yolanda Slater; nephews Brett Slater and his wife Kelly and Tyler Slater; special cousins Howard and Donna Craft; and good friend Eric Akerley. He is predeceased by his brothers John, Gary and Glen Slater.

"We will all meet up in a better place someday"-Love Bob

Visitation was held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A funeral and firematic service was held at 11am at the funeral home. Pastor Rich and Kathy Ienuso officiated. Interment followed at Glen Wild Cemetery, Glen Wild, NY.

Donations in James' name can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306.

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

Days of Yore....

Today's History

October 22, 1952 - Fire observer Ed Lewis, who surveys this area from the lofty viewpoint of the Red Hill Fire Tower, has reported only 34 forest fires this season. This is about one-third as many as usual. Mr. Lewis reports a bigger "crop" of visitors signing the book, 662 as of Monday.

Mr. Brice Moore has purchased the former Condron Feed Store, recently owned by Leland Pulling of Ellenville. Mr. Moore will live there in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allison of Grahamsville are parents of a son born on Friday, October 10th at Liberty Loomis Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubenzahl of Neversink are parents of a son born October 19th at the Maimonides Hospital.

Mr. Herbert Brooks passed away Tuesday, October 21st at the Ellenville Hospital after a long illness. He was 75 years of age. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brooks, he was born in Sundown and lived there most of his life. Surviving are his wife, the former Dorothy Eichenberg; three sons, Kenneth, Morgan and Delos; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; one sister, Mrs. Ivan Sheeley of Sundown and a brother, Isaac of Springfield, Mass.

October 10, 1962 - Mrs. Thorvald Carlsen wishes to announce the opening of "The Thrift Shop Along South Hill Road" on Thursday of this week. Everyone is welcome to come and look around and bring things that you have to sell that are still good but you have no further use for.

Leon Rosenshein, 53, a Town of Fallsburg assessor, died October 3, 1962 at Horton Memorial Hospital, Middletown. Mr. Rosenshein was a Woodbourne dairy farmer. He was a member of the Board of Education of Tri Valley Central School and a member of the Fallsburg Democratic Committee. He was born February 12, 1909 in New York City, the son of Emile and Rachael Rosenshein. Survivors are his wife, Bella; his mother and four sons: Harold, Joel, Allan and Norman all of Woodbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy of Grahamsville are the parents of a son, born on October 4th at Liberty Loomis Hospital.

November 1, 1972 - Marty Rubenzahl, 17, was one of twenty-three high-ability math students selected from all over the United States to take part in the National Science Foundation's scholastic study program in Hampshire College. Marty spent this past summer at the college in Amherst, Mass. where he studied advanced math. He was recommended for the program by his math teacher, Mr. Thomas Manell. Marty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubenzahl of Neversink.

A minister from India will be guest speaker at the 11 o'clock worship service at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church next Sunday, Nov. 5th. The minister, Rev. Satish Gyan, is currently studying at Temple University in Philadelphia, Penn. His purpose in coming to Grahamsville is to tell of church activities in his part of the world.

October 21, 1982 - Qualified students are invited to apply for a year or a summer in Scandinavia or Germany as part of the student exchange program of the American Scandinavian Student Exchange program. (ASSE) Students will be selected on the basis of their academic achievement, excellent character references, and a general desire to experience life abroad in a volunteer Scandinavian or German household.

Tommy Nash of the Neversink Fire Department and Fred Costa of the Grahamsville Fire Department won Most Valuable Player Awards at the Western Sullivan Volunteer Firemen's Softball League dinner held at the White Sulphur Springs Firehouse on Saturday, October 16th.

Household Hint:

Does Your Furry Friend have Itchy Ears?

Keep dogs from scratching ears. Clean the inside_of the ears with a soft cloth dipped in diluted vinegar.

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.*

The Bats are Back!

For quite some time we had not seen many bats in Sundown. The northern long-eared bat is protected as a

threatened species under federal and New York State Endangered Species law. The current population for this formerly common bat is



approximately one percent of its previous size, making the species the most severely affected by white-nose syndrome.

We began noticing quite a few bats toward late summer, and now we are happy to say, the bats are back flying in and out of the spider webs on our front porch!

We welcome these little creatures, as they do a good job cleaning the bugs that have collected there over the past few weeks of warm weather.

In cultures all over the world, the peculiar characteristics of bats has captured the imagination of storytellers who claim they have mysterious and supernatural qualities giving the little bats a notorious, sinister reputation. Having them appear when they do, adds a spooky touch to the Halloween season!

A little research will reveal that we are fortunate to have these great little flying mammals make their abode next door in the bat houses that our son has built strategically in his yard.

The small brown bats that are now "hanging out" in Sundown most likely have flown hundreds of miles from the north, looking for a cave in the Catskills where they could huddle in a group over the winter as they survive off their fat reserves.

Bats are the only flying mammals (flying squirrels glide) that evolved to conquer the air ten million years ago and took advantage of the great food supply of night-flying insects.

Most bats have a breeding season, which is in the spring for species living in a temperate climate like ours. Bats may have one to three litters in a season, depending on the species and on environmental conditions, such as the availability of food and roost sites. Females generally have one offspring at a time, which could be a result of the mother's need to fly to feed while pregnant. Female bats nurse their young until they are nearly adult size, because a young bat cannot forage on its own until its wings are fully developed.

The teeth and skulls of fossil bats are monkey-like and suggest a common ancestor for both bats and primates which could mean that those flying visitors may be relatively swooping and diving erratically and cleaning a window or two, as they were looking for insects!

Yes, we are lucky to have them here cleaning up our front porch and windows while also adding to our Halloween decor!

Denning History Afternoon and Talk on Hardenbergh Patent (In person only) Saturday, October 22, 1:30 p.m. Time and the Valleys Museum



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Denning History Afternoon (in-person program) will be held Saturday, October 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY.

The Museum preserves rich collections from Claryville and the Town of Denning that bring life to the history of the Upper Neversink and Upper Rondout valleys. These collections, include records, photos, letters and more, will be open and available to visitors for research. Visitors are also encouraged to bring in their own Town of Denning history items to share.

The highlight of the afternoon is a presentation by Archivist and Trustee Lynn Priebe, The Great Hardenbergh Patent. The presentation will detail the origin of the Patent, colorful historical characters associated with it and the impact it has had on our region.

Issued in 1708 and covering two million acres of land in Ulster, Greene, Orange,

Sullivan and Delaware Counties, the Great Hardenbergh Patent influenced the history of the Catskill Mountain region in a number of ways. At that time it was common to grant land in large tracts to owners who promised to bring settlers. The patent owners were heroes and anti-heroes, shaping that history, and the Hardenberghs were no different. A Hardenbergh rescued precious state records during the American Revolution, a Hardenbergh was part of the early days of the Anti-Rent Wars, a Hardenbergh designed some of the most iconic buildings in New York City, and a Hardenbergh was instrumental in the creation of the Catskill Park. Explore this fascinating time in local history! Admission to the program is FREE and includes admission to the Museum exhibitions.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

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

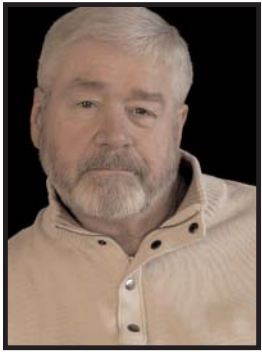
- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels,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

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

The Merchant Murders Mysterious Book Report No. 503

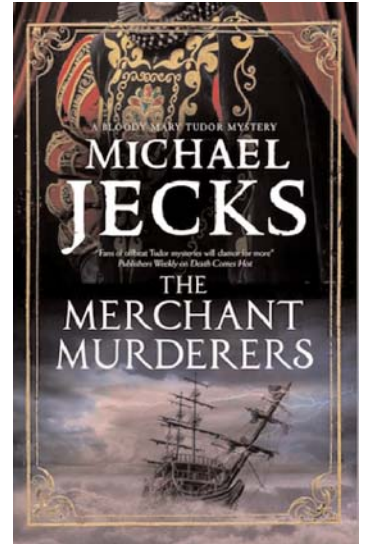
by John Dwaine McKenna



As *The Merchant Murders*, (Severn, \$29.99, 240 pages, ISBN 978-0-7278-5092-8), by Michael Jecks opens, it's the middle of the 16th century in not-so-jolly old England, where we continue following the adventures of a daring, raffish and rascally young rogue named Jack Blackjack . . . who's an assassin in the employ of Lady Elizabeth –Queen Mary's sister –at a time when the battle between Catholicism and the recently established Protestant

Church of England was raging. It was an epoch in which one's survival could be determined at an instant's notice by religious affiliation . . . and so we find Jack in Devon, England, where he's looking for a ship, sailing for France. He's flown London, fearing arrest and torture because of his affiliation with Elizabeth, who some suspect might be plotting to seize the throne by force. But no sooner than arriving in Devon, Jack stumbles over the dead body of a man named Roger Lane, found in an alley with his head crushed by a cudgel. Lane, a roving Romeo, was a man with many enemies . . . from betrayed husbands to angry Anglicans . . . but Jack suspects his murder may be related to the dispute between two local merchants who both recently lost ships at sea to piracy. Jack thinks that Lane was caught in the deadly feud between the two angry importers, who blame each other for their loss.

The plot is gripping, the language is lively, the history is impeccable and the characters are accurately drawn. Mr. Jecks, with more than 45 novels to his credit has spun another rollicking, fast-paced and delightful historical fiction with this, Jack Blackjack's seventh adventure!!



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Holiday Spirit at the Rivoli

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is proud to partner with The Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County to present a timely, moving and entertaining radio show entitled "Adam's Gifts" by Peter Filichia.

This is a story of a greedy man who learned the error of his ways to find out that wealth is not the most important thing in life. If that sounds a lot like the classic Scrooge story, that's because it is! But, the twist here demonstrates the mission of The Literacy Volunteers!

Our very talented Director is Harold Tighe whose players include Heather Strauss, Crystal Tweed, Lourdesa Hunt, Tom Brennan, Shawn Bailey and Treyvon Hayden. Grace Summa is the Tech Director.

Please note that this is a benefit performance, and all proceeds go to The Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County. Tickets are \$10. Advance sales at www.myrivertickets.com.

There will be only one performance of this show on November 5 at 7:30 PM at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. For more information: www.scdw.net

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



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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda Halloween

Halloween is a low-maintenance, no-fuss, easy-peasy holiday, unlike many of the other holidays we celebrate. It is, especially for me. There is less to prepare and a lot more fun for the following reasons:

- You don't need to prepare a special meal for company, therefore you do not need to shop and cook or clean up the whole house. Only the entry way needs to be neat enough for trick-or-treaters.
- You are not expected to send out greeting cards. Saves on cards and postage.
- You do not need to buy or wrap presents.
- Decorating your home is optional. You can usually score a great pumpkin for under ten bucks. Just place it by your front door.
- You can walk around town as a pirate or a penguin or in pajamas and no one will think a thing of it.

My long, dark driveway discourages trick-or-treaters, but I do buy bags of candy to distribute just in case. Of course, I buy Butterfingers and Peanut Butter Cups since no one shows up and we get to consume the leftovers.

It is a perfect time to eat pumpkin pie, pumpkin bread, and pumpkin seeds. Kids love it. What's not to like? Just say three words (Trick or Treat), and someone hands you candy.

There is no horrible Halloween holiday music to hear on the radio. The holiday festivities usually last a few hours, a few more if you go to a party. Nowadays, costumes get created or purchased from a store. They are pricey and guaranteed to outgrow before the next Halloween rolls around. Back in my time, a costume was created from a white sheet which, with a little imagination, could become a scary ghost or a Grecian toga. Pirates and hobos were created from "the rag bag."

Since my children are fifty-something, I no longer need to create or buy a costume. If I need to wear a costume, I just grab my cane and go as an old lady.

In keeping with tradition, one should create a Jack-O-Lantern. I am breaking with tradition and putting a twist on the pumpkin carving. Here's good way to share that pumpkin on your doorstep. Cut a door in it big enough for a chipmunk or squirrel. Use that chunk as a ramp so critters can enter and eat the gunk and the seeds. Then, as soon as Halloween is over, toss the shell into the woods for the deer. Here is my ecological "Jack-O-Lantern."





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Statement from U.S. Senate Aging Committee Member Senator Kirsten Gillibrand on Social Security Cost-of-Living Increase

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senate Aging Committee member Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement on the Social Security cost-of-living increase.

“Today’s Social Security Administration announcement of an 8.7 percent increase in benefit checks, the largest increase since 1981, is fantastic news for more than 70 million Americans who are struggling with skyrocketing drug prices, prohibitive housing costs, and the rising cost of living. The larger Social Security checks will start hitting mailboxes in January 2023.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Aging, I support strong cost-of-living adjustments because they help people keep up with recent increases in everyday expenses. Cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security benefits can provide crucial resources for retirees and other beneficiaries who depend on Social Security.

I will also continue to champion the Social Security Expansion Act, which would ensure the solvency of Social Security for over 70 years by requiring the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share into the program, expand Social Security benefits across the board, and increase the cost-of-living adjustment.

Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol The Case of the Donut Hole in SC

On Oct. 2, ECOs Parker and Doroski completed a bear baiting investigation in the town of Forestburgh. Utilizing intelligence gathered by Investigators with DEC's Bureau of Environmental Crime Investigations, ECOs identified an area of State land potentially being baited for bears. After hiking many miles over several days, ECOs located two hunting locations on the ridge that appeared to be baited, as the earth near the hunting stands and blinds was freshly disturbed. ECOs set out just as daylight broke and located an individual bowhunting for bear over bait in one of the suspected stands. The bait consisted of donuts placed in trees, smeared on tree bark, and placed in tree knots. The hunter initially claimed the donuts, including the large package of donuts in his backpack, were for his own consumption and that he had simply dropped the others. ECOs ticketed the hunter for hunting bear with the aid of bait, failure to display a backtag, injuring trees on State land, littering on State land, failing to label stands/blinds with a name/address, and several other State land offenses. ECOs were assisted by Lt. Buckley who helped process the individual and evidence.



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"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"



Thank you Donna.

There are a few more pictures that we will publish next week. In the meantime, hope you get a chance to take a ride around the Catskills and see some of these magnificent sights yourself. It is certainly a colorful autumn in the Catskills!

Colorful Peak of the Season in Sullivan Catskills

Nature is putting on a breathtakingly beautiful show in our legendary Sullivan Catskills this season. Come join the fun and games and get a peek at what will most certainly be a peak weekend of color. Plan your visit by booking your stay at a full-service resort, charming country inn, B&B, hotel, or vacation rental. We have 'em all- just choose the accommodations that works best for you!

One of the season's most anticipated events kicked off its two-week run. Peace, Love & Pumpkins is an enchanting walk-thru Halloween experience at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. Now through October 30, the nights come alive with thousands of unique hand-carved jack-o-lanterns and glowing themed pumpkin art and lighted displays featuring Woodstock festival icons, dinosaurs, mermaids, witches and much more. Plus, halfway through the walk you can enjoy a drink, get a snack, warm up by the fire, and on select nights, hear live music at 7 pm. There are specially themed nights, too.

Saturday evening the Burn Brae Mansion hosted the first of four October Halloween Fright Walks in the Dark Forest from 7 pm - 10 pm. Enjoy food, drinks, crafts and live music

Now you can't spend time in our Sullivan Catskills without taking in our great big outdoors. So, before you leave, do take in the fall foliage. Here's a few ideas: Go pumpkin picking at Cunningham Farms. Take a hike or bike down a rail trail in Hurleyville or Mountandale. You can rent a bike at Cinder Track Bicycles or Fortress Bikes. You can still take a swing on one of our 11 golf courses. The views this fall are spectacular. And what better way to savor some fall memories than taking a selfie or two along a tour of the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail. It's a collection of 60 hand painted sculptures celebrating the Woodstock Music and Art Fair. If you love shopping, you won't be disappointed here. Shop for clothing, home goods, baked goods, art, antiques.

Plan Ahead:

Time and the Valley Museum hosts Denning History Afternoon - October 23 at 1 pm. Conversations and viewing of the rich collections from Claryville and the Town of Denning that bring life to the history of the Upper Neversink and Upper Rondout valleys.

The Halloween Hullabaloo at Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark - October 28 from 5 - 8 pm. Featuring a costume party, glow in the dark dance party, pumpkin decorating and more.

The Barryville Farmers Market hosts the Halloween & Harvest Fest October 29 from 10 am - 1 pm featuring a costume parade, trunk or treat, music by The Little Mermen.

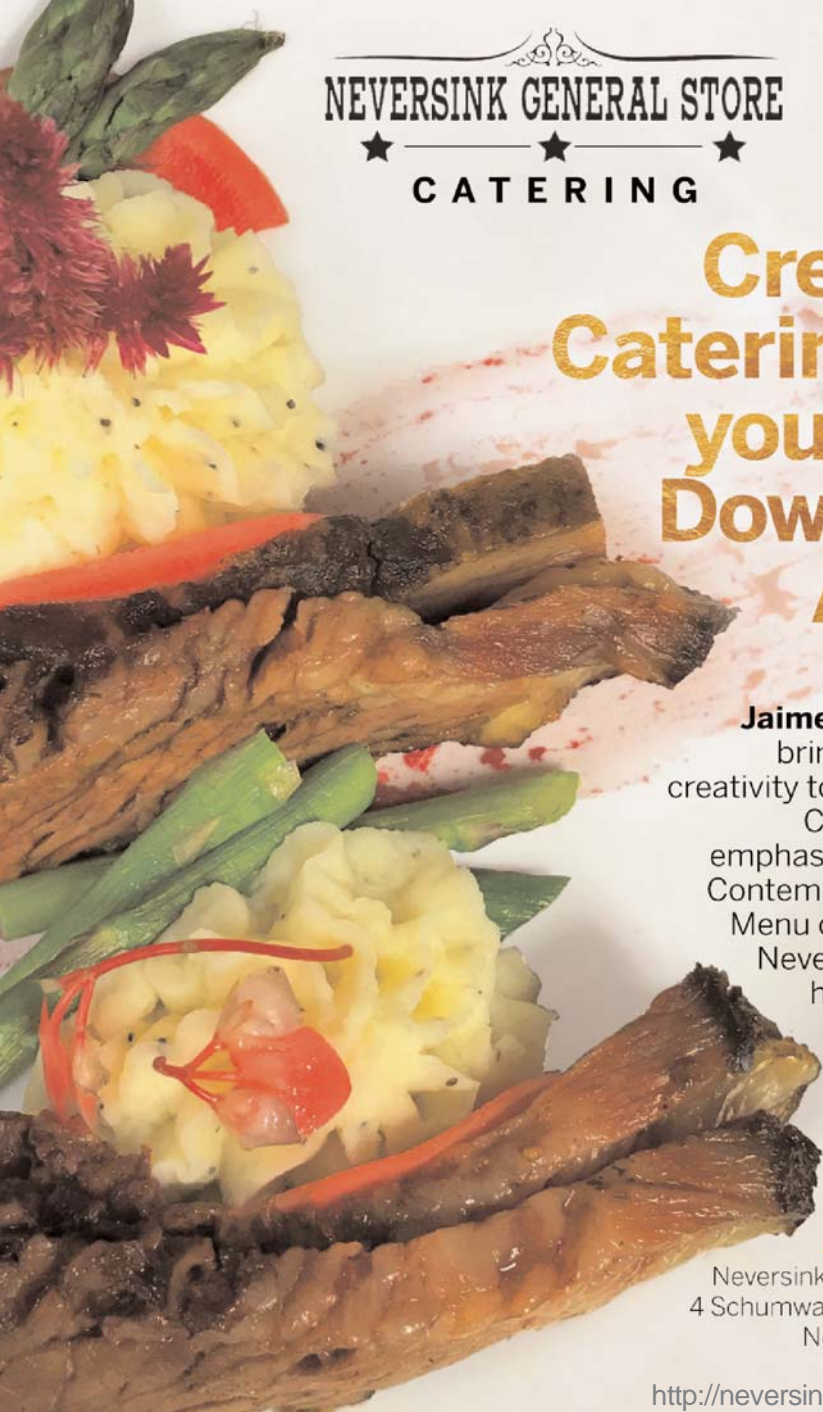
Murder Mystery Halloween Dinner at The North Branch Inn Oct 29 @ 6 pm.

The Conover Club at Callicoon Hills presents the Offal Dinner, a bizarre dinner for the bold and adventurous October 29 at 6 pm.

A weekend of Hallows Eve events at Kenoza Hall: Gothic Dinner, Friday October 28 and a Masked Ball Cocktail Party, Saturday.

Liz Callaway performs Sunday, November 6 at The Bradstan Cabaret Series at the Eldred Preserve.

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Music on Market presents Cecily Fortescue Memorial Concert

Music on Market presents Cecily Fortescue Memorial Concert on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 pm at St. John's. Featuring Duo Soli- Tude with David Fiedler, violin and Anastasia Solberg, viola with solos and duos from Mozart to Villa-Lobos and beyond.

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This concert will be in person at St. John's, 40 Market St. Ellenville, NY, and live-streamed on Zoom.

Pre-registration on Eventbrite is only required for Zoom attendance. Please consider making a donation for your ticket.

Reserve your spot here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/music-on-market-presents-cecily-fortescue-memorial-concert-tickets-432244172957>

If you experience technical difficulties with Eventbrite, please call (845) 377-3727 for assistance in reserving your space

The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

No column this week.

DEC Announces \$1.4 Million in Grants for 23 Projects in Hudson River Estuary Watershed Communities

Grants Will Protect Communities from Future Flooding, Enhance River Access and Education, and Promote Environmental Stewardship

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced grants totaling more than \$1.4 million for 23 projects to help communities along the Hudson River Estuary improve water quality and enhance environmental education and stewardship. The announcement coincides with the 20th Annual 'Day in the Life of the Hudson and Harbor,' where 5,000 student scientists are gathering along the Hudson River and New York Harbor to collect data on the Hudson's fish and invertebrates, track the river's tides and currents, and examine water chemistry and quality.

"Thanks to Governor Kathy Hochul's support, the \$1.4 million in grants announced today will help Hudson River Valley communities develop plans and advance work on the ground to become more resilient to the ongoing impacts of climate change while protecting ecosystems and natural resources," said Commissioner Seggos. "New York is undertaking the nation's most ambitious climate law. These grant awards build on local conservation efforts and priorities to sustainably improve water quality, protect our natural resources, and bolster statewide climate action."

The grants are administered by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program. Now in its 20th year, the Estuary Grants Program implements priorities outlined in DEC's Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda 2021-2025. To date, DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program has awarded 617 grants totaling nearly \$27 million.

Funding for DEC's Estuary Grants program is provided by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), a critical resource for environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, recreation access, water quality improvement, and environmental justice projects. Among the many environmental victories in the 2022-23 State Budget (leaves DEC website), Governor Hochul succeeded in increasing the EPF from \$300 to \$400 million, the highest-ever level of funding in the program's history. The EPF supports climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, improves agricultural resources to promote sustainable agriculture, protects drinking water sources, advances conservation efforts, and provides recreational opportunities for New Yorkers. Grant recipients listed by region are:

MULTI-REGION

Hudson River Watershed Alliance (HRWA) - \$50,000: Watershed Characterization: Guidance Document and Planning Support. HRWA will create a regionally applicable guidance document on developing a watershed characterization using the watershed planning framework established by the Department of State and DEC, adding up-to-date information on data sources, the planning process, and best practices. A watershed characterization is the first step in developing a watershed management plan.

CAPITAL REGION

Rensselaer County

Rensselaer Plateau Alliance, Inc. - \$23,002: Poestenkill Headwaters Flood Mitigation Wetlands Pilot Project. The goal of the pilot project is to demonstrate the feasibility of detaining flood runoff from major precipitation events on wetlands in the upper Poestenkill watershed, and collect performance data for use in designing full-scale detention installations in these wetlands.

Riverkeeper, Inc. - \$150,000: Undamming Mill Creek. This project funds a site assessment, survey, structural engineering evaluation, and preliminary design and engineering plans for the removal of Kenwood Mill Dam on Mill Creek in the city of Rensselaer, which will open critical habitat for river herring and American eel.

MID-HUDSON VALLEY

Dutchess County

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies - \$75,000: Mid-Hudson Young Environmental Scientists (MH-YES). MH-YES will help high school students from underserved communities and groups traditionally underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) build their knowledge, skills, motivation, and confidence to pursue environmental science through a three-week, paid research program.

Town of Stanford - \$20,406: A Natural Resources Inventory for the town of Stanford. The Stanford Conservation Advisory Commission, with assistance from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County and Hudsonia, Inc., will provide GIS analysis, mapping, and documentation of critical habitats and natural resources in the town of Stanford.

Dutchess and Putnam Counties

Pace University - \$37,085: Fishkill Creek Watershed Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program. The Land Use Law Center (LULA) at Pace University's School of Law will implement a community-based LULA program for the Fishkill Creek watershed within Dutchess and Putnam counties, to foster the development of targeted policy, planning, and regulatory tools for natural resource and open space protection, watershed planning, and shoreline resiliency.

Orange County

City of Newburgh - \$50,000: Natural Resources Inventory. This project will produce a natural resources inventory for the city of Newburgh that will identify and document areas to protect, including water resources, habitats, viewsheds, wildlife, and natural areas important for climate resilience.

Putnam County

Walter Hoving Home, Inc. - \$100,000: Philips Brook Dam Removal and Restoration Project. This grant will fund design, engineering, permits, and construction documents necessary for the removal of a dam on Phillips Brook in the town of Garrison, which will restore stream habitat and improve flood resilience.

Rockland County

The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York - \$74,969: Hudson River Education: Building A Pathway. The Building A Pathway project will enhance the Next Generation of Hudson River Educators paid internship program by offering the opportunity for student teams to develop field-research projects along a range of Hudson River science topics at the Columbia Climate School's Lamont-Doherty Field Station in Piermont.

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DEC Announces \$1.4 Million in Grants for 23 Projects in Hudson River Estuary Watershed Communities

(From Pg. 11)

Ulster County

Arm of the Sea Productions Inc. - \$54,467: Estuary Education in Saugerties-on-Hudson. Arm-of-the-Sea is partnering with Saugerties Lighthouse Conservancy to offer environmental education and workshops about the Hudson River estuary using a newly built watershed model.

Westchester County

Groundwork Hudson Valley - \$49,900: Flood Vulnerability Modeling and Climate Resilience in the Saw Mill River Watershed. Groundwork Hudson Valley and the Saw Mill River Coalition will engage watershed stakeholders in a two-year process to plan for future flood risks. The Urban Systems Lab at the New School will provide an overview of flooding issues in the watershed and characterize the highest risk sites based on climate predictions, to inform future flood resilience plans.

Groundwork Hudson Valley - \$74,500: Furthering the STEM Career Pathway: A Research Fellowship for Yonkers Students at the Science Barge. This project will expand and formalize youth research initiatives at the Science Barge, a floating hydroponic farm and environmental education center in Yonkers, providing high school students with a flexible, paid fellowship research experience over a two-year period.

Village of Ossining - \$50,000: Ossining Riverfront Resilience Plan. This project will create a resilience vision and strategies for environmental sustainability for the Ossining waterfront north of Louis Engel and Gourdine parks, which is projected to be impacted by sea level rise, inundation, and increased flooding over the next three decades.

Sarah Lawrence College - \$70,000: Rising Training Innovative and Diverse Environmental Scientists (TIDES) - EELS Team (Evaluating Estuary Lateral Species). This project supports Rising TIDES, an immersive Hudson River ecology education and research program that will offer 20 Yonkers high school students paid, after-school education and research opportunities during the academic year.

Westchester and Orange Counties

Riverkeeper Inc. - \$68,042: Dam Removal Feasibility on Furnace Brook and Quassaick Creek. Riverkeeper will explore the feasibility of removing three priority dams on Furnace Brook in Westchester County and Quassaick Creek in Orange County to restore natural flow regimes, improve ecological connectivity, and benefit river herring and American eel.

Westchester and Putnam Counties

Riverkeeper Inc. - \$50,000: Water Quality Monitoring in Peekskill Hollow Creek. Riverkeeper will work with the city of Peekskill to monitor and assess water quality in Peekskill Hollow Creek, a critical, regionally significant drinking water supply for more than 100,000 people, identified in the city's draft Drinking Water Source Protection Plan.

For more information about the Hudson River Estuary Program, go to DEC's website at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4920.html>

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Happenings in our Gneighbourhood

–Gnorman the Roamin' Catskill Gnome



What an impressive awe-inspiring autumn season in the Catskills! There are a lot of photographers out there capturing the beautiful scenes from mountaintops, trails, or even along the roadways.

Neversink General Store has a contest for the **most awesome Autumn 2022 pictures taken in our local area!** Winners will be announced on **October 28th.**

See page 19 for details.

Looking ahead:

Starting in Sundown, the next **Covered Dish Supper at the Sundown Church Hall will be Saturday, November 5th.** You can still find a nice selection of “**Yard Sale**” treasures and finds that will continue to be on display to browse and buy at the **Covered Dish Supper.**

The next **Thrift Sale at the Grahamsville UMC** will be on **October 22nd.** The sale runs **from 9 am to 12 Noon.**

While in Grahamsville, stop by the **Grahamsville Deli.** The weather is just right for some good old-fashioned ‘comfort food’ — homemade by **Chef Medi.** The **Grahamsville Deli** also has a great selection of ‘staples’ (bread, milk, soda, ice cream ... and more. Don’t forget to ask about their special –“**The Sundown**”!

For all those hunters, hikers, weekend visitors, campers, anglers and Blue Hole guests, don’t forget before leaving back home to head up to the **Neversink General Store** to fill the tank up. Their price for gas **is still the best** bargain around.. They have gas for your car, lawn mowers and generators (when the power goes out). The Neversink General Store can fill your BBQ tanks up. If you don’t feel like cooking, **Neversink General Store** also has a great menu. If the weather allows, the BBQ Shack will be open on weekends. Be sure to check **Neversink General Store’s Facebook** page for updates and today’s menu. If you are health conscious, this is the place for you. They have a great selection of wholesome home made food. Speaking of good food, if you are planning an event, call them at 845.985.2076 and ask them about catering your event. Check out the **Pilates Classes on Wednesday at 5 pm.** If you can’t make it during the week, **Pilates Classes** will also be held on **Sundays at 10 am.** Interested? Register inside the **Neversink General Store.** The classes are held in the “pop up gallery” where you may get the opportunity see great masterpieces by local world-known artist, **Joerg Madelaner.** Speaking of artists, there are also creations of several local artisans on display and for sale at the **Neversink General Store.** They make great gifts!

- In Claryville, **Russian Mule Brewery & Tasting Room** is open Thursdays 3-8 PM; Fridays 3-8 PM; Saturdays 12-8 PM; and Sundays 12-6 PM. Most Saturdays they have live music. **Oct. 22 - Shane Rennison;** and **Oct. 29 - Bryan Gorden.** Not only do they offer their special crafted beers, their menu serves to suit all of your taste buds. You may eat in, eat outside and enjoy the beautiful gardens or take your food to go.

- Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 20th for the All you can Eat Pancake Breakfast served from 8am-Noon** at the **Claryville Firehouse** and on **November 26th - enjoy their Spaghetti Dinner** - details will be posted in *The Townsman* as soon as they are available.

And this Saturday, October 22nd from 10 am to 4 pm –stop by the Vet Fest –A Veterans Day Celebration will be held at the **Grahamsville Fair Grounds.** Check their flyer on **page 37** for details.

The TVCS PTO will sponsor a Trunk or Treat on October 30th at the Fairgrounds the Tri-Valley School parking lot.

The Time in the Valleys Museum will be hosting **Denning History Afternoon** and **Talk on Hardenbergh Patent** (In person only) Saturday, October 22, 1:30 p.m. Watch the *Townsman* for special events at the **Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville.** For **maps of local tours** provided by the Time in the Valleys Museum go to: <https://www.timeinthevalleysmuseum.org/Driving-tours/>

You can always download and print out your own copy of the **Neversink Barn Quilt Tour** brochure at: https://townofneversink.org/barn_quilts_brochure.pdf Take the whole tour in an afternoon –or enjoy part of the tour. Use the guide to mark off the quilts you have visited.

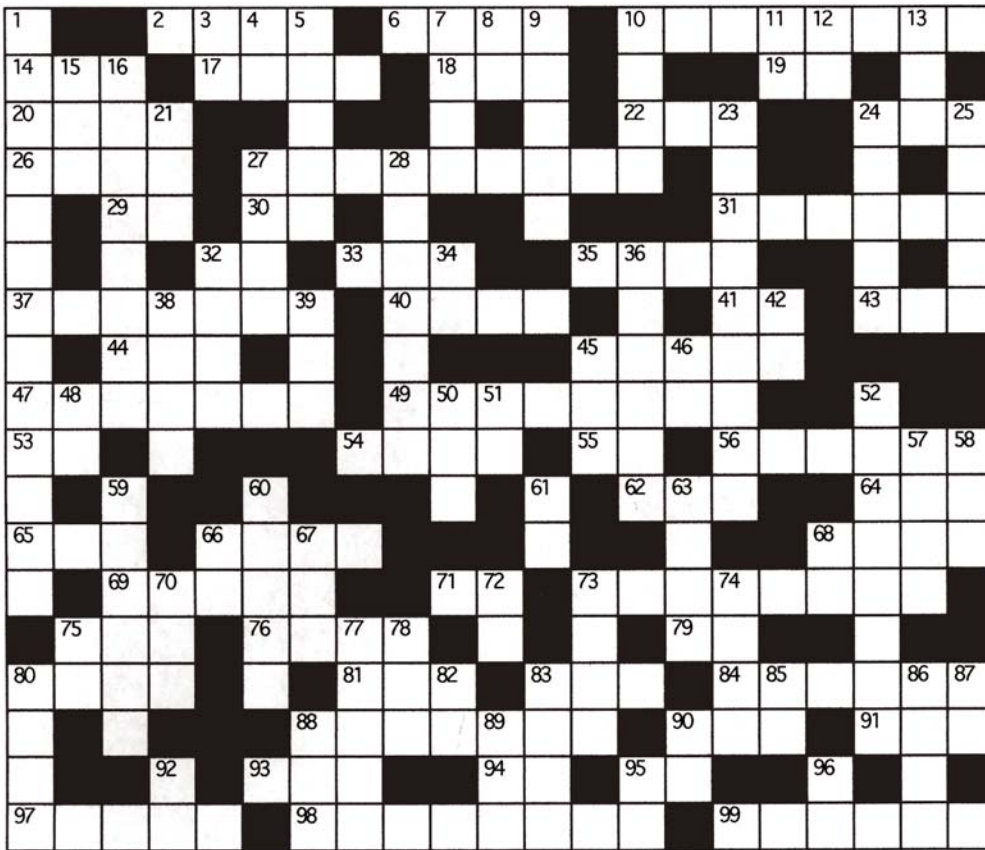
And don’t forget one of the most enjoyable of all places in town, the **Daniel Pierce Library.** Gloss through the pages of *The Townsman* and you will see some of the opportunities they are offering.

As you will begin to see, after Halloween, the local activities begin to slow down, sort of like us, the gnomes –we go into kind of hibernation for the winter! We spend a lot of time indoors making crafts and fun things while planning for the holidays ahead... and for the **Claryville Craft Fair** next year! As the days grow shorter, so will my ‘roaming through the neighborhood’. To make up for this, Gnorma has some exciting craft patterns, and ideas she would like to share. Don’t be surprised if she takes over for the winter months while I keep the fires burning. I will be back in time to make sure you don’t miss what is happening in our ‘Gneighbourhood’ once spring is on the horizon. And, of course, Gnorma will nudge me when something special comes up that I should post, such as the opening of the Neversink Parks and Rec Ice Skating Rink, the Christmas Tree Lighting and the arrival of Santa, etc. In the meantime, enjoy the ‘gneighbourhood’ and what is happening locally.

Remember, you don’t have to burn a tank of gas –all this is in our in our own backyards!

Enjoy all that you can and have a great week!

The Most Colorful Time of the Year! - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 2 Exclamation of regret
- 6 Senior Legislative Action Committee
- 10 Any of the lines of longitude
- 14 No longer on
- 17 Entire period of existence
- 18 Entire number
- 19 Negative answer
- 20 Greater in degree
- 22 To place
- 24 Male child
- 26 Intermediate position of time
- 27 Designed for use
- 29 North Dakota
- 30 Local time
- 31 Economiz-ing
- 32 Pennsylv-ania
- 33 Single in kind
- 35 Large mass of water vapor
- 37 One's occupa-tion, profession or trade
- 40 Autumn
- 41 Elevated rail-way

- 43 Small child
- 44 James Bond author
- 45 A play with musical text
- 47 Place for tan-ning hides
- 49 Established time after October
- 53 Italy
- 54 Rare, colorless inert gaseous chemical element
- 55 District of Columbia
- 56 Influence
- 62 Play article
- 64 A primate
- 65 In a new way
- 66 Knoll
- 68 Soil
- 69 Very big
- 71 Either
- 73 Hens or roosters
- 75 Evergreen tree
- 76 60 minutes
- 79 District Attorney
- 80 Hind part
- 81 Scholastic Aptitude Test
- 83 Shade tree
- 84 Free from dan-ger
- 88 A former unit of luminance, equal to

- the emission or reflectin of one lumen per square centimeter
- 90 Brewed beverage
- 91 Fish eggs
- 93 Ask humbly
- 94 Roman six
- 95 Archaic form of woe
- 97 According to Greek mythology, she was the most beautiful woman in the world
- 98 To become less
- 99 First day of the week

DOWN

- 1 Exchanges of information
- 3 Lieutenant
- 4 Artificial intel-ligence
- 5 Intelligent
- 7 To remain in existence
- 8 Masculine name
- 9 Time-keeping device
- 10 Shopping cen-ter
- 11 Amidst

- 12 To bring about
- 13 Before now
- 15 Enemy
- 16 Conceived the idea of DST in 1784
- 21 Finish
- 23 The day before today
- 24 Transfer from one place to another
- 25 After sunset
- 27 A method of proceeding
- 28 Bewilder
- 32 To waste away through grief
- 34 Education-al Age
- 36 Power of an idea
- 38 A path
- 39 Light-heart-ed
- 42 Los Angeles
- 45 Strange
- 46 Erbium (chem)
- 48 Near
- 50 2000 pounds
- 51 Any one
- 52 A thing that reminds

- 57 Automobiles
- 58 Trinitrotoluen e; explosive
- 59 A course of action
- 60 Radiant energy
- 61 Before noon

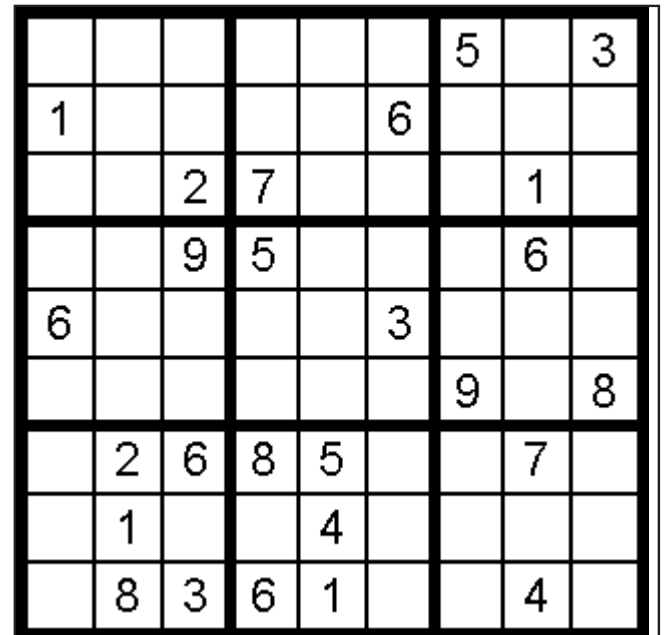
COLORFUL AUTUMN CRISPY CRUNCHIES

- 3 Tbsp margarine
- 4 cups miniature marshmallows (or 10 oz large marshmallows)
- 6 cups rice crispy cereal
- Orange and brown Halloween M&Ms (about 6oz)

- Melt margarine in a large saucepan over low heat.
- Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat.
- Add cereal and stir until well coated.
- Add the candy and mix until candy is evenly mixed. Spray a pan with non-stick cooking spray or line with waxed paper. Using a buttered spatula or waxed paper, press the mixture evenly into a 9x13" pan. Cut into squares when cool.

- 63 Roman poet (43 B.C.-17 A.D.) known for his elegant love poems
- 66 Hour (abbrev)
- 67 August sun sign
- 68 Delaware
- 70 Huge boat
- 72 Rhode Island
- 73 To discard
- 74 Protective covering
- 75 Fourth tone of the diatonic scale
- 77 Established practice
- 78 A male sheep
- 80 U S President
- who signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005
- 82 Tuberculosis
- 83 Melody in opera
- 85 Associate of Arts
- 86 Jewish religious literature
- 87 "___ Olde Tri-Valley Townsman"
- 88 Guided
- 89 Evening
- 90 In the direction of
- 92 Objective case of I
- 95 Us
- 96 Supported by

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To play SUDOKO online: <https://sudoko.com>

Cryptogram What to give a ghost for Halloween

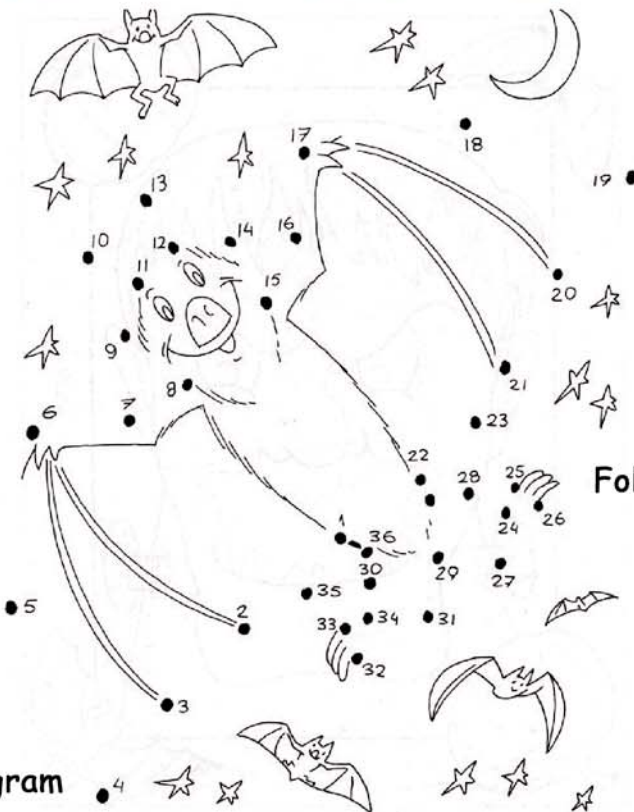
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It's that time of the year! The bats are flying, the pumpkins are ready and the ghosts are appearing. Can you help the wizard through the maze to get a pumpkin



Follow the dots to welcome back an old friend.

Cryptogram Key

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Find at least 5 differences between the two pictures.



Corney Wordsearch



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| BREAD | ROASTED | STUFFING |
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| EARS | SHUCK | SWEET |
| FLAKE | SILK | SYRUP |
| FLOUR | STALK | TALL |
| FRITTERS | STARCH | TASSEL |
| GRAIN | OIL | YELLOW |
| GROW | POLENTA | HUSK |

Action Toward Independence Employees Honored by JMCHA



From the left: ATI's Disability Advocate Diinytt Pla, Executive Director Deborah Worden, and Veteran Advocate Ryan Fuller at the JMCHA Distinguished Service Award luncheon.

MONTICELLO: On Friday, October 14, two employees of Action Toward Independence (ATI) were honored by the Joint Membership of Health and Community Agencies (JMCHA).

The mission of JMCHA is to provide the residents of Orange County with a welcoming, comprehensive and seamless service delivery system for recovery, health and wellness.

The 21st Annual Awards Luncheon and Staff Recognition event was held at the Town of Hamptonburgh Pavilion in Campbell Hall. Distinguished Service Awards were presented in six different categories of human services.

Among the honorees were ATI's Ryan Fuller, who received the Distinguished Service Award for Healthcare / Medical Services, and Diinytt Pla, who received the Distinguished Service Award for Mental Health Services.

Diinytt Pla is a Disability Advocate for ATI, and Fuller is a Veteran Advocate for ATI's Vet 2 Vet program.

ATI promotes the independence, inclusion, participation, and personal choice of individuals with disabilities. ATI also has a Vet 2 Vet program - a peer-run program for veterans and their family members, by Veterans. ATI has offices in Monticello (845) 794-4228 and Middletown 845-343-4284.

Office for the Aging to Screen Film Nov. 1 as Part of Annual Public Hearing

Office in Government Center Will Be Closed That Afternoon

Hurleyville, NY - As part of its annual meeting, Sullivan County's Office for the Aging will present a free local screening of "All the Lonely People," a social-impact film examining the epidemic of loneliness.

The in-person screening is free and open to the public on Tuesday, November 1 at 2 p.m. at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Center (HPAC), 219 Main Street, Hurleyville. It will include a Q&A with the film's producers and local officials, offering a forum for community discussion about ways to develop resilience and implement strategies to combat social isolation.

The event is part of a Statewide screening tour organized by the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA), the Association on Aging in New York, and locally by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

"We are very fortunate to have an opportunity to have a local screening of this powerful documentary. It highlights how the epidemic of social isolation affects not just our aging population, but all across our community," says Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul. "We are particularly excited to present this screening in conjunction with our Annual Public Hearing, which will be our first one since 2019. We are hopeful that the feedback we receive from both parts of this event will bring clarity to what is available in our community and what ways we can help tackle social isolation."

Since the event will involve most of the staff, the Office for the Aging will close its office in the Government Center in Monticello at noon on November 1, reopening at 9 a.m. on November 2.

About the Public Hearing

Each year the Sullivan County Office for the Aging is required to submit to New York State Office for the Aging an Area Plan outlining the actions to be taken in the next year in the Older Americans Act programs and Community Services for the Elderly programs. The local office is now preparing the Area Plan for State fiscal year 2023, beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024.

Following the Public Hearing, all comments will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee and staff of the Sullivan County Office for the Aging, with pertinent recommendations incorporated into the final Area Plan.

About "All the Lonely People"

In 2017, the U.S. Surgeon General declared social isolation to be a "global epidemic" - one that has only worsened in the COVID-19 health emergency. According to the AARP Public Policy Institute, social isolation drives \$6.7 billion in additional associated Medicare spending per year. The health consequences of loneliness and isolation are equivalent to smoking almost a pack of cigarettes daily. The added stress of feeling alone increases heart disease and even earlier onset of dementia.

"All the Lonely People" examines this epidemic on a deeply personal level. It follows a handful of people from different walks of life as they overcome social isolation and chronic loneliness, including New York residents Ari Rossen and Tony Westbrook, as well as people like Mary Hill, an 89-year-old caregiver who faces isolation in the rural countryside of England.

NYSOFA Director Greg Olsen says, "About a year ago, I had the privilege of previewing this powerful documentary. I immediately saw its alignment with the work that NYSOFA and the aging services network are collectively doing to combat social isolation for older adults. I also saw it as a tool to raise awareness about the need for this work on multiple levels, including a broader community reach, as isolation impacts people of all ages. (Contd. Pg. 19)

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**Independent Audit Report Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Tri-Valley Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022, have been examined by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Independent Auditors, and that the Audit Report prepared in conjunction with the Independent Audit has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to §35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing Board of the Tri-Valley Central School District may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of examination prepared by Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Independent Auditors, and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested parties not later than January 13, 2023.

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District Clerk, Administration Building, Tri-Valley
Central School District, 34 Moore Hill Road,
Grahamsville, New York 12740.
(845) 985-2296 x 5102

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Fentanyl, Narcan Campaign Launched Sullivan Part of Multi-State Healing Communities Study

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County officials are excited to join 33 other communities across New York, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and Ohio in launching the first communications campaign in support of their participation in the Healing Communities Study.

Running from October 3-December 2, 2022, the campaign is focused on raising awareness of the dangers of illicit fentanyl, a drug that is present in more than three-quarters of the 2,000+ overdose deaths that occur in New York each year (source: NY State Opioid Annual Report 2021).

In addition to sharing facts about the dangers of illicit fentanyl, the Healing Communities Study campaign teaches ways to protect loved ones and community members from a fatal fentanyl overdose, including:

- o Knowing the signs and how to respond to an overdose.
- o Getting trained and carrying naloxone (commonly as Narcan®), an FDA-approved medication that can save someone's life if they are overdosing on opioids, whether it is a prescription opioid pain medicine, heroin, or a drug containing fentanyl.

“This campaign and study are informed by and complement the work we do every day in our Health & Human Services Division,” notes John Liddle, commissioner of that division. “Our goal is to have a significant impact on not just those wrestling with substance use but the community at large, because we are all affected by this disease.”

Tri-Valley Central School District

The Tri-Valley Board of Education
has scheduled another
Board Policy Committee Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
in the Secondary School Library
Lower Level.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI224vKQ8nAWWhR6NVao24w/live>

About the Healing Communities Study

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health estimates that 2.1 million Americans have opioid use disorder (OUD), yet fewer than 20% of those receive specialty care in a given year. New York State is not immune from opioid overdose deaths, and Sullivan County has the highest rate in the State.

A menu of evidence-based practices (EBPs) exists, including opioid overdose education and Narcan distribution programs, prescription opioid safety, FDA-approved medications for opioid use disorder, behavioral therapies, and recovery support services. The National Institutes of Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration launched the Healing Communities Study to identify the EBPs that are most effective at the local level in preventing and treating OUD. The goal of the study is to reduce opioid-related overdose deaths by 40 percent.

The first phase of the study, which ended June 30, occurred in Cayuga, Columbia, Greene, Erie, Lewis, Putnam, Suffolk, and Ulster Counties. The second phase of the study is running through December 2023 in Broome, Chautauqua, Cortland, Genesee, Monroe, Orange, Sullivan, and Yates counties. In support of this work, Sullivan County is collaborating with local partners to launch three communications campaigns:

1. Narcan and Fentanyl Education,
2. Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Awareness, and
3. MOUD Treatment Retention.

To learn more about the Healing Communities Study and to help end overdoses in Sullivan County, visit:

- o Website: www.healingcommunitiesstudy.org/communities/nysullivan.html
- o Facebook: www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov
- o Instagram: www.instagram.com/sullivancountygov

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(From Pg. 17) The film examines an issue that profoundly affects older adults, but it also features people from all walks of life and age groups, showing the many ways that we are all touched by social isolation.

“This is an issue that existed prior to the pandemic. Yet the social disruptions of COVID-19 fundamentally exacerbated it - and, in many ways, helped open our eyes to the problem. NYSOFA is proud to work with filmmakers from the Clowder Group and local partners to host these screenings and use the power of film to inspire conversation about one of the most pressing cultural issues of our time.”

“All the Lonely People” writer and director Stu Maddux adds, “This is more than just watching a film. It's a chance to reconnect after a life-changing few years of isolation.”

For more information and to register to attend, call the Office for the Aging at 845-807-0241.



Neversink General Store Autumn 2022 Photo Contest

Share your best fall shots of our local communities and compete for a \$100 gift certificate to use at the The Neversink General Store! Second prize will be a \$50 gift certificate to use at The Neversink General Store. Upload your photos to Facebook Please be sure to identify the location of your pictures.

The winner will be announced on October 28th.

Questions?

Stop by Neversink General Store for more information.

Sullivan County School Boards Association Honors Local Educators at Annual Meeting

On October 12, the Sullivan County School Boards Association (SCSBA) recognized outstanding educators, outstanding friends to education, and retiring board of education members at their Annual Dinner Meeting held at the Villa Roma. School board members, superintendents, school administrators, teachers, school district staff, and family members of the honorees attended the meeting.

The evening started with a reception followed by opening remarks from SCSBA President Anthony Sinacore. The keynote for the evening was Patrick Longo, Member Relations Manager for the New York State School Boards Association. Mr. Longo thanked the school board members and educators for their dedication and impact on the youth of Sullivan County. Longo shared a personal story about what people are born to be. He stated that whether you were meant to be a teacher, board member, or parent, sometimes those choices happen, and you do what it takes to do your best in that role. Although your job may seem thankless at times, for those students you have touched, your job is genuinely thankful. "Please take time to celebrate your accomplishments. Your efforts are admirable, and you have modeled true leadership for our students," said Longo.



*Patrick Longo,
Member Relations
Manager for the
NYS School Boards
Association*

For the School Boards Association, the night was about the honorees. Mr. Sinacore paid tribute to the school board members who left their respective boards at the end of June. Debra Barbiani, Fallsburg CSD; Dr. Philip Olsen, Liberty CSD; Stacey Sharoff, Monticello CSD; Lori Orestano James, Monticello CSD; Lynn Wachter (in memoriam), Roscoe CSD; Juliete Gaebel, Sullivan West CSD; Ken Cohen, Sullivan West CSD; Joseph Colon, Tri-Valley CSD; Erin Mentnech, Tri-Valley CSD; Keri-Ann Poley, Tri-Valley CSD; and Kathy Russo, Sullivan BOCES. Their time and years of service have positively impacted the school districts of Sullivan County.

The School Boards Association recognized nine individuals for their defined impact on education in Sullivan County by receiving the prestigious Outstanding Educator Award. Each of their contributions has influenced many lives over their years of service.

The 2022 recipients include Pam Carpenter, a high school mathematics teacher at the Roscoe CSD; Stacey Cornelius, a high school mathematics teacher at the Monticello CSD; Catherine Freda, Career & Technical Education Allied Health and New Vision Health instructor at Sullivan BOCES; Jessica Freidenstine, 7th & 8th-grade science teacher at the Livingston Manor CSD; Padraic "Paddy" McCarthy, agriculture and nature management teacher and FFA club advisor at the Sullivan West CSD; Laurene McKenna, a high school mathematics teacher at the Liberty CSD; Amanda Ross, a high school French teacher at the Eldred CSD; Dominick Scanna, an elementary teacher at the Fallsburg CSD; and Laura White-Henderson, school social worker at Sullivan BOCES.

The SCSBA also recognizes ten Outstanding Friends to Education. This award recognizes people who have contributed to promoting education in Sullivan County.



Outstanding Friends to Education Award: 2022 Recipients: Julie Franke, Spark, Sullivan West CSD; Jean Hewlett, Sullivan BOCES; Jennifer Anderson, Eldred CSD; BCI Investigator Kurt LaBuda, New York State Police; Detective Sgt. Michael Davis, Monticello Police Department; Sergeant Joseph Poppo, Liberty Police Department; Jane Mann, Livingston Manor CSD; and Lt. Cheryl Crumley, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. Missing from the picture Dr. Aleta Lymon, Fallsburg CSD.



Outstanding Educator Award: 2022 Recipients: Jessica Freidenstine, Livingston Manor CSD; Stacey Cornelius, Monticello CSD; Amanda Ross, Eldred CSD; Padraic "Paddy" McCarthy, Sullivan West CSD; Laura White-Henderson, Sullivan BOCES; Dominick Scanna, Fallsburg CSD; Laurene McKenna, Liberty CSD; Catherine Freda, Sullivan BOCES; and Pam Carpenter, Roscoe CSD.

The 2022 Outstanding Friends to Education Award recipients are Jennifer Anderson, a senior clerk typist who manages the George Ross Mackenzie main office at the Eldred CSD. Lt. Cheryl Crumley, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Detective Sgt. Michael Davis, Monticello Police Department, and BCI Investigator Kurt LaBuda, New York State Police, have helped the Monticello CSD and the other school districts in Sullivan County keep our students safe. Julie Franke and her therapy dog, Spark, have brought many smiles and brightened the days of the students at the Sullivan West CSD. Jean Hewlett, executive assistant and board clerk at Sullivan BOCES. Dr. Aleta Lymon, family and community engagement coordinator at Fallsburg CSD. Jane Mann, superintendent secretary and board clerk at Livingston Manor CSD. Sergeant Joseph Poppo, Liberty Police Department, DARE officer for the Liberty CSD, and Ms. Lynn Wachter (in memoriam), board member at the Roscoe CSD.

Each of these individuals is a devoted member of their school communities and is ready to help whenever there is a need. Thank you for all you have done.

Monticello Rotary News

The regular weekly meeting of Monticello Rotary was called to order by President Brad Rutledge. A packed agenda featured a presentation by Tom Bosket of SALT - Sullivan Allies Leading Together, a coalition of some 54 local agencies working together to address a broad scope of local issues affecting the quality of life of all residents in Sullivan County.



Sponsored by grant monies from the Drug Free Community Grant, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, SALT is a 100% volunteer 501c - 3 charitable organization that coordinates significant outreach into Monticello, Liberty and Fallsburg school districts sponsoring programs that focus on issues such as Risk Taking; Positive Alternatives; and the establishment of a Youth Coalition that partners with all municipalities within the county and law enforcement on all levels to provide a forum for discussion that leads to action; such action to provide youth with positive alternatives and clearer pathways to wellness, productivity and success.

Monster Run Nets Red, White Blue and \$ GREEN \$

A special presentation was made by Monticello Rotary Monster Run Co-Chairs and Past Presidents Les Kristt and Orshii Boldiis who spoke of the success of the Monster Run. They presented Sullivan County Veteran's Coalition Director Howard Goldsmith with a check for \$8277 to benefit all Sullivan County Veterans.

Special thanks were given to Jeff Bank (\$750); Sullivan County (\$750) and a personal donation by Bob DiSalvio of Resorts World for \$5000 making this event another success this year.

Monti Rotary realized a net of \$6500 in addition to the total funds given to the Sullivan Veterans. This will enable the Monticello Rotary to continue to provide financial support for a wide variety of local agencies and organizations.

Monti Rotary Comfort Closet Drive Huge Success

On October 1, 2022, the Monticello Rotary Club held a "Comfort Closet Collection Drive" at the Thompson Square Mall. With the generosity of the community, the Monticello Rotary Club collected over \$4000 in personal hygiene products which were delivered to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless for distribution.



According to the Comfort Closet Drive Chairperson and Past President of Monticello Rotary, Lori Orestano-James, "When we put out a Call to Action such as this, our community always stands up to the challenge. Many of our club members were

moved by the amount of people who while dropping off products such as deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, incontinence products, and so many other items, commented to us - thanking us - for holding this event. With hard economic times, Monticello Rotary felt the need to conduct this Drive to ensure families in need had these items, especially knowing that these items are not covered through other agency programs."

A special thank you to Monticello ShopRite and The Town of Thompson who helped in the ability for the Monticello Rotary Clubs success with some COVID protocols still in place. Their assistance with drop off location space and announcements for the Drive allowed for this overwhelming success.

Monticello Rotary will be holding its Annual Food Drive on November 19, 2022 from 9am - 1pm at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, Jefferson Street, Monticello, New York. Non-perishable food items will be collected at that time to benefit Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless and United Way of Sullivan County. Successful Coat Drive

The Monticello Rotary COAT DRIVE was a huge success. Coats of many sizes were collected at Jeff Bank on Route 42 in Monticello, Kristt Company, The Ethelbert B. Crawford Library, and Albella Restaurant, Jefferson Street, Monticello. Coats were donated to the United Way of Sullivan County. Thank you to all who contributed in helping to keep our neighbors warm!



Committee Updates and Information

Brad stressed the importance of increasing club membership and announced a Membership Drive Meeting at 5:30 next Tuesday prior to the regular meeting.

Monti Rotary Walks for Alzheimer's 2021 Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's - Advanced Memory Research Institute of New Jersey

On October 22, 2022 at 10am Members of the Monticello Rotary Club and all other's who wish to sign up for the TEAM will participate in the "Walk to End Alzheimer's." Monti Rotary Chairperson for this event, Barbara Carr notes, "Sadly, there isn't a single person who is not effected or knows someone who is effected by this horrible and debilitating disease." Won't you join us and/or make a donation to help us in the fight to end Alzheimer's Disease. The link to donate or sign up is https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=15753&pg=team&team_id=735213

Rotarian Cilento Runs to Raise Money for Allyson Whitney Foundation

Monticello Rotarian Shannon Cilento is raising money for the Allyson Whitney Foundation as she runs in the TCS NYS Marathon in November. At our meeting on September 13th. Melissa DiCostanzo, an RN who volunteers for AWF and was a personal friend of Allyson's, shared the great work that is being done to provide support for cancer patients. Financial support to cover costs of treatment and social/emotional support through the AWF "Care" packages which provides comfort needs for patients, the AWF is a worthy cause. Monticello Rotary is proud of Shannon and supported her in her efforts to reach her goal of \$2800. Please consider donating today using this link: haku.ly/abbc490d1f

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Nov. 5, 2022

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Oct. 22 Thrift Sale
9am- 12 noon



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches House Worship Plan

Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link

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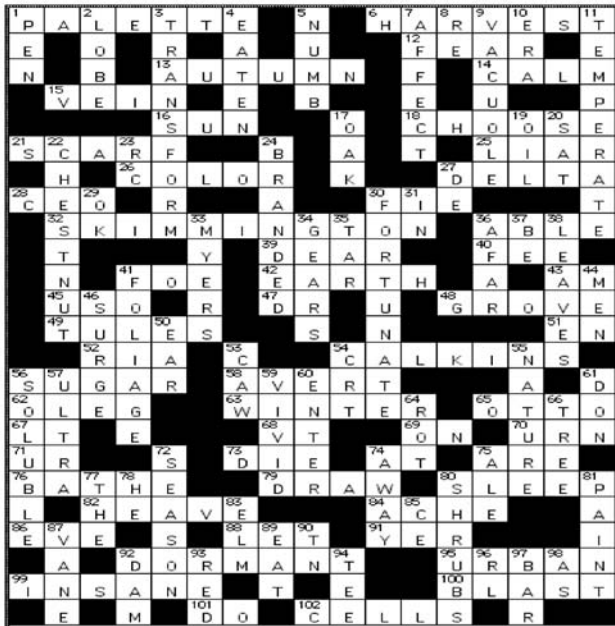
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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Grahamsville United Methodist Church



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Nov - 5th and 19th

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Covered Dish Supper

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at the Church Hall

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

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Together we can End Alzheimer's

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For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/20/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 10/22/22 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
 11/1/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
 11/2/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 11/5/22 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church Hall
 11/8/22 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Election Day**
 11/9/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 11/9/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
 11/11/22 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Veterans' Day**
 11/17/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly meeting 7:30 PM
 11/20/22 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 8 am - 12 noon
 11/15/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Appeals Meeting 7:30 pm

Save the Date!**Sat., Oct 22 - First Annual Vet Fest-Grahamsville Fairgrounds****TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar

October 17 - October 21, 2022

Monday, October 17

- o 5:00 PM - **Community Services Board**, at 239 Golden Hill Ln, 2nd Fl., Kingston
- o 6:00 PM - **Trails Advisory Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, October 18

- o 5:00 PM - **Ulster County Board of Health**, at 239 Golden Hill Ln, 2nd Fl., Kingston
- o 5:00 PM - **Ways & Means Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means) - **Caucuses: Democrats**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, Republicans, in KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston The Following Public Hearings and Legislative Session on Tuesday, October 18th will be held in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston Public Hearings and Legislative Session will be livestreamed and available via vimeo at:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>. Public Comment will also be available through "Call In Studio": Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk via email to vfab@co.ulster.ny.us

- o 7:05 PM - **Second Public Hearing on Application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding: PK30 Systems, Inc.**
- o 7:10 PM - **Public Hearing Pursuant to Section 1411 (d) of the Not-For-Profit Law of the State of New York Regarding the Sale or Transfer of County Owned Property**
- o 7:15 PM - **Public Hearing Pursuant to New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303a on the Eight Year Review of Agricultural District No. 4**
- o 7:20 PM - **Public Hearing Pursuant to the Eminent Domain Procedure Law Article 2, Section 202 for Public Project PIN 8051.11**
- o 7:25 PM - **Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2022: A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation to Apprenticeships**
- o 7:30 PM (or immediately following the Public Hearings) - **Legislative Session**

Wednesday, October 19

- o 9:00 AM - **Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 9:30 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, October 20

- o No Meetings

Friday, October 21

- o 12 Noon - **Resolution Deadline**

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Ulster County Convenes a Task Force for Preventing and Responding to Domestic Terrorism

Ulster County convened its first meeting of a multi-disciplinary team of law enforcement, mental health professionals, school officials, faith leaders and other stakeholders to identify, assess and develop a plan to deal with threats of domestic terrorism

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County has formed a county-wide Task Force for Preventing and Responding to Domestic Terrorism, made up of a team of law enforcement, mental health professionals, school officials, faith leaders and other key stakeholders. The Ulster County Task Force for Preventing and Responding to Domestic Terrorism convened its first meeting on Friday, October 14th, of the multi-disciplinary team that will coordinate to identify, assess and be prepared to deal with the threats of domestic terrorism.

In August 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul issued an Executive Order in the aftermath of the May 2022 shooting in a Buffalo supermarket where 10 people were killed by an individual motivated by racist conspiracy theories discovered on internet message boards. EO 18 is designed to fight the troubling surge in domestic terrorism and violent extremism frequently inspired by, planned on and posted about on social media platforms and internet forums. Every county in New York must develop and maintain a plan to identify and confront threats of domestic terrorism that includes racially- or ethnically-motivated violent extremists and submit it to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' Office of Counterterrorism on or before December 31, 2022. These plans will be used to inform funding distributions in forthcoming grant opportunities.

"Domestic extremism is a growing threat in our nation, and we must do everything in our power to protect ourselves and our children from domestic terrorism, including racially- and ethnically-motivated extremism," Acting Ulster County Executive Johanna Contreras said. "The Ulster County Task Force for Preventing and Responding to Domestic Terrorism will complete a comprehensive review of our ability to respond to threats and make recommendations to keep our residents safe."

"Increased incidents of domestic terrorism in our nation and around the world means we need to be vigilant against any and all threats to public safety at the local level. Our local law enforcement agencies are prepared to work hand-in-hand with County leadership, community partners and faith leaders, such as the ones on this task force, to prevent the rise of domestic terrorism and to respond to any threats here at home," Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa said. "I want to thank the Governor for spearheading this initiative and to assure Ulster County residents that these law enforcement professionals are working tirelessly for the public safety and well-being of our county."

"As a county we must be prepared to meet any and all threats posed by domestic terrorism, including the very real threat posed by the ideology of white supremacy," Ulster County Legislature Deputy Majority Leader, Chair, Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee and Task Force Member Abe Uchitelle said. "As white supremacist groups increase their efforts to recruit in our community, and in light of events like the January 6th, 2021, attack on the Capitol and the mass shooting in Buffalo, we must acknowledge this very real threat and prepare our county to face it head-on."

"I am honored to be asked to serve on this task force because I understand that the issue of domestic terrorism is of the utmost importance," Ulster County Legislator, Deputy Chair, Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee and Task Force Member Gina Hansut said. "Public safety is our number one priority, and we all need to work together to secure our communities, and beyond. I look forward to working with the individuals on this committee to facilitate strategies, programs, assessments and operations to keep our citizens safe."

"Domestic terrorism is a serious threat nationwide. Unfortunately, we have seen more and more of these acts occurring, and we must be prepared to prevent them within our own community," Director of Ulster County Department of Emergency Services and Task Force Member Everett Erichsen said. "It's essential that, as community leaders in Ulster County, we come together to strategize and prevent these acts to keep our residents safe."

"This is such an important issue, and it is crucial to include the communities that are being targeted in domestic terrorism attacks at the table for these types of discussions," Human Rights Commissioner and Task Force Member Tyrone Wilson said. "I look forward to working with everybody on the task force to ensure BIPOC folks are heard and to ensure the safety of our community."

"One need look no further than FBI statistics, which reveal Jews were targeted in 55% of all religious bias crimes last year, to see the pressing need for this task force," Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County David Drimer said. "The Federation applauds Governor Hochul for rising to the occasion on this issue by mandating the creation of this committee. I am proud to serve on the task force on behalf of the Federation for the benefit of my constituents and all Ulster residents."

The Ulster County Task Force for Preventing and Responding to Domestic Terrorism is composed of members of the Ulster County's Executive's Office, the Legislature, Departments of Emergency Services, Mental Health, Probation, Human Rights, Youth Bureau, County Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office, as well as members of the Ulster County Jewish Federation, NAACP, Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center, 2nda Iglesia Church, Ulster County Muslim Association, Mid Hudson Japanese Community Association, People USA, and representatives from the New York State Police, area school districts and municipalities.

In July 2021, Ulster County officials, members of law enforcement and community leaders, held a joint press conference outside Kingston Library to announce the formation of the Anti-Violence Effort Response Team (AVERT) -- a first-of-its-kind, multi-agency unit focused on preventing violent crime across the County.

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Rep. Tenney to Newsmax: Gun Restrictions, Bail Reform Dangerous

Gun restrictions enacted in New York after the Supreme Court's ruling that the Constitution provides a right to carry a gun outside the home, along with bail reform policies, are making the streets in New York City and elsewhere more dangerous, Rep. Claudia Tenney told Newsmax on Wednesday.

"There is a clear standard," the New York Republican said on Newsmax's "Wake Up America." "We have the right to keep and bear arms. Giving criminals all the rights, which they're not going to comply with, and just handcuffing our citizens is not going to make the streets more safe."

Tenney also noted that bail reform measures, which allow arrested people to be released from jail without having to post a cash bond, are not unique to New York, as such policies are being adopted in many states.

But in New York, the reforms came when Democrats took full control of Albany and "prioritized criminals over innocent victims, and they did not give the police the opportunity to use cash bail and other tools that the police have to enforce law and order," Tenney said.

The state and New York City have "demoralized the police" for years, including under former New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, "who took over a billion dollars out of the city's police budget," said Tenney.

Further, after the Supreme Court's ruling, Gov. Kathy Hochul called for more restrictions on guns, and New York City Mayor Eric Adams created gun-free zones, which are in "direct conflict" with the court's ruling giving people to bear arms.

But for change, Tenney, who is seeking reelection, said, "You've got to vote for Republicans because Democrats are the ones that have gotten us to where we are right now."

Meanwhile, crime is becoming a key issue in the upcoming elections at a time when the police are having difficulties, said Tenney.

"They're having problems with recruitment," she said. "Who wants to be in a profession where you're vilified by your own government and the people you're supposed to protect?"

Tenney on Wednesday also discussed the national economy, after President Joe Biden acknowledged in an interview with CNN on

Tuesday that the chance of a "slight recession" is possible, but he doesn't think it will happen.

"Look, we're here," said Tenney. "We have inflation. We're seeing a recession. They are not doing anything to change what changed their policies to stop this from happening.

"We need to go back to cutting taxes, reducing regulations, and releasing our energy policy so that we have abundant, reliable energy as we head into winter. It's only going to be more grim for people if they don't change course."

Governor Hochul Announces Affordable Homeownership Project is now Underway in Kingston

\$2 Million Project will Rehabilitate Four Vacant Single-Family Properties into Affordable Homeownership Opportunities

Part of \$25 Million Legacy City ACCESS Program Designed to Eliminate Neighborhood Blight and Expand Access to Homeownership for First-Time Buyers and Households of Color

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the first project funded through the \$25 million Legacy City ACCESS program is now underway. Four vacant single-family properties in Kingston will be fully rehabilitated and sold to income-eligible first-time homebuyers. The Legacy City ACCESS Program is designed to transform blighted structures into newly renovated, move-in ready homes that will help expand affordable homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents, specifically first-time buyers and households of color.

"My administration is committed to providing safe, affordable, and comfortable housing for all New Yorkers in the neighborhoods that they call home," Governor Hochul said. "Our \$25 billion housing plan will create a fairer and more equitable New York not only by building and preserving affordable housing, but also by addressing barriers to homeownership like redlining and other discriminatory practices. Through this Legacy City ACCESS program and its first project in Kingston, we are doubling down on that commitment, expanding access to affordable homeownership - particularly for buyers of color who have been locked out of the housing market for far too long - and helping to narrow the racial wealth gap once and for all."

The Kingston City Land Bank was awarded funding through the Legacy City ACCESS Program for the purchase and rehabilitation of four properties located at 29 Rogers Street, 63 German Street, 237 East Union Street, and 169 Hurley Avenue. Upon completion, the properties will be sold to homebuyers who meet eligibility criteria.

The scope of work includes upgrades to structural, plumbing, and electrical systems, as well as new kitchens, baths, roofs, flooring, windows and doors and asbestos abatement. The homes will receive efficiency upgrades including insulation, Energy Star windows and appliances, and high efficiency electric mini-split systems for heating and cooling. (Contd. Pg. 30)



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(From Pg. 28) Governor and HCR for their commitment to a program that will create more equity and opportunity in our communities. By providing both capital and technical resources, we can help neighborhoods grow and thrive, and are giving first-time buyers of color an opportunity to build generational wealth and long-term stability through affordable homeownership."

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Increasing access to housing in the Hudson Valley that working families can afford is my priority, and it's why I advocated for the Legacy Cities Program and secured historic housing investments to make it a reality. The Legacy Cities ACCESS Program will change lives by building generational equity and wealth through homeownership for first-time homebuyers who may never have had this opportunity. It is incredible that our Kingston community will be the first-ever beneficiary of this program, thanks to the leadership of Kingston City Land Bank and so many regional partners. Owning a home is a hallmark of the American Dream, and I will continue to fight for long-term solutions to help more upstate New Yorkers secure safe, reliable housing within their budget."

Ulster County Executive Johanna Contreras said, "We are grateful to Governor Hochul, New York State Homes and Community Renewal, and The Community Preservation Corporation for selecting Kingston as the site of the first project funded through the Legacy City ACCESS Program. The transformation of these four blighted properties into move-in ready homes in partnership with the Kingston City Land Bank, will provide opportunities to first-time buyers and households of color in our community. The Legacy City ACCESS Program is exactly the type of support we need as we work to close the housing affordability gap and address the legacy of historical disparities in homeownership access in Ulster County."

City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said, "I want to thank Governor Hochul for her efforts in creating this new program and congratulate the Kingston City Land Bank for being the first in New York State to utilize this critical funding. Affordable homeownership is the cornerstone of rebuilding our neighborhoods that for years have suffered from disinvestment. These four homes were formerly vacant, tax foreclosed properties, and now, though our partnership with the KCLB, will be redeveloped and these neighborhoods will be transformed."

City of Kingston Ward 9 Alder Michelle Hirsch said, "The Kingston City Land Bank's ability to access funding from the newly created New York Legacy City ACCESS Program is a welcome development in getting Kingston families into homes that have been vacant and abandoned for far too long. This funding will help revitalize our neighborhoods while bringing home affordability to the city of Kingston."

Kingston City Land Bank Board Chair Daniel Kanter said, "We are excited to be the first organization to close under HCR's amazing new Legacy Cities ACCESS Program. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the city of Kingston and all involved to scale our efforts under this program to provide many more well-designed, affordable homes for current and future residents of our community."

Maeda Construction Principal Robert Drost said, "This Program helps to fulfill a great need in the Mid-Hudson region. Developing these vacant buildings to provide first time, affordable, home ownership will change people's lives for the better, and we get to be a part of that."

Goldstein Hall Partner Brian Hsu said, "We would like to

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For more information on the Legacy City ACCESS program, visit HCR's website at: <https://hcr.ny.gov/legacy-city-access-program>.

Legislation (S.8741A/A.9649A) Expands State Capabilities To Support Animal and Plant Fiber Growing, Processing, and Textile Manufacturing

Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation (S.8741A/A.9649A) to support New York's textile manufacturing industry through economic development programs. These programs include expanding annual farm recognition awards, state procurement process training for small businesses, and the Excelsior Jobs program for related New York products and processes.

"We are spooling together strong investments in textiles grown and manufactured in New York, helping ensure our businesses remain strong and innovative," Governor Hochul said. "I am proud to sign this legislation, which will support New York farmers and lay the foundation for expanding the burgeoning textile industries that call this state home, helping spur economic growth for decades to come."

Legislation (S.8741A/A.9649A), named the New York Textile Act, will help connect farmers who produce plant or animal fibers with the textile industry in ways that support innovation, sustainable development, and new marketing opportunities for plant and animal fibers that are grown in New York. By leaning into the local demand for textiles, New York grown fiber from hemp, sheep, goats, alpaca and other sources will create new opportunities for farms and textile producers.

The Act specifically:

o Establishes discretionary purchase limits for public agencies to purchase animal or plant fiber products or textile products manufactured from animal or plant fiber grown or produced predominantly in New York State; (Contd. Pg. 31)

Legislation (S.8741A/A.9649A) Expands State Capabilities To Support Animal and Plant Fiber Growing, Processing, and Textile Manufacturing

(From Pg. 30)

- o Establishes an annual New York animal or plant fiber and textile award given in recognition of unusual efforts by farmers, fiber processors, and textile manufacturers and retailers for textiles manufactured in New York State from animal or plant fiber grown or produced predominantly in New York State;
- o Amends the economic development law to enhance existing provisions with the purpose of for promoting the expansion of the animal or plant fiber production industry, as well as fiber processing and textile manufacturing;
- o Builds on New York's existing Grown and Certified program, to provide marketing support for the production and sale of textile products manufactured in New York State from animal or plant fiber grown or produced predominantly in New York State;
- o Provides authorization for the department of economic development to advise regarding the research and development of animal and plant fiber and fiber textile manufacturing industries and applied research; and,
- o Creates a Natural Fiber Textile Workgroup, chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets to (a) increase the economic contributions and employment opportunities related to animal and plant fiber agriculture and textile manufacturing in New York state; (b) increase private investment in, and utilization of, New York state produced and processed natural fibers in all categories of textile; manufacturing including apparel, home textile products, industrial textiles, and health care products; (c) improve public understanding of and appreciation for natural fiber textiles; and (d) increase export and market opportunities for New York produced natural fiber textiles.

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "We created the New York Textile Act to make New York an economic and climate-fighting superpower in farm-grown textiles, and its signing today is a massive win that incentivizes this burgeoning manufacturing sector to soar. Kickstarted by our legislation, the fabrics of the future will be grown on New York farms with small business incentives to support a statewide manufacturing ecosystem. New York will lead

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innovation in the fabric space, and I thank my fellow bill sponsor, Assemblymember Carrier Woerner, for her partnership on this industry-generating legislation and Governor Hochul for signing it."

New York is the fashion capital of the world, with over 900 fashion companies headquartered in the Empire State. New York was historically a leading textile-producing state, and modern programs such as the Hudson Valley Textile Project have worked to strengthen New York's textile industry once more. This bill will continue that initiative, working to expand New York's textile production capabilities.

Sustainable textiles are the future of fashion, and New York State is poised to lead the way in the ecologically responsible production of these materials. Smart textiles are a cutting-edge industry that have applications for countless professions, from athletes to first responders and medical professionals.

The Governor previously announced \$10 million in State funding for the Fashion Innovation Center (FIC), which will promote a collaborative approach to utilizing New York State-produced smart and sustainable textiles. The FIC will solicit, evaluate, and oversee projects focused on addressing industry challenges and opportunities, with priority given to those involving the use of New York State crops and material inputs, and cultivating technology that accelerates sustainability in the fashion and textile industry. Through a competitive process, the FIC will provide grant funding to New York State small businesses in the fashion industry, offering a critical

Governor Hochul Announces \$134 Million Awarded in the Second Round of Abortion Provider Support Fund

Funding Will Be Awarded to 37 Providers to Increase Abortion Service throughout New York State

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$13.4 million awarded in the second round of the Abortion Provider Support Fund to 37 providers, covering 64 clinical sites to further expand access to abortion services in New York. The second round of funding builds on the Governor's commitment to ensure safe abortion access for all New Yorkers by expanded eligibility to include family planning providers that were not awarded funding during phase one, other licensed healthcare providers, and independent clinics.

"New York State is committed to protecting reproductive rights, and as other states wage a war on abortion access we will continue to be a safe harbor," Governor Hochul said. "To ensure access to reproductive health care, we must provide the resources and support providers need. I will not stand by and allow women to be subjected to government-mandated pregnancies."

Second round awardees are:

- o A Bronx Women's Medical Pavilion, PC: 1 clinic
- o Albany Medical College: 1 clinic
- o All Women's Medical Office Based Surgery, PLLC: 2 clinics
- o Buffalo Women Services, LLC: 1 clinic
- o Choices Women's Medical Center: 1 clinic
- o Community Healthcare Network, Inc.: 3 clinics
- o Erie County Department of Health: 1 clinic
- o Flushing OBGYN PC: 1 clinic
- o Juniper Midwifery and Nurse Practitioner, PLLC: 1 clinic
- o Maimonides Medical Center: 5 clinics
- o Montefiore Medical Center: 1 clinic
- o Mount Sinai Beth Israel: 1 clinic
- o Mount Sinai South Nassau Family Medical Center: 2 clinics
- o Mount Sinai West Hospital: 1 clinic
- o New York City Health + Hospitals/Bellevue: 1 clinic
- o New York City Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst: 1 clinic
- o New York City Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan Hospital: 1 clinic
- o New York City Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health: 1 clinic
- o New York City Health + Hospitals/WOODHULL: 1 clinic
- o New York City Health + Hospitals, Queens: 1 clinic
- o New York Presbyterian Hospital: 1 clinic
- o North Central Bronx Hospital: 1 clinic
- o North Shore University Hospital: 2 clinics
- o NYU Langone Hospitals: 4 clinics
- o OB GYN Associates, Inc.: 2 clinics
- o Parkmed NYC, LLC: 1 clinic
- o Professional Brooklyn Gynecology Services-PBGS, LLC: 1 clinic
- o Rendr/Triboro Medical: 2 clinics
- o South Shore University Hospital: 1 clinic
- o Stony Brook University Hospital: 1 clinic
- o SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University-University Hospital of Brooklyn: 3 clinics
- o The Mount Sinai Hospital: 1 clinic

- o Unity Hospital of Rochester: 1 clinic
- o University Gynecologists and Obstetricians, Inc.: 2 clinics
- o University of Rochester Medical Center: 1 clinic
- o Weill Medical College of Cornell University: 9 clinics
- o Westchester Medical Center: 3 clinics

Recipients of this latest round of funding were not eligible or did not apply for the first round and represent an expansion of providers receiving state support. Of the new awardees, 20 are hospitals, and a total of 27 of the 37 providers are in high priority regions where out of state residents are expected to seek services, including New York City and Western New York.

Governor Hochul announced the nation-leading \$25 million Abortion Provider Support Fund in May, following the leaked Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* and in anticipation of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

During round one, the New York State Department of Health awarded \$10 million to 13 programs, covering 63 sites that are currently funded under the Comprehensive Family Planning Program. The Governor also launched a series of reproductive health care roundtables to discuss the needs of providers and the challenges they face post-Roe.

Immediately following the Supreme Court's decision to upend more than 50 years of medical precedence, Governor Hochul launched a robust paid public education campaign to ensure abortion remains safe, legal and accessible in New York, which includes a comprehensive one-stop website with information about abortion rights, providers, supports, and payment options in New York. (Contd. Pg. 33)

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Funding To Support New York's Counties and New York City with Emergency Planning Efforts and Operational Readiness

Governor Kathy Hochul announced \$7.6 million in federal funding was awarded to county emergency management agencies in New York State to support planning and operational readiness for disaster response. Through the annual federal Emergency Management Performance Grant provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, this funding assists efforts ranging from the development and implementation of training and exercises to acquiring emergency response resources at the county level.

"We are laser focused on strengthening the state's emergency planning and response capabilities to help ensure that New York is ready if disaster strikes," Governor Hochul said. "County emergency managers need our utmost support, and this funding will support training efforts and allow agencies to access the necessary resources to respond to any type of disaster in their community."

To receive funding, counties must develop projects or initiatives that strengthen their own readiness and response capabilities to address all potential hazards. Projects may focus on addressing efforts identified by FEMA as needing national improvement, including logistics and distribution management planning, evacuation planning, disaster financial management, catastrophic disaster housing and resilient communications.

New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray said, "At DHSES, we rely on partnerships at the local level between our Office of Emergency Management staff and county emergency management officials to quickly and appropriately respond to disasters. This federal funding will help our county emergency managers enhance their preparedness efforts and keep New Yorkers safe."

Funding may be used to support:

1. Management and administration activities.
2. Planning.
3. Staffing for Emergency Management Agencies.
4. Equipment.
5. Training and exercises.
6. Construction and renovation of Emergency Operations Centers.
7. Maintenance and sustainment of GIS and interoperable communications systems.

Award amounts available to local emergency management agencies in Sullivan County and Ulster County are listed below:

Grantee Award	Amount
Sullivan	\$34,241
Ulster	\$73,814

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) administers this funding on behalf of FEMA. DHSES will be in contact with each jurisdiction's emergency management office directly to ensure that these funds are made available as quickly as possible.

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Governor Hochul Announces \$134 Million Awarded in the Second Round of Abortion Provider Support Fund

(From Pg. 32) Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "Thanks to Governor Hochul's unwavering leadership, we will continue to work in partnership with the doctors, nurses, administrators who provide abortion care for New Yorkers and those seeking abortions in New York State. The reproductive health services we offer here in New York are more important than ever, and this additional funding will allow us to continue to break down barriers to access for those who are in need of more education, resources, protection, and support."

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "This second round of the Abortion Provider Support Fund proves that New York State will continue fighting for reproductive rights to help ensure that all individuals are guaranteed access. In the months since the Dobbs decision, our state has stood strong as a destination state for those seeking care. By allocating necessary funds and passing legislation to shield providers and patients, we've created a safe haven in a post-Roe world. Our work is not finished, but this \$13.4 million goes a long way in our fight."

State Senator Liz Krueger said, "The aftermath of the radical Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade has seen states across the country stripping Americans of their rights to make the most personal decisions about their own bodies and to access necessary reproductive health care services. As this terrible decision continues to cause chaos, suffering, and death, it is more important than ever for New York to not only protect the right to abortion care, but also ensure that care is accessible to anyone who needs it. I thank Governor Hochul for continuing to get money out the door to support the vital work being done by abortion providers throughout our state."

In June, Governor Hochul signed a comprehensive, six-bill package passed by the Legislature to further preserve, protect, and strengthen abortion rights for patients and providers in New York. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns, including the establishment of a cause of action for unlawful interference with protected rights and the inclusion of abortion providers and patients in the Address Confidentiality Program. The measure also prohibits misconduct charges against healthcare practitioners for providing reproductive services to patients who reside in states where such services are illegal and disallow medical malpractice insurance companies from taking adverse action against an abortion provider who provides legal care.

The first step to enshrine abortion rights into the New York State Constitution was also passed.

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Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Fall Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck is now in swing through October 31. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee will be waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter.

This event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, at their town or village hall, County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center, among other sources. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email separks@sullivanny.us.



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Monday, October 17, 2022

The Olive Free Library will host a Community Art Swap on Saturday, November 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as a way to help divert used art materials from landfills while encouraging environmentally friendly art-making.

The Library is seeking arts and crafts materials that are fit for reuse, meaning new or gently used and not expired. When in doubt, you can use the "bestie" rule: *would I give this item, to my best friend?* If not, it's best not to donate the item to the swap. In addition to being gently used, donated items should be able to fit into your car.

Folks can drop off their art material donations at the Olive Free Library through Thursday, November 10th. And we hope that as many people as possible come to the Library on Saturday, November 12th to shop for great used art supplies for their creative work.

For more information, please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org, or visit olivefreelibrary.org.

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Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, October 12th

This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime, and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Two programs will be held each Wednesday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Must be 12 months by 12/1/22.

Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, October 13th

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Two programs will be held each Thursday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 24 months by 12/1/22.

Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, October 14th

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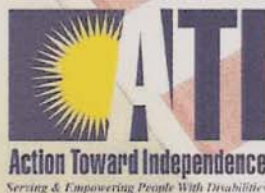
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Commissioners Ashley Dittus and John Quigley are pleased to announce that the Ulster County Board of Elections will be offering extended office hours for voters who need to apply for an Absentee Ballot for the November 8, 2022, General Election.

The office, which is located at 79 Hurley Ave, Suite 112, Kingston NY, will be open:

DATE	TIME
Saturday, October 29	9AM – 5PM
Sunday, October 30	9AM – 5PM
Monday, October 31	9AM – 5PM
Tuesday, November 1	9AM – 8PM
Wednesday, November 2	9AM – 5PM
Thursday, November 3	9AM – 8PM
Friday, November 4	9AM – 5PM
Saturday, November 5	9AM – 5PM
Sunday, November 6	9AM – 5PM
Monday, November 7	9AM – 5PM

As always, the Board of Elections office is open Monday – Friday from 9 AM – 5 PM. You may apply in person to receive an absentee ballot through November 7th - You may also download Absentee Ballot Applications from our website: <http://www.voteulster.com>.

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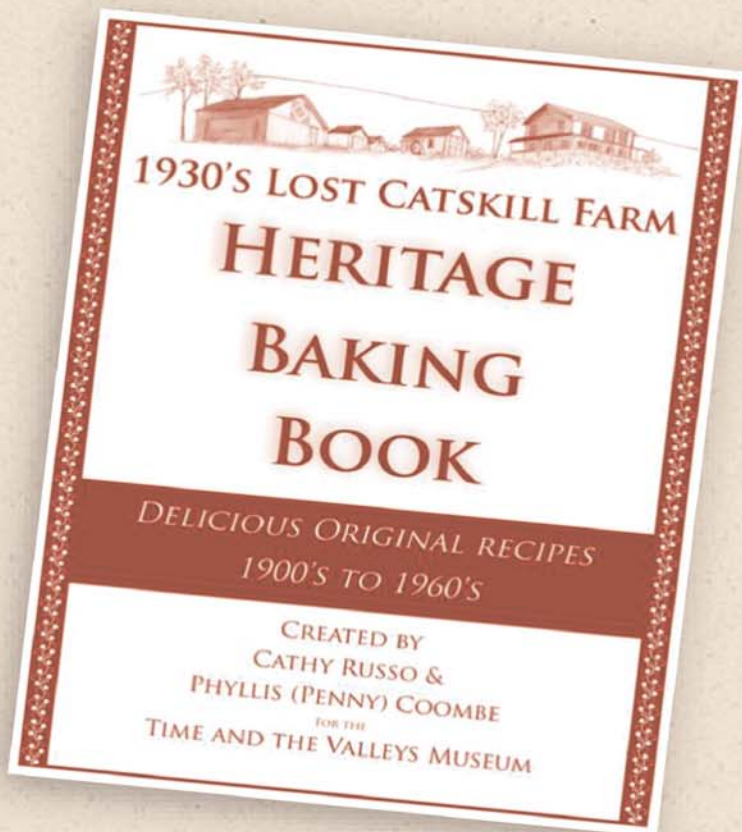
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Pay Increases Benefit More than 6,500 State Employees Across 15 State Agencies

Part of Governor's Overall Commitment to Expand Healthcare Workforce

Governor Kathy Hochul announced a series of pay increases for nurse positions within New York State agencies to help improve recruitment and retention among the state's healthcare workforce. The increases, which account for the rising complexity of nursing tasks and high credential requirements for nurses, will bring the starting salary of registered nurses working the day shift to nearly \$90,000 upstate and \$108,000 downstate when coupled with pay differentials. The pay increases will benefit approximately 6,500 New York State employees located across 15 state agencies.

"After more than two years on the frontlines in the battle against COVID-19, New York nurses deserve more than our gratitude - they deserve fair and competitive pay," Governor Hochul said. "These wage increases reflect our state's commitment to supporting our healthcare workers and will help us retain and recruit the next generation of nurses to keep New Yorkers safe."

New York State upgraded select nursing titles, with the upgrades representing an average pay increase of 4.5 percent per title. Registered Nurse titles will also now be hired at the midpoint of the salary range. In addition, registered nurse titles will receive an updated shift pay to include an increase of 7 percent of base pay for the evening shift (4:00pm to 12:00am) and an increase of 10 percent of base pay for the night shift (12:00am to 8:00 am).

These pay increases are in addition to increased geographic pay differentials for registered and licensed practical nurse titles enacted earlier this year. In July, registered nurse positions located in Mid-Hudson and downstate locations received a \$35,000 geographic pay differential, an increase of 94 percent from the previous \$18,000 differential. Registered nurse positions located in the rest of the state also received a \$20,000 geographic pay differential, an increase of 67 percent from the previous \$12,000 pay differential. In May, licensed practical nurse positions located in Mid-Hudson and downstate locations received a \$13,000 geographic pay differential, an increase of 550 percent from the previous \$2,000 differential and positions located in the rest of the state received a \$4,000 geographic pay differential, an increase of 100 percent from the previous \$2,000 differential.

The salary increase is expected to have the greatest impact at the following agencies, which currently have the largest number of eligible positions:

- o State University of New York - 3,381 employees
- o Office of Mental Health - 1,663 employees

- o Office for People with Developmental Disabilities - 674 employees
- o Department of Corrections and Community Supervision - 518 employees
- o Department of Health - 371 employees
- o Office of Addiction Services and Supports - 120 employees

New York State Department of Civil Service Commissioner Timothy Hogue said, "New York State employs thousands of nurses, who provide critical services across our state agencies to protect the health and well-being of New Yorkers. By offering our nurses with these well-deserved pay increases, our partner agencies will be better positioned to retain these talented and dedicated employees. Under the leadership of Governor Hochul, the Department of Civil Service is working hard to implement changes to best support and retain our current public workforce and to ensure our compensation is competitive to attract the next generation of talent to public service careers."

Public Employees Federation President Wayne Spence said, "PEF advocated for years on behalf of pay equity and title restructuring for nurses in our union. We are pleased that Governor Hochul and the Department of Civil Service have taken steps to increase salary grades and reward these dedicated public servants. At a time when we've all seen the importance of public health services, New York must continue to do everything it can to attract and retain nurses."

These pay increases are part of Governor Hochul's historic commitment and investments to restore the healthcare workforce and build the healthcare system of tomorrow. As part of the enacted FY 2023 Budget, Governor Hochul is investing more than \$10 billion in healthcare, including more than \$4 billion to support wages and bonuses for healthcare workers. This includes a \$1.2 billion investment for healthcare and mental hygiene worker retention bonuses, with up to \$3,000 bonuses going to full-time workers who remain in their positions for one year, and pro-rated bonuses for those working fewer hours.

New York State fosters an environment that encourages and supports the professional growth and career opportunities for nurses and employs thousands of Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, and Licensed Practical Nurses in agencies located across the State.

Nurses employed in State government receive:

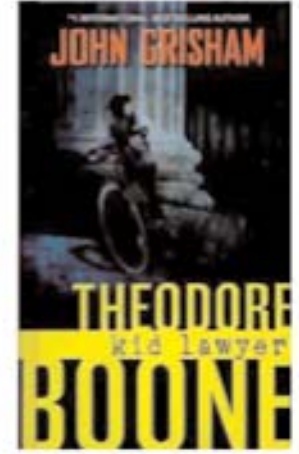
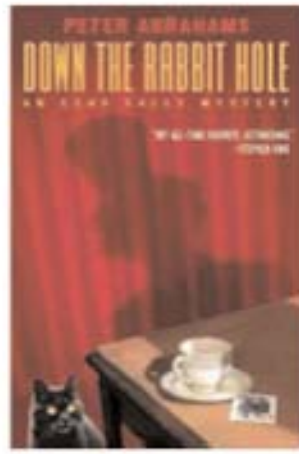
- o Comprehensive benefit package, including retirement benefits
- o A wide range of career mobility options
- o A broad selection of education, professional development, and training opportunities
- o Tuition reimbursement and tuition assistance

For more information on public service nursing careers, visit Nursing Careers in State Government.

To learn more about working for the State of New York and how to take the next step in pursuing a rewarding career in public service, please visit the Department of Civil Service website and follow the Department of Civil Service on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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New York's So-Called Concealed Carry Improvement Act is Unconstitutional

This week, I joined with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY-21) to introduce a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that New York State's Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) is unconstitutional. The CCIA was rushed through the state legislature and signed by Governor Hochul on July 1, 2022, in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*, which overturned the state's previous unconstitutional concealed carry law.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Glenn Suddaby blocked the state from enforcing several provisions, including bans on concealed carry in sensitive locations and requirements for applicants to turn over social media accounts. Since then, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit has granted an interim stay of Judge Suddaby's ruling in response to a motion for a stay pending appeal filed by New York Attorney General Letitia James.

Last year, you may remember that I led 175 of my House Republican colleagues in an amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*. The Court's eventual ruling struck down New York's arbitrary and unconstitutional Sullivan Law in what was the most significant victory for Second Amendment advocates since *D.C. v. Heller*. But Democrats in New York, led by Governor Kathy Hochul, have ignored that court ruling and enacted a blatantly unconstitutional law. While legal challenges against this law work their way through the courts, I am honored to stand once again in support of New Yorkers' right to keep and bear arms.

The resolution was also cosponsored by Representatives Darrell Issa (CA-50), Scott DesJarlais (TN-04), Doug Lamborn (CO-05), Jefferson Van Drew (NJ-02), Andy Harris (MD-01), Mary Miller (IL-15), and John Moolenaar (MI-04). The full text of the resolution is available at:

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/ny-ccia-resolution.pdf>

READ MORE: Republicans ask courts to kill NY gun control law after appeals ruling at:

<https://nypost.com/2022/10/13/gop-ask-courts-to-kill-ny-gun-control-law-after-appeals-ruling/?fbclid=IwAR1G9c1xNIL3Fd1USySh-5abnwsJbPwzWdnTrqtS8hGhmV20sOAc6ENv4wI>

My Statement On the House January 6th Committee's Subpoena of President Trump

Speaker Pelosi's January 6th Committee has been a partisan kangaroo court from the start. The Committee's primary objective has been to smear former President Trump and his supporters. Now, with the midterm elections just weeks away, the Committee has taken the extraordinary step of subpoenaing a former President. It is an 'October Surprise' we all saw coming from such a blatantly partisan operation. It is clear that this Committee has nothing to do with the pursuit of truth or justice. It is theater designed for political effect and with the intent of dividing the American people ahead of an election.

Support Continues to Grow for My Resolution Standing with the Brave Iranian Protestors

This week, I highlighted growing support in Congress for my bipartisan, bicameral resolution commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran who are demonstrating in more than 130 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the human rights abuses of the Iranian regime.

The resolution is now cosponsored by 36 Members of the House and 10 Members of the Senate.

I introduced the resolution amid ongoing protests in Iran, which began raging across the country in the wake of the death of a 22-year-old girl, Mahsa Amini, who was arrested for violating the country's strict dress codes and later died while in custody. Reports indicate that Amini was beaten before collapsing and falling into a coma. In response to the protests, the regime in Iran has once again violently cracked down on protesters, with at least 185 protestors now having been killed by Iranian security forces. The regime also has triggered widespread Internet blackouts to stop all communications.

The resolution commends the Iranian people protesting against gross human rights abuses and in support of freedom and urges the Biden administration to continue to impose human rights sanctions, prioritize efforts to expand internet access in Iran, and work to develop a strategy to prevent the Iranian regime from obtaining and exploiting facial recognition data and software for the use of mass surveillance and enforcement of mandatory hijab.

You can read the full resolution here.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/110/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22claudia+tenney%22%7D&r=3&s=1>

Cosponsor Alert: The TCJA Permanency Act

This week, I cosponsored the TCJA Permanency Act, which would make the tax relief provided by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent. This legislation was introduced by Congressman Vern Buchanan of Florida.

I supported the Tax Cuts and Job Act when I was in Congress in 2017. It was an historic step in the right direction, which led to unprecedented growth and brought much-needed relief to Upstate families. However, the tax relief it provided is set to expire in 2025. A recent report from the Tax Foundation found that a family of four would face a tax increase of around \$1,700 in 2026 if the tax relief is not made permanent.

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Sullivan County Fraud Task Force Announces Arrests

Liberty, NY - The Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has made the following arrests for the second and third quarters of 2022:

John Isaacs, 50, of Liberty was arrested and charged with the class A misdemeanors of Insurance Fraud in the 5th degree, Healthcare Fraud in the 5th Degree and Falsifying Business Records in the 2nd Degree. It is alleged that Isaacs would "punch in" via his cellphone as a caregiver for his mother while he was actually working at his primary place of employment. Isaacs would then submit timesheets to Medicaid containing falsified hours. Isaacs was processed and released on an Appearance Ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court.



Andrew G. Dean, 35, of Wallkill was arrested on a Sullivan County Family Court Warrant for failing to pay child support. Dean was taken into custody in Orange County after a lengthy joint investigation by the Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Sullivan County Child Support Enforcement Unit. Dean was arraigned in the Town of Thompson Court and remanded to the Sullivan County Jail.



Kathleen R. Gizinski, 44, of Monticello was arrested and charged with Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree, a class E felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a class E felony. It is alleged that Gizinski stole \$2,716 in SNAP benefits by failing to report she was in receipt of Unemployment Insurance Benefits and that she had a second job. Gizinski also filed an Employment Form which she had forged. Gizinski was processed and released on an Appearance Ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



Ramon L. Martinez, 38 and Chaneen A. Franklin, 38, both of Monticello, were arrested and charged with Welfare Fraud in the 3rd Degree, a class D felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a class E Felony. It is alleged that Martinez and Franklin failed to report that they were living together and that Franklin was employed full-time and had been collecting Unemployment Insurance Benefits.



Martinez and Franklin also submitted a SNAP Application, SNAP Periodic Report and a SNAP Recertification, all three containing false information which allowed Martinez and Franklin to collect \$5,797 in fraudulent SNAP benefits. Martinez and Franklin were processed and released to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

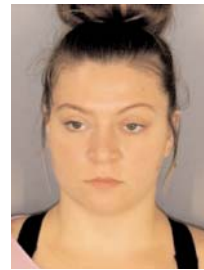
Keyona D. Gibson, 27, of Hurleyville was arrested on a Bench Warrant for failing to appear in the Town of Liberty Court for an October 2020 welfare fraud arrest. Gibson was processed and released to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



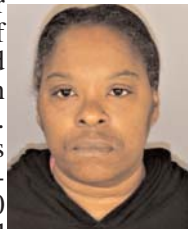
Alana Y. Oates, 33, and Deivi Diaz, 38, both of Monticello, were arrested and charged with Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree, a class E felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a class E felony. It is alleged that defendants stole \$2,680 in Temporary Assistance by failing to report to the Department of Social Services the true amount of Unemployment Insurance Benefits they were receiving. Oates and Diaz also filed a New York State Recertification for Certain Benefits containing false information. Oates was processed and released to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date. Diaz was arrested on a warrant and, due to his criminal record, was committed to the Sullivan County Jail without bail.



Amberose N. Kelly, 28, of Monticello was arrested and charged with the class E felony of Grand Larceny 4th Degree. It is alleged that Kelly stole \$1,308 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services, by failing to disclose that she was in receipt of Unemployment Insurance Benefits from May 21, 2020 through December 31, 2020, at which time she was collecting SNAP benefits. Kelly was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



Tanya L. Gattling, 50, of Monticello and her daughter Joshalin L. Gattling-Jackson, 23, of Clifton, New Jersey were both arrested and charged with Healthcare Fraud in the 4th Degree, a class A misdemeanor. It is alleged that the defendants billed a home health care service funded by Medicaid \$440 for hours they both claimed Gattling-Jackson worked as a caregiver for her disabled mother. Gattling-Jackson was actually working at another job in the State of New Jersey during the hours claimed. The two defendants were processed and released on appearance tickets to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



Christopher A. Finch, 27, and Tiffany L. Turk, 25, were both arrested and charged with two counts of Welfare Fraud in the 3rd Degree, a class D felony, and two counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing, a class E felony. It is alleged that in two separate cases both defendants failed to provide truthful and accurate information regarding their household income when applying for public assistance, which resulted in the pair receiving a total of \$10,582.46 in public assistance benefits that they were not entitled to. Both Turk and Finch were processed and arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and released on their own recognizance pending a future court date in the Town of Liberty.



**Ladies Auxiliary
Lake Hill Fire Co. #3
Penny Social
Sat. Oct. 29**

**For your convenience:
12:00 Kitchen Opens
1:00 Tables Open
2:00 Calling**

**Lake Hill Firehouse
Rte. 212, 8 miles West of Woodstock
Information: 679-2982 or 679-4510**

Dept. of Motor Vehicles dates for the Neversink Town Hall.

9/1, 10/6, 11/3 & 12/8/2022.



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

Search [sullivancountydmscheduling](#)

Please read all appointment types before selecting one. If you select the wrong appointment type you may have to reschedule due to time constraints.

Now conveniently doing business at 9 locations:

- Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule)***
- Callicoon Town Hall - 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule)***
- Rockland Town Hall - 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)***
- 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)***

Customers **MUST** have all forms completed **PRIOR** to arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - [dmv.ny.gov](#)

***** IF YOU ARE LATE OR NOT PREPARED YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RESCHEDULE *****

*Please limit the number of people coming to your appointment. Additional people not necessary
to the transaction may be asked to wait outside.*

The DMV will continue to take mail-in license renewals with proof of an eye exam and registration renewals to: Sullivan County DMV, 100 North Street, Monticello NY, 12701

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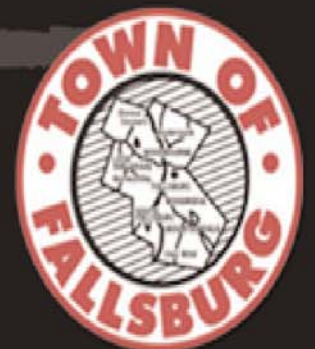
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GREATER BARRYVILLE Chamber of Commerce PRESENTS BARRYVILLE FARMERS' MARKET



HALLOWEEN & HARVEST FEST
OCTOBER 29TH 10AM - 1PM
HOSTED AT THE BARRYVILLE FARMERS MARKET



COSTUME PARADE	LIVE MUSIC BY: <i>The</i> LITTLE MERMEN!	PICK 3 COOKING CONTEST WITH PRIZES
KID & PET COSTUME CONTEST WITH PRIZES		TRUNK & TREAT

THINGS COME ALIVE IN THE HAUNTED GARDEN!



SCHEDULE

10AM MARKET OPENS
TRICK OR TREATING WITH THE FARMERS

10AM-12PM THE HAUNTED GARDEN
OLD FASHIONED PINHOLE PORTRAITS FOR KIDS BY GRAY SCALE DARKROOM!
SPOOKY MUSIC!
MONSTERS!
PRIZES AND SURPRISES!

10:30 THE LITTLE MERMEN
MUSIC BY THE ULTIMATE DISNEY COVER BAND

11:00 PICK 3 COOKING CONTEST
FINAL CALL FOR ENTRIES

11:15 COSTUME PARADE
DEPARTS FOR TRUNK OR TREAT IN CUL-DE-SAC

12:00 AWARD CEREMONIES
PRIZES FOR KIDS, PETS, & CHEFS

12:15 THE LITTLE MERMEN
ROCKIN THE UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE MARKET

Delaware Youth Center Children's **HALLOWEEN** Parade & Party!

Saturday, October 29th
Costume Parade begins at 1pm!

Line up at 12:45 at **Callicoon Cafe** next to the Callicoon Creek Park, and proceed down Main Street to the Youth Center.

If it rains, check the DYC Facebook Page for possible changes.

Games! Cider!
Treats! Prizes!



Hotdogs, Hot Chocolate, Snacks and Coffee available.
RAIN or SHINE!

NEW Opening Hours Daniel Pierce Library



LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
TUESDAY - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
THURSDAY - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
FRIDAY - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
SATURDAY - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Curbside pick up will continue to be available every day from a half hour after opening until a half hour before closing time.

ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE

A FILM and DISCUSSION
with people developing resilience
over loneliness
and experts discovering solutions
to isolation



ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE

From creators of *Gen Silent*
including interviews with:

Julianne Holt-Lunstad, PhD
Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, BYU

Carla Perissinotto MD MHS
Geriatrician, Social Isolation and Loneliness
Researcher

Michelle Lim, PhD
Scientific Chair, Ending Loneliness Together

Janet Morrison, OBE
Co-Founder, Campaign to End Loneliness

VIEW THE TRAILER:

allthelonelypeoplefilm.com

SYNOPSIS

All The Lonely People is a presentation centered around a documentary film followed by audience discussion.

It places a human face on the hidden epidemic of chronic loneliness and social isolation.

Built on hope, it shares the latest research and interventions for individuals and communities and leaves audiences feeling empowered and reconnected.

An event happening in your
community:

When:

November 1st, 2pm-5pm

OFA Public Hearing Immediately follows
film screening



Hurleyville Performing
Arts Centre

219 Main St. Hurleyville, NY

Coffee & Refreshments will be served

Doors open at 1:30

Please Register at 845-807-0241 by October
24th

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Family



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Obtenga los hechos.

Familia

Community



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Public Health Services

Sullivan County Text For Teens

Monday - Friday
4pm-10pm

Saturday
& Sunday
5pm-12am



Free & confidential support
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Text as often as you need!

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- Self-Harm - Homeless/Runaway -
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- Relationship Issues - LGBTQ+ -
- Divorce - School Issues -
- Substance Use -
- Physical/Mental/Sexual Health -
- and more!

**Text "Start" to:
845-637-9486**

OFF HOURS:
Call 1-888-750-2266, option 2



Text for Teens is supported by a Grant
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The trains are gone, but the masterpiece train layout remains. The layout contains multiple features & items that would be wonderful for a new train enthusiast or anyone who builds miniatures.



If interested in disassembling the entire masterpiece layout and carting it away, please call EJ at 845-866-1579.

Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family?

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We are here anytime you need to talk.

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Text 845-372-1817

Call 866-372-2336

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

Halloween in Ulster County 2022

OCTOBER 1

Dracula

Live staging of Bram Stoker's Dracula performed by Theater on the Road and Directed by Frank Marquette.

Tickets \$20 general; \$15 Century House Members of Widow Jane Mine

668 NY-213, Rosendale. 845-658-9900
<https://www.centuryhouse.org/drac-22/>

October 1, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30 Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions and Escape Room

Ten attractions, gift shops, donut bakery, and food cafés. Named the #1 Haunted Attraction in America and one of the "Top 13 Escape Rooms in America." Reservations required.

7 p.m. General admission \$74.33; Scream Pass (front line access) \$105.73; Separate fee for Escape Rooms

778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park.
<https://headlesshorseman.com/>

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 The City Awakens - Haunted History Cemetery Tour

Step across three centuries and meet 6 characters that put Kingston on the map.

Adults \$15; Students and Seniors \$10; 12 and under, free

Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston
www.livinghistoryny.com

October 21 Spookaplooza/Fryte Nyte Festival

Family-friendly outdoor Halloween fest. Join us ghouls goblins and spooks for food fun and horror. 4 p.m.

Fryte Nyte Festival for adults at 9 p.m. Tickets \$10, \$15.

Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Road, New Paltz.
Facebook: Spookaplooza/Fryte Nyte Festival

October 29 MyKingstonKids Halloween Fest & Parade - "Monsters Ball"

Special Halloween performances including singers, costumes, various types of music, lots of dancing and so much more. Includes vendors, food, trick-or-treating, carnival games, activities and more.

Parade location: 151 Plaza Rd, Kingston. Event location: YMCA Kingston, 507 Broadway, Kingston. 845-896-0105;
<https://mykingstonkids.com/>

October 29

Ulster Corps' 12th Annual Zombie Escape

Events include a 5k timed trail run, 2k walk and free 1k Fun Run for kids. Socially distanced zombies and other spooky surprises. Awards.

Tickets start at \$17. Registration: 8:45 a.m.; 10 a.m. Zombie event.

Information: email zombies@ulstercorps.org, or call Williams Lake, Rosendale. 845-481-0331;
<https://www.ulstercorps.org/ulstercorps-12th-annual-zombie-escape/>

Registration: <https://zippy-reg.com/register/zombierun>

October 29

Meet Me In Marlborough-Kids & Adults Trick or Treat Event

Stroll through the quaint hamlet of Marlboro, and meet and greet local business owners, civic/school groups and more. Join in many Halloween festivities: Dance, Costume Contest, music, ice cream sundaes, food, crafts and much more.

2-4 p.m. Free. 1 Western Ave., Marlborough.
<https://www.meetmeinmarlborough.com/special-events/>

October 29

Seventh Annual Halloween Bash at Ole Savannah

Join us for a spooktacular night. 25 and older only. Must wear a costume for entry. Featuring DJ Eddie P. \$1,500 prize to be given to the best costume. \$500 second place.

9 p.m.-1 a.m. General Admission \$20

Ole Savannah Southern Table and Bar, 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-331-4283
<https://olesavannah.com/>

October 31

Trick-Or-Treat on Huguenot Street

Children and families are welcome to gather on Huguenot Street and seek goodies from the residents of the historic homes, both past and present.

3:30-5:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. RSVP.

81 Huguenot Street, New Paltz.
<https://www.huguenotstreet.org/calendar-of-events/2022/10/31/trick-or-treat-on-huguenot-street>

October 31

New Paltz Halloween Parade

Come in costume and march or come as you are to watch. Start at the Middle School and end at Village Hall.

5:30 p.m. Free.

New Paltz Middle School, 196 Main Street, New Paltz.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/498735368763020>



Ulster County U-Pick Apple Farms

Westwind Orchard & Cidery, Accord
westwindorchard.com

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tantillofarm.com

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duboisfarms.com

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wilkloworchards.com

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Locust Grove Fruit Farm, Milton
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Apple Hill Farm, New Paltz
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Jenkins-Lueken Orchards New Paltz
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Stone Ridge Orchard, Stone Ridge
Stoneridgeorchard.us

Minard's Family Farm, Clintondale
minardsfamilyfarms.com

Wright's Farm, Gardiner
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Weed Orchards & Winery Marlboro,
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Prospect Hill Orchards, Milton
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hurdsfamilyfarm.com

Dressel Farms, New Paltz
Facebook: Dressel Farms, New Paltz

Twin Star Orchards, New Paltz
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Maynard Farms, Ulster Park
maynardfarms.com

INSIDE INSIGHTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MANAGER



THE LOWER, THE BETTER

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

The NYS Comptroller's Office just released its annual fiscal stress rankings, and once again, Sullivan County is shown to be in a strong financial position.

Part of that is due to significantly increased sales tax revenues and the Federal funds we received in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. But plenty of it is due to a staff and Legislature that works diligently to ensure proper procedures, safeguard taxpayers' assets, and judiciously use what we've been given. In the case of this report, the lower the score, the better, and Sullivan County scored extremely well.

In addition to earning the best rank of "No Designation" (meaning there are no indications of the County being susceptible to fiscal stress at this time), we scored better than we ever did before: 13.3 (for fiscal year 2021). By way of example, in FY 2019, Sullivan earned a Fiscal Stress score of 42.1 points. That improved to 35.8 in 2020.

How are we accomplishing this? A major factor is the reduction of our debt - more than \$18 million, thanks to our staff and the Legislature. The State (and our auditors) want to see that we're holding the line on creating new debt that burdens taxpayers, and that we're maintaining good cash flow all year long. Meanwhile, the same report notes that our Environmental Stress score dropped from 30 in 2019 to 23.3 points in 2020, and now stands at 20 for 2021. Unlike Fiscal Stress, the data used to create the Environmental Stress score - population changes, poverty levels, tax base, unemployment rates,

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IMPORTANT DATES
AHEAD - 4

state/federal aid and other items - represents issues that are not fully within the County's control. So we're headed in the right direction on all counts.

What does this mean for you?

It means we can keep a lid on out-of-control taxes, we can give you more services without hiking fees, and we can gain more favorable interest rates when we do need to finance, among other positives. In short, it means we're doing the job you hired us to do.

HOUSING: IT'S BECOME A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE

Anyone who's tried to buy a house in Sullivan County lately knows it's a hot market - so hot, in fact, that prices have continued to climb even as our Hudson Valley neighbors see (modest) price decreases. On the one hand, that's great news. People are flocking to our County because of its natural beauty, homey communities and incredible attractions, plus the fact that real estate here is still a better deal than elsewhere.

And these new homeowners' presence has boosted our sales and room tax revenues to unprecedented levels, easing the burden on taxpayers and providing our businesses with steady income.

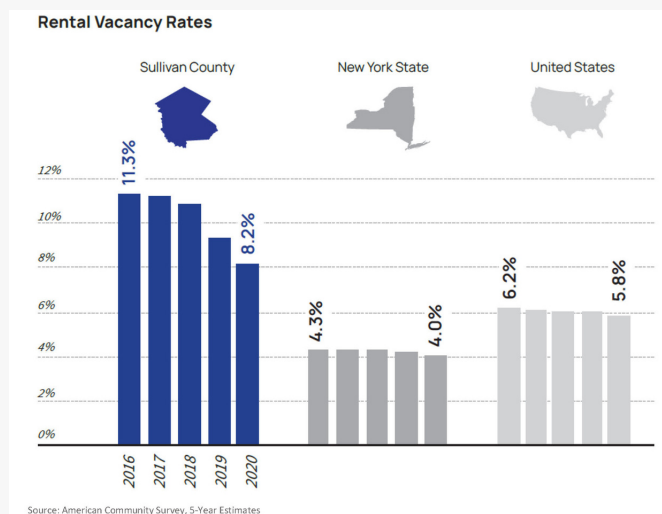
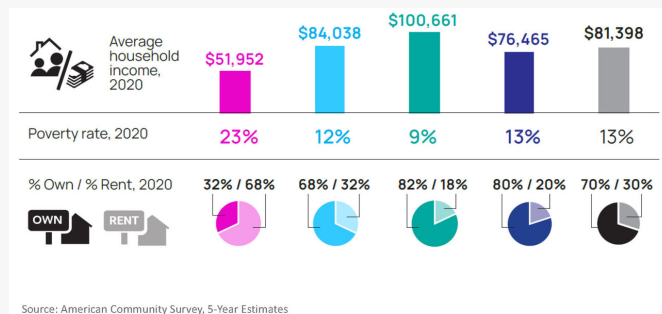
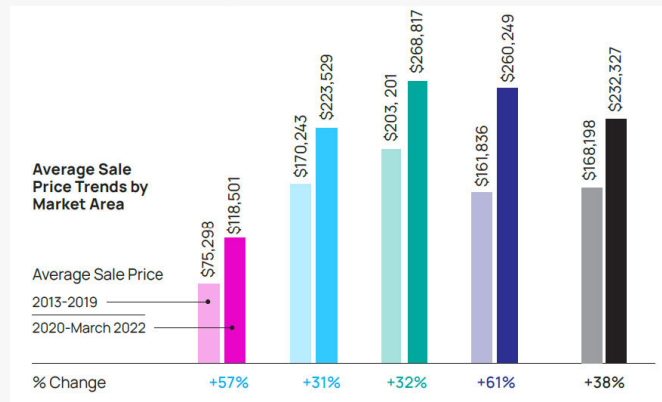
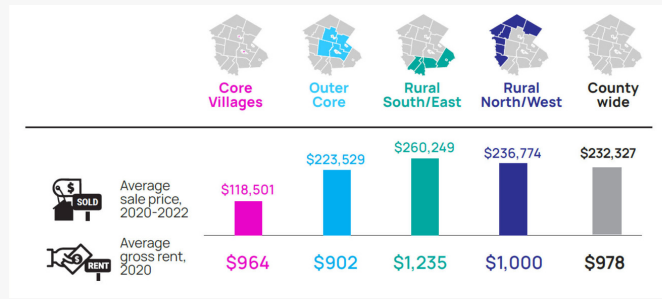
However, there is a down side. Houses have been snapped up so quickly that inventory is lagging, and prices have become out of reach for some.

What about renting instead of buying? Prices there, too, have skyrocketed, and the growing market for short-term rentals has put much more pressure on those seeking longer terms. It's also made it hard for us to place folks in need of emergency housing.

The short of it is that people are having a very tough time finding affordable housing. Those who make less than \$35,000 a year are being hit the hardest, and they comprise about a third of local households. So our Housing Task Force is taking a deep look at the situation, in order to find workable solutions. They've created a Comprehensive Housing Strategy that recommends pursuing the following:

- Partnering with landlords, villages and towns to improve existing rental units and preserve affordability
- Spurring the creation of new rental units priced for households making less than \$50,000 a year
- Extending the life of low-income housing properties via gap financing capital
- Updating land use regulations to support affordable housing
- Creating long-term emergency housing solutions
- Generating a pipeline of affordable homeownership options

This is just the beginning of a lot of work. To find out more and to read the study, I encourage you to visit www.sullivanhousingstudy.org.



A FOCUS ON YOUTH

As both articles on this page show, Sullivan County is not about to forget its young people. In fact, we continue to invest time and money in both our Youth Bureau and the groups it funds. Led by a new manager, Kristen Kitson, the Bureau is committed to getting the word out about the many organizations and individuals focused on keeping our kids engaged in worthwhile and fun activities.

And we put our money where our mouth is. Take a look at what we're funding in 2022:

- Teens trained in dispute resolution, acting as peer mediators
- Enrichment programs
- Crime and drug prevention, bike safety and stranger danger workshops
- A youth-run community newspaper
- Teen dating violence prevention
- Chorus and dance
- 4-H
- Advocates for abused or neglected children in Family Court
- Health & wellness education
- Afterschool programs
- Swimming
- Summer camp
- Skiing, ice-skating and hockey
- Football, basketball, soccer and baseball
- Cheerleading

In many cases, the taxpayer funds we provide (\$100,000) ensure programs and activities exist where they otherwise would not. And that makes for healthier toddlers, children and teens - not to mention their families.

This is important work, often organized by volunteers who aren't seeking funds for themselves but for the materials and supplies necessary to give kids a meaningful, memorable experience. I'm proud we can be a part of that. To find out more about these programs and County services, visit our informative webpage at sullivanva.us/Departments/Youthbureau.

CULTIVATING THE NEXT GENERATION

"There's a story behind every person." That's the uplifting mantra adopted by our inaugural team of interns in our new Youth Bureau program: Sullivan IN - Invested in the Next Generation.

As we speak, this group of eight 17-21-year-olds are learning basic work readiness skills so that they can have a successful 8-week internship with members of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce.

Youth Internship Coordinator Alexandra Julson has been hired to design and oversee this innovative program, which Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley and I initiated to give local teens the skills necessary for success in college and the workforce. And we plan to expand to include young people from across Sullivan County, pairing them with partner organizations in every field available.

Learn more about what's going on at sullivanva.us/Departments/Youthbureau/Interns



Our Monticello team have dubbed themselves the "Internship Gang" and gather weekly at the St. John Street Education Center to work with our team and partners.

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
		10:00 am Sullivan County Mobile DMV		10:00 am Sullivan County Mobile DMV		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9:00 am Bridge Back To Life Mobile Unit	9:00 am Bridge Back To Life Mobile Unit	9:00 am Public Safety & Law Enforcement Committee	3:00 pm Covid-19 Vaccine Booster Clinic	10:00 am Covid-19 Vaccine Booster Clinic	6:00 pm Haunted History Lantern Tour
	10:00 am Sullivan County Mobile DMV		9:30 am Government Services Committee			
			10:00 am Sullivan County Mobile DMV			
			+2 more			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2:00 pm Return To the Mountains by Rail	10:00 am Sullivan County Mobile DMV	6:00 pm FREE Rabies Clinic	9:00 am Management & Budget, Capital Planning & Budgeting Committee	9:30 am Human Resources Committee		6:30 pm 4-H Poultry Program
			10:00 am Sullivan County Mobile DMV			
			+3 more			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	10:00 am Sullivan County Mobile DMV		9:00 am Executive Committee	6:00 pm Town of Marnakating Annual Halloween Event	4:00 pm Town of Tusten Annual Halloween Festival	
			10:00 am Sullivan County Mobile DMV			
			11:00 am County			

ONE STOP FOR EVERYTHING WE HAVE GOING ON

Imagine: a single calendar that lists every public event that County government offers. That's something we've spent a lot of time imagining, and slowly but surely, we're putting that together. It's already online and available at

www.sullivanyny.us/calendar, and as it grows, we hope to make it the definitive source of information for what we offer to the public. That will take time and coordination, but we didn't want to wait until every event is listed. There's plenty already on there!

IT'S NEVER BEEN THIS CONVENIENT TO VOTE!

The general election is almost here, and you have plenty of choices - not just for whom to vote, but HOW you'll vote.

Here's the simplest explanation of your options:

- **Vote by absentee ballot**
 - Applications due to Board of Elections (BOE) by October 14 (by mail) or Nov. 7 (in person)
 - Applications available at sullivanyny.us/Departments/Elections
 - The ballot itself must either be personally delivered to the BOE no later than the close of polls on November 8, or postmarked not

later than Nov. 8 and received no later than Nov. 15

- **Vote in person early**
 - Choose any day from October 29 to November 6, all at the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello
 - Times vary by day: sullivanyny.us/Departments/Elections/EarlyVoting.
- **Vote in person on Election Day, November 8**
 - Polls are open from 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
 - Find your voting location at sullivanyny.us/Departments/Elections/VotingTimes



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**Sundown Camp and Bait Shop!
 Firewood for sale**

HELP WANTED

Typing Help Wanted

Experienced or Student. Full/Part time. Work in Grahamsville. Busy Law Office. William Brenner (845) 985-7411

Blooming Green Lawn and Landscape Service

Part time/Full time work. Salary based on experience. Call: 845-665-3348 or 945-985-0516

WANTED: Someone to cut up a tree & a laborer.

Call : 845-500-8057



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Visit:
http://www.gnomehomeinc.com
 We are in the planning stage of adding a few more new shops this fall at the Gnome Home Mall.
 We will keep you posted!



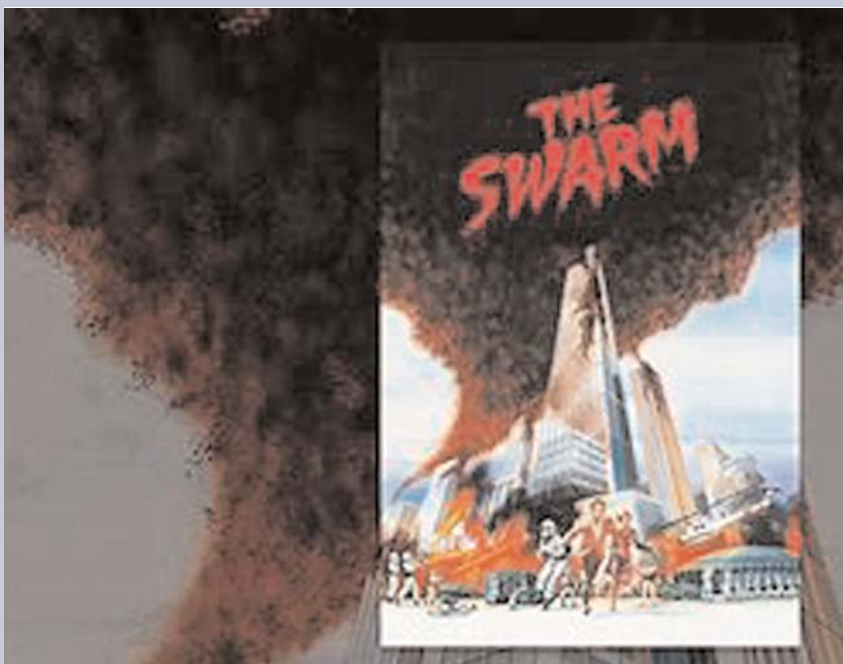
**“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I”
 ON AMAZON, IMOB, NETFLIX**

The Swarm

(1978 / 1h 56m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-14)

Killer bees that attack without reason descend on Texas. *The Swarm* is a 1978 American natural horror film directed and produced by Irwin Allen, based on Arthur Herzog's 1974 novel of the same name.

A group of soldiers led by Major Baker is ordered to investigate a basement level station which they believed was attacked. After Baker contacts his commander, General Slater, they begin to investigate who drove a civilian van into the base. It is revealed to be owned by a scientist named Dr. Bradford Crane, the only survivor of the attack. Slater orders two helicopters to check.



The film stars an ensemble cast including Michael Caine, Katharine Ross, Richard Widmark, Richard Chamberlain, Olivia de Havilland, Ben Johnson, Lee Grant, José Ferrer, Patty Duke, Slim Pickens, Bradford Dillman, and Fred MacMurray.

Directed by Irwin Allen.

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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II ”
ON AMAZON, IMOB, NETFLIX

The Pack



(1977 / 1h 30m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-PG)

A cute little loveable, adorable, puppy evolves into a vicious descendant of pet dogs abandoned in a resort called Seal Island. The dogs have reverted to their primal survival mode. An eerie feeling getting us in the spirit of next week's Halloween issue.



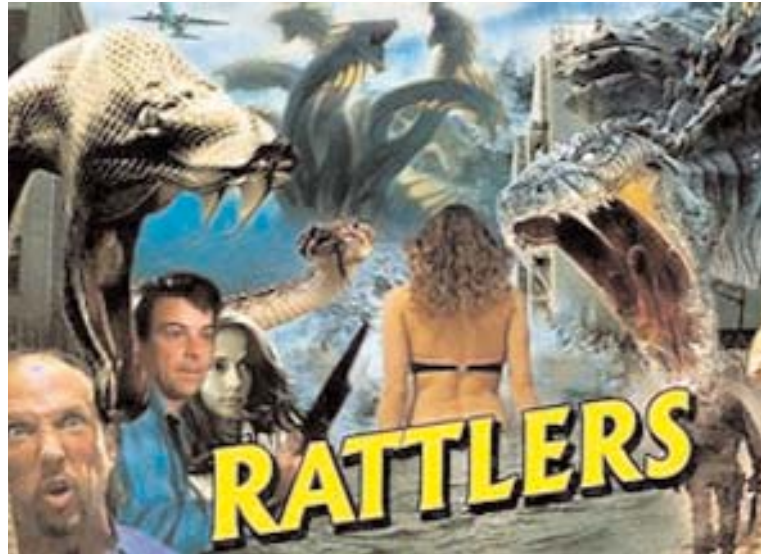
Directed by Robert Clouse, and starring Richard O'brien, Rob Narke, Eric Knight

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III
ON AMAZON, IMOB, NETFLIX

Rattlers

(1976 / 1h 22m / Horror/Science-Fiction / TV-14)

A herpetologist links a series of deaths from snake bite to U.S. military testing.



Directed by John Mccauley, and starring Elizabeth Chauvet, Ron Gold, and Dan Priest

Stay safe, and stay well
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