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BPD Participates In Binghamton Heart Cup



A few weeks ago, the Binghamton Police Department participated in the Binghamton Heart Cup to support the American Heart Association. The Binghamton Police went on to secure a victory over the Binghamton Fire Department.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who attended, contributed, or donated to the American Heart Association. Your support made a significant difference!

Congrats Calli & Macadia!

Courtesy of the Susquehanna Valley School District



A big Saber salute to senior Calli Graham and junior Macadia Heavey! They competed at the regional SkillsUSA conference on February 7 and placed in their contests. Calli placed first in the Cosmetology Nail Care competition while Macadia took third place in Electricity I Electrical Construction Wiring. Both are enrolled in Career & Technical Education programs at Broome-Tioga BOCES.

Calli is on the left in the first photo, with her model. Macadia is holding her trophy in the second photo.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Please be advised that the Town Board of the Town of Conklin will hold a Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on February 25, 2025, at the Conklin Town Hall, 1271 Conklin Road, Conklin, New York.



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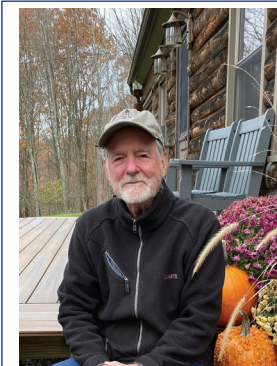
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Saber Stage Productions presents

HADESTOWN
TEEN EDITION

By Anais Mitchell

FEBRUARY 21 & 22 / 7 PM

FEBRUARY 23 / 2 PM

Susquehanna Valley HS Auditorium

All Tickets will be \$10

saberstageproductions.ludus.com

HADESTOWN TEEN EDITION is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Corp., www.concordtheatricals.com

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Calendar

Kirkwood:

KIRKWOOD TOWN COURT HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Scheduled Town Board Meetings:

First Tuesday of each Month at 6:00 PM

Scheduled Town Board Work Sessions:

Last Tuesday of each Month at 6:00 PM

Town of Binghamton:

Town Board Work Session Meetings

First Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at Town Hall

Town Board Meetings

Third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Town Hall

Town of Conklin:

CONKLIN TOWN COURT HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

1st Friday of the Month 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

(YOU CAN MAKE PAYMENTS VIA THE USPS
OR YOU CAN PLACE THEM IN THE SECURED
DROP BOX OUTSIDE THE COURT DOOR.)

February 25, 2025

Conklin Town Board Meeting 6pm

DMV At Conklin Town Hall

Wednesday – 9 A.M. until 1 P.M.

Friday, February 21, 2025

--SAT registration deadline

Location: Susquehanna Valley High School

--SV HS - Saber Stage Musical 7:00 PM

Location: Susquehanna Valley HS Auditorium
(Susquehanna Valley Central School District)

Sunday, February 23, 2025

SV HS - Saber Stage Musical 2:00 PM

Location: Susquehanna Valley HS Auditorium
(Susquehanna Valley Central School District)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

NHS Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM

Location: Susquehanna Valley Central School District

Friday, February 28, 2025

--ACT registration
deadline

Location: Susquehanna
Valley High School

--SV HS/RTS MS - 25-
WK Progress Per. ends
Location: Susquehanna
Valley High School



TOB Winter Parking Ordinance



“No person shall park a vehicle on either side of any town or county highway within the Town of Binghamton between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. on each day from December 1 to the following April 1, inclusive.

No owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall park the same unattended on any town street or highway within the Town of Binghamton following any snowfall of two inches or more until said street or highway shall have been plowed by or at the direction of the Highway Department of the Town of Binghamton. Any two-inch snowfall shall, for the purposes of this section, constitute a snow emergency. Failure by the operator of a motor vehicle to obey any of the signs erected pursuant to these provisions shall be construed as a violation and punishable upon conviction by a fine.”

First offense: \$25 Second offense: \$50

(Citation issued to registrant of the vehicle in violation.) Please abide by this ordinance. It is very difficult for the large snowplows to navigate down narrow streets when cars are parked along the roadways.

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO PARK TERRACE
RESIDENTS: THERE IS NO PARKING ANYTIME
ON STREETS LOCATED IN BOTH UPPER AND
LOWER PARK TERRACE AREAS. TICKETS
WILL BE ISSUED TO VIOLATORS**



Kirkwood Senior Group

Blanche Birtch, President Jeannie Ditch, Vice-President
Linda Yonchuk, Secretary Linda Buffle, Treasurer
Jeannie Ditch & June Fedish, Trip Coordinator
Mary Bach, Sunshine Committee

Meetings: Noon, First Wednesday of month, at the Kirkwood Fire Station, Main Street, Kirkwood, unless otherwise noted.

Overview: The Group is a way for Senior Citizens to have social interactions within the community, as well as be involved in the community and its' events. The group has scheduled programs for many meetings, bus trips, and other activities. Any Senior Citizen is welcomed to become a member (including Senior Citizens from surrounding towns.) Dues are \$15.00 per year and paid to participate in trips and special events.

Activities:

Meetings: Monthly-Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert: coffee, tea, and water is provided. The meeting takes place after lunch.

October, November, and December meetings are catered with a fee charged (\$10.00 - \$15.00, depending on the meal.)

Upcoming Events:

Broome County Dog Shelter: Volunteers needed!

Due to staff shortages at the moment we are looking for new volunteers for dog walking, cleaning and laundry! If you have applied we are working on setting up an



orientation very soon! If you're interested in applying you can come in and fill out

some paperwork or get the application from our website!



The Country Courier

NEWS/ADVERTISING DEADLINE

The Country Courier goes to press on Wednesdays. Deadline for news and advertising is the Friday before the desired week of publication.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Subscription rates to *The Country Courier* are \$35 a year in Broome County, \$105 outside Broome County and papers are mailed every Thursday from Conklin.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

The Country Courier welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be signed and include the phone number of the writer, to be used for verification of authenticity, not for publication. The editor reserves the right to refuse to publish letters which contain potentially libelous or erroneous statements. Also, letters endorsing political candidates are considered advertisements and should be prepaid as is all political advertising. No letters to the editor regarding political candidates will be accepted.

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Hadestown (Senior Highlights!)

By SV school district

Saber Stage plays homage to seniors in “Hadestown!” “Hadestown” is one of the most difficult musicals that we have tackled at SV. The seniors this year have been influential in choosing our show and then committing to it. We audition in November, start rehearsing in December, and from January to the end of February we eat, sleep, breathe theater! This year’s seniors in the cast are particularly committed to the process. They are amazing performers and the most wonderful people.

Join us as we highlight these amazing seniors... Grey Milligan plays “Orpheus.” Grey comes from a family of thespians and has been involved with dance and theater since childhood. He started with Saber Stage his freshman year, where embodied the role of “Grover” in “The Lightning Thief.” He played several roles in “Freaky Friday” the following year but stood out as “Meyers,” the intense PE teacher. No, he does not plan on studying PE in college. After fighting for the Who’s last year as “Horton,” he now has the challenge of becoming Orpheus, the musician whose song can coax the flowers to bloom. Grey rises to the challenge and brings his characteristic intensity to the role of Orpheus. Like Orpheus, Grey is an expert at improvisation; he moves to the beat of his own drum, and he loves and fights for love with all of his being. He is a tremendous artist and has placed in several art contests. A busy bee, he works part time, writes plays set in the 70’s, is President of the Identity club, and takes care of about a million pets at home.

Janeva Mazil plays “Eurydice.” Janeva was once too nervous to even walk on stage! In ninth grade, she was content to be in the chorus of “The Lightning Thief,” but it did not take her long to move into the spotlight as “Ellie” from “Freaky Friday.” She flew into the role of “Gertrude McFuzz” in last year’s “Seussical,” and now she is giving everything she’s got as the street-smart, emotionally damaged Eurydice. She is not like her character at all in that regard, but that’s because she is a fabulous actress. In addition, Janeva is a National Honor Society member, a playwright, a chorus member, part of Identity club, and a part-time ice cream mixer/folder! Janeva is a gentle, pensive soul, and she certainly brings these qualities to Eurydice. She appreciates metaphors, especially those that connect and unify the human experience. SUNY New Paltz wanted first dibs on her and has already accepted her as a Creative Writing major.

Lilian Short, who has the role of “Hermes,” started with Saber Stage as a seventh grader, where she

played “Young Fiona” in “Shrek.” Since then, her SV theater shows include “The Lightning Thief,” where she sang as soprano in the ensemble and learned how to be a living statue. The following year, she took over the stage as “Savannah,” the mean girl in “Freaky Friday.” Last year’s production of “Seussical” gave Lillian a chance to strut her feathers, playing the vain and irresponsible “Mayzie.” This character couldn’t be more different from the real Lily, who is one of the most responsible and brilliant students you could ever meet. She works part time, participates in chorus and is often a soloist. A member of National Honor Society, she is also fully engaged in the highly competitive New Visions program. She has had many offers for pre-med programs, but she will be attending the University of Scranton with the end goal of becoming a doctor. Lily is tenacious, independent, motivated, sarcastic, determined, funny, caring and a great advocate for herself and others who need it. She brings all these qualities to the role of “Hermes,” who leads all the characters on a journey that changes them on and off stage.

Rylan Everson (Hades) has been with Saber Stage since ninth grade as a stage crew member. Mrs. Kerrick, our stage manager for the last 8 years, was sad to see that he was doing a lead in the musical this year! Rylan continues to be as dependable on stage. He is conscientious, musical and, with only a small amount of coaching, has really learned how to handle his part as the villainous “Hades.” After some of the more intense scenes, he and his fellow actors make sure to break character totally and connect with each other as themselves. He is still waiting to choose his college for the fall but has already received acceptance and scholarships from schools such as SUNY Brockport and Fredonia to study Geology. He also puts his STEM knowledge to use building sets for Saber Stage! An excellent cellist, Rylan is also a Saber athlete, running Cross Country, Indoor Track, and outdoor Track & Field.

Visit <https://saberstageproductions.ludus.com/index.php> for “Hadestown” tickets.



FREE RABIES CLINIC @ BC HUMANE SOCIETY Upcoming Dates – 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Broome County Humane Society continues to host free, monthly vaccine clinics for dogs and cats in our community in need of updated Rabies and Distemper shots. Here is a list of upcoming dates (dates are subject to change):

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Tuesday, June 10, 2025
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Tuesday, August 5, 2025
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

These clinics are held at the Broome County Humane Society located at 167 Conklin Ave in Binghamton from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. A \$10 donation is requested, but not required for each vaccination given.

Pets need to be at least three months old and restrained.

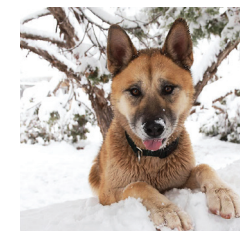
Bring previous rabies vaccination certificate (if applicable)

First come, first served.

A \$5 donation per pet is suggested but not required. For additional information, visit the Broome County Humane Society website.

Free Vaccines for Dogs and Cats

We will be hosting a free, monthly Vaccine Clinic for dogs and cats in need of updated Rabies and Distemper vaccines in our community on the following dates (*dates are subject to change):



All clinics will be held at The Broome County Humane Society located at 167 Conklin Ave in Binghamton from 5:30pm-7:00pm. A \$10 cash donation is requested, but not required for each vaccination given.

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Pictures by SV School District



SVHS Senior Partakes In BOCES New Visions Program

Photos courtesy of Maureen Malloy, New Visions Health Academy Coordinator & Instructor

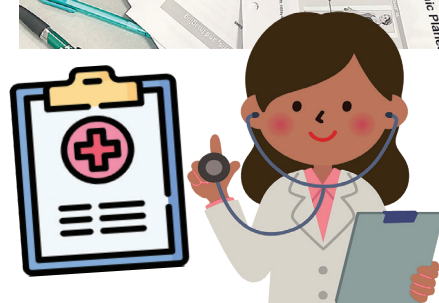
Lily Short is another SV High School senior taking advantage of Broome-Tioga BOCES New Visions program, which gives students in our region a realistic peek into a career they may be contemplating.

Lily enrolled in the New Visions Health Careers Academy because she wanted to gain in-the-field healthcare experience before college, with the opportunity to see multiple types of health-related careers up close. She was also drawn to New Visions because of the college-preparation aspect of the program. "Going into college already knowing how to write in APA format, writing rotation reports, studying the body systems and anatomy, managing my time and coursework, and so much more is helping to prepare me for the next step," said Lily.

Her favorite aspect of this program are the experiences she is having. Besides befriending students from other districts, she's also had some amazing encounters in the field, making connections with several preceptors and being privileged to engage in meaningful conversations with patients. For example, she shadowed in hospice care and relating with patients there has really had an impact on Lily. "They showed me that it's not what you do in life that makes a difference, it's who you can help along the way," she shared.

As of now, Lily's future plans include attending the University of Scranton in the fall and studying pre-med to eventually become a doctor of family medicine. For Lily's full article, the next in this New Visions profile series, go to:

<https://www.svsabers.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx...>

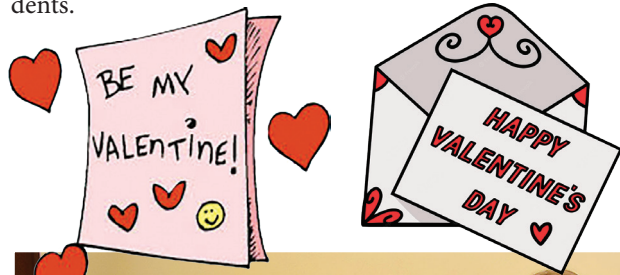




SVHS And Donnelly Elementary Collaborate On Valentine's



SV High School students and Donnelly Elementary students are hanging out together in a mentorship program designed to build a sense of community and connection. The program began at the end of the last school year, and yesterday, February 11, marked the third activity between the high schoolers and Donnelly students. The older students traveled to the elementary school to guide the younger kids (mostly in grade 4 and some in grade 5) in a Valentine-creating frenzy of markers, stickers, ribbons, and more! It seems like an inconsequential activity at first glance, but anytime older and younger students get together, it has a positive impact on both groups of students.



Governor Hochul Updates New Yorkers on Ongoing Winter Weather Conditions (Winter Safety Tips and Contact Information for Winter Emergencies!)

By Governor NY (Newspaper Edited)

Governor Kathy Hochul updated New Yorkers on winter weather conditions across the State and detailed preparations by State agencies to respond to conditions. Lake effect snow began overnight off Lake Ontario and will continue through mid-week, with up to 2.5 feet expected east of Lake Ontario into Central New York, including 8-12 inches in Syracuse and 12-18 inches in Utica. In addition, strong winds will persist into tomorrow across the State, with blizzard-like conditions and dangerous travel in areas experiencing snow. Power outages related to wind and downed tree limbs will occur. Dangerously cold wind chills below 0 and as low as -25 degrees are expected this evening across the State north of New York City, amplifying the impacts of power outages. People should monitor local forecasts and take precautions when traveling, avoiding unnecessary travel in areas of heavy snow.

“As extreme weather continues across our state, our emergency response teams and plow crews are working around the clock to protect New Yorkers,” Governor Hochul said. “I remain in close contact with our local partners, and I encourage everyone to monitor their forecasts and take the proper precautions to keep themselves and others safe.”

Lake Effect snow continues today with the highest accumulations of up to 2.5 feet expected off Lake Ontario into Central New York, including 8-12 inches in Syracuse and 12-18 inches in Utica. Accumulations of 2-6 inches are expected off Lake Erie, as well as parts of the Mohawk Valley, with the rest of the state seeing between 1-3 inches. Bands off Lake Ontario may see snowfall rates of up to 1-3 inches per hour. Monitor communications from your local government for updates on travel conditions in your area.

The Lake Effect snow bands are expected to shift slowly south tonight into Tuesday. Wind chills outside New York City are expected to go into the negatives, dipping as low as -25 in the higher elevations of the Adirondacks.

Widespread wind gusts above 40 mph are likely across the state, with more isolated gusts up to 55-65 mph possible today, especially in the Mohawk Valley and Capital Region. High Wind Warnings are in effect for portions of Central New York, North Country, Mohawk Valley, Southern Tier, Capital District, and Mid-Hudson Regions with Wind Advisories in effect for the rest of New York State.

The Governor has an Executive Order in place declaring a State of Emergency, allowing the State to coordinate and share resources with local governments affected by upcoming storms. This includes the State Department of Transportation, which will provide assistance to municipalities impacted by the State of Emergency in excess of existing shared service agreements. The order also waives “hours of service” requirements for truck drivers to facilitate emergency salt deliveries ahead of these storms and includes other measures to facilitate emergency salt deliveries to State and local agencies across the State.

For a complete listing of weather alerts, visit the National Weather Service website. New Yorkers are also encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts by subscribing to NY Alert — a free service providing critical emergency

information to your cell phone or computer.

Agency Preparations New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

The Division’s Office of Emergency Management is in contact with their local counterparts and is prepared to facilitate requests for assistance. State stockpiles are staffed and ready to deploy emergency response assets and supplies as needed. The State Watch Center is monitoring the storm track and statewide impacts closely. Winter preparedness tips can be found at www.dhses.ny.gov.

New York State Department of Transportation

The State Department of Transportation is responding with 3,735 supervisors and operators available statewide. All field staff are fully engaged. All available response equipment is deployed and all residencies in impacted locations will remain staffed for 24/7 operations with operators, supervisors and mechanics throughout the duration of the event and priority cleanup operations.

Statewide equipment numbers are as follows:

- 1,635 large plow trucks
- 349 large loaders
- 158 medium duty plows
- 54 tow plows
- 30 snow blowers
- 20 graders

The need for additional resources will be re-evaluated as conditions warrant throughout the event.

For real-time travel information, motorists should call 511 or visit 511ny.org, New York State’s official traffic and travel information source.

Thruway Authority

The Thruway Authority actively is responding with 692 operators and supervisors available. The Authority’s Syracuse Division Emergency Operations Center has also been activated and crews have been shifted between Division Maintenance Sections to the hardest hit areas of the Mohawk Valley and Central New York.

Statewide equipment numbers and resources are listed below:

- 340 large and medium duty plow trucks
- 9 tow plows
- 63 loaders
- Variable Message Signs and social media (X and Facebook) are utilized to alert motorists of winter weather conditions on the Thruway.

The Thruway Authority is leveraging technology to enhance the safety of both plow operators and drivers through a pilot program utilizing iCone technology. More than 50 of the Thruway’s heavy-duty plow trucks across the state are equipped with devices that can provide real-time data and alerts to popular vehicle navigation applications. In addition, all of the Thruway’s more than 250 heavy-duty plow trucks are equipped with green hazard lights, complementing the standard amber hazard lights. Green lights are intended to improve visibility and enhance safety during winter operations, particularly in low-light conditions and poor weather. Drivers are reminded that Thruway snowplows travel at about 35 miles per hour

— which in many cases is slower than the posted speed limit — in order to ensure that salt being dispersed stays in the driving lanes and does not scatter off the roadways. The safest place for motorists is well behind the snowplows where the roadway is clear and treated.

The Thruway Authority encourages motorists to download its mobile app which is available for free on iPhone and Android devices. The app provides motorists direct access to real-time traffic information, live traffic cameras, and navigation assistance while on the go. Motorists can also sign up for TRANSalert e-mails and follow @ThruwayTraffic on X for the latest traffic conditions along the Thruway.

New York State Department of Public Service

New York’s utilities have about 6,693 workers available statewide to engage in damage assessment, response, repair, and restoration efforts across the State, as necessary, including 125 additional workers at Con Edison and O&R; 690 additional workers at National Grid, 328 additional workers at NYSEG, and 50 additional workers at Central Hudson. Agency staff will track utilities’ work throughout the event and ensure utilities shift appropriate staffing to regions that experience the greatest impact.

New York State Police

State Police have instructed all Troopers to remain vigilant and will deploy extra patrols to affected areas as needed. All four-wheel drive vehicles are in service and all specialty vehicles, including Utility Terrain Vehicles and snowmobiles, are staged and ready for deployment.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

DEC Emergency Management staff, Environmental Conservation Police Officers, Forest Rangers and regional staff remain on alert and continue to monitor the developing situation and weather forecasts. Working with partner agencies, DEC is coordinating resource deployment of all available assets, including first responders, to targeted areas in preparation for potential impacts due to snow.

DEC reminds those responsible for the removal and disposal of snow to follow best management practices to help prevent flooding and reduce the potential for pollutants like salt, sand, oils, trash and other debris from affecting water quality. Disposal of snow in local creeks and streams can create ice dams, which may cause flooding. Public and private snow removal operators should be aware of these safety issues during and after winter storms. Additional information is available at Division of Water Technical and Operational Guidance Series: Snow Disposal.

Unpredictable winter weather and storms in the Adirondacks, Catskills and other backcountry areas, can create unexpectedly hazardous conditions. Visitors should be prepared with proper clothing and equipment for snow, ice and the cold to ensure a safe winter experience. Snow depths range greatly throughout the Adirondacks, with the deepest snow at higher elevations in the High Peaks region and other mountains over 3,000 feet. Most lower elevation trails are frozen, including many trails in the

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By Governor NY (Newspaper Edited)

Catskill Mountains.

While some waterways are currently frozen, DEC advises outdoor enthusiasts to review ice safety guidelines before heading out.

Hikers are advised to temporarily avoid all high-elevation trails as well as trails that cross rivers and streams. Hikers in the Adirondacks are encouraged to check the Adirondack Backcountry Information webpages for updates on trail conditions, seasonal road closures and general recreation information.

Backcountry visitors should Hike Smart and follow proper safety guidelines. Plan trips accordingly. In an emergency, call 9-1-1. To request Forest Ranger assistance, call 1-833-NYS-RANGERS.

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

New York State Park Police and park personnel are on alert and closely monitoring weather conditions and impacts. Response equipment is being fueled, tested and prepared for storm response use. Three sawyer crews are on standby to assist DOT with removal of downed trees and branches. Park visitors should visit parks.ny.gov, check the free mobile app, or call their local park office for the latest updates regarding park hours, openings and closings.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is closely monitoring weather conditions to ensure safe, reliable service. MTA employees are poised to respond to any issues related to cold and wind. Due to forecasted high wind conditions, MTA Bridges and Tunnels implemented a ban on empty tractor-trailers and tandem (piggy-back, dual, triple, etc.) trucks starting 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Based on the current forecast and the overall timing of this weather event, it is anticipated this ban will be in place until 6:00 p.m. Monday.

Customers are encouraged to check new.mta.info for the latest service updates, and to use caution while navigating the system. Customers should also sign up for real-time service alerts via text or email. These alerts are also available via the MTA app and the TrainTime app.

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

The Port Authority monitors weather conditions across all its facilities. In the event of severe weather, the agency issues travel alerts and updates as needed via facility email alerts and on social media. For the latest information about Port Authority facilities, please check social media, sign up for PA Alerts or download one of the PA mobile apps, including RidePATH, which provides real-time updates and alerts for PATH service.

Safety Tips

Power Outages

Check with your utility to determine area repair schedules.

If you lose power, turn off or unplug lights and appliances to prevent a circuit overload when service is restored; leave one light on to indicate when power has

been restored.

If heat goes out during a winter storm, keep warm by closing off rooms you do not need.

To Report an Electric Outage, call:

Central Hudson: 800-527-2714

Con Edison: 800-752-6633

National Grid: 800-867-5222

NYSEG: 800-572-1131

O&R: 877-434-4100

PSEG-LI: 800-490-0075

RG&E: 800-743-1701

Heating Safety

Use only safe sources of alternative heat such as a fireplace, small well-vented wood or coal stove or portable space heaters.

When using alternative heat sources such as a fireplace, woodstove, etc. always make sure you have proper ventilation and follow manufacturer's instructions.

Keep curtains, towels and potholders away from hot surfaces.

Have a fire extinguisher and smoke detectors and make sure they work.

If you use kerosene heaters to supplement your regular heating fuel, or as an emergency source of heat, follow these safety tips:

Follow the manufacturers' instructions.

Use only the correct fuel for your unit.

Refuel outdoors only and only when the unit is cool.

Keep the heater at least three feet away from furniture and other flammable objects.

When using the heater, use fire safeguards and ventilate properly.

For all non-emergency service needs in New York State before, during or after a storm, call 211 or visit www.211nys.org/.

Morning Muster
with Jason
Thursdays 9am-Noon

Morning Muster is for those looking to learn more about Vet Center services, have question on where to get help or just want to chat. Drop in to the rear entrance (Lobby) of the Binghamton Vet Center anytime between 9am and Noon on Thursdays.

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(Newspaper Edited) TOWN OF KIRKWOOD TOWN BOARD MEETING February 4, 2025

A regular meeting of the Kirkwood Town Board was held on February 4, 2025 at 6 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Lewis Grubham presiding.

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham

Councilmember William Diffendorf, Jr.

Councilmember Marc Latini

Councilmember Katie Legg

Councilmember Sandy Wasson

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney

Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk

Poe Williams, Highway Superintendent

Duane Travis, Zoning Board Chairman

Karen Ferguson, Historian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 7, 2025 Town Board Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Street Light Fixed.

Councilmember Diffendorf reported the street light on the corner of Trim Street and Route 11 is now fixed, it wasn't easy to get done but NYSEG finally took care of it.

Dog Control Report.

Councilmember Legg reported numbers from the January 2025 Dog Control Report.

Youth Sports and Recreation Report.

Councilmember Legg conveyed information on the Youth Program for Devin Fleetwood. Spring sports registration is now open until March 15, 2025, this is for baseball, softball, and tee ball. Two indoor winter league soccer teams have been playing at the 434 complex in Vestal. Devin was interviewed on FOX 40 news regarding youth sports programs in conjunction with NYS grant programs, this will air sometime in the near future. Basketball season is in full swing with about 50 kids participating.

Sewer Break.

Supervisor Grubham explained there was an emergency sewer break in the Colpitts Track area (24 Howard Street) today. The Town hired outside help to fix the break because the town employees were out plowing snow.

Sewage Pumping Station.

Supervisor Grubham reported that a pump failed last week at the sewage pumping station, although one pump is on order it was supposed to replace a different pump and it won't be here for a month, so the station is down to two pumps. He suggested another pump get ordered now so there is one on hand in case it is needed. The pump cost \$20,000, there is money in the budget.

Varidox System.

After some research, Al Glover discovered the Varidox system that was discussed at the last work session (to remove Iron and Manganese from the water system) was determined to be 30 years old and not up to date so unfortunately unusable to the Town now.

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Spots Still Open In Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms

Families of our Pre-K Sabers, there are still a few seats left this school year in our Pre-Kindergarten classrooms. If you felt your child might not be ready to become acclimated to the school experience in September but have since changed your mind, please contact us as soon as possible by emailing registrar@svsabers.org or calling 607-775-0175 school days between 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

As long as your child turned four years old by December 1, 2024, and is a resident of Susquehanna Valley CSD, they are eligible to join us for an enriching learning experience that provides opportunities for socialization, enhancement of language and cognitive skills, nurturing of social-emotional development, and preparation for Kindergarten.

