

Program Issues First Qtr 2024
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Description of Issue	Program/ Segment	Date	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
County Legislature	News	3-Jan	The full SC Legislature is sworn in with Nadia Raisj chosen new chair in 7-2 vote Joe Perello is vice chair
State Legislature	News	3-Jan	The State Legislature is back in session Local Assemblywoman Gunther says budget priorities are money for mental health initiatives and housing
Child Protective Services	News	5-Jan	SC DA Conaty releases 100 page grand jury report on social services and child protective services with a number of recommendations including that the county attorneys office should be divested of responsibilities and DSS legal dept reinstated
Agriculture/Economy	News	8-Jan	State Sen Oberacker says one priority for new legislative session is Agriculture with a tax credit for businesses that sell a certain percentage of NYS products
Public Health	News	10-Jan	SC Public Health warns respiratory diseases on the increase this winter including COVID, RSV, flu and colds
Law Enforcement	News	12-Jan	Town of Fallsburg PD Chief Simmie Williams announces retirement in June Williams has been serving town since 1991
Congressional Race	News	15-Jan	19th District Rep Marc Molinaro announces reelection bid in a posted video. Holds press conference pledging to find common ground. This will be a rematch vs Josh Reilly where he narrowly won
Business/Economy	News	16-Jan	Hudson Valley Credit Union announces merger agreement with Catskills Hudson Bank. Catskills Hudson first opened in Sullivan County in 1993 and has expanded through the HV and the Albany Capitol region.
School Capital Projec	News	18-Jan	Liberty Central School voters approve a \$42.7mil capital project 178-47 votes
Regional Transportation	News	19-Jan	State Transportation officials and their consultants held public sessions on Rt 17 widening project in Wallkill. A 3rd lane in each direction possible by 2030

State Budget	News	19-Jan State Sen Oberacker concerned over Gov Hochuls budget noting a \$4.3bil deficit later presented as \$2.2bil surplus
Unemployment	News	24-Jan Dec 2023 regional unemployment at 4.5% Sullivan county at 3.9%; Delaware 4.7%
Maternal Health	News	30-Jan Assemblywoman Gunther says maternal health outcomes need to improve after assembly passes series of bills to support expecting and new mothers. Maternal depression screenings would be routine plus enhanced access to prenatal, intranatal and postpartum care
County Resiliency Plan	News	30-Jan SC Planning Dept present report on draft county resiliency plan. Report includes numbers on housing, food, jobs and services, infrastructure, utilities, farm and farmland
Homelessness	News	1-Feb Sullivan County conducts annual HUD Point in Time count reporting 265 homeless, the highest in recent history count includes warming centers and hotels countywide.
Economy/Transportation	News	2-Feb Town of Thompson Supervisor says new Tesla supercharging station in Monticello has added to business traffic at Thompson Square Mall
Education	News	5-Feb Sen Oberacker warns education cuts to his 51st state senate district total \$29Mill a \$967,516 loss to 61 districts
Child Care Provider	News	6-Feb Local officials and Rep Molinaro hold closed door meeting after local Head Start program suddenly closes
Social Services	News	7-Feb SC Community Services announces return of walk in services for mental health, substance use and or therapeutic assistance on Tuesday evenings
Child Care Provider	News	8-Feb Rep Molinaro announces Sullivan Co Head Start informs federal Head start office it will officially relinquish grant
Child Care	News	10-Feb Local agencies come together during Head Start crisis. SC child care council focused on assistance for needy families
Law Enforcement	News	12-Feb PBA Union Pres Jack Harb tells legislature SC Sheriff road patrol in need of more officers and should hire more deputies. Harb says five years have passed since hirings.

Mental Health	News	14-Feb Assembly chair of Mental Health Committee Gunther attends budget hearing and says mental health funding increases must be key part of state budget
Village Elections	News	14-Feb Monticello Mayor Nikolados with trustees Banks and Rue submit new petitions to get on March 19 ballot Democratic petitions were rejected by Bd of Elections for errors in filing
Child Care	news	14-Feb Sen Chuck Shumer joins efforts to identify new Head Start operator by requesting cutting red tape and work with local officials
Political	news	16-Feb Assembly woman Aileen Gunther says she'll step down at the end of this term. Gunther first entered politics in 2003 after the untimely death of her husband Jake.
Politics	News	20-Feb With Assmblywoman Gunther stepping down Sullivan Republicans are set to interview potential candidates ahead of this weeks convention
Politics	News	21-Feb Sullivan Democrats announce Paula Kay to run for Gunther assmebly seat after convention
County Politics	News	21-Feb SC Legislature chair Raisj positive on council of government meeting with supervisors association on sharing services and other issues. This is the first meeting in four years
Politics	News	22-Feb Sullivan Republicans at their convention endorse Camille Obrian for NYS Assembly
Public Safety	News	23-Feb Village of Monticello trustees approve Jason Corley as new police chief in a split vote. Corley a retired officer returns after abrupt resignation of Chief Mir
Village Election	News	23-Feb Village of Monticello mayor and two trustees back on ballot for 3/19 election on the Monticello United line
Elections	News	23-Feb Dem candidate Paula Kay gets endorsed by outgoing Assemblywoman Gunther
Elections	News	26-Feb Orange Co Democrats unite behind Paula Kay for 100th Assembly District which includes portion of Wallkill
Congressional Map	News	28-Feb Democrats in NYS Legislature with 3 Republicans in State Senate plus a dozen

			Republicans in the Assembly passed a new congressional district map rejecting map from independent redistricting commission
Elections	News	29-Feb	Rep Molinaro says he is ready for rematch with Josh Riley after new congressional maps approved. Map will make some slight changes, Molinaro says local ties over the years prepare him for rematch
Elections	News	1-Mar	Sullivan Republicans are prepared for a primary after no compromise could be reached with Orange Co Republicans who endorsed Lou Ingrassia Jr for 100th Assembly district
Law enforcement	News	2-Mar	DA Brian Conaty announces hiring of crime analyst following federal HIDTA designation. Analyst will focus on data driven investigations in narcotics and violent crime
Election	News	6-Mar	Democrat and former Oneonta Council member Michele Fraiser announces challenge to Sen Oberacker in the 51st district. Fraiser from Delhi focused on rural NY and its potential
Transportation	News	8-Mar	Sen Oberacker at annual legislative breakfast touted idea of green hydrogen rail service expansion to SullivanCo. Says plan is in early stages but has had discussions with several stakeholders
Social Services	News	8-Mar	Social Services and community partners pleased with Unite Us system software connecting potential clients with 23 different county service organization
Law Enforcement	News	11-Mar	DA Conaty reports uptick in school threats says his office doing thorough investigations utilizing Extreme Risk Protection Orders in certain cases.
Law Enforcement	News	12-Mar	Village of Liberty Police received NYS Division of Criminal Justice services accreditation. The program is voluntary of the 500+ departments statewide only 165 are accredited.
Unemployment	News	13-Mar	January unemployment figures show increases. Sullivan Co at 4.2% up from 3.9% for Dec 2023. Delaware is at 5.2%
Volunteer Firefighters	News	14-Mar	NYS has put in place first volunteer firefighter stipend program. SC fire

Transportation	News	15-Mar	<p>coordinator Hauschild says program is a boost to recruitment and retention program</p> <p>Sullivan Legislators write to state DOT urging to improve safety of state Rt 209 intersection with Sullivan Street in Village of Wurtsboro following several serious truck accidents</p>
Housing	News	18-Mar	<p>Social Services Commissioner Liddle reports on homeless stats says rental increases have significant impact on inventory beyond low income population</p>
Public Safety	News	19-Mar	<p>NYS burn ban now in effect thru 5/14 fire coordinator Hauschild reports numerous brush fires already have taken place due to weather and wind</p>
Village Elections	News	20-Mar	<p>Incumbent mayor Nikolados with trustee Banks and Rue unseated in landslide upset in Monticello election. In Liberty incumbent trustees Robert Mir and Janeen Mills took top spot in close race</p>
Law Enforcement	News	21-Mar	<p>Fallsburg swears in new police chief Bendan Pavese. New chief says top priority is hiring more officers for expanding population</p>
Public Health	News	21-Mar	<p>Legislators agree to public health law to require all camp goers to be required to be vaccinated. The body rejected calls to require all staff to be vaccinated as well.</p>
Employment	News	22-Mar	<p>Sullivan Co tops all counties in HV region with a 5.2% job growth according to state labor dept</p>
Housing	News	26-Mar	<p>Sullivan Landlords encouraged to take brief survey on housing inventory. Social Services works with several landlords but would like to hear from others regarding inventory</p>
Economy	News	27-Mar	<p>NYS governors office releases renderings of new SC Airport terminal that has been awarded \$18.5mill as part of the Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization competition</p>
State Budget	News	28-Mar	<p>State Sen Oberacker says numbers between senate, assembly and governor very far apart and will go beyond 4/1 deadline</p>
State Budget	News	29-Mar	<p>State Legislators pass budget extender</p>

as Easter holiday approaches. Assembly
woman Gunther frustrated with process
says negotiation should begin earlier