

## **WHUD-FM**

### **Quarterly Issues/Programming Report**

**January 1 – March 31 2024**

WHUD is a full service radio station licensed to Peekskill NY. There are 6 local news cast Monday-Friday with local weather and traffic. There is also a weekday 11:50a news cast. This service element is supported with a local meteorologist. WHUD broadcast 25 weekday traffic reports from 5a-6p and 8 reports on Saturday.

#### **Transportation**

January 5, news segment, 8a, :30 - - The closing of the northbound lanes of the New York State Thruway/I-87 between exit 17 in Newburgh and exit 18 in New Paltz was scheduled to occur on Saturday, January 6 and last for at least 12 hours but has been postponed due to the potential for heavy snowfall this weekend. Thruway Authority officials said, "With several inches of snow expected to fall Saturday night into Sunday, the Thruway Authority has decided to postpone this work for the safety of all involved — our motorists, our employees, and the crews involved in the removal of the overpass — and to allow our maintenance forces to focus their efforts on clearing and treating the highway. The overpass removal will be rescheduled as soon as the weather allows." The authority also issued a safety advisory to motorists for the weekend. "While this work won't be happening this weekend, many motorists will be experiencing their first snowfall of the season and should exercise caution on the roads — remember to drive slowly and don't crowd the plow." The previously scheduled closure of the northbound lanes of the Thruway (I-87) from exit 17 in Newburgh to exit 18 in New Paltz would have fully shut down to all traffic at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 6, for at least 12 hours so a portion of the damaged Brookside Road overpass in New Paltz could be safely removed over the northbound lanes. When the closure is rescheduled, the Plattekill Service Area will also be closed during the operation

January 18, news segment, 6a, :25 - If all goes according to plan, you could see a third lane in each direction on Route 17 by 2029-2030.

State transportation department officials and their consultants explained the process at two public sessions in the Town of Wallkill on Wednesday.

The environmental process has just begun, said DOT project manager Mark Kruk.

"We are just getting started with preliminary design. We are looking to do a notice of intent that goes to the Federal Highway Administration this spring," he said. A draft environmental impact statement could be completed by the end of 2025.

February 1, news segment, 8a, :25 - – Orange County and the STOP DWI and Traffic Safety Program have collaborated on the “Parents as Driving Partners” initiative, which fosters safer driving habits, and creating safe drivers by encouraging active involvement and shared responsibility between teens and their parents during the early stages of driving. Orange and Putnam County officials introduced the program on Wednesday at the County’s Department of Motor Vehicles office at the Government Center in Goshen. Orange County Clerk Kelly Eskew said this initiative follows similar ones already in place in Dutchess and Columbia counties. “It’s to start the conversation with teen drivers on safe driving habits, and it’s an agreement – there’s a booklet with safety things in it, and there is an agreement in the booklet that parents and their kids can agree to, to encourage safe driving,” she said. “Safe teen driving begins well before your child gets their permit,” Orange County Sheriff Paul Arteta said. “They watch you, observe everything that you do, and then they mimic you. What you do while in the car with your child matters. It is critical you set a good example of safe driving habits in front of them, no matter how old they are. Be a part of their journey early on and take the pledge to continue when they finally reach driving age; it is worth the investment in their safety.”

March 28, news segment, 8a, :25 - – Rockland County has filed a lawsuit against the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority over its congestion pricing plan. The complaint seeks an injunction against the commencement of the upcoming Central Business District Toll in Manhattan.

“We are joining the fight against the Congestion Pricing Plan and its grossly unfair impact on Rocklanders and other west of the Hudson commuters,” County Executive Ed Day said Wednesday. The way the plan is being implemented is “unfair and inequitable,” said County Attorney Thomas Humbach.

“If you keep your car inside the central business district and you live on 59th Street and you drive down to your office on Wall Street every day, go to restaurants and everything in midtown or south, you never have to pay the toll no matter how much congestion you are causing,” he said. The complaint contends the toll is invalid and should be enjoined. State Senator James Skoufis (D, Cornwall), meanwhile, responded to the MTA passage of the plan with just four words: “See you in court.”

## **Education**

March 22 WHUD participated in the Career Fair at John Jay High School from 6:30a-11a

## **PSA Campaigns**

NY lottery ( WHUD 50 spots :30’s. 1/22 – 2/25 Responsible Gambling

Anderson center for autism (WHUD 180 spots :60’s 1/1-3/31)

Community foundation of Orange/Sullivan Counties Hudson Valley Gives (WHUD 180 spots :60’s 1/1-3/31)

American Cancer society annual PSA (40 spots :30’s 03/04-3/31)

Pamal sales recruitment (42 spots :30’s 3/18-3/31)

EAS weekly testing (WHUD 16 spots :10's 1/2 – 3/28)

Promo - JOB NOTIFICATION ORGANIZATION (WHUD 156 spots :30's 1/1-3/31)

### **Veteran's Issues**

February 2, news segment, 6a, :25 - The State Office of Mental Health is granting Ulster County \$192,400 to fund the Dwyer Vet to Vet Peer Support program.

County Veterans Services Director Mark Cozzupoli told the legislature's Health, Human Services and Housing Committee that the program has a very important role.

"It is veterans who have social working degrees who are also trained peer mentors working with other veterans who are facing those emotional and mental health issues so they can be the first stop to commit to helping stop veteran suicide," he said.

Cozzupoli noted the program has grown to every county in the state.

February 7, news segment, 7a, :25 - Vietnam veteran and Rhinebeck resident Steven Cole received several honors and recognitions during his service in the US Army. The medals, including the Purple Heart, were misplaced in the years since he returned from Vietnam, and Congressman Pat Ryan (D, NY-18) and his staff worked diligently to replace them, according to Cole. At the Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, Cole gathered with his family and friends as the congressman presented replacement medals and honors to the soldier who was injured in a Vietnam booby trap. Cole served in the US Army 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division attached to the intelligence section in Southeast Asia. He was part of a small patrol reconnaissance and ambush team that operated in Vietnam's Central Highlands near the Cambodian border and the La Drang Valley. During a reconnaissance patrol, Sergeant Cole suffered wounds when his team took fire and he hit the deck - only to fall into a punji stick pit where one of the sharpened bamboo sticks impaled his leg. "My injury was not life-threatening. It was painful; it hurt," Cole told the attendees.

March 22, news segment, 8a. :25 - The Rumshock Veterans Village project in Port Jervis will move forward in the months ahead as Congressman Pat Ryan (D, NY-18) secured \$1 million to bring it closer to reality. The congressman will formally announce the grant this weekend. The money will be used to build 10 tiny homes for veterans on land that local developer and veterans supporter Bill Whetsel owns in the city.

Veteran homelessness, suicides and support outreach are national concerns and Port Jervis Councilman Stan Siegel, who is the veterans' representative, brought the idea to Whetsel's attention and assisted in moving it through the planning processes.

March 26, news segment, 7a, :25 - -- Town Supervisor Ozzie Albra would like to explore development of tiny homes for veterans in Fishkill.

The town had eyed land for such a project, but its availability was lost.

Albra would like to explore something similar to the Rumshock Village for veterans in the City of Port Jervis. "It could take some time. We are waiting to see what the governor comes up with her housing address and once we find out what is going on with that, then we can make a program in the Town of Fishkill that can help with veterans and maybe some accessory buildings or accessory dwellings in the Town of Fishkill," he said.

The project in Port Jervis will see 10 tiny homes constructed for homeless veterans.

## **Tourism**

January 29, news segment, 8a, :30 - The Bannerman Castle Trust will receive a \$107,000 state grant for repairs and upgrades to Bannerman's Island in the Hudson River off the Town of Fishkill. The funding will be used to repair the trails from the waterfront dock to the new section of the North Trail. The project includes replacing two floating docks, repairing steps on the staircase, installing a new outdoor classroom/multi-purpose deck, replacing the concrete sidewalk, and installing railing on the middle section of the North Trail.

Friends of Mills Mansion will receive \$300,000 to restore the walls and ceilings of the mansion's historic kitchen creating a new space for programming at Staatsburgh State Historic Site.

Walkway Over the Hudson will receive a more than \$33,000 grant to create a strategic plan to guide the next phase of its growth by engaging the public and several stakeholders to determine how the Walkway can be a true resource to the community.

Mohonk Preserve will receive \$41,000 to create a capital improvement plan for the Samuel F. Pryor III Shawangunk Gateway Campground that considers the water system, drainage, septic, trash and recycling, staff housing, parking and accessibility.

Little Stony Point Citizens Association will receive \$30,000 to create safer public access to Hudson Highlands State Park Reserve at Little Stony Point by re-engineering the gateway trail at Fair Street, installing interpretive signage along the way to raise awareness of their mission and the State Parks Centennial, and to provide ADA access to programming at the Volunteer Center and the park by resurfacing the parking lot and bridge ramp entryways.

January 30, news segment, 6a, :30 - Construction is continuing at the home of the Hudson Valley Renegades. The facility, known as Heritage Financial Park, is owned by Dutchess County and the legislature has allocated funds to make repairs and improvements to the ballpark that has been in operation since 1994. Current construction is taking place just over the left field wall and is visible from Route 9D. The large building, currently shielded in bright pink insulation, will house the team's clubhouse on the ground level and feature a conference center on the top floor. The conference center will be available for rent for events including weddings. Construction is intended to be completed before the start of the 2024 Renegades season, with the first home game being played on April 16. Additional schedule information can be found [here](#). The ballpark hosts over 200 events annually and has generated millions of dollars of economic impact on the local community, according to Renegades officials.

March 6, news segment, 7a, :30 - -- For the second year in a row, Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus and the county's Tourism and Film Office will begin the Municipal Tourism Grant program, which will assist municipalities with additional funding as they plan and execute tourism initiatives. "These grants will help our towns, villages, and cities to promote and highlight some of the great events that they offer throughout the year," Neuhaus said. "Orange County has many popular events that generate interest and revenue, and this grant program allows us to show our support and invest in our communities. Building upon last year's

successful grant program, we look forward to receiving applications from our municipalities and continuing the promotion of our beautiful county.”

Applications will be sent to municipal leaders and will be accepted until October 1. Grants of up to \$4,999 will be awarded to municipalities based upon need and application approval.

Recipients must use the funds provided for promotion or execution of a tourism event and/or activity that will result in the attraction of visitors to Orange County. Only municipalities may apply.

### **War on Drugs:**

March 23, news segment, 7a, :30 New York State Police Troop K Violent Gangs and Narcotic Enforcement Team and the Troop K Community Stabilization Unit K9 in conjunction with the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force, the New York City Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor arrested Juan Rondon, age 60, of Bronx, NY, for Operating as a Major Trafficker, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st degree, both class A-I felonies, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd degree, a class B felony.

Members of the Troop K VGNET developed information that led to the Bronx and the application of a search warrant by the New York City Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor. Upon execution of the warrant, approximately 12 kilograms of cocaine and 3 millions dollars in U.S. Currency was found hidden in the residence.

New York State Police Acting Superintendent Steven G. James said, “A cumulative effort among law enforcement partners has once again resulted in a massive seizure of deadly drugs. Not only did this interception save lives, but it also put an end to the violence that is often associated with drug trafficking. The New York State Police will continue to work vigilantly alongside our partners to put dangerous individuals like Mr. Rondon behind bars.

### **Weather:**

Heavy rains in March caused severe local flooding, road closures, power outages etc....WHUD reported on these events and provided alternatives for the listers affected. WHUD reported on all power outages and services concerning ConEd, Optimum and Verizon FIOS with regard to their electrical, phone, internet and TV services which were impacted. WHUD never lost power or internet and continued to broadcast 24/7 during any weather crisis.

There were power issues throughout the broadcast area and WHUD aired health tips and information related to the electric power grid. We provided additional and intensive traffic and weather reports during this period. WHUD provided on-air programming relating to the use of electric power and tips on how to deal with power outages, and conservation.

### **Parks:**

March 19, news segment, 6a, :30, The Westchester County Departments of Parks, Recreation

and Conservation and Tourism and Film have launched a new golf tourism initiative to help increase attention about golf in the County both from a regional and national tourism stage.

Mike and Frank Fasano, cousins and co-founders of their popular network Golfcity.com, visited three Westchester County public golf courses this spring: Mohansic (Yorktown Heights), Maple Moor (White Plains) and Sprain Lake (Yonkers) and three courses last fall: Saxon Woods (Scarsdale), Dunwoodie (Yonkers) and Hudson Hills (Ossining). Enjoy the following videos.

## **Health**

January 31, news segment, 6a, :20 - households that come to us that are experiencing very serious medical and health concerns and so they are really trying to juggle all of these expenses." Fareground is dedicated to nourishing the community by operating free marketplaces, community fridges, tiny food pantries, and other programs to distribute fresh and prepared foods. Just recently, the group moved to a former restaurant space at 37 Lamplight Street in Beacon where they have more kitchen and freezer storage space for foods they distribute, most of which they receive from the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and local farms.

February 6, news segment, 8a, :25 - -- The Westchester County Departments of Community Mental Health and Corrections have teamed up to implement a new program that unites both mental health and addition peer training at the county jail.

Called "Lives Forward," the program will connect people who are successfully in recovery known as "peers," with those who are currently seeking recovery.

The program began on Monday, said Joe Glazer, Mental Health Deputy Commissioner Joseph Glazer.

"We have 10 students who are starting today. People who are in the facility, who fit the criteria of what we are looking for, and are willing – and this is the important part – are willing to go forward and talk about their experience, their experience in recovery, their experience with criminal with criminal justice, their experience with incarceration," he said.

Nory Padilla, first deputy commissioner of corrections, said the new program will place participants on a path that allows them to transition back into the community with guidance and support.

March 6, news segment, 6a, :30 - The Westchester County Department of Health is partnering with hospitals and health systems Countywide to raise awareness about how to identify and reduce the risks of colorectal cancer, and to encourage residents age 45 and older to schedule a colorectal cancer screening.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "Colorectal cancer is the third most common of all cancers, and during the past decade, the incidence of colorectal cancer has been increasing in people under age 50. That's why the recommended age to start screening was lowered to 45 in 2021. If you are in your forties, this is the right time to talk with your doctor about your family history, identify your risk factors and learn how lifestyle changes can reduce your risks." More than half of all colorectal cancers are linked to physical inactivity, poor nutrition, excess body weight, and tobacco and alcohol use. Maintain a healthy weight, exercise regularly and

eat more vegetables, fruits and whole grains. Avoid tobacco and limit or avoid red and processed meats, sugary drinks, refined grains and alcohol.

### **Taxes:**

January 30, news segment, 8a, :30 - The State Department of Taxation and Finance announced the start of the 2024 income tax filing season.

The tax department and the IRS began processing income tax returns on Monday, January 29. The deadline to file returns and pay any tax owed (or request an extension of time to file) is midnight on April 15. The Department urges taxpayers to explore submitting their taxes using Free File software available on the tax department website at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov).

Taxpayers who meet income and other qualifications may be eligible to file both federal and New York State returns with private online tax preparers at no cost through the tax department website using Free File. "Too often, taxpayers who use commercial tax preparation software are surprised by charges for additional fees when completing their annual filing," said Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller. "For a truly free experience, go to the New York State Tax Department website, where there are no added costs or hidden fees – ever – for those who qualify." Free File information is available in multiple languages on the department's website. The tax department website also offers income tax filing resources for taxpayers. It explains how to get started, how to check for available tax credits and how to check the status of your refund. It also provides tips for hiring a tax preparer for people who prefer to have someone do their taxes for them.

### **Collapse of Francis Scott Key Bridge:**

March 28, news segment, 8a, :30 - "The tragic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore has touched every corner of the nation, and we are ready to support Governor Moore and the people of Maryland in any way. We have seen over the past several years that indefinite port closures can impact national and global supply chains, which hurt everyday consumers the hardest. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey can take on additional cargo, and we have directed the Authority to further evaluate all available resources to minimize supply chain disruptions. Along with our federal partners, we will continue to work together to support our neighbors in Baltimore and consumers nationwide.

### **Education/Schools:**

March 31, news segment, 7a, :30 Data from Yonkers Public Schools revealed that nearly 48% of students were chronically absent from class in the 2022 to 2023 school year. In comparison, nationally, 26% of students were considered chronically absent from school, according to The American Enterprise Institute. A child who misses 10% or about 18 days of school per year is considered chronically absent. "One of the reasons why kids weren't coming to school is because they didn't have access to clean clothing. Not something I would have thought would be one of the push factors we'd have to concern ourselves with," Interim Superintendent Dr. Luis Rodriguez said.

**Eclipse:**

March 5, news segment, 8a, :30, Governor Kathy Hochul today announced New York State Parks and Historic Sites will host a range of events and activities to celebrate the rare total solar eclipse passing through Western New York, the Finger Lakes, and the Adirondacks on April 8, 2024. This cosmic event happens once every 400 years in the same location. Events will be held both where the eclipse will be fully visible across a narrow route, referred to as the path of totality, and where visitors can experience a rare partial eclipse throughout the rest of the state.

“While we prepare to welcome the public to our beautiful state parks for the total solar eclipse in New York State, we’re also offering dozens of events and activities leading up to this extraordinary event,” Governor Hochul said. “Our top priority is ensuring that New Yorkers and visitors can safely witness this generational spectacle, and I encourage everyone to keep safety in mind so that all can savor this experience in our state.”

Beginning on Thursday, March 7, events at many state parks and historic sites will facilitate hands-on craft projects like Do-It-Yourself pinhole eclipse viewer construction as well as offer educational programs steeped in history and solar system science. On April 8, numerous eclipse-viewing gatherings are scheduled, often featuring eclipse-themed activities, discussions and trivia, food or snacks, and distribution of solar viewing glasses to prevent severe eye injuries. People who would like to register for the dozens of events and activities hosted at New York state parks and historic sites – both day-of and leading up to the eclipse – may do so through the OPRHP event calendar and eclipse website.

**Employment:**

January 4, news segment, 6a, 25 - The State Department of Labor says unemployment tax forms will be automatically mailed to those who claimed benefits in 2023.

The 1099-G provides the total amount of money a customer received in benefits during the year, as well as any adjustments or tax withholding made to those benefits.

Customers can expect the forms to arrive in mailboxes by the end of January. By mid-January, customers will be able to access their 1099-G tax forms on the labor department website.

“We aim to alleviate the stress of tax season by simplifying the process for our customers,” said Commissioner Roberta Reardon. “Eliminating the need for calls to request forms takes a proactive stance, ensuring timely and accurate tax completion for New Yorkers who’ve received unemployment benefits, making the process smoother and more successful.”

March 4, news segment, 7a, :30, The New York State Police has a long and proud history of serving the citizens of New York since 1917. Our mission, to serve, protect and defend the people of New York, while preserving the rights and dignity of all, has remained constant from our inception and is still our goal today. Integrity, respect, service and leadership are the foundations we continue to build upon in order to serve to the best of our abilities.

**CAREERS WITH THE STATE POLICE**

The work of a New York State Trooper encompasses everything from traditional patrol duties to highly specialized investigations.



The New York State Police is an Equal Opportunity Employer, committed to having a diverse workforce that represents the communities we serve.

### **Environment**

March 15, news segment, 8a, :25 - Open burning is the single greatest cause of wildfires in NYS. To report a wildfire, call 1-833-NYS-RANGERS (1-833-697-7264) or contact a forest ranger in your area. When you plan a fire, always check for fire danger in your area on DEC's online map (updated every week). Also, local governments may have stricter rules than NYS; your fire department will have information about local burning laws.

### **Housing**

January 4, news segment, 6a, 25 - The State Department of Labor says unemployment tax forms will be automatically mailed to those who claimed benefits in 2023. The 1099-G provides the total amount of money a customer received in benefits during the year, as well as any adjustments or tax withholding made to those benefits. Customers can expect the forms to arrive in mailboxes by the end of January. By mid-January, customers will be able to access their 1099-G tax forms on the labor department website. "We aim to alleviate the stress of tax season by simplifying the process for our customers," said Commissioner Roberta Reardon. "Eliminating the need for calls to request forms takes a proactive stance, ensuring timely and accurate tax completion for New Yorkers who've received unemployment benefits, making the process smoother and more successful."

January 29, news segment, 6a, :25 - - A survey of homeless individuals was taken across America last week as part of a mission to create quality affordable homes for all. While surveys are still being tallied, including in Orange County, one of the county's cities – Port Jervis – reported a total of 21 individuals surveyed. Jack Austin, Port Jervis' coordinator for the annual Housing and Urban Development Point in Time Count (PIT), conducted the city's count with Orange County veteran Andy Finnegan. "They in turn transfer that data back to the states and municipalities so that it is of great use locally as well. It does impact funding that the federal and state governments release to the various municipalities, so it has that effect as well," he said. "But it really gives the government a much better handle on who the homeless are and what their conditions are." Austin reported 15 men and 6 women as having been surveyed at various locations during the city's counts. Those spoken with included some who regularly spend nights at the Port Jervis warming station, where Austin is also a coordinator. He and others routinely assist the homeless through the warming station throughout the cold months.

### **Go Green Initiatives/Green Space**

February 7, news segment, 6a, :30 - - The US Department of Energy has awarded \$3.4 million to Central Hudson Gas and Electric to be applied toward a turbine replacement and generator rehabilitation project for units one and two at Dashville Hydroelectric plant in the Town of

Esopus. Utility company spokesman Joseph Jenkins said the upgrades are vital to the facility located on the Wallkill River. "This is important because at a time when energy supply prices remain volatile, these upgrades allow this hydroelectric facility to more efficiently produce up to 5.3 megawatts of emission-free electricity and what that does, that directly reduces the amount of power that we have to purchase on behalf of our customers," he said. The total price tag for the project is \$11.35 million with the remainder built into the customer rates over many years, said Jenkins.

### **Governor Hochul's State of the State:**

January 10, news segment, 6a, :30 - Governor Kathy Hochul, the state's 57th governor, delivered the 2024 State of the State address in Albany on Tuesday.

Hochul's address focused on reducing the cost of living, addressing inflation, and creating more housing throughout the state. She also addressed public safety and pledged to focus on reducing retail theft, domestic violence, and hate crimes.

☑️ "The State of New York is strong, stronger today than when I became governor two years ago. It's healthier, safer, more affordable. We have traversed some rocky terrain and there are still some switchbacks before we reach the summit" she said.

"If government can't keep its citizens safe, nothing else matters," she said.

Hochul said that in 2023, statewide gun crimes dropped by 30 percent. She also said that modifications to the state's bail reform laws have reduced crime and have made the state safer, both indications that her public safety plan is making a difference.

Hochul unveiled what she called a "targeted plan" to focus on reducing domestic violence. According to the governor, in New York City alone, 84 percent of domestic violence arrests lead to dismissals. To help hold domestic abusers accountable, Hochul pledged an additional \$20 million of targeted funding for district attorneys.

### **Utilities**

January 4, news segment, 6a, :30 - Westchester County has received over \$361,500 from NuEnergy, LLC. for the county's enrollment in three summer demand response programs – bringing the total money earned by the county through this program to \$1.5 million.

The county works with NuEnergy to provide it with a demand response program that both earn the county income as well as provide an opportunity to further enhance its sustainability efforts. Demand response is an electricity grid and utility-run series of programs that offer financial incentives to owners of facilities, in this case, the county, that reduce the need for kilowatts during times of high stress on the region's electric grid. It also eliminates or minimizes the need to build expensive infrastructure or fire up dormant fossil fuel burning "peaker plants." In the program, Westchester remains on 'stand-by' to lower energy usage during times of great stress – like days with sweltering heat. On those "high-stress" days, the county is alerted of a "demand response" event beginning and reduces energy usage at some of its facilities like powering down a building and taking them off the electric grid.

January 18, news segment, 6a, :30 - An economic impact study conducted by HR&A Advisors found that Orange and Rockland Utilities contributes \$1.9 billion annually to New York's and

New Jersey's economies. The utility also supports more than 3,400 jobs through direct employees and additional jobs that are generated through the company's economic activity. O&R President Robert Sanchez said the utility is "building the grid of the future to provide our New York and New Jersey customers with safe, reliable, clean energy. By hiring a diverse workforce, creating an inclusive workplace, and supporting the trades, local businesses, and women and minority business enterprises, we're also supporting the values of the communities we serve." The study found that in 2022, Orange and Rockland Utilities paid \$159 million in state and local taxes in New York, and \$25 million in state and local taxes in New Jersey. That's enough tax revenue to pay 2,300 public school teachers or 2,800 social workers. Over 95 percent of O&R employees live in New York or New Jersey. The typical O&R employee works at the company for 14 years, more than twice the national industry average. Across O&R's workforce, the study found that 27 percent of employees identify as female and 28 percent as people of color, both higher than the national averages. Approximately 52 percent of O&R's employees are union members of IBEW Local 503. That number is 2.5 times the industry average, the study said.

#### **Weather/Winter Storms:**

January 8, news segment, 7a, :20 -- In areas of Putnam County, the new year's first snow fall averaged about five inches. In parts of Orange and Ulster, a foot or more of the white stuff fell. Municipal plow crews were out plowing, sanding salting the roads to minimize travel problems. By Sunday evening, most roads were just wet creating the worry of slippery conditions as temperatures fall. By mid-evening police were being called out to accidents with skidding and a couple reporting overturned vehicles.

January 8, news segment, 8a, :20 - THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS DECLARE A FLOOD WATCH IN THE COUNTIES OF ULSTER, GREENE, DUTCHESS, COLUMBIA, AND SULLIVAN

January, 10, news segment, 7a, :30 - Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus has activated the county's Emergency Operations Center in response to Winter Storm Finn. "The county's emergency services team continues to monitor the storm closely and our public works crews, in collaboration with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, State Police and local police, will make every effort to keep roads passable and safe," Neuhaus said. "I encourage residents to check in on their neighbors, particularly senior citizens, during the storm and travel only if necessary." For more information about storm-preparation efforts in Orange County as well as current weather advisories, go to the county's emergency services website at [www.orangecountygov.com](http://www.orangecountygov.com) or its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/OrangeCountyEmergencyManagement/](https://www.facebook.com/OrangeCountyEmergencyManagement/)

January 17, news segment, 8a, :25 -- Tuesday's frigid temperatures did not give sand and salt a chance to melt the snow that accumulated on area roads. Several accidents were reported from cars skidding off roads to trucks tipping over. Road crews were out for much of the day but could not seem to keep up with the roads freezing over. Schools were closed on Tuesday and several have delayed openings today

(Wednesday) because of icy roads. Check your district's website or Facebook page to learn if your schools have a late start.

### **Shine On with Kacey**

Sunday Mornings at 6:30, Shine On with Kacey is a Health and Happiness is a :30 show with deep dives into self help topics. Here are some of the programs that covered health related topics:

3/24 Tapping For Love  
3/17 Eat This and Meditate  
3/10 Make Room for Peace  
3/3 Let's Heal the Old Pattern  
2/25 Walk This Way  
2/28 Reach Out  
2/11 WTF Do We Know  
2/4 Clearing Stress Problems  
1/28 An Elevation of Spirit  
1/21 Sparks of Light in Winter  
1/14 Talk To The Animals  
1/7 Curious Without Judgement

**1 in 44 presented by the Anderson Center for Autism-** This is a recorded 30 minute show that airs 5:30a on Sunday that covers the many facets of Autism.

Air Date: 1/7/2024

Guest Name(s): Jennifer Priore (re-run)

Topic: For the first 1 in 36 episode airing in Anderson's Centennial year, we are re-airing a previous episode with Anderson Parent, Jennifer P. Jennifer has been an ACA parent for over three years! Her son is on the autism spectrum, residing on the Anderson campus. Jen is also very engaged in our parent advocacy group, Anderson Family Partners. Tune in to learn more about Jen, her decision to place her child residentially, how she stays engaged and more!

Air Date: 1/14/2024

Guest Name(s): Kelly Dooley & David Melby

Topic: This weekend's 1 in 36 broadcast is a special one! This show is the official launch of Anderson's centennial, we are celebrating 100 years in existence.

For the first half of the show, we have Anderson's PR & Marketing Manager, Kelly Dooley interviewing the usual host of the show, Eliza Bozenski. These two discuss Anderson's history, with a deep dive into past and how the organization has grown over the years since 1924. The second half of the show includes an interview with David Melby, Vice President of NFP. David has been a constant supporter of Anderson throughout the years, serving on our board, volunteering, sponsoring fundraising events and more. Tune in to hear more from David and what our centennial year means to him!

Air Date: 1/21/2024

Guest Name(s): Pierce Langlois and Tracy Schober

Topic: Pierce is Anderson's ECHO Clinic Coordinator, Tracy is the Director of New Program Development. Both Pierce and Tracy are on Anderson's ECHO HUB team, with Tracy leading the entire HUN team. Each month, ECHO Autism Anderson: Education hosts a session that consists of a case presentation by a community-based educational provider and a didactic presentation by the HUB team. This team includes specialists such as a licensed psychologist/behavior analyst, a speech and language pathologist with feeding expertise; a licensed clinical social worker, and others who share very specific experiences and insights. Tune in to learn more about Pierce, Tracy, and the future of ECHO Autism Anderson! Visit <https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/echo/> for more information on the next ECHO Autism Anderson session!

Air Date: 1/28/2024

Guest Name(s): Kelley Coleman

Topic: Author and advocate Kelley Coleman is the parent of two boys, one of whom has multiple disabilities. She is a film development executive turned author and passionate advocate for parent caregivers and individuals with disabilities. Kelley joins us to discuss her new book, *Everything No One Tells You About Parenting a Disabled Child*. This publication draws upon over a decade of Kelley's advocacy, along with experience learned in her prior career of writing and developing talking animal movies. Tune in to learn more or visit: <https://www.kelleycoleman.com/>

Air Date: 2/4/2024

Guest Name(s): Debbie Goddard.

Topic: Debbie is the Family and Community Educator at the Lower Hudson Valley FACE Center at the Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD). She has been with WIHD for five years. Debbie has a personal connection to autism, as she is the parent of an individual with ASD. Debbie is also the founder and former president of the Ossining School District SEPTO where she coordinated with professionals to lead workshops, presentations and Q & A sessions on a variety of relevant topics to the disability community. Tune in to learn more about the FACE Center and WIHD!

Air Date: 2/11/2024

Guest Name(s): Ellen Pikula and Will Smith.

Topic: Ellen is the Mid State Regional Director for Special Olympics NY. Will is a program and development specialist, as well as an athlete and member of the Athlete Leadership Council. Special Olympics New York provides inclusive opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to discover and unleash the champion within. Anderson Center for Autism and Special Olympics have worked together for many years to coach, train, and maximize athletes' potential, all while having fun competing! Interested in getting involved? Sign up to become a volunteer or coach today: <https://www.specialolympics-ny.org/get-involved/become-a-coach/>

Air Date: 2/18/2024

Guest Name(s): Maggie Reilly

Topic: Maggie is the program coordinator for the East Fishkill TOPSoccer program. TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based training program for all athletes with intellectual, emotional, and or physical disabilities. The program strives to provide opportunities for players to develop at their own pace in a safe, fun, and supportive/inclusive environment. Registration is FREE and always open! Tune in to learn more about Maggie and this inclusive program, or visit: <https://efsc.net/intramural/special-needs-tops>

Air Date: 2/25/2024

Guest Name(s): Sarah McKeon

Topic: Sarah is the General Manager of New Jersey Airports for The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. Most recently, Anderson Center Consulting and Training collaborated with Newark Liberty International Airport on a new sensory room located in Terminal A. The 1,000 square foot sensory lounge for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities provides a calming oasis from the noise and visual stimulation of the airport. Tune in to learn more!

Air Date: 3/3/2024

Guest Name(s): Jomilson and Theresa Alvarez.

Topic: This husband and wife duo are the co-owners of St. Christopher Fitness (SCF)! They founded SCF in 2021, inspired by a family member who is diagnosed with ASD. Their mission is

to provide adaptive and inclusive fitness for everyone. They believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live a healthy and active lifestyle, regardless of ability or disability. They provide private training for individuals with mental, physical, and cognitive challenges including but not limited to Down syndrome, ASD, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, and rare genetic conditions. SCF is located in Clifton Park, NY - tune in to learn more or visit <https://www.stchristopherfitness.com/>

Air Date: 3/10/2024

Guest Name(s): Beth Poague

Topic: Beth is a family and community educator for early childhood special education at Westchester Institute for Human Development. She is also a parent advocate for families with children with disabilities. Beth holds a master's degree in Social Justice Educational Studies at SUNY New Paltz, focusing on disability advocacy, inclusion and anti-racism work, and is a graduate of the Certified NYS Partners in Policymaking. Tune in to learn more about Beth, or visit the links below:

The NYSED OSE Partnership (New York State Education Office of Special Education Partnership), which includes the Early Childhood and School Age Family and Community Engagement (FACE) centers in each region in New York: <https://osepartnership.org/about>

WIHD's link to Family and Community Engagement: <https://www.wihd.org/what-we-do/community-support-network/early-childhood-special-education-face-center/>

Parents and caregivers can sign up to receive emails from WIHD, and be notified of trainings: <https://wihd.org>

Air Date: 3/17/2024

Guest Name(s): Linda Bertolozzi

Topic: Linda is the Director of Office of Accommodative Services at Dutchess Community College (DCC). Anderson and DCC are long time partners and friends, collaborating on many projects over the years. Linda joins us to discuss the many different ways the Office of Accommodative Services (OAS) departments helps students, including the Think Ahead program. OAS is committed to providing equal access and an inclusive campus community by providing accessibility services and advocacy for individuals with disabilities. Tune in to learn more about Linda and the OAS department, or visit: <https://www.sunydutchess.edu/around-campus/student-services/accommodative-services/>

Air Date: 3/24/2024

Guest Name(s): Jamie Bishop

Topic: Jamie is a brewmaster and co-owner of Mill House Brewing Company (MHBC) in Poughkeepsie, NY. He is also a longtime friend of Anderson Center for Autism, as this is the 10th year MHBC is brewing Mr. Anderson Ale for us. "A Century of Impact, a Decade of Beer" is the theme for this year's Mr. Anderson Ale launch! Following the launch event on April 4th, \$1 of every pint sold by Mill House Brewing Company during April (Autism Acceptance Month) will be donated back to us! Mill House will also be offering a select amount of sixtel kegs to help spread awareness and raise additional funds. We'd like to also thank these participating businesses: Decicco's, Brewster | Farmers & Chefs, Poughkeepsie | Jason Patrick's,

Poughkeepsie | Green Growler, Croton on Hudson | Half Time, Poughkeepsie & Mamaroneck | Mahoney's Irish Pub, Poughkeepsie | Ole Savannah, Kingston | Climbing Wolf, Dobbs Ferry | Spettro, Poughkeepsie | Cosimos, Poughkeepsie.

Air Date: 3/31/2024

Guest Name(s): Abby Edwards

Topic: Abby is a sophomore at Marist College studying Elementary/Special Education. This year she will be hosting her 8th annual Autism Awareness Pajama Day Fundraiser! All funds raised will be donated to Anderson to help us in our mission to optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism. Donate \$3 or more to make a difference and wear your pajamas on Friday April 12th! In her own words "I have been coordinating an annual Pajama Day fundraiser with the incredible participation of school districts across the state, and support from friends, family, and community members. Over the past 7 years, together we have raised over \$51,000 in honor of my brother Riley, supporting Anderson Center for Autism and promoting Autism Acceptance." Tune in!